



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

The recent construction activity in the office wing renovation includes painting the walls and door frames, laying new tile in hallways, installing new fixtures and tile in the restrooms, hanging the new office and hallway doors, finishing the electrical work and lighting, preparing the office floors for carpeting, and adding a new doorway at the office entrance for improved building security.

Job Opening

Brian Doyle, our evening Facilities Host, is moving on to a new opportunity. Therefore, Redeemer is looking to hire a new part-time person at the church. As the Facilities Host, this person would ensure the overall safety and security of people in the building and assist groups that meet in the church. The schedule would be during the work week in the evenings. If you know of someone to recommend, please contact the office at church@redeemermclean.org.

Palm/Passion Sunday!

We will meet in Crossroads at the beginning of each service, where we will bless the palms and then process into the sanctuary. The liturgy for all three services is the same, so there is one bulletin that will lead worshippers through worship.

Holy Week Worship Schedule

Maundy Thursday

7 pm

Good Friday

12 pm and 7 pm (Tenebrae)

Easter Sunday

8:30, 9:45, and 11 am

Livestream links will be available on the homepage at <https://redeemermclean.org/>

Partner for Surgery

We have a new request from this important ministry benefitting Guatemalan children undergoing cleft palate repair. In addition to the usual infant supplies that we provide, the program has asked for a total of 45 Medela Harmony Manual breast pumps. We've already gotten 34 but need help to get to our goal. Donations can be left in Crossroads or by using the Amazon link:



Items can be donated by:

- Placing them in the bin located in Crossroads.
- Purchasing them through the Amazon wish list at <https://bit.ly/46YyCLg> or by scanning the QR code.

Sign Up to Host Coffee Hour

Everyone is welcome to host Sunday morning Coffee Hour. Get your friends, family, or ministry group together and sign up! It is a great way to meet people, welcome visitors, and inform people about your ministry or group. All coffee supplies, training, and written instructions are provided. Sign up at bit.ly/RedeemerCoffeeHour or scan the QR code.



**Prayer Shawl Ministry
Next Meeting April 2**

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on the first and third Thursdays of most months. This month we will meet on April 2nd and 16th. The hybrid (Zoom and in person) meetings run from 10:30 am to noon. Because of the renovations, we are temporarily meeting in the conference room. Please enter the building through Door 15. In addition to prayer shawls, we knit and crochet scarves, baby blankets for baptisms and for Project Linus. All are welcome. Beginners are enthusiastically welcomed! Please email Lynn Barth at lynnbarth@gmail.com for more information or for yarn.

**Social Justice & Equity Book Club's Lending Cart
Book Club Starting New Book April 13**

Check out the The Social Justice & Equity Book Club's lending cart in the Crossroads! Please feel free to borrow any book but please remember to return it to the cart for others to read :)

The group is just finishing up another great book, *Beloved* by Toni Morrison, and will be starting *The Emancipation Proclamation* by John Hope Franklin on April 13.

Anyone is welcome to join us and this would be a good time to do so! We meet every Monday via Zoom from 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Contact Teresa Schellenger at jpschellenger@aol.com for more details.

YOUTH

**Metro D.C. Synod Day of Service Family Event
April 18
Register by April 5**

In celebration of Earth Day and our commitment to Creation Care, all Metro D.C. Synod families are invited to join in a Family Day of Service at Caroline Furnace Camp & Retreat Center.

The camp is ADA accessible and there will be projects available for all abilities.

To register and find out more information go to <https://bit.ly/3NsLYZz>.

McLean Day Coordinator Needed

Do you enjoy a good town festival? Do you think Redeemer should be out in the community more often? Then this volunteer opportunity is for you! The Membership Outreach team is looking for someone to coordinate our booth and volunteers at this year's McLean Day to be held on May 16. You will be in charge of gathering a team of volunteers to set up and tear down the booth and staff the booth throughout the day. This is one of our key outreach events and we need YOU! More details are available! Please contact Karen Miller at president@redeermclean.org or church@redeermclean.org to get involved.

Join the Christian Education Ministry Team

Do you care about helping children, youth, and adults grow in faith? Redeemer's Christian Education Ministry Team is seeking new members to help guide and strengthen our Faith Formation, Confirmation, adult education, and other learning opportunities. This team provides vision, support, and encouragement for the educational life of our congregation - ensuring that all ages are nurtured in Scripture, discipleship, and love of Christ.



If you have a heart for teaching, mentoring, organizing, or simply supporting the faith development of our community, we would love to have you join us. Serving on this team is a meaningful way to share Christ's love and invest in the spiritual growth of Redeemer.

To learn more or express interest, please complete the form at <https://bit.ly/4ua8bfu> or scan the QR code. If you have any questions before completing the form, please reach out to Annabelle Allard at annabelleoallard@gmail.com.

Endowment Ministry - Lenten Season Grant

The Endowment Fund and Committee were formed in 1995 to extend Redeemer's outreach mission. All donations remain in the Fund; only earnings are dispersed as modest grants to nonprofit organizations, either local or outside our local area.

The latest Endowment Committee grant was approved by Council for \$5,000 to Second Story (<https://second-story.org/>), a local organization which provides housing, counseling, and life skills for teens in crisis, homeless youth, and young mothers. Redeemer continues its commitment to share God's love with Second Story and help make a positive difference in the lives of youth and young mothers in our area.

For questions about the work of the Endowment Committee or about giving to the Fund, please email Stephanie Hunter at endowment@redeermclean.org.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

Including Hybrid Options

Sun., 3/29	<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	<i>(Live stream 8:30 and 9:45 services)</i> Church nursery is available for infants and toddlers Table Talk Adult Education (Conference Room/Zoom) No Faith Formation
Mon., 3/30	10:55 am – 11:25 am 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Youth Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite B) Social Justice & Equity Book Club (Zoom)
Tues., 3/31	9:30 am – 10:30 am	Women's Faith Group (Conference Room/Zoom)
Weds., 4/1	9:00 am – 11:30 am	Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall)
Thurs., 4/2	8:00 am – 9:00 am 10:30 am – 12 pm 7 pm	Thursday AM Bible Study (Zoom) Prayer Shawl Ministry (Conference Room/Zoom) Maundy Thursday Service
Friday, 4/3	7:45 pm – 8:45 pm 12 pm 7 pm	Traditional Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite B) Good Friday Service Good Friday Service (Tenebrae)

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

Gerald
Nancy
Budde, Jackie
Cavallo, Michael
DeGioia, Jack
Denson, Barbara
Devine, Dan
Etkin, Nancy
Greeger, Brett
Haas, Andrea
Harner, Julie
Johnson, Ted
Koenig, Tammie
Kunec, Ingrid
Lawrence, Ann
Martin, Patty
McDonald, Austin
Morgan, Eric
Neece, George
Pittman, Larry
Ryan, Don
Williams, Timothy
Wu, Jian

For Comfort and Peace

Shupp, Lloyd

For Comfort in Death

The family & friends of Shirley Jackson

For all healthcare workers and first responders

Laredo, Sandi

For Safety

All refugees
All our military & diplomatic people
throughout the world
All those who serve to protect our country

For Comfort and Strength

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 Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, Reston, and their pastor, Rev. Kenny Champagne.

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