LUMC'S COMMUNITY REVELATIONS

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COMFORT IN SUFFERING

2 Corinthians 1: 3 - 7: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ. Now if we are afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effective for enduring the same sufferings which we also suffer. Or if we are comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation. And our hope for you is steadfast, because we know that as you are partakers of the sufferings, so also you will partake of the consolation.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP DELAYED

On December 10th, the Church Council had a heart-felt and honest discussion. Ultimately, the Council made the difficult decision to go back to on-line only services until at least Ash Wednesday (February 17th). The Council recognized there is no perfect solution to the issues we all face because of the dramatic increase in Covid-19 cases in New Jersey but the council decided to err on the side of caution. The Council will review its decision concerning in-person worship in early February. Because LUMC has many ministries vital to the community during this time, the Council has given permission for these activities to continue, as long as they follow CDC guidelines and they don't result in people becoming infected.

Join us on Sundays at 9AM for virtual worship! Facebook: https://facebook.com/LaceyUMCNJ/

Or Web: laceyumc.org

FAVORITE HYMN?

Do you have a favorite hymn that you hope to hear during Worship? Our Worship Team would like to hear from you! Please email your 5 favorite hymns / praise songs to laceyumcni@gmail.com. If you would like to have a hymnal from the Sanctuary to assist in worshipping with us via LUMC Facebook or our Website, please contact the Church Office at (609) 693-5222.



VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY

Virtual Bible Study is now taking place on Thursdays at 9:00am and 6:45pm. Please contact the LUMC Office to receive the virtual link!

BILLBOARD'S TOP 10 CHRISTIAN SONGS OF 2020

1.	You Say	Lauren Daigle
2.	Holy Water	
3.	The Blessing: Live	Kari Jobe, Cody Carnes & Elevation Worship
4.	Follow God	Kanye West
5.	There Was Jesus	Zach Williams & Dolly Parton
6.	The Father's House	
7.	Together	for King & Country, Kirk Franklin & Tori Kelly
8.	Nobody	
9.	Almost Home	MercyMe
10	. See A Victory	Elevation Worship
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CROSSWALK.COM'S TOP 10 FAITH-BASED MOVIES OF 2020

1.	I Still Believe starring KJ Apa, Britt Robertson and Shania TwainRATED PG
2.	Selfie Dadstarring Michael Jr., Chondra Pierce and James DentonRATED PG
3.	Free Burma Rangersdocumentary about missionaries David and Karen EubankUNRATED
4.	The Three Wise Men animated film narrated by Andy Griffith originally released in 2006UNRATED
5.	Cloudsstarring Fin Argus, Sabrina Carpenter and Madison IsemanRATED PG-13
6.	The Last Championstarring Cole Hauser, Hallie Todd and Sean ScullyRATED PG-13
7.	Farmer and the Bellestarring Jenn Gotzon, Jim E. Chandler and Corbin BernsenRATED PG
8.	Against The Tidedocumentary with John Lennox and hosted by Kevin SorboUNRATED
9.	Small Group the Moviestarring Sterling Hurst, Emily Dunlop and Nelson BonillaRATED PG-13
10.	. Switched starring Miya Horcher, Madeleine Byrne and John SchneiderUNRATED

HELP AVAILABLE FOR THOSE IN TIME OF NEED

If you are not working or struggling to make ends meet, please don't let yourself or your kids go to sleep with an empty stomach. Don't be afraid or embarrassed to send us a private message. We will drop and go or order for delivery. No one has to know, and we don't have to discuss it. We are happy to help, just contact the LUMC Office at (609) 693-5222 or Pastor Jonathan Campbell at (845) 893-9157. **#JoinTheCause**

JESUS AT THE MOVIES SERIES

We, as people of faith, believe Christ meets people where they are and often speaks to us through elements of pop culture. Therefore, we will be hosting a virtual discussion about the following movies chosen on the Friday night before Pastor Jonathan focuses on them during the Sunday worship sermon.

Friday, January 15th at 6pm: "It's A Wonderful Life"

Friday, January 22nd at 6pm: "Wall-E"

Friday, January 29th at 6pm: "Raiders of the Lost Ark"

Friday, February 5th at 6pm: "The Princess Bride"

Friday, February 12th at 6pm: "Moneyball"

Facebook events will be set up for each Friday night discussion. Anyone with questions or interested in participating should contact the LUMC Office at (609) 693-5222 for a Bluejeans invite!

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

On Thursday, January 14th, America's Keswick (601 County Road 530 in Whiting) will be hosting a Men's Fellowship Night at 6:15pm. Speaking at the event will be Pastor Joe Faraldi of Bayside Chapel. Tickets are only \$12 per person, which includes a takeout dinner, message and use of their Activity Center. You must preregister and prepay by calling (800) 453-7942. Temperature checks will be done and social distancing will be practiced. Masks are required! This event will be limited to 150 men. This evening will be joined by the men in their Addiction Recovery ministries, so come out and encourage them. For more information, visit https://americaskeswick.org.

FOOD PANTRY TO REOPEN



Lacey UMC's Hope Chest Food Pantry is scheduled to reopen on Tuesday, January 19th. Please consider helping us restock the pantry shelves! We are collecting cereal, mac & cheese, boxed potatoes or rice, and pasta. Donations can be dropped off on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 12pm – 1pm. Volunteers from the Hot Lunch Program will be available at those times to process your donations. Contact the LUMC Office at (609) 693-5222 if you have any questions.

KUDOS TO MEMBERS OF LUMC DRAMA CLUB

I would love to give recognition to those members of the Drama Club who recorded monologues for the church services during the Advent season, keeping with Pastor Jonathan's "Redemption of Scrooge" sermon themes. Morgan "Ro" Dimesa began the first series of monologues by portraying Emily Cratchit. It is never easy being the first one to perform, but she handled it amazingly. Carly Carpini was next as the Ghost of Christmas Past. Her additions to the script I gave her were outstanding! Olivia Stanislowski proved that a sister could handle the task of the Ghost of Christmas Present. Her personality and facial expressions came through wonderfully on the small screen! Abby Michalkowski never ceases to amaze me! The character I gave her was very mysterious and Abby portrayed her in a fashion begging one to wonder who she really was. In addition, most of them also participated in scripture readings, with Isabella Wioland also taking part in a reading. Considering the amount of time that they had to prepare and being in charge of their own recordings, they all did a spectacular job! Special thanks to Debbie Waddell for filling in for the youth on one of the scripture readings.

Chris Brown
Steven Furtick
Cody Carnes
Kari Brooke Jobe

WEDNESDAY SMALL GROUPS

As Bishop John Schol mentioned at his Epiphany Sunday Worship Service, you can go to www.gnjumc.org and sign up for one of the small groups taking place on Wednesday, January 13th, where you will be speaking with members from different congregations about our faith. The sessions on that day will be held at 9:00am and 6:30pm. This is a great way to be part of a discussion involving members from outside of our community.

WISHING EVERYONE



A BLESSED NEW YEAR!!

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