

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 10:00am service.
If you have any questions, please call the church office at 882-7909.*

Important Dates to Remember

English School 15 Year Celebration Dinner, April 4th, 7:00pm

Palm Sunday, April 14th, – 10am Worship

Maundy Thursday, April 18th, 7:00pm – Communion Worship

Good Friday, April 19th, 12:00pm-3:00pm – Worship

Easter Sunday, April 21st – 10am Worship

Spring Fling, Saturday, April 27th – 11:00am-3:00pm

SAVE THE DATE...



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
July 8 - July 12, 2019

March 2019

Dear friends,

I can hardly believe it! The English School at the Lawrence Road Church is celebrating its 15th Anniversary as a powerful ministry of our church. And powerful is exactly the right word! Well over 1000 students have received high-quality low-cost English instruction. With over 400 volunteers, our immigrant neighbors have received individual tutoring and compassionate mentoring. Our highly educated and brilliant teachers have offered their gifts for English instruction as a blessing to the neighborhood. And best of all, so many of us, immigrant and native speaker alike, have become friends.

And it started like this:

The English School began in 2004 under the care and direction of Jessica Reeder Hurst and Gabriela Gill. Hurst had conceived of the school years earlier as a place for non-native speakers of English to not only learn English, but to also have a place to belong.

To that end, Jessica designed a program that would combine traditional classroom instruction, individualized help, and community building activities. English classes would be held on Monday nights, allowing working adults to attend classes despite their busy schedules. Individual tutoring would be held on Thursday nights, giving the students enough time to go home and work on their homework individually before returning to get help from a tutor. Social events would be held several times a semester, giving students a comfortable and safe place to practice their English and create additional ties to their community.

In order to offer individual tutoring to each student, it was necessary to recruit additional help. Jessica advertised for volunteer English tutors. The volunteer aspect of this program has always been critical to the goals and mission of the school, and also to its success. By bringing native speakers of English into the program as volunteers, we both increase the amount of English the students are able to access and we strengthen the bonds in our community between non-native speakers of English and native speakers of English.

In September 2004, the school opened its doors for the first time, welcoming 31 students and 22 volunteer tutors.

In the years since, the school has expanded its ministry, providing classroom instruction, conversation, tutoring, Bible study, and US Citizenship classes to as many as 170 students. The leadership and teaching staff have changed, too. But what has remained constant is Jessica's vision: that the school would be a place for non-native speakers of English to not only learn English, but to also have a place to belong.

Please join us on Thursday, April 4, 2019, beginning at 7pm, for an international buffet dinner and celebration of the goodness of God in and through 15 awesome years at the English School at the Lawrence Road Presbyterian Church.

In faith --- Pastor Nina

One Great Hour of Sharing

The ministry of One Great Hour of Sharing is continuing to help our neighbors who have suffered from poverty, hunger, and lack of opportunity find a foothold on more solid ground. Thanks to your gifts, both the immediate and the long-term ministries of One Great Hour of Sharing continue to be faithful witness to the love of God in Jesus Christ throughout the year and around the world.

Through Community Outreach's local ministries programs you have given generously on a weekly basis. One Great Hour of Sharing is your annual opportunity to give to the larger communities or our great country and world.

This year we will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing offering on Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019.

OGHS envelopes are located in the church pews. Please prayerfully consider what you are capable of giving to assist those in great need.



Sanctuary Flowers

Flower donors are needed for

March 31, April 7, 14, and 28

Please contact Mary Loetscher at 609-882-4390 or johnmary93@verizon.net if interested.



Easter Flowers

Lilies, Triple 9" Pot	\$ 21.00
Daffodils, 8" Pot	\$ 12.00
Tulips, 5-6 Bloom	\$ 9.00
Hyacinths, 3 Blooms	\$ 9.00

Orders must be in by **Monday, April 15**, and flowers can be picked up after the 10:00am service on Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019.

*Order envelopes are located in the pews or you can call the church office at 609-882-7909.

The English School is celebrating 15 years!

It all began in 2004 under the care and direction of Jessica Reeder Hurst.

Fast forward 15 years, and The English School at LRPC continues to provide outstanding support to our community. It has succeeded because a united group of individuals have given their time and heart to helping non-native speakers in a safe environment.

We value and sincerely thank all who have played a part in reaching out to our students.

What many may not know, is just how essential our volunteers are to success of our program. To “volunteer” is “to give freely”. It is indeed a non-paying role. Yet each week, our wonderful volunteers dedicate themselves so that their fellow men and women can succeed. They assist teachers on Monday evenings, giving special attention to students who need extra help. They lead Wednesday night conversation groups, often large groups because our students are so eager to practice speaking English. On Thursday night, our students look forward to working one-on-one with a tutor, building a unique rapport.

Our teachers are highly qualified instructors who could be teaching English almost anywhere. In a sense, they are volunteers as well because they put a huge amount of time into preparing their lessons. They choose to teach at The English School because they are part of a community, not just a school.

All are welcome to join us as we give thanks to our volunteers, teachers and students, church members and all who have made The English School at LRPC a wonderful school when we celebrate on Thursday, April 4, 2019 at 7pm.

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



Lawrence Road Church member Bobbie Schwaeble is looking for help on an Earth Day project. This is a great way to serve our community. Wear your LRPC t-shirt and advertise our church at the same time! Read on:

I am in my 10th year at Bristol Myers-Squibb in Hopewell, NJ. I am a member of the Green Ambassador and Green Team and this year with the help of The Mercer County Park

Commission, we are seeking volunteers to help us plant about 2,000 trees and shrubs along Stony Brook near Rosedale Park to restore riparian habitat and improve water quality. We have shifts available in the morning (9am-12pm) and afternoon (1pm-4pm) on May 8, 9, and 10. Volunteers should dress for the weather and expect their feet to get wet (wear water resistant footwear). The Park Commission will have gloves and other supplies available but you are welcome to bring your own. Each shift will park and meet at Rosedale Park located at 424 Federal City Rd, Pennington, NJ 08534.

To sign up or if you have any questions, please contact Bobbie Schwaeble @ bobbie.schwaeble@bms.com or 609-818-3988.



NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

In like a lion and waiting for the lamb, sums up one of the strangest winters in a very long time. We are trying our best to make the most of this crazy weather. Although there hasn't been a truly significant snow fall, there has been enough to wreak havoc with our schedule. We missed two days due to inclement weather and had one delayed opening. We were able to bring snow into our classrooms and do some cool things with it at our water tables. The up and down temperatures have forced us to take some walks, rather than visit our playground as the excessive wetness has made it pretty messy.

Our Parent Association is treating us to the Philadelphia Little Zoo on Wheels. We are looking forward to the assembly. The zoo is coming to us with some of their smaller animals so the children can learn about their habitats. The Parent Association has also scheduled a magician for April. Plans are underway for Spring Fling and many raffle prizes are already arriving at school. This is a hard-working group and we really appreciate all of their efforts that so greatly enhance and benefit our program.

We continue to register new families in the school for next September. Currently we have a couple of openings remaining, but are getting very close to filling all our available slots. If there is anyone interested in our program, please let us know.

Themes this month will include St. Patrick's Day, March wind and kites, the color green, changing weather, Dr. Suess and spring! We are certainly looking forward to spring, milder temperatures and the beginning of flowers blooming. Have a great month.

Judy Gilbert

SAVE THE DATE

SPRING FLING

Saturday, April 27, 2019



"THANK YOU!" to everyone, both at church and at the LRPC nursery school, who helped us "Spread the Love" this February! Your donations of loads of PB&J are going to make lots of happy hearts! All the "yummy" sandwich supplies were picked up by ARM IN ARM to be shared with those in need!

The LRPC Outreach Committee

L.O.G Update

This past year and moving forward, LOG has moved in new, exciting directions! We have been focusing on community service and team bonding. While doing this, we have had many opportunities to grow as a group. During the holidays, the group created cards as well as decorations for our shut ins. They took their gifts and their joyful voices to the shut ins houses and sang Christmas carols to kick off the holiday season for them. As for the group and their personal bonding we have participated in overnights, days together, and our regular Wednesday night LOG meetings. The group has had and will continue to have the opportunity to connect with our congregants during dinner! On Ash Wednesday, we made sure that the youth understood the importance of being in church services, Ash Wednesday and Lent. During the service, each of them wrote something on their sheet of paper that they wanted to give up or take on and together, we put our papers on the cross. That was a very spiritual experience for us all! We look forward to more experiences like the ones I have mentioned as well as continued bonding with one another.



Ladies' Breakfast

The ladies Breakfast club is on the second Saturday of the month at various restaurants/diners in Mercer county and if you would like your name to be added to the list of invitations please email Pam Esbrandt at pez1970@verizon.net or call her (609) 218-4028.



Church wide event!

“We are putting together plans for a regular family game night. Look for games, cards, puzzles and good conversation. We will have light music and desserts/snacks. If you are interested in adding your name to the list or want to participate in the planning please email Pam at pez1970@verizon.net or call (609) 218-4028.



CHOIR NOTES:

The Lawrence Road Choir is in full swing rehearsing and leading worship in a variety of ways.

Our March Schedule:

Tuesday, March 12

7:00 pm Men's Sectional Rehearsal

Thursday, March 14

10:00 am Rehearsal

Sunday, March 17

9:00 am Rehearsal

10:00 am Be Thou My Vision

Thursday, March 21

10:00 am Rehearsal

Sunday, March 24

9:00 am Rehearsal

10:00 am Service: Canticle of Peace

Tuesday, March 26

7:00 pm Men's Sectional Rehearsal or Full Choir TBA

Thursday, March 28

10:00 am Rehearsal



Mar. 1 Jane Anderson
Debbie Nixon
Mike O'Neil

Mar. 2 Elisabeth Beaber

Mar. 3 Mary Hoffman

Mar. 5 Peg Clayton

Mar. 7 Bob Cobb

Mar. 9 Louis B. Jones

Mar. 10 Susan Friedeborn

Mar. 13 Marge Jiras

Mar. 18 Lucy Smith

Mar. 21 Daniel Lopez

Mar. 25 Ellen Jesseman

Mar. 26 Joseph Willis

Mar. 28 Tom Ritter

Mar. 30 Kate Adamy

Mar. 31 Pat Beaber