

For God's Healing & Discernment ~ Covid sufferers & Care Givers; Isabella; Ronald & Marilyn Slate; Pamela Sutherland; Michael Niejako; Frank & Mary Timmerman; Cynthia Pedemonti; Andrea Schenker; Helen DeLa Cruz; Evelyn Handchen; Alicia; Dave H.; Rosalie Mulvaney; Peg Bea; Jonathan Rock; Kyle; Joe Bence; Shannon Callaghan; Rachel C.; Louise; Michelle Reyes; Pete & Kathy Jensen; Virginia Schoeneberg; George Reid; Will Cotton; Dawn Slate; Carole Exel; Karen; Tom & Mary; Terry H.; Davette & Leslie Bivins; Lizzie Britton; Linda & John Ansbach; Patricia Potter; Michael Potter; Sara Carpin; Joseph; Ed & Monique Wojciechowski; Beccari Family; Emmett & Gloria Bivins; Ellen Larney; Brittney; Diane Collins; Rick & Ashleigh Handchen; Marousis Family; George & Adrienne Melnyk; Ike & Joan Icenhower; Thomas Helle; Susan Schlotter; Dee & Paul Burrowes; Colleen Brandt; Dottie & Bill Connolly; Barkley Family; Charles Cometa Jr.; Peggy LaPorta; Gesine Klein; Joan McGavin; Cindy Dreher; Nancy Dean; Allyson Cotton; Lisa Burger; Sally & Trevor Potter; Kenny & Kathie Pitman; BettyAnn Britton; Tommy Britton; Dawn Marie & Stash Kuch; Kyle Kuch; Gail Matuska; Phyllis Smith; Bill Jones; Sue & Rich Newman; Bill Hults; Bill & Becky Buglione; Melody Pryor-Tasco; Lorraine, Katrina & Peter Borchester; Sally & Don McErlean; Hunter; Pat Grant; Bill Keyworth; Deb Burnette; Shannon, Noel, & Brandon Weaver; our whole Church Family.

For God's Comfort & Strength during Time of Mourning and Loss ~ Covid19 Victims; Nick Juliano Family; Marjorie Moore Family; Sandi Smith Family.

Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer ~ Thanks be to God for answered prayer!

For Those Serving in the Military ~ Peter Borchester; Jordyn Breur; Kevin Carhart; Luke Derflinger; Randall D. Donithan; Ellen Hammer; Gavin Hammer D'Adamo; Raymond Kitson; James Lubbers; T. Ryan McDonald; Ryan Palmieri; Daniel Schenker; Jason Schenker; for all Soldiers; Sailors; Marines; Airmen; & Guards-Men/Women of our Armed Forces.

For the Ministries of our Church ~ Bible Studies; Christian Education; Community Outreach; DOC Connection Ministries; Extension Ministries; Finance Team; Healing Ministries; Hope Chest Food Pantry; Hospitality & Welcoming Team; Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe; Kúrios' Kids; Music Programs; How It Works and Why; AA Group; Senior Ministries; SHALOM for the Homeless; Stewardship Team; Summer Lunch for Lacey's Kids; The Tuesday & Thursday Hot Lunch Mission; Youth Ministries.

For Greater NJ Annual Conference ~ Bishop John & Beverly Schol; DS Rev. Héctor A. Burgos; all Clergy and Laity of the Greater UMC Annual Conference & United Methodist Denomination

World Council of Churches & USA Prayer Atlas ~ People of Ukraine, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal; Oregon, Pennsylvania; Lacey Township Committee, Leaders & First Responders; Senators; Congressmen and leaders of our United States of America; Uniting of all American political parties; President Joe Biden & Vice President Kamala Harris; Gov. Murphy, NJ Officials working to end CoVid19; Praying an outpouring of God's spiritual renewal and healing of all the people of America.



Lacey United Methodist Church

May 15, 2022



"Pray Like You Mean It"

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Junior Head Ushers: Kenshin Frangos & Abby Michalkowski

Thank You to All Who Share Their Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, Witness & Time!

Welcome in the Name of Jesus Christ to All Visitors, Members, Family, and Friends!

**Please feel free to rise in body or spirit*

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Prelude

Welcome

***Praise Song** **Sweet Hour of Prayer UMH 496**
Please stand, as you are able, as the Light of Christ enters.

Call to Worship

A word of encouragement came from prophet to people;

Live a life that is full – build, plant, eat, love, multiply--

Pray for your communities

Keep God in the center of all that is.

We enter into worship today with hope in our hearts

For something happens here

that reminds us that we can live as God desires

God has made a promise of faithfulness to us

and we can trust the promise.

Young Disciples' Time

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts,
that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you
have commanded. **Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7, 11-12

New Testament Lesson: Acts 2:42-47

Message: The New Normal: "Pray Like You Mean It"

***Hymn** **Oh Lord, Hear My Prayers FWS 2200**

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Offering

Anthem ~ Down to the River to Pray

*Doxology

Offertory Prayer

God of All Peoples, we bring our gifts to your altar this day, knowing that your love extends not just to those inside these walls, but equally to the communities and cities we serve. We know that when our generosity is focused inward only, it breaks your heart and cheapens our offerings. As you reminded your people in their exile when you instructed them to "pray for the welfare of the city of their exile," we understand that you send us back into the world to work for the welfare of those who don't yet know your love, compassion, and gracious forgiveness. Dedicate our gifts for this work, we pray. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

God beyond borders,

we know that on our way to worship, we may not have noticed the exiles in our neighborhoods. We admit how easy it is for us to wander down the streets of temptation, pausing at the corner of easy choices. We fall silent in the presence of those who speak words of anger and hate.

Have mercy on us, O God, for surely you take the side of justice. Open our hearts to all the wonders you are performing in our lives. You gift us with those of other cultures, that our lives might be blessed. You send us friends out of places we least expect, that our community might be enriched. You call us to be generous with our blessings, so others might be graced with the gift of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

(Time for Silent Prayer and Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

God challenges us, God encourages us.

God confronts us, and God accepts us.

God works wonders in our midst and gives us the eyes, the hearts, the souls to see such miracles.

God forgives us,

God guides us through the wilderness of the world,

God leads us home. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Hymn** **Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying FWS 2193**

Benediction

Postlude

The vision and mission of Lacey United Methodist Church is to welcome, nurture and serve all. Sharing God's grace with open arms.
Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the Glory of God.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS – May 8, 2022
Attendance ~ 40 in-person; 20 via YouTube

Offering Data for May 8, 2022 will be printed in the next bulletin. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Thank you for your continued support of LUMC! If you are able, please explore giving on-line by using Vanco for electronic giving (details below) or mail your tithes and offerings to LUMC PO Box 151

Shop Online? Here are two ways you could earn donations for LUMC!

- ✓ umcmarket.org - You earn for LUMC every time you click through the umcmarket.org site to shop. Sign up for free at umcmarket.org!
- ✓ amazonsmile.com - Support LUMC by starting your Amazon shopping at <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-2279634>

Electronic Giving is Here!

- 1) Visit our website at laceyumc.org
- 2) Click **Electronic Giving**, then follow the instructions or scan this image for our giving page:
Contact the LUMC office for more information.



ShopRite Gift Card Fundraiser

ShopRite makes a \$50 donation to LUMC for every \$1,000 we sell in ShopRite gift cards! Cards are available through the LUMC Office. All you have to do is buy cards through LUMC and shop at ShopRite!

Memorial Brick Orders

4" x 8" Brick / 4 lines / 18 characters each line including spaces = \$50
8" x 8" Brick / 6 lines / 18 characters each line including spaces = \$100
Contact Elaine Brandt for more information.
Please visit our website or contact the LUMC Office for an order form!

Joy of the Angels Thrift Shoppe

Hours of Operation: Thursdays ~ 8:00AM – 11:00AM
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, & Saturdays ~ 10:00AM – 1:00PM
Please contact Elaine Brandt to volunteer at the Thrift Shoppe!

Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for
May 22 – Isaiah 25:6

Bible Study Opportunities

- ✠ Wednesday mornings at 9:00am.
- ✠ Wednesday evenings at 6:15pm at the home of Donna Jones.
Please contact Donna at 609-276-7383 for more information.

Meetings This Week...

Monday 5/16: Finance 5PM/Trustees 5:30PM/Council 6PM
Thursday 5/19: Special Trustees/Council Meeting at 5:30PM

We are seeking donations of **soil, dirt, or mulch** for around the church building. Please contact Michael Orlick if you can help!

United Methodist Women Meeting - Thurs. May 26 - 6PM
location TBD.

Flea/Vendor Market ~ Saturday, June 4th 9am-2pm

\$20 per space; bring your own table/chairs.

Food available for purchase.

Contact the LUMC Office to reserve your space!

☀ **Summer Lunch Program for Lacey's Kids** ☀

We are collecting **kid-friendly soup** and **mac& cheese** to be distributed to participants. Drop off to Judy Mihalkovitz on Sundays or to the LUMC Office during the week.
We're also accepting donations of reusable shopping bags.

Volunteers needed for VBS! We will be teaming up with our friends from FR Presbyterian church for VBS in late July. Please contact Eric DeLa Cruz at 609-709-9713 if you can help!

Providence House (domestic violence shelter) is in need of **laundry detergent** and **paper towels**. Drop off to Maddie Stapleton on Sundays or the LUMC Office during the week.

Drama Club at LUMC – Tuesdays 5pm-6:30pm

Contact Dominic 732.904.9945 or donnieg777@hotmail.com for info. Open to all children and youth, reading age and up.

