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***Life at Redeemer***

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## October 5, 2025

### Welcome to Redeemer

We welcome you to our worship service this morning! Please sign the guest book that is found in our entry area or the red attendance book found in the pews. If you include your email address, we will keep you informed of any upcoming events. You can also email us at [church@redeemermclean.org](mailto:church@redeemermclean.org).

### Holy Communion Open to All

We offer Holy Communion at all of our worship services. Please follow the instructions of the pastor when it is time to come forward. If you are not comfortable taking Holy Communion for any reason but would like to come forward for a blessing, then just cross your arms and the pastor will bless you. All are welcome to the Lord's Table.

### Construction Project Update

Currently, every two weeks there is a meeting with the general contractor and the architect to review the construction progress. As a result of the last meeting of the month, there is a billing to the church for the work completed and the materials purchased to date. Those payments are made from your previous donations to the capital campaign. Once those funds are exhausted, we will start to draw down funds from our Mission Investment Fund loan. Your gifts now to the capital campaign will delay the need to use borrowed funds and reduce our interest costs.

### David Muchow Celebration of Life October 10 – 11 am

With sadness, we announce the death of David Muchow. A celebration of his life will be held on Friday, October 10 at 11 am at Lyon Park Community Center (414 N. Fillmore Street, Arlington, VA). May the God of the empty tomb surround David's family with comfort and hope.

### Britepaths Donation Drive Through October 13



Join us in making a tangible difference in the lives of our neighbors by donating today to Britepaths' Emergency Food Support program. Together, we can provide vital support and foster resilience within our community.

Every donation directly assists individuals and families facing temporary crises by providing them with necessary household and personal hygiene products and a gift card for groceries.

To make a donation, please include "Britepaths" on your donation envelope or the memo line on your check. You can also donate online by going to <https://bit.ly/42WunO7> or by scanning the QR code.

### Social Justice and Equity Book Club Mondays – 7:30 to 8:30 pm

**No Meeting October 6, Starting New Book October 13**

Redeemer's Social Justice and Equity Book Club has resumed their Zoom meetings every Monday @ 7:30-8:30 pm. They will be starting a new book on Monday, October 13: *They Came for the Schools: One Town's Fight Over Race and Identity, And the New War for America's Classrooms* by Mike Hixenbaugh. This would be a great time to join us! All are welcome! Contact Teresa Schellenger for Zoom info at [jpschellenger@aol.com](mailto:jpschellenger@aol.com).

### 5-Week Bible Study with Pastor Sharon Challenging Words from the Lord Starting October 15 – 12 pm

Are there Biblical words/phrases that give you pause? Righteousness, Obedience, Fear of the Lord.

Pastor Sharon is going to lead a conversation around some words and phrases—ones that you've suggested! We'll gather for lunch (bring your own) at noon and chew on them for a bit. Over 5 weeks (last day November 12), who knows what new appreciation we may discover for them!

Sign up at <https://forms.gle/z1bLfKpAN4jPGVMk9>—be ready to suggest your word or phrase and whether you will be joining in person or over Zoom.

### Information for Federal Workers / Contractors

We have updated the page on our website for those affected by the current government shutdown. Please visit the page at: [redeemermclean.org/news/support-for-federal-workers](https://redeemermclean.org/news/support-for-federal-workers).

## Youth



### Youth Leadership Sunday

Youth Leadership Sunday is an opportunity for children to actively participate in worship services as they attend with their parents. Sign up your youth to serve as greeters, ushers, acolytes, and readers by going to <https://bit.ly/46OEXfc> or scanning the QR code!

### “Called in our Wandering” Confirmation and High School Event November 21 to 23

Youth in grades 7 to 12 are invited to join the Metro D.C. and Delaware-Maryland Synod Event. Youth will experience a weekend of music, games, small group faith discussion, service projects, and worship. Come make new friends and strengthen your faith! The cost is \$200 and scholarships are available.

### Mission Trips 2026 – June 21 to June 26, 2026 Sign Up Deadline October 19

We will have two trips in 2026: one for those in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades, to Harrisburg, PA, and one for those in high school, to Wilmington, NC. Both trips will be through the organization YouthWorks as we have done in the past. We will need chaperones for both trips.

Please contact Grace Howie to sign up for youth events or trips at [grace@redeemermclean.org](mailto:grace@redeemermclean.org).

### Fall Meal Baskets Donation Drive through October 26



Once again, we have the opportunity to help Second Story provide fall meal baskets to area youth and families who are struggling through critical times in their lives.

The cost of one basket of food plus a \$20 gift certificate is \$60.00. We're collecting contributions and hope to provide 25 baskets! Since each basket needs to contain the same items, we will be collecting funds to purchase the desired items in bulk, and then we will gather to assemble the baskets on November 2.

You can participate by:

- Giving cash, checks, or online at <https://bit.ly/4pRIL5i> or by scanning the QR code. *Please mark the funds for Second Story.*
- Helping assemble the baskets and/or delivering them to Second Story.

Contact Cindy Morrow at [thetomorrowplace@gmail.com](mailto:thetomorrowplace@gmail.com) with any questions.

## Blessing of Animals October 19 – 1:30 pm

Each year we bless animals in October, the time when the church commemorates St. Francis, patron saint of animals and the environment. All pets are welcome. We will pray in thanksgiving for the comfort and joy they bring to us. Please come and invite others to attend as well.

### Social Outreach Lunch Meeting October 19 – 12 pm



Everyone is welcome to attend, learn, and get involved with what Redeemer is doing to help those in need in our community. Please scan the QR code or go to <http://bit.ly/3IGApyy> to RSVP.

### Renaissance Faire – Volunteers Needed! Donate Candy! October 24 – 5:15 pm



Join in a Royal Celebration of our children and the bounty of fall! This event is a wonderful opportunity to get involved with the greater community at Redeemer as it will bring together the families of our Redeemer Renaissance program and those of the church.

Volunteers are needed for booths and candy alley (the trunk-or-treat)! Youth volunteers in confirmation and high school are encouraged. Sign up to volunteer by scanning the QR code or going to <http://bit.ly/4nAO0DQ>.

Please contact Grace Howie at [grace@redeemermclean.org](mailto:grace@redeemermclean.org) with any questions or additional information.

You can donate candy by placing bags in the bin located in Crossroads--candy *CANNOT* contain nuts.

### Winter Scarf Drive Collection through October 26

Collection boxes are out now for the annual winter scarf drive hosted by the Prayer Shawl Group to benefit N Street Ministries (<https://www.nstreetvillage.org>). Please email Lynn Barth at [lynnbarth@gmail.com](mailto:lynnbarth@gmail.com) for more yarn or for information about our Prayer Shawl Group, which meets at 10:30 am on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays in the library or via Zoom.

### Ham Run – Drivers Needed!

Would you like to help feed people in our area who don't have enough to eat? Do you have 2 hours per month and a vehicle to drive? Please call or email Laura Wareham for more information on how Redeemer helps deliver donations from HoneyBaked Ham to various organizations that feed the hungry in Virginia and DC. ([LLwareham@hotmail.com](mailto:LLwareham@hotmail.com) or 703 927 4397)

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

### *Including Hybrid Options*

Sun., 10/5	<i>Sunday Worship Service Times</i>	
	8:30 am, 9:45 am, and 11:00 am	(Live stream 8:30 and 9:45 services)
	8:30 am--12:00 pm	Church nursery is available for infants and toddlers
	9:45 am--10:45 am	Faith Formation and Confirmation Classes
		High School "Bagels & Bible" Class (Teen Center)
		Table Talk Adult Education (Music Suite A/Zoom)
	10:55--11:25 am	Youth Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite B)
Mon., 10/6	7:30 pm--9:30 pm	Congregation Council Meeting (Library/Zoom)
Tues., 10/7	9:30 am--10:30 am	Women's Faith Group (Music Suite A/Zoom)
Thurs., 10/9	8:00 am--9:00 am	Thursday AM Bible Study (Zoom)
	7:00 pm--8:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite A)
	7:45 pm--8:45 pm	Traditional Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite B)

## PASTOR AND STAFF OF REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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# ***Please Remember to Pray....***

## **For Healing**

Aaron  
Bettina  
Carin & Bill  
Carol  
Charlotte  
Chris  
Christina  
Jana  
Jean  
Jeff  
Jesse  
Jon  
Kim  
Mandy  
Marie  
Michael  
Nancy and Peter  
Sam  
Debbie G.  
Joan and Ed  
Joe G.  
Steve M.  
Trevor W.  
Achikian, Maral  
Augustenborg Epstein, Erica  
Ayers, Kyle  
Bates, Barbara  
Bergdahl, Carol  
Blakey, Patrick  
Blankenship, Bob  
Born, King "Song"  
Bornmann, Keith  
Boyer, Carol  
Boyer, Charlie  
Brown, Richard  
Canes, David  
Capodanno, Sophie  
Carter, Nicole  
Cavallo, Michael  
Cooke, Martin  
Cox, Mary  
DeGioia, Jack  
Devine, Daniel

Diaz, Martin  
Duval, Louis  
Eifler, Ruth  
Geissl, Irene  
Glindemann, Ginger  
Glindemann, Keith  
Graham, Jim  
Gross, Kathy  
Henkel, Vernon Jr.  
Heuer, Mark  
Hopkins, Harley  
Hughes, William  
Jackson, Shirley  
Jephson, Patrick  
Johnson, Ted  
Keating, Kathleen and Michael  
Kennedy, Will  
Maheshwari, Mohan  
Martin, Beverly  
Martin, Trevor  
Miller, Coletta  
Moe, Mike  
Myers, Kathy  
Pittman, Larry  
Pujol Rodriguez, Esther  
Reblitz, Jennifer  
Richmond, Dan  
Ryding, Karin  
Scheinblum, Terry  
Schiedt, Mary Jane  
Schmid, Rahizza  
Schneck, Pastor Tony  
Shaefer, Phil  
Stear, Carolyn  
Stolar, Bob  
Teutler, Alexander  
Teutler, Olga  
Vanderhoof, Brenda  
White, Jerry  
Williams, Tim  
Wright, Jim  
Wu, Jian  
Yesko, Edmund  
Yox, Karol

## **For Comfort and Peace**

Peggy  
Collins, Josephine  
Portis, Carol

## **For Comfort in Death**

The family & friends of Stephanie Foster  
The family & friends of Baxter Hunter  
The family & friends of David Muchow  
The family & friends of Terry Retter  
The family & friends of Larry Smothers

## **For Safety**

All refugees  
All our military & diplomatic people  
throughout the world  
All those who serve to protect our country  
Armas, Jesús  
The Uriel family

## **For all healthcare workers and first responders**

Dominic, Elizabeth, and Ian  
Sharon  
Tara and family  
Kuhagen, Leslie  
Kutscher, Karin  
Laredo, Sandra

## **For Comfort and Strength**

Ari  
Dave  
Katelyn  
Anna and Stephen  
Sarah and Jenny  
Franks, Hannah  
Martin, Ramona  
Taylor, Charles  
Weber, Amy and Emerson and Fynn  
Those who suffer from depression  
Those who suffer from mental illness

### **Prayer List Note:**

*To add names to this list, you may email or telephone the church office. We want all our prayers to be current — so **please keep us up to date on those whom you have added to our prayer list.** With the exception of safety prayers for our military, we will remove names after one month unless we hear from you. We are prepared to pray indefinitely.*

## **Prayers for the World, our Nation, and our Community**

We pray for people in countries around the world that experience violence, war, and/or political division.  
We pray for people who live in areas where there have been disasters of any kind.  
We pray for improved relationships among all nations.  
We pray for our elected leaders that they lead with compassion while making hard decisions.  
We pray for the unemployed and the underemployed and all federal workers.  
We pray for all those facing persecution and oppression.

**Each month we will offer prayers for one of our congregations in the Virginia Conference.**

**We are part of the Virginia Conference of the ELCA Metro DC Synod.**

**We pray for New Jerusalem Lutheran Church, Lovettsville, and their pastor, Rev. Joshua Wullenweber.**

**We also have a prayer partnership with Evangelical Lutheran Church of St. Mary  
in Ulyanovsk, Russia, and their pastor, Zhanibek Batenov.**