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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.

Baptism Today

Today we, the Redeemer congregation, welcome into baptized membership Asha Irene Barrows at the 8:30 am service. Her parents are Elizabeth and Ian Barrows, and sponsors are Thomas Johnson and Anushia John Britto. We pray God's richest blessings on Asha as she and her parents continue to grow in faith.

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.

Transition Team Focus Discussion

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 will be a dynamic in-person session and are looking forward to the energetic conversation.

Good Grub & God

April 21—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 4/20. More details will be available soon!

Construction Project Update

Later in the year when we break ground for the new columbarium, additional information will be distributed on how to reserve and purchase a niche. Individual niches will be able to hold one or two urns containing ashes. The internal size of a niche is 11.5" x 11.5" x 11.5". Therefore, when selecting an urn for a loved one, please note these dimensions and what size urn or urns will fit into the space. The outside of the niche will have a granite cover plate with one or two engraved names and dates.

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!

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.

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.

Youth Leadership Sunday May 10



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/46OFXfc> or scanning the QR code! There are many volunteer opportunities still available for the 8:30 am and 11 am services.

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>

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.

Transition Team Focus Discussion

April 26 – 9:45 am

On Sunday, April 26, the transition team will conduct a session to discuss family and youth programming here at Redeemer. We anticipate this will be a dynamic in-person session and are looking forward to the energetic conversation. This meeting will be in the Library.

Social Justice & Equity Book Club's Lending Cart Book Club – New Book April 27

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's discussion on poems will continue this Monday, April 20, and we will be starting a new book on April 27 (*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 at jpschellenger@aol.com for more details.

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 Crossroads. 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!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

Including Hybrid Options

Sun., 4/19	<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>10:55 am – 11:25 am 12:15 pm</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) Transition Team Focus Discussion Social Justice & Equity Book Club (Zoom) Women’s Faith Group (Conference Room/Zoom) Good Grub & God Thursday AM Bible Study (Zoom) Bell Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite A) Traditional Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite B)</p>
Mon., 4/20	7:30 pm – 8:30 pm	
Tues., 4/21	9:30 am – 10:30 am 7:00 pm	
Thurs., 4/22	8:00 am – 9:00 am 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm 7:45 pm – 8:45 pm	

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Please Remember to Pray....

For Healing

Gerald
Georgia
Augustenborg, Erica
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, Michelle Kuhlman.

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