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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

Over the next two weeks, we will be wrapping up the construction in the office wing. Part of this process will be inspections from the County on electrical, mechanical, plumbing and life safety systems. Once we can occupy the space, we will start to move the pastor and staff from the classroom wing back into their renovated offices. In the meantime, during the workday Monday–Friday, continue to use the temporary member and visitor's entrance at Door #15 on the Chain Bridge Road side of the building, unless you have been issued a door fob, in which case you can use the original office entrance at Door #10.

Welcome Pastor John Teitman

With thanksgiving, we welcome Pastor John Teitman to the pulpit today.

Youth & Communications Coordinator Name Update Grace Howie now Grace Sweeney

Following her recent marriage, Grace Howie has taken a new last name and will now go by Grace Sweeney. We wish her and her husband a wonderful life together!

Social Justice & Equity Book Club's Lending Cart Book Club – New Readings 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 has just finished another great book, *Beloved* by Toni Morrison. Monday, April 13 we will have a discussion led by Joan Durman on a group of poems by Black authors: Langston Hughes, Maya Angelou, Nikki Giovanni, and Amanda Gorman, and an essay by Zora N. Hurston, author of *Their Eyes are Watching God*.

Afterward we will read *Let us Descend: A Novel* by Jesmyn Ward.

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

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@redeemermclean.org or church@redeemermclean.org to get involved.

Young Adult Paint Night
April 13 – 7 to 9 pm

Create, connect, and have fun! Join us for a magical evening of art-making, creativity, and fun at Lewinsville Presbyterian! We will be painting along with a tutorial video to create a cherry tree holding the moon.

- Dinner and all supplies will be provided!
- No artistic talent required!
- Friends and partners are welcome!

Questions? Contact grace@redeemermclean.org

Transition Team Discussion Meeting
April 19 – 12:15 pm

On Sunday, April 19, the transition team will conduct a session to discuss the form, format, content, and practice of our worship services here at Redeemer. We anticipate this to be a dynamic in-person session and are looking forward to the energetic conversation.

YOUTH

Take-Home Service Project for April
Placemats for Sunrise of McLean Village
Return by May 3

Our April Service Project will be to create placemats for Sunrise of McLean Village. This involves decorating a paper placemat, with hopes of spreading joy to the residents. Specific paper is available in Crossroads. We ask that these be returned by May 3 so they can be delivered to the residents the following week on Mother's Day. Our goal is to create at least 30 placemats as this would allow for each resident in the memory care unit to receive one. All ages are welcome to participate, and you can create more than one! Please do not use 3-D elements since the placemats will be laminated.

Partner for Surgery

Amazingly, we were able to reach the goal of collecting 45 breast pumps to provide throughout Guatemala as part of the community care clinics. So thankful for the generosity!

Looking forward, we'll be preparing 50 gift bags for the babies (up to 1 year) for delivery in July. In addition to infant rattles, infant socks and Nuk pacifiers for 0 – 6 months, the big ask for this trip is to include a specialized cleft palate nipple to use on bottles - found at Amazon through the wish list at <https://bit.ly/46YyCLg>



Women's Faith Group
Tuesdays – 9:30 to 10:30 am

On Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am, Redeemer's Faith Group gathers in person (Conference Room) and online (via Zoom). We welcome the women of Redeemer and friends and neighbors to join in as we begin a new book, *Meeting Jesus at the Table* by Cynthia M. Campbell and Christine Coy Fohr, on April 21. This is a follow-up book to *Meeting Jesus on the Road*, discussed during the Lenten season. Join us for an uplifting hour with inspiring reading and the encouragement of Redeemer family. For more information, contact Mary Eckberg via the Redeemer Lutheran email - church@redeemermclean.org.

Little Food Pantry

The need for food assistance remains high. Please help support this important ongoing service to the community. We are currently in need of the following items:

- canned fruit
- canned vegetables
- canned hearty soups
- oatmeal packets
- granola bars

Items may be dropped off in the church narthex. Thank you!

Upcoming Fun!
Feed Fairfax 5K and FunWalk
May 2 – 8 am

Planet Fitness Lot - Greenbrier Town Center
13055-B Lee Jackson Memorial Hwy
Fairfax VA 22033

Join friends from Redeemer for an early May fun run (or fun walk) through the Greenbrier neighborhood in Fairfax. Proceeds go towards food/supplies for children in need in Fairfax County. Register at feedfairfax.com. For more information, contact Mary Eckberg via the Redeemer Lutheran email - church@redeemermclean.org. Hope to see YOU!

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 by scanning the QR code or going to bit.ly/RedeemerCoffeeHour.



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

Including Hybrid Options

Sun., 4/12	<p><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</p>	<p><i>(Live stream 8:30 and 9:45 services)</i> Church nursery is available for infants and toddlers Faith Formation & Confirmation Classes High School “Bagels & Bible” Class (Teen Center) Table Talk Adult Education (Conference Room/Zoom) Youth Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite B)</p>
Mon., 4/13	<p>10:55 – 11:25 am 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm</p>	<p>Young Adult Group Social Justice & Equity Book Club (Zoom) Congregation Council Meeting (Conference Room/Zoom)</p>
Tues., 4/14	<p>9:30 am – 10:30 am</p>	<p>Women’s Faith Group (Conference Room/Zoom)</p>
Wed., 4/15	<p>9:00 am – 11:30 am</p>	<p>Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall)</p>
Thurs., 4/16	<p>8:00 am – 9:00 am 10:30 am – 12 pm 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm 7:45 pm – 8:45 pm</p>	<p>Thursday AM Bible Study (Zoom) Prayer Shawl Ministry (Conference Room/Zoom) Bell Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite A) Traditional Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite B)</p>

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Please Remember to Pray....

For Healing

Gerald
Georgia
Beck, Willam
Cavallo, Michael
DeGioia, Jack
Devine, Dan
Harner, Julie
Hashemi, Caspian
Johnson, Ted
Koenig, Tammie
Kunec, Ingrid
Lawrence, Ann
McDonald, Austin
Morgan, Eric
Neece, George
Pittman, Larry
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 Community Lutheran Church, Sterling, and their interim pastor, Kristen Laderach.

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