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Life at Redeemer

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May 3, 2026

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 remodeled office wing has passed the final inspection from the County. There are a few follow-up items with the general contractor that will take place over the next couple of weeks. The restrooms on that side of the building are open again. We are still waiting for a few furniture pieces to arrive. The pastor and staff are scheduled to start moving back into their offices the week of May 4th. Please feel free to walk through the office wing and take a look at the improvements. Thank you to everyone who has made this possible through your financial gifts to the capital campaign.

New Staff Member

Robert Swigart has joined the church staff as our part-time Evening Facility Host. Robert will be focused on the overall safety and security of the building and assisting groups that meet at the church. His schedule will typically be Monday through Friday evenings, 5-9 pm. If you need to schedule something involving Robert, please make those arrangements through [Cynthia](#) in the church office.

Welcome Pastor John Teitman

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

Pastor Sharon Core is away attending the annual meeting of her clergy group, the Roundtable. The Roundtable is a group of clergy women who have been meeting together for over 25 years. They meet for theological conversation, support, encouragement and resource sharing. This year they are gathering at Columbia Seminary in Decatur, GA, meeting with professors of practical theology and preaching. Sharon will be back in worship next Sunday, May 10.

Special Congregational Meeting May 17, 2026

With the work of the Transition Team winding down, Council has established a nominating team to identify candidates for the Call Committee. Many thanks to Sabine Detweiler, Gene Morrow, Matthew Kratz, and Ellen Kennedy for serving on that team.

We are pleased to announce that the nominating team has identified and proposed a slate of eight candidates to serve on the Call Committee for Senior Pastor. According to Redeemer's Constitution, this Call Committee, which is to be broadly representative of this congregation, will be elected at a special congregational meeting to be held between services on Sunday, May 17, 2026. Bios for each candidate will be provided in an email to the Congregation on May 3.

YOUTH

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

Redeemer Renaissance Art Show
May 8 – 6 to 7 pm

Join us for an Interactive Process Art Exhibition featuring
Preschool and After-School Artists.

What is Process Art?

Kids of all ages need to be messy, busy bees to be
OKAY...the process of creating art is joyful! Spontaneous
exploration of the world affords each child the
opportunity to make a meaningful connection with their
environment.

- It Fosters Curiosity, Imagination, and Exploration
- It Encourages Communication and Language
Development
- It Practices Good Concentration and Nurtures Future
Skills
- It Promotes Physical Development
- It Supports the Ability to Play Independently

“It’s the process, not the product.”

Get to Know our Community at McLean Day!
May 16

Have you ever been to McLean Day? It is a fun festival
where the community comes together to celebrate all that
is McLean. Redeemer always has a booth where we meet
and greet our neighbors, play games, and invite them to
join us for worship, special events, or at Redeemer
Renaissance. This year, Josh Magnuson and Luis
Rodriguez are coordinating set up and people to "person"
our booth (many thanks to them!). We are looking for
volunteers to hang out at our booth, help kids with spin
art, talk to our neighbors, and enjoy a day with other
Redeemer volunteers. Duty is easy and fun! You can also
volunteer at Redeemer to welcome people parking here
and taking the shuttle bus over to the park.

Please look for a sign-up sheet in the Crossroads or email
church@redeermclean.org to grab a spot!

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.



Little Food Pantry

Demand for the Little Food Pantry has been consistently
high. We are low on the following: peanut butter, canned
chicken, canned tuna, Ritz crackers, hearty soups, granola
bars, boxed rice, and oatmeal packets.

Other appreciated items are canned fruit, canned
vegetables, instant soups, and pasta.

Items may be dropped off in Crossroads. Thank you for
your support!

Tyson's Interfaith Events

Temple Rodef Shalom Sharing Sacred Spaces
May 6 – 6:30 to 9:00 pm

Temple Rodef Shalom (2100 Westmoreland Street,
Falls Church, VA 22043) is participating in an
interreligious effort to build understanding and solidarity
across differences. Please join us for an evening of
discovery and conversation. Plan to arrive and check in
between 6:00 and 6:30 pm. We will begin with dinner at
6:30 pm. Registration is required, and all participants
must bring a photo ID to enter. To register go to:
<https://www.sharingsacredspaces.org/events>.

Tenth Annual Interfaith Concert Benefiting SHARE
May 17 – 7:00 pm

Come join in an evening of uplifting music presented by
the combined musicians and voices from a variety of
local faith communities. This will be held at Trinity
United Methodist Church (1205 Dolley Madison
Boulevard, McLean, VA. 22101). Donate an item as your
entrance ticket: [https://www.shareofmclean.org/most-
needed-list](https://www.shareofmclean.org/most-needed-list)

Different Beliefs – Shared Values
The Oneness of Humanity Education Series,
A Path to Peace Open to All
May 17 – 4 to 5:30 pm

Do you have any idea how many values you have in
common with your neighbor? What can a Hindu, Jew,
and a Baha'i teach us about how we live and how we
connect? Please join us in person (McLean Baptist
Church Youth Hall, 1367 Chain Bridge Road, McLean,
VA 22101) and on-line as we explore the foundational
principles of some of the world's major religions. Link to
register: [https://tysonsinterfaith.org/iwe-event/different-
beliefs-shared-values/](https://tysonsinterfaith.org/iwe-event/different-beliefs-shared-values/)

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

Including Hybrid Options

Sun., 5/3	<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 Faith Formation & Confirmation Classes High School “Bagels & Bible” Class (Teen Center) Table Talk Adult Education (Conference Room/Zoom) Youth Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite B)
Mon., 5/4	10:55 am – 11:25 am 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Social Justice & Equity Book Club (Zoom)
Tues., 5/5	9:30 am – 10:30 am	Women’s Faith Group (Conference Room/Zoom)
Wed., 5/6	9:00 am – 11:30 am 4:45 pm – 5:45 pm	Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall) Congregation Council Meeting (Conference Room)
Thurs., 5/7	8:00 am – 9:00 am 10:30 am – 12:00 pm 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Thursday AM Bible Study (Zoom) Prayer Shawl Ministry (Conference Room/Zoom) Bell Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite A)
Fri., 5/8	7:45 pm – 8:45 pm 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Traditional Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite B) Redeemer Renaissance Process Art show

PASTOR AND STAFF OF REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Please Remember to Pray....

For Healing

Gerald
Georgia
Helen
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
Parks, Bill
Pittman, Larry
Williams, Timothy
Wu, Jian
York, Vivienne

For Comfort and Peace

Shupp, Lloyd

For Comfort in Death

The family & friends of William Buchholtz
The family & friends of Katherine Woodward Thomas

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 Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Vienna, and their pastors, Tony Prinsen and Lydia Posselt.

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