# LUMC'S COMMUNITY REVELATIONS

April 2018

#### Lacey United Methodist Church

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Head of the Church: Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God

Ministers: All of Us

Pastor: Linda Applegate

Lay Leader: Ed Wojciechowski

Admin. Assistant: Joann Michalkowski

Pianist-Choir Director: Dawn Slate

Chimes Director: Bill Applegate

Facility Maintenance – Grounds: Mike Orlick

Trustee Chair: Bill Jones

Church Council Chair: Chip Marshall

Staff Parish Team Chair: Rose Coram

Children-Youth Education: Bonnie Marshall Finance Chair: Steven Michalkowski

Head Counter: Becky Buglione

Thrift Shoppe: Elaine Brandt

Mission: Morris Maze

Outreach: Kenny Pitman

Worship: Dawn Marie Kuch

Hospitality Kitchen: Bill Buglione

Hot Lunch Mission: Roseann DePasquale & Ed Weisbrot

Summer Lunch Mission: Ellen Larney & Gail Matuska

#### WINTER WONDERLAND IN SPRING



The first day of Spring came in March, but along with it came more snow. Depending on which source was reporting, the totals seem to vary. The Asbury Park Press reported the accumulations in our area to be 15 inches, while Patch.com leveled us off at 9.5. Either way, it was a good amount of snow. I pray that everyone was safe.

As with other snowfalls, Bill Applegate will probably be organizing a team to help clear the church grounds. Rick Waddell, who also serves as one of the head ushers on Sunday, has been part of this team on numerous occasions. By the time you read this, volunteers would have already made for a safe passage for worship. We should all be thankful for those that are able to help and say a prayer for their safety during this process.

God Bless,

Dominic Gregoria

#### **BIBLE VERSE FOR EASTER**

Mark 16: 5 - 8: "They went into the tomb, where they saw a young man sitting on the right-hand side, wearing a white robe; and they were dumbfounded. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place where they laid him. But go and say to his disciples and to Peter: "He is going ahead of you into Galilee: there you will see him, as he told you." Then they went out and ran away from the tomb, trembling with amazement. They said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

And they delivered all these instructions briefly to Peter and his companions. Afterwards Jesus himself sent out by them, from east to west, the sacred and imperishable message of eternal salvation."

Worship Service: 9:00 am - 10:15am

Sunday School: Children gather in the Sanctuary at 9:00am.

After the Children's Message, the children leave to go to Sunday School (9:15am – 10:15am).

Holy Grounds Coffee Hour – every Sunday after Worship / All are welcome!

Easter Sunday, April 1 (6am Sunrise Service at Lake Barnegat Beach {Middle or 2<sup>nd</sup> Lake} / 9am Worship)

### SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, April 11

12PM – 2PM: Old Fashioned Tea – Joy Of Angels Thrift Shoppe (\$15 per person / RSVP by April 4); reservations required / 10% discount on purchases that day / special teas, sandwiches, desserts, scones & prizes

Thursday, April 12

5:30PM – 8:30PM: Men's Fellowship Night at Keswick (\$12 per person); guest speaker: Dr. Willy Winborne

Thursday, April 19

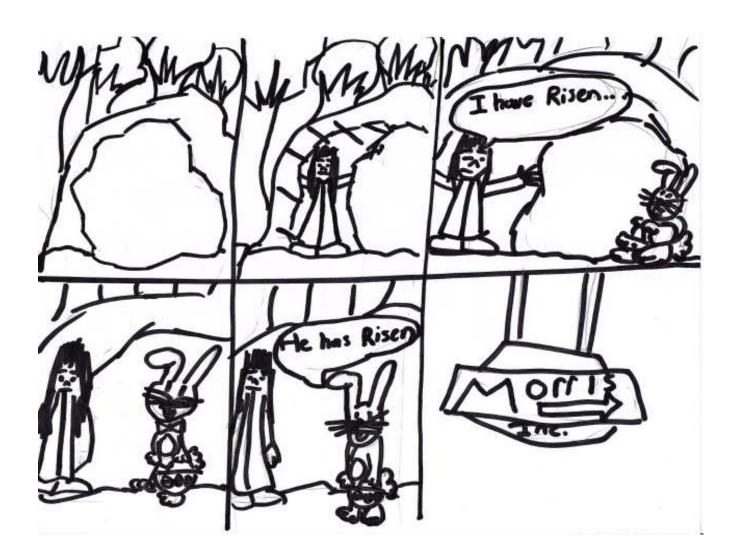
6:30PM – 8PM: Book Club Dinner & Discussion of The Storied Life Of A.J. Fikery by Gabrielle Zevin (maddiestape@yahoo.com)

Saturday, April 28

6PM – 10PM: A Good Time To Dance! (\$10 per person; silent auction, DJ Bill, snacks & beverages)

# MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO JOIN ONE OF THE MANY LIFE OR FELLOWSHIP GROUPS TO PRAISE AND SERVE GOD!

IF ANYONE HAS SOMETHING THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS NEWSLETTER, CONTACT DOMINIC AT donnieg777@hotmail.com.



#### **GOD'S NOT DEAD 3 IN THEATERS EASTER WEEKEND**

"God's Not Dead: A Light In Darkness" is scheduled to open in theaters on Easter weekend. The third installment in the God's Not Dead series, it will open as a limited release with Xscape Theatres in Howell being among those showing the film. Being distributed by GEM Entertainment and Pure Flix Entertainment, the film stars David A.



R. White, who also appeared in the first two movies. Rated PG, the film also stars John Corbett ("My Big Fat Greek Wedding", "Serendipity"), Tatum O'Neal ("The Runaways", "Paper Moon"), Shane Harper ("God's Not Dead", "Flipped") and Ted McGinley ("Pearl Harbor", "Revenge Of The Nerds").

Gospel luminary Cissy Houston appears in the film as a musical guest. Houston was a member of Sweet Inspirations and the Drinkard Singers. She has recorded with her daughter, Whitney Houston, and Dionne Warwick. In addition, Houston has performed with Aretha Franklin and Elvis Presley.

According to IMDb, "Pastor Dave responds to the unimaginable tragedy of having his church, located on the grounds of the local university, burned down." As of this writing, there are no reviews available. Advertised as from the creators of "The Case For Christ," which was a really good faith-based film, the self-titled theme song for "God's Not Dead" is performed by The Newsboys.

Over the last few years, there have been more Christian-themed movies making it into the theaters. While I do go to the movies to catch the latest Marvel feature, I do enjoy seeing those feel-good movies with a Christian theme. Pure Flix also has a streaming service, where you can enjoy watching many movies or television programs that are faith-based.

Dominic Gregoria

## **YOUTH GROUP EVENTS**

Sunday, April 1: Easter Sunday / No Youth Group

**Wednesday, April 11**: 4:30PM – 5:30PM – Prayer Circle; Making prayer blanket to donate for baptism with PL & Ms. Marie

Sunday, April 15: 6PM -7PM - Pool & Ping Pong Tournament with Mr. Morris & Mr. Rob

Sunday, April 22: 5PM – Tea Party / Colossians 4: 2 – 6 with Ms. Bonnie & Ms. Marie

Sunday, April 29: 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM - Bike Tour with Ms. Bonnie & Mr. Morris

SAVE THE DATE

Ignite Youth Weekend in Wildwood / September 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>

CREATION FESTIVAL NORTHEAST / JUNE 27 – 30, 2018 / AGAPE FARM, MOUNT UNION, PA

ARTISTS: TOBYMAC / FOR KING & COUNTRY / BURLAP TO CASHMERE / KEVIN YOUNG WORSHIP & MORE!

SPEAKERS: TONY NOLAN / ABDU MURRAY / REID SAUNDERS / JO VITALE & MORE! Creationfest.com

"What if I stumble, what if I fall? What if I lose my step and make fools of us all? Will the love continue When my walk becomes a crawl? What if I stumble, and what if I fall?"

**SPR TEAM** 



Pictured above are Chisato Franqos, Cindy Kuch, Amy Orlick, Donna Jones, Rose Coram, Cindy Dreher, Dean Abramo, Ed Wojciechowski and Eric DeLa Cruz, members of the Staff Parish Team. According to Pastor Linda, this group is responsible for the employment duties of the Church Staff, handles the joys and conflicts of the members of the Church and the concerns of the pastor and the parish, among other things. Due to the confidentiality of this organization, this group is not open to all members of the Church to join. Rose Coram is the current SPR Chairperson.

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