

**Lawrence Road Presbyterian Church**  
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## **Worship Schedule**

**10:00am** Worship

**11:00am** 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**

**February 3rd, 10:00am – Sunday Cool & Confirmation Classes Resume**

**February 6th – Wednesday Night @ Lawrence Road Resumes**

**February 6th – April 10th – Community Dinner and Special Study**

*DINNER: 5:30PM TO 6:30PM*

*STUDY: 6:45PM – 8:00PM*

**March 6th, 7:00pm – Ash Wednesday Service**



Dear Lawrence Road friends and families:

***It's apportionment time again in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) The following article is a letter from the General Assembly of the PCUSA, the highest level of our church hierarchy. I think it's helpful in understanding apportionment and why it is so crucial that you, as a member of the PCUSA through your membership in the Lawrence Road Presbyterian Church, participate by contributing you're apportionment share (\$35 per confirmed member for 2019).***

One of the new things you have received as the New Year begins is your new set of offering envelopes. You may have noticed an envelope near the front of the box labeled "apportionment." Like many Presbyterians, you may have wondered, "Exactly what does apportionment do?"

Apportionment is an amount of money per member (this year, \$35.00) that our congregation pays to our larger Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). This money is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. It is the money that enables us to work with other Presbyterian churches in our presbytery and across the country. It is also money that allows us to work with other churches to further the mission of Jesus Christ around the world.

How important is apportionment? Here are some examples:

- Does our congregation want to benefit from relationships and cooperation with other Presbyterian churches across the country? Your apportionment pays for the General Assembly meeting every two years where Presbyterians gather together to worship and discern the mind of Christ for the church.
- Does our congregation want to be involved in mission work throughout the world, sharing the gospel in all parts of the earth? In many places in our world, it is difficult to "do mission" except by working ecumenically with other churches. Your apportionment helps to pay for meetings of Presbyterians with people of other Christian churches, allowing us to maintain those ties for mission.
- Do we want to benefit from helpful Presbyterian resources such as the *Book of Order* and *The Book of Confessions*? Your apportionment pays for producing these basic resources, including in Spanish, Korean, and Braille.
- Do we want future generations to learn about our congregation's present work (e.g., anniversary celebrations, membership rolls, session actions)? Your apportionment helps to fund the Presbyterian Historical Society – preserving and sharing the Presbyterian experience.
- Do we want pastors who are well prepared to lead our congregations? Your apportionment funds the preparation, administration, and grading of standard ordination examinations for seminary students.
- Do we want well-trained leaders for our presbyteries and more? Your apportionment pays for annual training events for presbytery executives, stated clerks, and others who help lead our work and mission.

In addition, your apportionment pays for the travel expenses of the Moderator and Vice Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as they make their way across the church to share with and listen to folks like you about the exciting things God is doing in our midst. We do not believe in being lone rangers in the PC(USA). We need each other as we work together to share the good news of Jesus Christ. As we benefit from the gifts, skills, vision, and ministry of each other in this place, so, too, do we benefit from an even wider array of gifts and ministry of our Presbyterian brothers and sisters across the church. Your apportionment pays for the programs, training, and resources that help us work together and discern the mind of Christ for the PC(USA).

***You will find your envelope in the front of the box of offering envelopes with your name on it. The envelope is blue and is labeled Apportionment. Every dollar you contribute strengthens the PC(USA) and broadens and deepens our witness to Jesus Christ in the world. Thanks for your help --- Pastor Nina***



## 2019 Offering Envelopes

**Envelopes are located in the Narthex. Please stop by and pick up your box.**

### **Apportionment—What’s it for?**

The first envelope in each family’s packet of pledge envelopes is marked “apportionment”. What is “apportionment”?

The envelopes are for a once-each-year donation that helps fund Lawrence Road Presbyterian Church’s obligations to the mission of the regional and national Presbyterian church. The money goes to the New Brunswick Presbytery, the Synod and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Lawrence Road Presbyterian Church, like many churches, asks its members to cover their family’s share of this obligation through a special donation. That’s where those oddly named envelopes in your family’s box come in.

**This year’s apportionment amount is \$35.00 per member of the church.**

Please place your donation in the ‘apportionment’ envelope and either mail it to the church office or drop it in the collection plate this Sunday.



## **SPREAD THE LOVE**

### **PB&J Food Drive**

### **February 1 - February 28**



“**SPREAD THE LOVE**” during the month of February. Each Sunday, fill the table in Fellowship Hall with peanut butter and jelly, crackers, rice cakes, honey, and flat breads.

At the end of February, our yummy sandwich offerings will be picked up by Arm in Arm to stock their food pantry.

Look for the “**Spread the Love**” table set up in Fellowship Hall and thank you for your generosity.

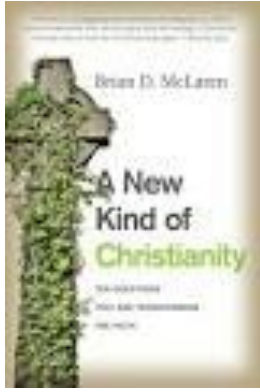
The LRPC Outreach Committee



Sanctuary Flowers

**Flower donors are needed for February 17 and March 17, 24 & 31.**

**Please contact the church office at 609-882-7909 or [office@tlrchurch.org](mailto:office@tlrchurch.org) if interested.**



**Wednesday Adult Seminar**  
**FEBRUARY 6 - APRIL 10**  
**DINNER: 5:30PM TO 6:30PM**  
**STUDY: 6:45PM - 8:00PM**  
**JOIN US FOR**  
**COMMUNITY DINNER AND A SPECIAL STUDY**

**A New Kind of Christianity:**  
**Ten Questions That Are Transforming the Faith**  
**by: Brian D. McLaren**

Come join us for conversation and reflection as Pastor Nina leads us in thinking theologically about the big questions: Is God violent? What is the Gospel? What do we do about the church? How should followers of Jesus relate to people of other faiths?

*Books are available through Amazon.com and BarnesandNoble.com. Or let the office know and we'll order a book for you. [office@tlrchurch.org](mailto:office@tlrchurch.org), 609-882-7909.*



**March 6, 2019**

**Dinner – 5:30pm - 6:30pm (Fellowship Hall)**  
**Worship – 7:00pm (Sanctuary)**

- **Worship**  
The Body of Christ gathers to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion
- **The Imposition of Ashes**  
Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, the forty days of preparation for the celebrations of Easter. This day is a particular time for new beginnings in the faith, a time for returning to the Lord. On Ash Wednesday, we put aside the sins and failures of the past, remembering who has made us and knowing who we are yet to become by the grace of God.



**SUNDAY, March 3, 2019**

**8:30 - 9:45AM**

**Bring your friends and family and enjoy breakfast at LRPC**



## **Nursery School News**

February brings the groundhog and his shadow, Valentines festivities, Pajama Day and our second Enrichment Session – Literature. We never allow the winter doldrums to find their way into LRPCNS. The classrooms are buzzing with activities and learning. Our water table in the courtyard filled up with a lot of rain water and then with the frigid temperatures, froze into a solid brick of ice. The teachers brought it inside the classrooms and the children had penguin figurines skating on the ice. It was a huge hit. Our Pre - K (4s) class was working collaboratively on a 100 - piece puzzle. Observing the cooperative learning and team building approach to their work is truly wonderful. Kudos to our teachers for creating a stimulating environment and instilling cooperative learning. We are hopefully laying the ground work for future life time team players.

Registration for the 2019 – 2020 school year is in full swing. We have many families scheduling tours of our facility. If you are interested in joining LRPCNS or know someone who is interested, please contact the school as soon as possible. Spaces are filling up quickly.

Our Parent Association started the planning stage for our annual Spring Fling scheduled for April 27. It is always a wonderful event that requires a lot of planning, preparation and man power. We appreciate our partnership with the church to make this day a success.

We wish all a Happy Valentine's Day and a warm, cozy February.



## **CHOIR NOTES:**

New rehearsal day: The choir will now be rehearsing on THURSDAYS from 10:00 - 11:00 am. In addition, we will be rehearsing periodically on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm and Sunday morning at 9:00 am.

A detail schedule will be provided to each choir member. NEW MEMBERS WELCOME! Please see Amy Watt for details. No previous choir experience needed!

We had quite a fall 2018 semester. THANK YOU to all who made our fall 2018 semester a success, especially with our first-ever holiday bazaar.

First, we would like to thank, Katy Ells, our Thursday Night Training Coordinator. She organized this entire event from the beginning to the end, and she did an outstanding job. Believe me, it is no small task to organize 26 different vendors and 2 food trucks for the day. Second, the event could not have succeeded without help from those who helped set up, cleaned up, and helped with the raffle table (bonner students), served coffee and hot cocoa (Pat Beaber, Sue Anderson Betty Lopez), and created gifts to raise money for the school (youth group). Third, a special thank you to Pastor Nina and Jim, and those who came to the bazaar. Many of our vendors were so impressed with Katy and the school that they want to come to our 2019 holiday bazaar.

Our end-of-the session potluck dinner was greeted with the season's first snow storm. We could not believe it. We understood many people would not drive out in the weather, and encouraged everyone to keep safety in mind first. Yet, we did not cancel for those who were able to come. Amazingly, about 40 people attended, and I have never seen food disappear so quickly ☺

The English School is excited to begin its winter 2019 semester beginning Monday, January 28, 2019 at 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Wednesday Conversation Night begins January 30, 2019 at 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm, and Thursday Night Tutoring begins January 30, 2019 (6:00 pm – 7:00 pm, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm, 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm).

This semester, I would like to welcome Ashley Green. She will be co-teaching our level one class with Maria Lockwood and also working on the TES curriculum guide. Ashley has been a long-time volunteer with The English School. She is an experienced ESL Instructor who currently works at ETS.

This semester we will be hosting an afternoon of bowling. The date has not yet been determined. The International Potluck Dinner will be on Thursday, April 4 at 7 pm. All are welcome!

If you think you might like to volunteer in any way, there is still a place for you! We can always use help. Contact Paula Rainey at [info@TheEnglishSchoolLRPC.com](mailto:info@TheEnglishSchoolLRPC.com) or call 609-540-0451.

Yours in Christ, *Paula Rainey*

[www.TheEnglishSchoolLRPC.com](http://www.TheEnglishSchoolLRPC.com)



Feb. 3	Melissa Clark Eliot Nagele
Feb. 5	Karin Cermele Austin Phillips
Feb. 7	Brian Bochantin
Feb. 14	David Seaman
Feb. 15	Shirley Seaman
Feb. 17	Mary Ann Katona
Feb. 18	Margaret Baffuto
Feb. 23	Kelly Townsend John Vercruysse
Feb. 24	Ashley Callahan

## L.O.G Update

Our new LOG season is upon us! We officially are kicking off on **February 6<sup>th</sup>** with a night of song, getting reacquainted and rolling out an awesome schedule. The adult leadership met to discuss and do a fun exercise called STOP – START – CONTINUE and we prayed and we really felt energized and hopeful for a great year. We documented the things we wanted to stop doing, start doing and continue doing and the STOP doing was the shortest list!! We have a great year planned with music, lessons, service activities for the shut-ins and the community, game nights, and a retreat in the Spring!

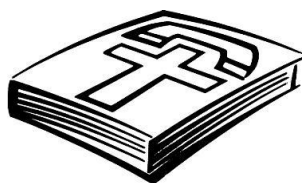
We are looking to partner with the Deacons to do some visitations and service for our beloved shut in members, we want to partner with the English School on the bazaar, Spring Fling, and maybe get some of the youth from our English School students to participate with us.

We strongly encourage you to invite your children grades 9-12 to come join us on Wednesday evenings for dinner at 5:30 and programming from 6:45 – 8:00 pm. Teaching our children the importance of fellowship, communication skills, the love of God and neighbor, the importance of service, and having fun is invaluable!

For more information please contact me at [Pez1970@verizon.net](mailto:Pez1970@verizon.net) to find out more for your children or to work with us as a mission of this church!

In His Service, Pam Esbrandt





**The 2019 Church Directory is coming soon!  
Please fill out this form so we can update our files.**

**LAWRENCE ROAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
MEMBER UPDATE**

**Please Print ALL Information**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE** \_\_\_\_\_

**HOME PHONE #** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Include area code)

**E-MAIL ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**BIRTHDAY(S) (optional)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Minor Children's Names and Birthdates**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_



