

LUMC'S COMMUNITY REVELATIONS

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Lacey United Methodist Church

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THE PARABLE OF THE FIG TREE



Matthew 24: 32 – 35: Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near – at the doors! Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass

away, but My words will by no means pass away.

FARMER'S MARKET RETURNS



Lacey's Farmer's Market returns to the LUMC parking lot on Friday, June 4th. Vendors will be there every Friday from 11am to 5pm until October 15th. Shop for fruits, vegetables, cheeses, desserts, Italian bread and so much more!

The Lacey Farmer's Market is expected to feature the following vendors: Cranberry Hill Farm, Eckert's Corn, Farmer Al's Market and Greenhouses, High Mountain Foods, Krowicki Farm Market, Lanoka Farms and Shore Shake. For more information, contact the farmer's market at laceyfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

DINE TO DONATE A SUCCESS!

Last month's "Dine To Donate" event raised \$315 for our church. Thank you to everyone who decided to dine with Wendy's that evening! A big thank you to Jim Wioland for setting this up!

Join us on Sundays at 9AM for virtual worship!

Facebook: <https://facebook.com/LaceyUMCNJ/> or Web: laceyumc.org

OUTSIDE FELLOWSHIP

We are working towards bringing "outside" fellowship to Lacey UMC following Sunday worship services. Volunteers are needed to set up tables and chairs in the parking lot so our members can enjoy fellowship time together. Please contact our office at (609) 693-5222 if you are interested in participating or volunteering to help bring this idea to life. An announcement will be forthcoming when outdoor fellowship will take place once we have all the details worked out.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

On Thursday, June 10th, 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 Dr. Paul Randolph of Insight Christian Counseling in Huntingdon Valley, Pa. 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 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>.

UNITED METHODIST MEN'S BBQ



All men of the congregation are invited to a barbecue at the Parsonage, 744 Devon Street in Forked River, on Saturday, June 12th, from 12pm until 2pm. The purpose is to help plan and develop the future of LUMC's United Methodist Men. Attendees are encouraged to bring a dish or food item that would contribute to a barbecue. For more information and to RSVP, please contact the LUMC Office at (609) 693-5222 or laceyumcnj@gmail.com.

BEAUTIFUL DAY FOR A FLEA MARKET



Saturday May 22nd turned out to be a great weather day for the LUMC Flea Market. \$83.50 was taken in by the snack table (thank you to everyone who donated snacks and beverages); \$270 was raised by renting the spaces for the vendors; and \$150.25 was brought in by the donation table (a special thank you to Monika and Fred Sisbarro for their generous donation). In addition, more funds will be coming to the church due to the volunteers from Kohls (thank you, Anthony Sebasto!). {Pictured is our former comic strip contributor Morris Maze, who was busy making sales.}

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

We are still collecting chicken noodle soup and canned tuna for the Summer Lunch Program for Lacey's kids. They can be dropped off to Sherry Exel on Sundays or to the LUMC Office during the week! For more info, call the LUMC Office at (609) 693-5222.

May 13th Update: Beginning May 28, 2021, fully vaccinated individuals in indoor spaces are not required to wear masks. However, individuals who are not fully vaccinated should continue to wear masks. Reservations are still required for in-person worship. Keep checking the LUMC Office for updates and changes to these policies.

SHOE DRIVE IN FULL SWING



The LUMC Fundraising Team has partnered with the funds2orgs group to help raise funds for our church. As you probably already know, we have been collecting gently used or new pairs of shoes since last month. All shoes donated must be in good condition, clean and still wearable. All shoes should be dry, with their soles attached and no holes anywhere on the shoe. If you wouldn't give them to a friend, then they are not worthy to be donated. Your donation goes beyond raising money for LUMC, because they are given a second life for those in need.

600 million shoes go into landfills across the United States annually. Most of these shoes can still be worn. These shoes collected will help

others in developing nations start micro-enterprises that will create sustainable incomes for their families. The nations that are being targeted include Haiti, Colombia and Tanzania.

Because funds2orgs is designed to help people from these nations escape poverty, the shoes aren't given away. If they gave away the shoes, the local market for shoes and clothing would be decimated, as well as the local job market. It should also be noted that some developing countries, such as Africa, do not permit apparel to be given away.

According to the World Bank, Haiti is the most impoverished country in the Western Hemisphere. 59% of Haiti's population live below the national poverty level of \$2.41 USD per day. 24% of the population live below the national extreme poverty line of \$1.23 USD per day. The average per capita income is \$480 USD annually!

The shoes that end up not being sold in these countries are used to make and fix products or create something new. This can include insulation for homes, stuffing for car seats or furniture. Excess scraps will be sent to Pakistan for re-purposing. We will be collecting shoes into July. For more information, contact Lori Osborn at (732) 904-6461 or the LUMC Office at (609) 693-5222.



THE SPIANS WANTED

The LUMC Drama Club is continuing to meet on Tuesdays from 5:00pm until 6:30pm. There are still plenty of spots for your young ones to join this free activity. Your child will learn stage directions, character study, several acting techniques, auditioning tips, improv and enjoy plenty of stage time. No experience is necessary to participate, and you don't have to be a member of the church to join. We meet in Fellowship Hall, which is in the rear of the church building. Anyone with questions or looking to sign someone up should contact Dominic Gregoria at (732) 904-9945 or donnieg777@hotmail.com.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL LUMC GRADUATES:

College:

Molly Newman

8th Grade:

Anthony Burger

Abigail Michalkowski

Lea Michalkowski

Hayden Van Arsdale

Matthew Zonkowski



LACEY UMC'S HOPE CHEST

FOOD PANTRY

Open Tuesdays & Thursdays

12PM - 2PM

You do not need to register in advance to visit the food pantry!

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*“Oh, Daniel served his living
God*

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While upon the earth he trod

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*He prayed to God each
morning, noon, and night*

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*He cared not for the king’s
decrees*

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*But trusted God to set him
free*

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*Oh, Daniel prayed every
morning, noon, and night”*

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***Ralph Stanley
(song by Patty
Loveless)***

THE CHOSEN



I highly recommend the television series “The Chosen” for all people of faith. You can find the full first season and part of the second season on Youtube and also through Facebook. It is based on the story of Jesus Christ, as seen through the eyes of those that knew him. Created by Dallas Jenkins, this series is produced outside of the Hollywood system, being funded by those that love the show! Parts of season 2 are still in production and you should download their app to view the show on your TV. Let me know if you watch the show and your opinion of the series.

God Bless,
Dominic Gregoria

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