

For God's Healing & Discernment ~ Covid sufferers & Care Givers; Evelyn Handchen; Alicia; Dave H.; Marie Yarger; 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 Carpini; Joseph; Ed & Monique Wojciechowski; Beccari Family; Emmett & Gloria Bivins; Ellen Larney; Brittny; Diane Collins; Rick & Ashleigh Handchen; Marousis Family; George & Adrienne Melnyk; Ike & Joan Icenhower; Thomas Helle; Susan Schlotter; Daryl Simmons; 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; Patricia Potter; 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; John Bleignier Family; Jilly K. Family; Ray MacPherson Family.

Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer ~ Thanks be to God for answered prayer! For the birth of Reina Jovita Chen to parents Jarrett and Kyrsten Stapleton! For the birth of Elliana Rae to parents Evelyn & Luke Kern! For the birth of Jonathan Rock to parents Jeanette & Jeff Rudzonis!

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, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania; Massachusetts, Michigan; 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

March 20, 2022



Rejection in Nazareth and the Twelve are Chosen

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Head Ushers: Sherry Exel & Rick Waddell

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

***Hymn** **Lord of the Dance UMH 261**
Please stand, as you are able, in reverence and honor of God,
as the Light of Christ enters.

Call to Worship

As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world- which some seek to control, but which others view with despair- we declare with joy and trust: **Our world belongs to God!** From the beginning, through all the crises of our times, until his kingdom fully comes, **God keeps covenant forever. Our world belongs to him!** God is King! Let the earth be glad! **Christ is Victor; his rule has begun. Hallelujah!** The Spirit is at work, renewing the creation. Praise the Lord! **Come, Lord Jesus! Our world belongs to you.**

Young Disciples' Time

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 4:16-30

***Hymn** **Bless the Lord FWS 2013**

Gospel Lesson: Luke 5:1-11

Message: Follow Me:
“Rejection in Nazareth and the Twelve are Chosen”

Anthem **Two Fisherman FWS 2101**

Pastoral Prayer

Ministry of Giving and Prayer of Dedication

Patient and merciful God, we bring our offerings humbly on this day, hoping they will bring fruit to the ministry of your church on earth. We ourselves have not always set our priorities on

bearing good fruit, and yet you are a patient gardener. You have sent saints into our midst to make the soil richer, yet like the stubborn fig tree, good fruit has been scarce. May our journey this Lenten season feed our spirits to bring forth the fruit you desire. We pray in the name of our savior and redeemer, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

***Hymn** **The Summons FWS 2130**

Prayer of Confession

Waiting God, you know us all too well. We listen to this episode in the life of Jesus. We hear the astonishment of the people gathered in worship as Jesus proclaims the mandate and scope of his ministry. It is what they had hoped for and also what they have feared.

Change and challenge are always difficult. We are more inclined to turn our backs on opportunities of service than pitch in to affect the needed changes that will promote healing and wholeness. Forgive us when we give lip service to you and then slip into inaction. **Give us courage to be willing disciples. Help us to be people of promise and hope. In Jesus' Name, we offer this prayer. Amen.**

(Time of Silent Confession and Reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

Jesus has opened the doors for service to each one of us. We have been freed from our fears and doubts. Rejoice, dear friends! In Jesus' Name, we are forgiven and healed. **Amen.**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Lord's Prayer

Prayer of Gratitude

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise you for feeding me with the life-giving body and blood of your beloved son Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the Holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and everlasting life; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

***Hymn** **Here I Am, Lord UMH 593**

Benediction and Taking the Light of Christ into the World

***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.

Requests from our Worship Team...

1. Donations of artificial flowers/arrangements
 2. To borrow big (floor) pillows for Maundy Thursday service.
- Please contact Laura McDonald 609-276-0702 if you can help!

FINANCIAL STATISTICS – March 13, 2022

Attendance ~ 36 in-person; 25 via YouTube

Offerings ~ \$1,190.00 Offerings via Vanco ~ \$1,152.32

Plate ~ \$15.00 Rent ~ \$250.00 Youth ~ \$10.00

Lent Dinner Service 3/11 ~ \$35.00 Discretionary ~ \$440.00

“Match” Donation ~ \$486.00 UMCOR Advance ~ \$375.00

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!!

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! Follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit our website at 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



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
Sunday, March 27 – Mark 8:27-33, Mark 9:2-8*

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.
- ✠ Thursday evenings at 6:45pm.

Lenten Events

*Book Study – Sundays after worship service
Lenten Dinner Service – Fridays at 6:30 PM*

Easter Flowers – Please see Dawn Marie Kuch after worship or contact the LUMC Office to place your order!

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!

United Methodist Women Meeting

✪ Thurs. March 24 - 6PM at Perkins, Forked River.
Contact Monique at 732-492-1494 for more information.

2022 Holy Week Services of Worship

April 14 – Maundy Thursday 7:00 PM
April 15 – Good Friday Stations of the Cross Noon-3:00 PM
Good Friday Worship at FR Presbyterian,
131 Main Street, Forked River
April 17 – Easter Sunrise Service 6:30 AM at Lake Barnegat
Easter Sunday Worship 9:00 AM

Dessert and a Show!

Join us Saturday, April 9th for dessert and “Shell of Myself” performed by the LUMC Drama Club. Doors open at 6:30PM.
Tickets: \$10 adult / \$5 kids 12-yrs & under / \$25 limit per family
Contact the LUMC Office to purchase your tickets!

Car Show & Flea Market - Saturday, April 30th - 9AM-2PM

Food available to purchase!

Car Show: In honor of Manny “The Hat” Naia. Trophies/Music
Visit jerseyshorecarshows.com for an application.

Flea Market: \$10 a table. Space is limited.

Visit laceyumc.org for a flea market registration form.

