Lawrence Road Presbyterian Church 1039 Lawrence Road Lawrenceville, NJ 08648 (609)882-7909 (609)882-1723 (fax) office@tlrchurch.org

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 21st, 7:00pm-8:00pm – English School Dinner & Raffle

November 30th, 10:00am – Church Decorating

December 8th, 9:00am – Ornament and Advent Wreath Making

December 11th, 6:00pm-8:00pm – Christmas Caroling

December 15th, 5:00pm – Celebration Dinner for Pastor Nina





This Thanksgiving, Help hungry families set the table!

Thanksgiving Staples:

- Stuffing mix
- Canned green beans
- Canned corn
- Canned sweet potatoes or yams
- Poultry seasoning
- Salt and pepper
- Cream of chicken soup
- Gravy mix (no jars or cans, please)
- Ground cinnamon
- No cranberry sauce, please Several pallets are received from the food bank

Bonus Item Ideas:

- Vegetable oil
- Salad dressing
- French's fried onions
- Brown sugar
- Vanilla extract
- Nuts
- Pudding mix
- Marshmallows

LRPC Outreach Committee will be collecting Thanksgiving donations for "Arm in Arm" **up to and including November 24th**, please drop items off in Fellowship Hall. *No glass containers, please*.



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2019

7:30PM

Islamic Circle of Mercer County 336 Lawrence Station Road, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

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The English School will be celebrating the end of the session with a Potluck Supper on **Thursday, November 21, at 7:00pm to 8:00pm** in Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite dish to share! Make enough to serve **15-20** people.



Update on Interim Pastor Search:

The LRPC Session has been busy meeting with the Committee on Ministry to get approved the Job Description for an Interim Pastor. The Job Description has been approved and we are moving forward posting the position at several area Presbyteries. The Committee on Ministry will appoint us a liaison to work with us as we collect applications and conduct interviews. We hope to have someone in place in March. The Interim Pastor will fulfill many of the official duties that Nina did including preaching, serving communion, moderating session and deacon meetings, and helping the Session search for a new full time pastor. The session and deacons will be looking at church members to assist us during this transition with pastoral care including visits to shut ins, praying for us and our members, and helping with worship assisting. We will have pulpit supply in January and February with some familiar faces including Mason Lee, Nancy Gross, and Bob Tomlinson.

We ask for your prayers and patience as we go through this time of transition

"Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body and we all belong to each other" Romans 12:4-5

FROM THE DEACONS

Pastor Nina met with the Deacons on Sunday, Nov 3. A very important topic discussed was that after Nina's retirement we will be called to be even more involved with Congregational Care. You can help! Congregational Care includes providing meals, offering rides to the Dr's or for errands like groceries, and emergency visits to the hospital, for our church family.

We have organized 3 Deacon Care Teams for the following needs:

- ~Visitation: emergency/hospital/home
- ~Meal preparation
- ~Transportation: for groceries, Dr visits, etc.

If you would like to participate in any of the care teams please notify Margaret, our church office administrator, and she will add you to the Care Team list. You can notify Margaret at the church office (609)882-7909; or email office@tlrchurch.org. Thank you!

PLEASE let us know if you know someone who is in the hospital; recuperating from a medical issue; needs a meal; if someone needs a ride; or is in need of other support, and could use help from the Care Teams. Please let us know if YOU need any of the support listed above. We are here for you.

To continue serving our parishioners during the vacancy of pastoral leadership, Deacons scheduled themselves for all Sundays until March 2020. Deacons will be calling for greeters, so please say yes when you're called.

The upcoming weeks will be filled with Holiday Parties and family gatherings for some of us. Let's all be vigilant and look out for the vulnerable in our midst, neighborhoods, and beyond.

Wishing you and yours a most joyous and blessed season.

Love in Christ, Your Board of Deacons



The Hanging of the Greens! Saturday, November 30 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!

Ornament and Advent Wreath Making Sunday, December 8, 2019 11:30am Fellowship Hall



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

LOG (Love of God) Youth Group NOW meets Sundays right after church at 11:30 am - 1:30 pm. Kids aged 13-18 are all welcome!

December 2019

December 1 – LOG, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm Making crafts with Sue Anderson

December 8 – LOG, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm *Wrapping Station for the Congregation at coffee hour. Come have your Christmas gifts wrapped. Accepting Donations.

*Ornament & Wreath making with the congregation 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

December 11 – Christmas Caroling to the LRPC shut-ins. ALL ARE WELCOME. 6:00 – 8:00 pm

December 15 – NO LOG Pastor Nina's Farewell Celebration Dinner at 5 pm.

December 22 – LOG, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm. Holiday Party

December 29 – NO LOG

It seems like we are just adjusting to a new school year and then in a flash, it is the holiday season and we are learning Thanksgiving and Christmas songs. The good news is we are all well, adjusted and happy preschoolers.

We had successful Halloween parades and parties in spite of the dire weather reports. The weather was threatening and ominous, but we successfully paraded outside without any problems.

LRPCNS is partnering with Eldridge Park Elementary School once again for our annual Giving Tree. The guidance department compiles a wish list from families at EPS. We work with their PTO and between the two schools, we are able to provide all of the requested gifts. The process is always a teachable moment for our young people. They select a tag from our tree with their parent and learn about giving and helping others.

We will celebrate Thanksgiving in our classes and shortly after, we will begin rehearing for our Christmas program on December 18. School will be closed December 23 through January 1 for the holiday season. We will resume on January 2.

Registration for the 2020 - 2021 school year will begin the first week in February. Any church member interested in enrolling a family member should contact the school in January for priority status. Please share with neighbors and friends when registration will begin.

The LRPCNS community wishes Pastor Nina the very best in her retirement. We hope she has time to relax and enjoy traveling and spending time with family. We appreciate her guidance and support over the years.

Happy Thanksgiving and holiday season to all!



Thank you for the beautiful flowers in remembrance of my mother-in-law and father-in-law. The support of friends has been most comforting during this difficult time. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Fondly, Judy & Michael Gilbert



Lessons and Carols Service Sunday, December 15 10:00am



This meaningful and especially musical service will include scripture readings along with vocal and instrumental music. This event is not to be missed!

Rehearsals

Mark your calendars for the following Sunday rehearsals and note opportunities to rehearse after church on Sundays.

Sunday, November 17 9:15 - 10:00 11:10 - 11:40

Thursday, November 21 10:00 - 11:00 am

Sunday, November 24 No rehearsal

Sunday, December 1 9:15 - 10:00 11:10 - 11:40

Tuesday, December 3 6:45 - 7:15 PIZZA 7:15 - 8:45 Rehearsal

Thursday, December 5 10:00 - 11:00 am

Sunday, December 8 9:15 - 10:00 11:10 - 12:00

Tuesday, December 10 6:45-7:15 PIZZA 7:15 - 8:45 Rehearsal

Thursday, December 12 10:00 - 11:00 am

Sunday, December 15 8:30 - 9:45am

Rehearsal schedule for week of December

Singing in Church

Sunday, November 17

Sunday, December 1

Sunday, December 8

Sunday, December 15

Sunday, December 22