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***Life at Redeemer***

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**November 9, 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**

The recent construction activity in the education wing includes interior painting, exterior painting, rooftop HVAC unit start-up, closet lights added, new ceiling tiles installed, replacement door frames installed, AC unit window glass replaced, conference room dry wall hung, and new desks for the office staff ordered. We are on schedule for county inspections in early December, which are needed for an occupancy permit and turnover.

### **Metro D.C. Synod Bishop Installation Today—3 pm**

Rev. Philip Hirsch will be installed at National Presbyterian Church (4101 Nebraska Ave NW, Washington, DC 20016). The ELCA's new presiding bishop, Rev. Yehiel Curry, will preach at the installation. All are welcome to attend, whether or not you registered in advance. The event will also be live streamed at <https://nationalpres.org/watch-speakers/>.

### **Starting the Real Work of Transition Transition Team Self-Nomination Form Deadline November 30**

As has been noted for the last two weeks, Council has been working on a process to use to put a transition team in place. This transition team will start the work needed to gain clarity on our own identity and ministry, as we prepare to call a new pastor. The team will guide Redeemer and our members as we look at Redeemer's mission statement, welcome statement, history, ministry partners, and level of involvement by members of the congregation, and determine what God is calling us to in our next phase of ministry.

This transition team and associated work are separate from the actual call committee, which will be convened at a later date. Serving on the transition team does not exclude you from serving on the call committee; in fact, the aim is to have at least some overlap of members serving on both committees to ensure continuity.

If you feel called to this work, you may self-nominate by completing the transition team nomination form at this link: <https://bit.ly/rlc-transition>. Hard copies are also available in the Crossroads.

The deadline for submission is November 30, with a target orientation meeting for the team on December 8 at 6:30 PM. Council will be conducting rolling reviews so that the team can get started before the new year.

### **Rise Against Hunger—Thank you!**

McLean Community Rise Against Hunger Events would like to express its gratitude to the staff, clergy and congregation of Lutheran Church of the Redeemer for its patience and support for the meal packaging event on November 8. Because of the generosity of time and resources from organizations, faith communities and individuals in the McLean Community, our goals were exceeded. 213,840 meals were funded and packaged by more than 1,200 volunteers. Many items were also collected for SHARE.

## Calendar Updates and Building Use

As you are aware, Redeemer is in the middle of extensive building renovations. This has significantly impacted the amount of usable space in the building on any given day. To steward our resources well, we have revamped our website calendar to make it more user friendly. To view the calendar go to <https://redeermclean.org/news/calendar>.

Please remember to submit requests for building use to the [church office](#) well in advance of your event whenever possible. This allows us to check our internal calendar for any potential usage conflicts or any other pending requests.

## Content Submission Form for Redeemer's Publications

We have created a content submission form for any information that you wish to be included in one of our many publications. This will replace the current method of submissions via email. The form is a one-stop-shop for all publications and aims to streamline the process. The form can be found at <https://bit.ly/rlc-submissions> or by scanning the QR code.



## Bible Study with Pastor Sharon Challenging Words from the Lord November 12—12 pm

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

Pastor Sharon has been leading a conversation around some words and phrases that you've suggested! She will continue the conversation, with this being the last week. Gather over lunch (bring your own) and chew on the words for a bit; who knows what new appreciation may be discovered for them!

Sign up at <https://forms.gle/z1bLfKpAN4jPGVMk9>.

## Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service November 16—2:30 pm

The McLean Interfaith Clergy group is hosting an Interfaith Thanksgiving service on Sunday, November 16th at 2:30 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church (6715 Georgetown Pike, McLean).

## Good Beginnings at Redeemer Renaissance Preschool Outdoor Classes for Ages 1.5 and older with Caregiver November 18—9:30 am

Come and play! This outdoor-play program for toddlers and caregivers to enjoy together promotes a sense of wonder, discovery, and exploration while providing a fun introduction to preschool. Children will build their first friendships and work with new materials as they engage in open-ended play in a safe, developmentally appropriate environment. During exploratory play, caregivers will have the opportunity to discuss topics of interest and create bonds that will help them navigate the early childhood years and beyond.

The class is offered on the following dates: Nov. 18 & 25, Dec. 9, Jan. 13 & 27, Feb. 10 & 24, Mar. 10 & 24, April 7 & 21, and May 5 & 19. Register online at this [link](#) or call 703-356-3567 for more information.

## Good Grub & God November 18—7 pm

Join us for a night out at a local restaurant for fellowship and casual discussion on an aspect of faith. Come solo or bring a friend, coworker, or partner. You can sign up at <https://bit.ly/good-grub-and-god> or by scanning the QR code. Please sign up by 11/17. More details will be available soon!



## Young Adult Meeting November 18—7 to 9 pm

Young adults are invited to attend our next meeting hosted at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church. Dinner will be provided. Please contact Grace Howie at [grace@redeermclean.org](mailto:grace@redeermclean.org) with any questions.

## Advent-Themed Bible Study Hosted by Women's Faith Group—Open to All! Starting December 2

The Women's Faith Group will host an Advent-themed study at 9:30 am on Tuesday mornings in Music Suite A at Redeemer--Open to all men and women interested, in person and on Zoom. If you would like to join us, please sign up at <https://bit.ly/rlcwomensgroup>.

## Young Adult Retreat—January 16 to 18 Sign up deadline December 14

The Young Adult Winter Retreat to Massanutten, VA is open to those 18 to 39-ish, regardless of whether or not you have attended a meeting before. The retreat will be a time of fun, fellowship, and faith building. Our time together will be filled with winter activities such as sledding and tubing, creating memories with old and new friends alike. Beyond the outdoor adventures, we'll gather for meaningful discussions and worship, deepening our relationships with each other and growing in our spiritual journeys. This retreat is not just a getaway, but a time to renew our spirits and strengthen our bonds as a community rooted in Christ's love. The cost of the retreat is \$50. If you are interested, please register at <https://bit.ly/4nE1z4A>.



## Join us for Restaurant Night!

Throughout the year we invite Redeemer families to please join us for friends, food, and fundraising! Redeemer Renaissance Preschool and After-School are partnering with Santini's New York Style Deli in Mclean. Funds raised will be used for the outdoor improvement project.

**Please mention Redeemer Renaissance** when you place your order for dine-in or carry-out at Santini's.

**Date: Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 4- 8 PM**

**Location: 1443 Chain Bridge Rd, McLean, VA 22101**

**Phone: [\(703\) 748-7777](tel:7037487777)**

**Online Pick-Up Orders – Please enter 'Redeemer' in the 'Notes' field: [Place Online Carry-Out Order](#)**

Please note that delivery orders do not qualify for the fundraiser.

**See you there! Thank you for your support!**

**Santini's**  
**NEW YORK STYLE DELI**

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

### *Including Hybrid Options*

|               |                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sun., 11/9    | <i>Sunday Worship Service Times</i><br>8:30 am, 9:45 am, and 11:00 am<br>8:30 am--12:00 pm<br>9:45 am--10:45 am | (Live stream 8:30 and 9:45 services)<br>Church nursery is available for infants and toddlers<br>Faith Formation & Confirmation Classes<br>High School "Bagels & Bible" Class (Teen Center)<br>Table Talk Adult Education (Music Suite A/Zoom)<br>Congregation Council Meeting (Library/Zoom)<br>Social Justice & Equity Book Club (Zoom)<br>Women's Faith Group (Music Suite A/Zoom)<br>Bible Study with Pastor (Music Suite A/Zoom)<br>Thursday AM Bible Study (Zoom)<br>Bell Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite A)<br>Traditional Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite B) |
| Mon., 11/10   | 7:30 pm--9:30 pm<br>7:30 pm--8:30 pm                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Tues., 11/11  | 9:30 am--10:30 am                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Weds., 11/12  | 12:00 pm--1:00 pm                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Thurs., 11/13 | 8:00 am--9:00 am<br>7:00 pm--8:00 pm<br>7:45 pm--8:45 pm                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

## PASTOR AND STAFF OF REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

|                                            |                                  |          |                               |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------|
| Interim Senior Pastor                      | Pastor Sharon Core               | ext. 102 | sharon@redeermclean.org       |
| Bell Choir Director                        | Waka Osifchin                    |          | waka.soprano@gmail.com        |
| Director of Music                          | Matt Osifchin                    |          | mattosifchin@gmail.com        |
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| Director of Preschool                      | Katrina McNair                   | ext. 111 | preschool@redeermclean.org    |
| Evening Facility Host                      | Brian Doyle                      |          |                               |
| Executive Director of Redeemer Renaissance | Linda McConnaughay               | ext. 106 | lmconnaughay@redeermclean.org |
| Facilities Director                        | Bill Parks                       | ext. 110 | bparks@redeermclean.org       |
| Financial Coordinator                      | Sara Nail                        | ext. 103 | sara@redeermclean.org         |
| Nursery Care                               | Bernarda Rodriguez<br>Lusbi Pina |          |                               |
| Office Manager                             | Cynthia Finocchiaro              | ext. 101 | cynthia@redeermclean.org      |
| Organist                                   | Joy Mentzel                      |          | joymentzel@gmail.com          |
| Pianist                                    | Kathy Detwiler                   |          |                               |
| Youth & Communications Coordinator         | Grace Howie                      | ext. 105 | grace@redeermclean.org        |
| Youth Choir Director                       | Waka Osifchin                    |          | waka.soprano@gmail.com        |

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

## **For Healing**

Aaron  
Bettina  
Carin & Bill  
Carol  
Charlotte  
Chris  
Christina  
Jana  
Jean  
Jeff  
Jesse  
Joe  
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  
Capodanno, Sophie  
Carter, Nicole  
Cavallo, Michael  
Cooke, Martin  
Cox, Mary  
DeGioia, Jack  
De la Luz Rodriguez, Octavio

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  
Pleasant, John  
Pujol Rodriguez, Esther  
Reblitz, Jennifer  
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

## **For Comfort and Peace**

Peggy  
Collins, Josephine  
Hanna, Claire  
Portis, Carol

## **For Comfort in Death**

The family & friends of David Canes  
The family & friends of Stephanie Foster  
The family & friends of Edi Shadd Green  
The family & friends of Terry Retter

## **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 St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Centreville, and their pastor, Tom Montgomery.**

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