



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



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

This past week, Pastor Sharon and the staff have moved back and are settling into their renovated offices. Everyone is in the same original office locations. The office side visitor's entrance is available again at Door #10 on the Westmoreland Street side of the building. The restrooms near the office entrance and the music suites are also now available for use.

Special Congregational Meeting

RESCHEDULED: May 31 between 9:45 and 11 am Services

Please note that due to unforeseen circumstances the date of the congregational meeting has changed. It will be held following the 9:45 am service, prior to the 11 am service.

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 on Sunday, May 31, 2026. Bios for each candidate were provided in an email to the congregation on May 3.

Mother's Day Carnations

Mother's Day carnations will be distributed to all ladies in honor of their mothers following the services today. These flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Eleanor Terwilleger, mother of Janet Pfister and great-grandmother of Andrew and Caroline Pfister. Special thanks is extended to Lynn Ann Mullane, Paula Green, Joyce Clarke, and Caroline Pfister, who assisted Janet in tying bows on the carnations

Youth Leadership Sunday Today

Today is Youth Leadership Sunday! This is an opportunity for children to actively participate in worship services as they attend with their parents. You will see our youth serving as greeters, ushers, acolytes, and readers today. The Youth Choir and individual musicians will also perform.

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, 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!

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

Redeemer's Annual Music Recital May 17 – 2 pm

Join us in celebrating talented young musicians we all know and love! Featuring fine soloists and the Redeemer Renaissance Orchestra.

**Partner for Surgery
Thank you!**

On May 1, we received word that 52 care bags and 52 blankets were distributed to patients of the Cleft Infant Nutrition Program in Guatemala.

“The families are incredibly grateful. These thoughtful gifts bring comfort and peace on what can be a very emotional and uncertain day, as they wait to learn whether their babies will be eligible for surgery.

May God bless the hands of each person who contributes to making this possible. Your support is truly making a difference in the lives of these families.”

- Emily Lopez, Partner for Surgery.

Thank you to all who have contributed to the creation of the care bags and blankets!

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>.



Little Food Pantry – Donations Needed!

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!

Youth

**Last day of Faith Formation & Confirmation Classes
May 17 — 9:45 am**

The last day of class for Faith Formation and Confirmation will be May 17. Please note the High School Bagels and Bibles class will continue to meet.

**Good Grub & God
May 19 — 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 5/18.

**Summer Worship Service Schedule
First Day June 14**

On June 14 we switch to our summer schedule. Please see the worship service schedule below.

8:30 am - Traditional Worship Service
11 am - Contemporary Worship Service

Tyson's Interfaith 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>

**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, a 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/>

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

Including Hybrid Options

Sun., 5/10	<i>Sunday Worship Service Times</i> 8:30 am, 9:45 am, and 11:00 am 8:30 am – 12:00 pm	<i>(Live stream 8:30 and 9:45 services)</i> Youth Leadership Sunday Church nursery is available for infants and toddlers Table Talk Adult Education (Conference Room/Zoom) Congregation Council Meeting (Conference Room) Social Justice & Equity Book Club (Zoom) Women’s Faith Group (Conference Room/Zoom) Thursday AM Bible Study (Zoom) Bell Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite A) Traditional Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite B) McLean Day
Mon., 5/11	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm	
Tues., 5/12	9:30 am – 10:30 am	
Thurs., 5/14	8:00 am – 9:00 am 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm 7:45 pm – 8:45 pm	
Sat., 5/16		

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Please Remember to Pray....

For Healing

Georgia
Helen
Augustenborg, Erica
Beck, Willam
Cavallo, Michael
Craig, Keith
DeGioia, Jack
Devine, Dan
Harner, Julie
Hashemi, Caspian
Heefner, Scott
Johnson, Ted
Koenig, Tammie
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

In Celebration

The marriage of Amelia Marrion Dutrow & Octavio de la
Luz Rodriguez

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.**