

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

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

For God's Healing & Discernment ~ Covid sufferers & Care Givers; Dawn Slate; Carole Exel; Debby Nugent; Tom & Mary; Terry H.; Peg Bea; Davette & Leslie Bivins; Lizzie Britton; Linda & John Ansbach; Patrick & Sharon Callaghan; Saccal Family; Evelyn Handchen; Patricia Potter; Michael Potter; Sara Carpini; Joseph; Chuck Neroda; Rosalie Mulvaney; Ed & Monique Wojciechowski; Beccari Family; Emmett & Gloria Bivins; Ellen Larney; Brittney; Diane Collins; Rick & Ashleigh Handchen; Marousis Family; Mary Rose K.; George & Adrienne Melnyk; Ike & Joan Icenhower; Thomas Helle; Susan Schlotter; Daryl Simmons; Dee & Paul Burrowes; Colleen Brandt; Dottie & Bill Connolly; Ray MacPherson; Larry Radomski; Peg & Will Cotton; Barkley Family; Mihalkovitz/Przybylski Families; Marjorie Moore; Bev Krott; Charles Cometa Jr.; Peggy LaPorta; Sandi Smith; 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; Family of Dee Cala; Robert Bea Family; Bob Weiss Family; Christine Coram Family; Stanley Bauman Family; Bob DiNorcia Family.

Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer ~ Thanks be to God for answered prayer! For the birth of James Frederick Stapleton! Birth of Stormi Witty!

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 Dr. Gina Hendrickson; all Clergy and Laity of the Greater UMC Annual Conference & United Methodist Denomination

World Council of Churches & USA Prayer Atlas ~ People Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico; North Carolina, North Dakota; 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

October 17, 2021



*Symbols of Jesus:
The Tree of Life*

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

Ministers: All of Us Liturgists: Rose Coram

Pastor: Jonathan Campbell Lay Leader: Ed Wojciechowski

Music Director: Dawn Slate Welcoming Team: Virginia Schoeneberg

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*

Prelude & Welcome

Call to Worship

We are the church that lives into God's future today.

A church united across space and time.

A church of many races, languages and ethnicities.

A church that lives by the work of God in Christ
that was, is now, and is still to come.

The one who is seated on the throne says to us:

"See, I am making all things new!"

A new heaven and a new earth,
where the home of God is among God's people.

God's future is epic, and it's good news.

Remember God's future, for this is our story!

Young Disciples' Time

***Praise Song**

What a Beautiful Name

Prayer for Illumination

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

Hebrew Scripture Lesson: Genesis 2:4-9

Praise Song

In Christ Alone

Epistle Lesson: Revelation 22:1-5

Message: Symbols of Jesus: "The Tree of Life"

***Praise Song**

Glorious Day

Pastoral Prayer

Ministry of Giving and Prayer of Dedication

God of all our yesterdays, our todays, and our tomorrows: we bring our hearts this morning; we bring our gifts; we bring our desires to be a part of your love revolution in this world.

We long to be your lights of hope in a world filled with despair, the trumpet of victory to your people, who too often feel outnumbered and overwhelmed, and the voice of confidence to those who have already conceded defeat.

Dedicate our gifts; dedicate our hearts to shaping a world with love so that Christ won't feel a stranger on his return. We pray this in the name of Jesus, who gave in love all there was to give for us. Amen.

***Hymn**

Fill My Cup #641

Prayer of Confession

Architect and builder of the heavenly city yet to come, look in judgment on the cities of the world, where greed forces many to live in squalor and filth; where indifference condemns many to live alone and unwanted; where lust tempts many to use others callously, thoughtlessly and heartlessly; where hate drives many to crowd together for protection because their skin, their race or their belief is unpopular or unwanted. Look in mercy on those who suffer at the hands of their fellows, and teach us all that in Christ we can find the power to live generously, compassionately and lovingly, that cities of the world may become true reflections of the city of God; for Jesus' sake. Amen.

(Time of Silent Confession and Reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

Behold: there is a new heaven, a new earth and a new city, where the river of life flows, where the tree of life bears fruit in every season. This heaven, this city, this river, this tree are a vision of your life reborn, restored, and renewed.

Thanks be to God!

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Gratitude

Thanks be to you, O God, for your presence and your purpose, for your loving kindness and your steadfast Spirit. May the blessings of this table strengthen our faith, increase our generosity and unify our hearts, for we pray in the name of Jesus, the Risen One. Amen.

***Praise Song**

Who You Say I Am

Benediction & *Postlude

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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.

Holy Grounds Coffee Hour Volunteers are needed to MISSION! Please see Pastor Jonathan if you can help us!

FINANCIAL STATISTICS – October 10, 2021

Attendance ~ 40 in-person 31 via YouTube

Envelope Offerings ~ \$850.00 Offerings via Vanco ~ \$803.80

Food Pantry ~ \$20.00 Boscov's Fundraiser ~ \$20.00

Transfer from Joy of Angels to General Fund ~ \$1,413.04

Transfer from Joy of Angels to Building Improvements ~ \$1,413.04

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!!

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



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>

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!

♪ ♪ LUMC Music Ministries ♪ ♪

Please reach out to Dawn Slate if you are interested in joining Praise Team, Choir, or Chimes of Praise!

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for
October 24 – Matthew 4:18-22*

*The flowers that grace our Altar today are given in Glory to God;
And Happy Birthday to Eric and Gina, my son and daughter,
who I love and am so proud of more than words can say.
Love, Mom*

Joy of the Angels Thrift Shoppe

Hours of Operation: Thursdays ~ 8:00AM – 11:00AM

Fridays & Saturdays ~ 10:00AM – 1:00PM

⇒ Volunteers are needed to extend hours/days of operation. ⇐
Please contact Elaine Brandt to learn how you can support this vital mission of LUMC!

Calling All children & Youth

Sunday School: All are welcome! (K-12th Grade)

Confirmation Class: Forming soon. Please contact the LUMC Office for registration details (5th Grade and older)

Youth Group: Fridays 6:30PM (5th Grade and older)

Upcoming Youth Group Special Events:

Oct. 23 Pumpkin Picking (no meeting on 10/22)

Oct. 29 Halloween Party

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!

October 20th will be Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends" fundraiser. Purchase a 25% off coupon from LUMC for only \$5!!!
Contact the LUMC Office or see Joann after worship!

Hanging of the Greens

November 27th 8am – 12pm

Our yearly tradition of decorating the Sanctuary for the Christmas season. All are welcome!!!

Volunteers are needed to join our Media Team! Contact Steven Michalkowski or the LUMC Office to learn more!!

A diagram with the letters 'GPS' in the center. Four arrows point outwards from 'GPS' in the cardinal directions. The top arrow is labeled 'Grow', the right arrow is labeled 'Pray', the bottom arrow is labeled 'Study', and the left arrow is labeled 'Work'.

What is the image in your mind of the tree of life?

What do you think the writer was trying to make clear by stating the Tree of Life was at the center of the Garden?

Why do you think the writer of Proverbs associated wisdom and the Tree of Life?

Why do you think John envisions the New Jerusalem with the Tree of Life at its center?

Why do you think the early Christians chose the Tree of Life as a symbol for their community?

How are you growing wisdom in your life?

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