

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

Wednesdays through February 19th – Wed. Night Adult Study

6:30PM – 8:00PM

Sat., February 22nd, 8:30am-11:30am – Session & Deacons Breakfast

Wed., February 26th, 5:30pm-6:30pm – Soup Dinner

7:00pm – Ash Wednesday Service





February 4, 2020

Dear Lawrence Road Friends and Family,

The Session is pleased to welcome Pastor Marianne Rhebergen to the Lawrence Road Presbyterian Church family beginning on February 15, 2020. Pastor Marianne will serve as our Interim Pastor and will help guide us in our journey of discovery to call a new full time Pastor.

This milestone concludes several months of work to discern the path that our church should take while we start the process to call a full time Pastor. We have worked to complete job descriptions, terms of call, and evaluation criteria to name just a few things. The Session felt overwhelmingly that Pastor Marianne was the best choice for our Interim Pastor. Some of her responsibilities will be to help the congregation, including the Pastoral Nominating Committee, to complete the steps necessary to call a new Pastor.

Pastor Marianne comes to us with almost twenty years of pastoral experience in churches of various sizes and settings, and fifteen years serving as a mid-Council leader in four presbyteries. She was raised in northern New Jersey as part of a large Dutch Reformed family; attended Lafayette College in Easton, PA (where she met her husband and became a Presbyterian); and holds an M.Div. from Union Theological Seminary (NY) and a Ph.D. from Princeton Theological Seminary. Helping congregations and presbyteries discern God's calling for their futures is her passion. Pastor Marianne looks forward to walking and working with members of The Lawrence Road Presbyterian Church over the months to come.

Please join us on Sunday, February 16, 2020 at 10 am worship and Coffee Hour following the service to meet and welcome Pastor Marianne.

Yours in Christ,

LRPC Session

Sue Anderson, Pat Beaber, Dale Brown, James Duke, Pam Esbrandt, Richard Kelly, Roger Leigh, Debbie Nixon, Sandy Phillips



2020 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 \$38.00 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.

Reusable Bags Needed

In an effort to reduce the use of single-use plastic grocery bags, Arm in Arm (formerly Crisis Ministry) in Trenton is asking for Reusable Bags to be given to their clients visiting Arm in Arm food pantries. Not only will this project reduce the number of single-use plastics, it will allow Arm in arm to use money saved from the purchase of plastic bags to buy food instead of plastic.

We can help in this project by donating Reusable Bags through the month of February. There will be a table in Fellowship Hall set up to receive the bags. And even better, please consider adding to the bag a few non-perishable food items or personal care items such as soaps, toothpaste and toothbrushes, shampoos, diapers, and so forth.

Most grocery stores offer reusable bags at a low cost. Thank you for considering this worthwhile project to help our neighbors in need and to reduce the amount of single-use plastic.



Sanctuary Flowers

Flower donors are needed for March 1, 15, 22, & 29 and April 19 & 26.

Please contact the church office at 609-882-7909 or office@tlrchurch.org if interested.



February 26, 2020

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.



Nursery School News

February officially marked the second half of our school year. The teachers are holding their mid year conferences informing parents of their child's progress. A second parent-teacher conference is held in May. We always see tremendous growth from September and we know the growth will continue.

Registration for the 2020-2021 school year is under way. Applications for priority registration are due by February 7. General registration applications are due by February 14. We have many families scheduling tours and expressing interest in our program. We hope they decide we are the right fit for them.

The Parent Association has begun preparations for Spring Fling which is scheduled for April 25. They have been contacting businesses for raffle donations, securing bounce houses and even investigating food trucks as a new food option. They scheduled a magic show for our school for Friday, February 7 and a puppet show in March. We always appreciate their generosity through their many fundraising efforts. They contribute so much to our program.

Winter has been kind to us thus far, but the lack of snow can be disappointing to our little ones. Regardless of the weather, our hallways and classrooms are filled with winter themed crafts including snow people, mittens, hot cocoa and penguins. They will soon be replaced with Valentine themes. We realize there is still plenty of opportunity for winter to appear. Before we know it, spring will be on the horizon and will dictate new themes to explore. It is always a welcomed season!

SUNDAY COOL

Ashley (Callahan) and I are so excited! We are going to learn about the 10 Plaques of Egypt leading us to Palm Sunday. We will be learning from reading bible verses and crafts with special snacks that go along with the plaque that Sunday. Hope you can join us.

Sue Anderson

The English School is officially in the third week of the winter 2020 semester. Last semester seems far away. However, it was such a remarkable semester; I want to highlight two of The English School's accomplishments this past fall 2019.

Community Building

Approximately 61 students attended classes this fall. Out of those, 51 students attended 80 percent of their classes. This shows how committed our students are to learning English. We did our best to provide our students with extra resources. We collaborated with The College of New Jersey on three important initiatives. We are very grateful for all involved with the collaboration.

First, the English School relies on the support of volunteers to tutor our students for one-hour tutoring sessions on Thursday evenings. While we would like to offer a tutor for every student, we do not always have enough volunteers. Thanks to Professor Jean Wong, students in the graduate education program tutored our students during four out of the nine weeks of tutoring. This helped fill in the gap for our students who were not assigned a regular tutor.

Second, Wednesday Night Conversation hour is a wonderful opportunity for students to practice conversation in a safe, welcoming environment. Ideally, a smaller conversation group (one conversation leader to three or four students) gives each student time to practice conversation effectively. Again, thanks to Professor Jean Wong, we were able to offer smaller groups. Her students led conversation groups during four out of the ten conversation nights.

Third, we collaborated with Dr. Yifeng Hu, Professor of Communication. Dr. Hu and her students from the Intercultural Communications class created supplemental materials geared specifically for our students to achieve their English Learning goals. In addition, Dr. Hu's class helped us develop community-based resources for our students. This was a unique, community-building project.

Multi-Cultural Dinner

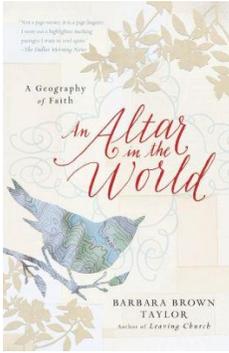
A total of 174 people attended the End-of-Semester International Potluck dinner. The food was amazing. In addition, we raised money by raffling off several gift baskets at the dinner. Local merchants, volunteers and students donated many of the baskets. Our wonderful Bonner students from Rider University played a huge role in this success by reaching out to these merchants and creating beautiful gift baskets. The raffle was a hit with everyone. To add to the holiday spirit, Collette Rybinski from Lawrence High School led the Music Honor Society singers with wonderful Christmas carols during the evening.

Coming this spring 2020

This semester will be hosting an afternoon of bowling on Saturday, February 29, 2020 from 2 pm – 4 pm. Please mark your calendar for the International Potluck Dinner. It will be held on Thursday, **March 26, 2020 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 or call 609-540-0451.

Yours in Christ,
Paula Rainey



Wednesday Night Adult Seminar

January 29 – February 19

6:30PM – 8:00PM

An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith

by: **Barbara Brown Taylor**

Join us Wednesday evenings for dessert as we discuss and reflect on the New York Time's Bestseller that is about how to look beyond the walls of the church and find God in the small things we do and see in the world, which is waiting for us to notice the holiness in it.

Please contact Sandy Phillips for books 609-280-4880 or sandy08536@yahoo.com

LOG/YOUTH UPDATE

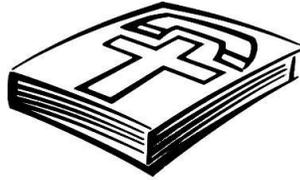
This past year was filled with growth and a lot of fun! As a youth group we bonded through games, deep discussions, thoughtful conversations, and service work. During Christmas we sang to our church's shut ins, decorated the sanctuary before Christmas and then undecorated after. During that, the youth were able to bond with one another and the congregants.

Our young adults joined together in their own discussions and ended the season with a Christmas party! The adults took time from awesome weekly planning and went to a fun live nativity to begin the Christmas season! As a group, young adults, youth, and adults, we said goodbye to Pastor Nina and attended her retirement party.

We are looking forward to another season together of talking, praying, eating, leading, and helping one another and our surrounding community. Thank you all for your continued prayers and support!



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



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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. _____

