

<>< *Lacey United Methodist Church Prayer Page* ><>

<>< YOUR WILL, LORD GOD, BE DONE ~ NOTHING MORE, NOTHING LESS, NOTHING ELSE ><>

**For God's Healing & Discernment** ~ Victoria Krauss; Carole Exel; Steven Exel; Tiny; Marsha Brandt; Daryl Mafia; Jason Gilman; Amy; Paul Rue; Pat Stack; Ed Weisbrot; Carole Jansen; Bob Pentland; Bob Wynn & Denise Vaccaro; Ellen Larney; Bill Jones; Christine Urban; Dale Stucky; Suzy; Steve Woodward; Bob & Pam Marsh; Sadie; Kyle Wilhelm; Nancy & Rev. George Reid; Sally Potter; Danny Huylar; Mel Rosenbloom; Donna Craft; Diane F.; Michael Claus; John E. Rue; Christine Morgan; Joseph Ensinger; Michelle Reyes; Jeff Mercer; Mrs. Nunez; Lois Pozsar; Patrick Jemas; Helen Wooley; Gary; Levi Kern; Greg R.; Rich Rosford; Kenny & Kathie Pitman; Sara Carpini; Andrea Almeida; Linda & John Ansbach; Bill Wehner; Rich C.; Chris Mignone; Randy M.; Lois; Sue & Rich Newman; Dawn Slate; Gail Matuska; Monika & Fred Sisbarro; Marilyn Slate; Shirley; Aubrey; Betty Carhart; Rosalie Mulvaney; Dottie & Bill Connolly; Frank & Mary Timmerman; Cynthia Pedemonti; Andrea Schenker; Helen DeLa Cruz; Peg Bea; Shannon Callaghan; Will Cotton; Patricia Potter; Susan Schlotter; Joan McGavin; Phyllis Smith; Bill & Becky Buglione; Lorraine; Katrina & Peter Borchester; Pat Grant; our whole Church Family.

**For God's Comfort & Strength during Time of Mourning and Loss** ~ Family of Joan Marie Michalkowski; Family of Carolyn Biggins; Family of Betty Carty; Family of Marshall Reeves; Brian Ross Family; Keith Gibbons Family.

**Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer** ~ For the Birth of Sofia Marie – parents Christina & Nicholas Iapicco; For the Birth of Westley Edward – parents Jimmy & Heather; grandparents Maddie & Jim Stapleton! Thanks be to God for answered prayer!

**For Those Serving in the Military** ~ Peter Borchester; Jordyn Breur; Kevin Carhart; Luke Derflinger; Ellen Hammer; Gavin Hammer D'Adamo; Raymond Kitson; T. Ryan McDonald; Ryan Palmieri; Daniel Schenker; Jason Schenker; for all Soldiers; Sailors; Marines; Airmen; and 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; 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. Ronell Howard; all Clergy and Laity of the Greater UMC Annual Conference & United Methodist Denomination

**World Council of Churches & USA Prayer Atlas** ~ People of Angola, Mozambique; Texas, Utah; 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; Praying an outpouring of God's spiritual renewal and healing of all the people of America.

 *Lacey United Methodist Church*  
*September 15, 2024*



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Pastor: Jonathan Campbell Lay Leader: Dominic Gregoria  
Welcoming Team: Lori Osborn & Deb Waddell  
Head Ushers: Sherry Exel & Rick Waddell  
Thank You to All Who Share Their Prayers, Presence,  
Gifts, Service, Witness & Time!  
*All Music Used with Permission – CCLI#2274807*

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

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

Welcome

\*Hymn                      *Amazing Grace (v. 1,2,6)*                      *UMH 378*

\*Call to Worship

We have a message to preach to all.

**Christ is risen.**

Christ lived and preached love and liberation among us.

**We are witnesses to his mighty acts.**

Christ rose from the dead and appears to us still.

**We rejoice in the living Savior.**

Come; let us worship the God of love and life.

Prayer

Food and Fellowship

New Testament Lesson: Acts 15:1-21

Message/Dialogue: Go! "Stop Getting in God's Way"

\*Hymn                      *Where He Leads Me (v. 1,3,4)*                      *UMH 338*

Pastoral Prayer and Announcements

Offering

\*Prayer of Dedication

**God of joy, we offer our gifts this day, as we reflect on the wisdom of your Word. Jesus urges us to hold onto him, to stay connected to his example, presence, and the fulfillment he brings. He reveals that our joy finds completeness when it is woven into his divine joy. Help us abide in him through love, obeying his commandment to love one another. In acts of service, healing, and selfless generosity, may our joy be sustained, a shared and everlasting gift from the source of all joy. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

*Communion Hymn    Let Us Break Bread Together    UMH 618*

The Invitation

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious and Patient God, we come before you with so many things which weigh us down. We would like an "easy" faith,**

**one that doesn't cause us to look within ourselves, to identify those many ways in which we have forsaken you. But faith is never easy. It requires our very souls. Forgive us, God, for all those things which we have neglected to do that would have helped someone else to be closer to you. Heal our hearts from the wounds which have been inflicted upon us by the anger and misunderstandings which occur in relationships. Prepare our lives to be of service to you. In silence we wait. We long for your presence and your healing touch. Amen.**

A Time of Silent Confession and Reflection

The Assurance of Pardon

**God is merciful. God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Feel the healing, loving power of God in your lives, for it is given to you through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Prayer of Consecration

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

The Prayer of Humble Access

**We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs from under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

The Reception

Prayer of Gratitude

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*Hymn                      *Blessed Assurance*                      *UMH 369*

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**

**Statistics Sept. 8, 2024: Attendance ~ 41 in-person; 20 via YouTube**  
Offerings: \$1,585.00 Offerings via Vanco: \$1,534.43  
Plate: \$20.00 NA/AA Rent: \$50.00 Harvest Fest: \$245.00  
Bounty of the Bay: \$175.00 Discretionary: \$68.00  
Joy of Angels Deposit: \$1,608.00

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 Forked River, NJ 08731. Thank you and God bless you!!

**Reminder: The basket on the side table as you walk up the center aisle is for giving to the pastor's discretionary fund which enables us to directly help members of our community who are in need.**

**Electronic Giving is Here!** Follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit our website at [laceyumc.org](http://laceyumc.org)
  - 2) Click **Electronic Giving**, then follow the instructions
- Or scan the image you see here to locate the giving page:  
Contact the LUMC office for more information 609.693.5222



### **Please help us complete the Sanctuary Altar Flooring**

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

### *Joy of the Angels Thrift Shoppe*

#### **Normal Hours of Operation:**

Tuesday ~ 10:00AM – 1:00PM Wed. ~ 10:00AM – 4:00PM  
Thursday ~ 8:00AM – 4:00PM Friday ~ 10:00AM – 4:00PM  
Saturday ~ 10:00AM – 4:00PM

↪ The Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe is a vital mission of Lacey UMC.  
**Volunteers are needed to help extend the hours of operation.**  
**Contact Maddie Stapleton or Laura McDonald to learn more!!!**

**Hope Chest Food Pantry Needs...snacks, fruit cups, oatmeal and juice!** Drop off at the LUMC office during the week or after worship.

### **County Support Services at LUMC**

**Tues., Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> 10AM-1PM:** Board of Social Services will be in Fellowship Hall to provide info. about their services.

**Sunday School Parent Meeting on Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> following Worship! Contact Dominic for information!**

### **Safe Sanctuaries Training**

#### **Sunday, Sept. 22 Following Worship**

This training is required for volunteers at LUMC who will be working with children and/or vulnerable adults. Please contact Dominic at 732-904-9945 to sign up for the training.

**"Shoe" Us the Love!!!** We are collecting **new or gently used pairs of shoes** for a fundraiser to benefit LUMC!

All sizes/styles accepted. Contact the Sheryl Lutgen for info.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

**Trustees:** September 16<sup>th</sup> **Church Council:** September 16<sup>th</sup>  
**Finance:** Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM **Fundraising:** Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM  
**Sisters-In-Faith:** October 2024!

**Monthly Pastor's Dinner: Oct. 18 at 6:00 PM** at Kristy's in Waretown. Please rsvp to Joann. Everyone is welcome!

**Lacey Day - Saturday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> 12pm-4pm** at Gille Park  
Let Pastor Jonathan know if you can help at the LUMC booth!

**BOUNTY OF THE BAY** Tuesday Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> 6:00pm-8:00pm  
Appetizers, Entrees and Desserts from local restaurants.  
\$35 Adults / \$10 children 8 yrs. and under Silent Auction!

### **Bounty of the Bay Donations**

Please help us make the upcoming Bounty of the Bay an amazing success! Monetary donations or gift cards can be placed in the red donation box in the entrance of the Sanctuary.

**Women's Night** – October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7PM at the home of Diane Collins. Please bring an appetizer, snack, or dessert to share.  
Questions? Contact Diane at 609-618-7346.

### **HARVEST FEST ~ November 23<sup>rd</sup> 9AM – 2PM**

**BAKED GOODS | HOMEMADE SOUPS & CHILI |  
PICS WITH SANTA (10AM-1PM) | CRAFTS | VENDORS**  
Contact the LUMC Office 609.693.5222 for more information.

