



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Monday, December 24, 2018

*You are most cordially invited to be present in worship
at the Lawrence Road Presbyterian Church
on Monday, December 24, 2018.*

- 7:00pm** – This service is planned as a family service, with lots of carols and special treats for the children. If you are looking for a good, old-fashioned family Christmas Eve, this service is for you and yours.
- 9:30pm** – This service is smaller, quieter and more intimate. Special music, candle-light, and the celebration of the Lord's Supper open our hearts once again to the wonder and awe of Christmas morning.

Both services will include special music and candle-lightings.



Christmas 2018

Friends –

Who is on your Christmas list? Who are you spending money on this Christmas?

Jim and I buy gifts for each other. We buy gifts for our kids—and of course, lots of gifts for our grandkids. We even buy gift for T-Bone and Gracie, though honestly, they don't much care as long as they have a decent shot at stealing the Christmas roast.

We buy gifts for extended family, too, and for friends and staff and colleagues and tradespeople who are part of our family in so many ways. In short, we buy gifts for the ones we love as a way to express that love. It's not a perfect way to express love, but every year at Christmastime, it feels good to give back a little something in appreciation for the love and care and friendship and nurture that we have received all year long. Jesus says, "...where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21) And of course, your treasure often goes to that place where your heart already is.

All of this is a way to say that I am asking you join Jim and me in putting the Lawrence Road Presbyterian Church on your Christmas list this year. Jim and I make an annual Christmas gift to the Lawrence Road Church because we love this place and these people. We receive so much all year

long from the worship and fellowship and service and education opportunities here at Lawrence Road that it seems only right to give something back in appreciation for what we have received. All year long, we know that our friends at church are praying for us. We know that when we need something, we don't even have to ask. Folks help out simply because we are family, sisters and brothers in Christ. It is our joy to watch our children and teenagers grow grace and faith through the ministry of the church. We love to break bread with the youth and the elderly and the English School students and everyone in between on Wednesday nights. We are so blessed by Sunday morning worship, by the praise of the people to the glory of God. And that, for us, is just the beginning of a long list of blessings.

Who and what are you spending money on this Christmas—and why? Please take a few minutes to think about the many blessings you have received through the ministry of your church—and then write a generous check and stick it in an envelope before, in the Christmas crush, you forget.

Or if you prefer electronic giving, you can visit tlrchurch.org and make an online donation there.

We know we give gifts to those we love. We know we spend money on the things that matter. And we

know that the Lawrence Road Presbyterian Church is a place that matters and a people full of love.

Wishing you all the love and joy of the season. Have a blessed, Christ-filled Christmas.

See you in church – Pastor Nina



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.



Sunday, December 9, 2018 @ 10:00am
Mark your calendars for a meaningful and musical worship experience!



Choices:

- 6" pot, 4-7 blooms \$ 7.00
- 7" pot, 7-10 blooms \$ 12.00
- 8" pot, 10-15 blooms \$ 20.00

We are unable to guarantee specific colors.

There are order envelopes located in the church pews and in the back of the sanctuary.

ORDERS MUST BE IN BY MONDAY, DECEMBER 10th.

All plants will be displayed in the chancel and can be picked up after the 9:30pm service on Christmas Eve.

**Congregational Meeting
Sunday, December 16, 2018
11:00am in the Sanctuary**

The Congregation and Corporation of The Lawrence Road Presbyterian church is called to a meeting Sunday, December 16, 2018, at 11:00am, for the purpose of approving the Pastor's compensation package for 2019 and the election of church officers.



This year's Holiday Outreach will be a "Giving Tree" to keep local children WARM this winter. Please help us decorate the tree with gloves, hats and scarves in various children's and teen sizes! Our tree will be a "festive" sight, right in Fellowship Hall! We will be collecting Winter Warming items every Sunday in December! Your thoughtfulness will "warm" the children's hearts as well! Have FUN!

“FA-LA-LA”!!!!!!!

The LRPC Outreach Committee



Dec. 3	David Baffuto
Dec. 4	Robert Gates
Dec. 5	Eileen Friedeborn
Dec. 7	John Erickson Karl Friedeborn Eleanore Hurst
Dec. 12	Jeff Allison Emma Jean Burk
Dec. 18	Amy Watt
Dec. 19	Munachi Ogbonnaya
Dec. 20	Miriam Bochantin Bobbi Murawski Sandra O'Neil
Dec. 21	Irene Mount

Dec. 27 Francine Gates
Dec. 30 Joseph Katona
Dec. 31 Dina Erickson



NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

As the Christmas and holiday season approaches, the level of excitement increases at LRPCNS. Our little elves are hard at work learning songs for our Christmas program on December 14 and making festive decorations for their classrooms, the hallway and their homes. We will celebrate with holiday parties right before we close for Christmas break. It is a fun and festive month for sure.

We had a very successful campaign with the church contributing to the Arm and Arm Thanksgiving food drive. Our families were most generous donating many non-perishable items to the cause. We continue with our giving spirit as we partner with Eldridge Park Elementary School for their annual Christmas drive. Our Giving Tree has over 60 tags with toys, games, sports equipment and art supplies generated from a wish list by the EPS families. The campaign concludes on December 11, when I will deliver the items to the school guidance counselor to be distributed to the families. We appreciate our school community's willingness to help our neighbors at Christmas time. LRPCNS embodies the "Christmas Spirit."

As we prepare for the New Year, we also begin the registration process for the 2019 - 2020 school year. Lawrence Road church members have priority in the registration process. Our official registration begins February 4. If a church member is interested in registering a child in our preschool program, please contact the school before February. This will solidify the child's placement in the preferred class. The contact information for registration is judykgilbert3@gmail.com or call 609-882-8305.

Our school community wishes all a very Merry Christmas and A Healthy, Happy New Year!



Dear Pastor Nina, LRPC Congregation, and Nursery School Families,

Arm In Arm is grateful to our good friends at Lawrence Road Presbyterian Church for joining in our mission to make a positive change in the lives of Mercer County neighbors in need. Your support of our Hunger Prevention program is so important as we work together toward a thriving community.

We are so pleased to have received your donation of 147 pounds of food for the clients who shop in our pantries. Our ability to offer a variety of foods greatly enhances the effectiveness of our services, and is particularly appreciated at this time of year as families gather for the holidays. We are thankful for your enthusiastic commitment to our mission and happy to have you on our team.

Your support and confidence in our work allow us to extend a helping hand to ensure that all members of our community have enough food to sustain themselves and their families. We truly are better together!

Wishing you a wonderful holiday season.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Biondi

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