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Worship Schedule

10:00am Worship11:00pm Fellowship

Childcare for children up to 3 years old is available during the service. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 882-7909.

Important Dates to Remember

November 4th, 8:30am-9:45am – Pancake Breakfast

November 17th, 10:00am-4:00pm – English School Holiday Bazaar

December 1st, 10:00am – Church Decorating

December 2nd, 5:00pm – Advent Dinner

December 9th, 9:00am – Ornament and Advent Wreath Making



Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever. Ps. 100:4-5

November 1, 2018

Dear friends,

It's just 21 days until Thanksgiving and my plan is spend every single one of those days cultivating an attitude of gratitude. I hope you will join me in this exciting journey.



Beginning November 1, I'll post online every morning a

scripture reading and a short quotation to inspire us to reflect on that which we are thankful for in our lives. If you feel so moved, you can share your gratitude with the rest of us by posting a response to the day's readings. We're calling our group "21 Days of Gratitude" and you'll find us at https://www.facebook.com/groups/2156813571225811/?ref=group_browse_new, or by entering 21 Days of Gratitude in your Facebook browser.

If you'd like to join with us, you will need a Facebook account (ask pretty much anyone and we will help you get set up.) Then request to be added to the group – and you're in. Please invite your friends and family to join us, too. We'll inspire one another.

You know how tense and difficult our national conversation has become. Let's do something to change that. Let's lift up the blessings that God has showered upon us and share them with one another in the hope that gratitude shared will grow and spread and cast out a bit of the darkness that all of us are experiencing.

I'll start! I'm thankful to share the next 21 days with all of you!

Many blessings – Pastor Nina



The English School at Lawrence Road Presbyterian Church is excited to announce they are hosting their premiere **Holiday Fundraising Bazaar** at the church on Saturday November 17th from 10am-4pm. Come out to see 30 hand-picked vendors and grab some amazing creations of the highest quality for your holiday shopping needs! The day will also be offering a raffle with vendor supplied gifts, live music, and a coffee and hot cocoa room to complete the festive spirit of the day. A handful of food trucks will be available to cleanse your palate and keep you energized to explore this free and family friendly market. Grab a handmade gift or popular name brand item for your loved ones or yourself while supporting a great cause. All proceeds will benefit The English School. This is a snow or shine indoor event!

The English School is a warm community of adult immigrant students, teachers, and volunteers working together to improve lives through affordable English language learning. Our goal is simple: to provide immigrant members of our community with affordable resources for learning English, while working to create community through social activities and classes.

Please contact us if you would like to volunteer to help: tesholidaybazaar@gmail.com



LRPC Outreach Committee will be collecting Thanksgiving Dinner items for Arm in Arm through Sunday, November 18

Throughout the month of November, **up to and including November 18th**, please bring to Fellowship Hall, items that contribute to a traditional "Thanksgiving Dinner", such as: corn and other vegetables, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, pie filling, pudding mix. cake mix and, of course, "TURKEY!!"

Paper plates and napkins are also a great add on!!

Many supermarkets offer deals for free turkeys at this time of year. Please share your free turkeys - or extras you purchase - with those less fortunate.

PLEASE contact the church office at 882-7909 if you will be donating a turkey so that we may store it properly. PLEASE DO NOT DEFROST THE TURKEY YOU BRING!!!

"THANKS!" for your generosity in advance!!

The LRPS Outreach Committee



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2018

7:30PM

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HOSTED BY THE FAITH COMMUNITIES OF LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP



The Hanging of the Greens!
Saturday, December 1
10am
Meet in the Sanctuary
Lunch provided



Bring the whole family to decorate the beautiful Lawrence Road Church Christmas Tree and to brighten the sanctuary for the season. There's something for every elf to do!



ADVENT DINNER Sunday, December 2, 5:00pm

It's Advent Dinner time again...when we get to enjoy the gifts of the world's greatest cooks, the ladies and gentleman of the Lawrence Road Church family! Please take this chance to show off our wonderful fellowship by inviting your family, friends and neighbors, the in-laws and the outlaws, and everyone else you can think of. Sign up in Fellowship Hall indicating the number of people in your group and what you are bringing to share.

You can also sign up to help with set up, serving, and clean up. Our Fellowship Ministry will provide ham, turkey, and all the usual fixings—you bring your family specialty to share. Feast with your church family and enjoy great conversations and laughter as we make a joyful noise unto our Lord and Savior!

Ornament and Advent Wreath Making Sunday, December 9, 2018 9:00am Fellowship Hall



Young and old and everyone in between! Join us on Sunday, December 9 at 9:00am in Fellowship Hall to make an Advent wreath, a crafty ornament or two for your tree, or just to share a cup of cocoa and a cookie and Christmas cheer! Please bring the family, the children, the teens, the neighbors...you get the idea! All materials are supplied.



November Rehearsal Schedule:

Sunday, November 4 9:00 AM Rehearsal

10:00 AM Sing During Service (Soon and Very Soon)

Monday, November 5 9:00 AM Rehearsal

Sunday, November 11 9:00 AM Rehearsal

Monday, November 12 NO Rehearsal

Tuesday, November 13 7:00 – 8:30 PM Rehearsal

Sunday, November 18 9:00 AM Rehearsal

10:00 AM Sing During Service (For the Autumn Sky)

Sunday, November 25 NO REHEARSAL – THANKSGIVING RECESS

Monday, November 26 9:00 AM Rehearsal



Sunday, December 9 LESSONS AND CAROLS SERVICE

You won't want to miss this especially meaningful and musical service. Invite your friends!

LRPC Youth Program L.O.G. (Love of God) Updates and Important Dates

Our Youth and young Adult programs kicked off on October $3^{\rm rd}$. The youth and young adults are two distinct groups this year with the young adults being led by Pastor Nina and a rotation of the other adult leaders while the youth are led by our faithful adults. Our weekly plans include team-building, game nights, discussions of current events, lessons, small group discussion, crafts, and meditation and music. We are planning some charitable activities to benefit the church and our homebound members. Our program is open to all kids grades $9^{th} - 12^{th}$. Young adults are post High School. Some upcoming dates:

November 17th – English School Bazaar (LOG Kids will have a table and will sell their homemade crafts!) at LRPC.

November 21 – NO PROGRAMMING

November 30 – Youth LOG Overnight

December 1 – hanging of the Greens with LRPC and Youth LOG

December 19 – Christmas Caroling to the LRPC Shut In List – 5:30 pm meet at church for dinner then Caroling and cookies and hot cocoa afterwards!

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Francesca's Book Club meets the first Monday of each month in the church lounge at 1:00 pm. If the first Monday is a holiday, we meet the following week. The book that we are currently reading and will be discussing at our November 5th meeting is "The Orphan's Tale" by Pam Jenoff. All are welcome at our meetings and feel free to bring a friend!

Claire Biddulph (609-882-8670 or biddulphc@aol.com)



We welcome November and the fall like temperatures that finally arrived. Our classes will be enjoying nature and observing the cycle of leaves changing colors and falling to the ground. Thanksgiving and turkeys will be significant themes as well. The teachers will incorporate lessons on giving, sharing and friendship as they discuss the first Thanksgiving and what the holiday represents.

Outdoor education is an area we are expanding this year. Although the state has regulations regarding temperature and wind chills, we are encouraging daily fresh air as much as possible. Even if it is for 10 minutes, we want to incorporate out- door activities into our daily routine. We have already taken short walks in the rain, preparing parents ahead of time to dress their child appropriately. Of course, it was a very light rain, but the children definitely thought it was fun. We sent home letters alerting families to send their child with hats and gloves daily and rain boots and rain coats if the weather report is calling for inclement weather. Our Parent Association is purchasing an outdoor Sensory Mixing Table for the courtyard to be used as one of our classroom activity stations. We are utilizing the courtyard more as an available area as it is a protected space that often remains warmer. Of course, our playground is always a daily draw and continues to be a favorite destination for the children.

Our first enrichment cycle is underway. Our theme is science and we have 15 children participating. Enrichment is a 4 - week session on Thursdays from 12:00 until 2:00. Our topics are weather, the 5 senses, nocturnal animals and mixtures and reactions. Our scientists are busy exploring, learning and having fun!

Our Parent Association continues to be an invaluable partner to our school. They already sponsored a Fall Mum sale, two family dinner nights with local restaurants, and a Thanksgiving pie sale. The Breakfast with Santa Committee started preparations for that special event. Their fundraising efforts and generosity to our program are an essential piece to our success. We are most grateful to them and to the wonderful families that chose LRPCNS as their child's preschool. We continue to strive to give them the best experience possible.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!



Our fall English School semester is going by very quickly. Our last day of class ends on Monday, November 12, 2018. We are very grateful for everyone who supports our school. From those who have volunteered, to those who have donated, to those who have just spread the word about our services...we are grateful.

Our end-of-the semester celebration dinner is the best way to share our gratitude with one another. This year it takes place on **Thursday, November 15, 2018 from 7 pm - 8 pm**. All of our students, staff, and volunteers look forward to this special day. I enjoy listening to returning students/volunteers encouraging new students/volunteers to come to our dinner and deciding what to cook for the dinner.

In addition, The English School is hosting a big holiday fundraising Bazaar on Saturday, November 17, 2018 from 10 am to 4 pm at the church. Admission is free. There will be a variety of vendors, food trucks and raffles. Vendors include original artwork, handmade jewelry, handmade signs and home decor, pet themed items, soy candles, handmade soaps, handbags and organizers, skincare and cosmetics, nail art, knit and crochet items. Shop for your special gifts. Please spread the word to all your family and friends. Please see LRPC Facebook and information below.

For any questions, please contact Paula Rainey at <u>info@TheEnglishSchoolLRPC.com</u> or call 609-540-0451.

Yours in Christ, Paula J. Rainey

www.TheEnglishSchoolLRPC.com



Thank You Notes

Dear LRPC Family,

Thank you so very much for blessing me with your wonderful prayer shawl. Although I was young I still remember the wonderful church family that surrounded me. Thank you for thinking of me as I start the next chapter of my life.

Sincerely, Tyler Haynes



Nov. 3	Linda Townsend Richard Kelly
Nov. 9	Grace Townsend
Nov. 13	London Brown
Nov. 15	Cambria Kaltwasser
Nov. 16	Suzanne Devlin
	Andrew Hurst
	Joan Willis
Nov. 18	Deborah Evans
Nov. 19	Danielle Allison
Nov. 24	John Kresge
Nov. 28	Robert Rowcotsky