

# LUMC'S COMMUNITY REVELATIONS

January 2019

## 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

## HELLO 2019!



Well another year has come and gone and most of us are probably expressing the sentiment “I hope 2019 is going to be better than 2018.” In reality, 2018 wasn’t really that bad. We should pray for those that experienced the loss of a loved one. At the same time, we should pray for all the new lives that were brought into the world.

For me, I feel that 2018 brought me closer to God. A highlight for me was the Christmas Eve service with the children. Working with some of them on Wednesday afternoons, I understood the challenges that had to be overcome. And overcome them they did! I was proud of all the children, as they ran the entire service. A star (new or old) was definitely shining over our church that night. I had other reasons to rejoice in 2018, as well, but I suspect that 2019 will have even more highlights and challenges.

God Bless,

Dominic Gregoria

## BIBLE VERSE FOR THE NEW YEAR

Isaiah 43: 16 - 19: “This is the word of the Lord, who opened a way in the sea, a path through mighty waters, who drew on chariot and horse to their destruction, an army in all its strength; they lay down, never to rise again; they were extinguished, snuffed out like a wick: Stop dwelling on past events and brooding over days gone by. I am about to do something new; this moment it will unfold. Can you not perceive it? Even through the wilderness I shall make a way, and paths in the barren desert.”

**Worship Service: 9:00 am – 10:15am**

**& 11:00am (First Sunday every month)**

**J.A.M. (Jesus & Me): Children gather in the Sanctuary at 9:00am.**

**After the Children’s Message, the children leave to go to J.A.M. (9:15am – 10:15am).**

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

## BILLBOARD'S TOP TEN CHRISTIAN SONGS OF 2018

- 1.) Reckless Love.....Cory Asbury
- 2.) You Say.....Lauren Daigle
- 3.) I Just Need You.....tobyMac
- 4.) Who You Say I Am.....Hillsong Worship
- 5.) Joy.....for King & Country
- 6.) Grace Got You.....MercyMe
- 7.) Fear Is A Liar.....Zach Williams
- 8.) So Will I (100 Billion X).....Hillsong UNITED
- 9.) I Can Only Imagine.....MercyMe
- 10.) What A Beautiful Name.....Hillsong Worship

## BILLBOARD'S TOP TEN GOSPEL SONGS OF 2018

- 1.) Won't He Do It.....Karyn Hawthorne
- 2.) I'm Blessed.....Charlie Wilson featuring T.I.
- 3.) Your Great Name.....Todd Dulaney
- 4.) You Will Win.....Jekalyn Carr
- 5.) You Waited.....Travis Greene
- 6.) Trust In You.....Anthony Brown & group therAPy
- 7.) Change Me.....Tamela Mann
- 8.) Listen.....Marvin Sapp
- 9.) I'm Getting Ready.....Tasha Cobbs Leonard Featuring Nicki Minaj
- 10.) Everlasting God.....William Murphy Featuring Bishop James Morton



## MID-WINTER ADVANCE YOUTH WEEKEND

Friday, January 25 – Sunday, January 27

America's Keswick, Whiting, NJ

\$35 deposit required in advance.....total cost is \$130.

Scholarships are available..... see Miss Bonnie.

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## **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP NIGHT**

at America's Keswick

601 Route 530

Whiting, New Jersey 08759

Thursday, January 10, 2019

6:15PM

\$12 per person

Special Guest Speaker:

Pastor Burt Salisbury

Calvary Chapel Living Water

[www.americaskeswick.org](http://www.americaskeswick.org)

## **VOLUNTEER IN MISSION**

January 27 – February 2

Collier County – Everglades City / Plantation Island – Florida

See Morris or Leigha Maze if interested

Carpool or fly down (Fort Meyers Airport)

Cost = Airfare and / or trip's transportation, meals and

Love Offering for Host Church

Check out [www.flumc.org](http://www.flumc.org) for disaster relief stories.

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### **REPORT STATES THAT U.S. HAD THE TOP DISASTERS IN 2018**

According to Christian Aid, the United States experienced the top 3 most expensive climate-driven events in 2018. Their report went on to say that the major factor behind these disasters was climate change. With an estimated damage total of \$17 billion, Hurricane Florence in September 2018 grabbed the number one spot. Devastating parts of North Carolina and South Carolina, winds reached up to levels of 140mph. In October 2018, Hurricane Michael ran havoc over the Florida Panhandle. This storm was estimated to have caused at least \$15 billion in damage. Other reports have raised the total to \$25 billion. With California's Camp Fire costing \$7.5 - \$10 billion and the Woolsey Fire costing \$1.5 - \$3 billion, the California wildfires grab the number 3 spot. 1.9 million acres of land was destroyed. Climate change is expected to cause even more of these natural disasters in the future. Christian Aid is a U.K.-based charity. We must continue to pray for those that are still trying to make their way back from these tragedies, as well as all of the others not mentioned here.

Dominic Gregoria

*“There’s no shadow  
You won’t light up  
Mountain You  
won’t climb up  
Coming after me  
There’s no wall You  
won’t kick down  
Lies You won’t tear  
down  
Coming after me”*

*Caleb Culver, Cory Asbury and  
Ran Jackson*

## **THE RESULTS ARE IN!**



The Ladies Auxiliary of the Forked River Fire Department’s Winter Wonderland tree won first place honors in our annual tree decorating contest. Runners up for second, third, and fourth place were Sunflowers Florist, Caffrey’s Tavern, and Captain’s Inn. Congratulations to all who participated and voted. The trees were definitely a bright spot on Lacey Road. A special thank you goes out to all of the local businesses who continue to support LUMC and its missions.

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