



Our Mission: Sharing Christ's love with the greatest number of people



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Life at Redeemer

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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.

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

Redeemer's Capital Campaign for our building renovation and construction of a columbarium and improved playground areas has received 49% (\$1.56M) of the pledges needed towards our goal of \$3.2M. Plus, an additional 7% (\$232K) has been given directly and outside of the pledge process. Making a gift toward the campaign is a great opportunity to honor someone important to you and your family or to just give thanks for all the blessings in your life. Of course, all financial gifts are gratefully received and appreciated, with or without a pledge.

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!



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.

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).

Young Adult Meeting November 18—7 to 9 pm

Young adults are invited to attend our next meeting hosted at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church. Please contact Grace Howie at grace@redeemermclean.org with any questions.

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.



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/4nElz4A>.

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.

Living Nativity, Christmas Concert, and Bake Sale December 19 Volunteers and Bakers Needed!

The Living Nativity, Christmas Concert, and Bake Sale is a night to welcome our neighbors and friends and an opportunity to “share God’s love” with our community. We need volunteers to make the night a success. We need people to serve hot chocolate, give out costumes, usher for the concert, work the bake sale, and bake! To sign up as a volunteer, go to <https://bit.ly/rlc-nativityvolunteer>. To sign up to bake, go to <https://bit.ly/rlc-nativitybaker>.

Current Little Food Pantry Needs

- All food donations are welcome, but currently, the Little Food Pantry supply is especially in need of peanut butter (plastic containers only), oatmeal packets, hearty soups/stews, canned vegetables (not black or pinto beans), and breakfast bars.
- Volunteers are needed to help regularly restock the LFP with food that has already been collected. Contact Paula Green at pegreen@verizon.net for more information.
- Thrivent members—did you know you can apply for (2) \$250 grants each year for great causes like the LFP? Contact your Thrivent rep for more details.

December Tidings Contributions

Please submit content for the December issue of *Tidings* no later than 5:00 pm on Thursday, November 20. We will not be able to accept items after that date.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

Including Hybrid Options

Sun., 11/16	<i>Sunday Worship Service Times</i> 8:30 am, 9:45 am, and 11:00 am 8:30 am--12:00 pm 9:45 am--10:45 am	(Live stream 8:30 and 9:45 services) Church nursery is available for infants and toddlers Faith Formation & Confirmation Classes High School "Bagels & Bible" Class (Teen Center) Table Talk Adult Education (Music Suite A/Zoom) Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
Mon., 11/17	2:30 pm--3:30 pm 7:30 pm--8:30 pm	Social Justice & Equity Book Club (Zoom)
Tues., 11/18	9:30 am--10:30 am 7:00 pm--8:30 pm 7:00 pm--9:00 pm	Women's Faith Group (Music Suite A/Zoom) Good Grub & God Young Adult Meeting
Weds., 11/19	9:00 am--11:30 am	Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall)
Thurs., 11/20	8:00 am--9:00 am 10:30 am--12:00 pm 7:45 pm--8:45 pm	Thursday AM Bible Study (Zoom) Prayer Shawl Ministry (Library/Zoom) Traditional Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite B)

PASTOR AND STAFF OF REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Interim Senior Pastor	Pastor Sharon Core	ext. 102	sharon@redeermclean.org
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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
Green, Paul
Gross, Kathy
Heuer, Mark
Hopkins, Harley
Hughes, William
Jackson, Shirley
Jephson, Patrick
Johnson, Ted
Juzbasich, Leo
Keating, Kathleen and Michael
Kennedy, Will
Maheshwari, Mohan
Martin, Beverly
Martin, Trevor
McElroy, Tyler
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 Stephanie Foster
The family & friends of Vernon Henkel, Jr.
The family & friends of Frank Nauman
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.**