

To the Members and Friends of Lacey United Methodist Church:

Grace, Peace and good health to all in the name of our LORD Jesus Christ!

It is with much prayer and pondering that we announce to you that Worship Services and all activities/events through LUMC are being suspended/canceled for the next two weeks (3/15 - 3/28). There will not be Worship Services tomorrow (15th) – nor will there be any Hot Lunches offered for the next two weeks. The Thrift Shoppe will be closed. There will not be Meetings or Bible study held at the Church and Children/ Youth Ministries will be put on hold. The Church Hall will be closed to all outside groups.

We will re-evaluate the situation and make further decisions for the week of March 29th and beyond as we get closer to those dates.

The only on-site event that will continue is our “Hope Chest” Emergency Food Pantry. This will be conducted as a “drive-thru” pick-up. Any needing emergency food baskets are asked to please contact the LUMC Office (609-693-5222). We will need to know how many persons are in the family and a phone number to contact once the food bags have been filled. Persons who have volunteered to come fill the bags will reach out to the family and set up a pick-up time. Persons requesting food will not be allowed to come into the food pantry. Bags will be placed by the vehicle picking up so that minimal contact between persons is made. We will continue to offer food for as long as supplies are available here.

Our Trustee Meeting (3/16) and Church Council Meeting (3/23) will be held via “ZOOM” which is a call-in conference call assistance program. Members on each of the above Boards will receive the contact number and information for making the calls. If you do not receive the information by 4:00PM Monday, (the 16th for Trustees or Monday, the 23rd for Church Council) please contact the Church Office. (609-693-5222)

We apologize for any who are inconvenienced by this decision – but we are trying to make sure all remain safe and healthy.

“Prudence” is the word that one of our members used when I spoke with him. Prudence is *“the ability to be cautious and practical in making decisions. Prudence helps us weigh the consequences of an action or decision before they happen. A prudent person is not driven by compulsion or hasty decisions.”* I hope you agree that we need to exercise prudence in the matters at hand. I care deeply for each one of you and do not want to put anyone in danger of contracting/spreading this virus.

Any questions or concerns please contact me 609-661-1819 or the Church Office 609-693-5222. I am praying for you all! Please be safe and prudent. May the blessings and power of Jesus Christ fill and surround each one of you and keep you healthy.

In His love and service,
Pastor Linda