



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



*Life at Redeemer*

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## May 17, 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](mailto: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

Pastor Sharon and the staff have moved back into their renovated offices. The mailboxes are now located next door to where they used to be and are outside the finance office. The office side visitor's entrance is available again at Door #10 on the Westmoreland Street side of the building. A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the capital campaign to make this much needed renovation possible.

### First Communion Instruction

We are planning to hold First Communion Instruction early in June. In order to faithfully plan this time, we would like to know who is interested. If you feel your child may be ready for their First Communion, please complete the form found at <https://bit.ly/4djUrXU> and we will be in touch. Many thanks! If you have questions, please email Pastor Sharon at [sharon@redeemermclean.org](mailto:sharon@redeemermclean.org).



### Redeemer's Annual Music Recital Today – 2 pm

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

### Graduating High School & College Seniors Submission Deadline May 20

Please send graduation announcements with a picture, if desired, to [grace@redeemermclean.org](mailto:grace@redeemermclean.org) by May 20 so we can spotlight our graduates in the June newsletter. Feel free to include as little or as much detail in the announcement as you would like.

We look forward to recognizing your graduates!

*Example of high school announcement: (Name) is graduating from (High School). He/She/They will attend (college) in the fall to major in (subject) as he/she/they hope to be (occupation).*

### Special Congregational Meeting May 31 between 9:45 and 11 am Services

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.

### Good Grub & God May 19 —7 pm



The Good Grub and God group will meet for dinner Tuesday, May 19, at El Tio's in McLean. All are welcome. You can sign up at <https://bit.ly/good-grub-and-god> or by scanning the QR code. Please sign up by 5/18. Questions can be sent to Sara Egeland at [slegeland@gmail.com](mailto:slegeland@gmail.com).

### 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!

### Prayer Shawl Ministry Annual Scarf Drive for N Street Village

Join the Prayer Shawl Ministry in the Annual Scarf Drive for N Street Village.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is hosting its annual winter scarf drive for the women of N Street Village. If you are a crafter, please consider crocheting or knitting a winter scarf. Gently used or newly purchased scarves are also gratefully accepted.

Pick up a scarf-in-a-bag kit in the Crossroads and enjoy a hands-on project over the summer. Each bag contains enough yarn to knit or crochet a scarf and a pattern or use any pattern of your choosing.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the first and third Thursday of most months in the library. We take a break in July and August. The hybrid (Zoom and in person) meetings run from 10:30 to noon. All are welcome. Please email Lynn Barth at [lynnbarth@gmail.com](mailto:lynnbarth@gmail.com) for more information.

A collection box for the scarves will be put out in September, and the drive will end in early October.

### Partner for Surgery

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>.



Please submit contributions for *Tidings* no later than May 20 for inclusion in the June issue. Content should be submitted via the form at <https://bit.ly/rlc-submission>.

### 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

### Tysons Interfaith Events

#### Different Beliefs – Shared Values The Oneness of Humanity Education Series, A Path to Peace Open to All Today – 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/>

#### Tenth Annual Interfaith Concert Benefiting SHARE Today – 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>

### 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](https://bit.ly/RedeemerCoffeeHour).



### Redeemer Renaissance 2026-27 Registration Open

Registration for the Preschool is happening now!

We can't wait to welcome you!  
To schedule a tour or for more information:  
703-356-3567

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

### *Including Hybrid Options*

|              |                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| Sun., 5/17   | <i>Sunday Worship Service Times</i><br>8:30 am, 9:45 am, and 11:00 am<br>8:30 am – 12:00 pm<br>9:45 am – 10:45 am<br><br>10:55 am – 11:25 am<br>2:00 pm | <i>(Live stream 8:30 and 9:45 services)</i><br>Church nursery is available for infants and toddlers<br>Faith Formation & Confirmation Classes<br>High School “Bagels & Bible” Class (Teen Center)<br>Table Talk Adult Education (Conference Room/Zoom)<br>Youth Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite B)<br>Redeemer’s Annual Music Recital |
| Mon., 5/18   | 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm                                                                                                                                       | Social Justice & Equity Book Club (Zoom)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Tues., 5/19  | 9:30 am – 10:30 am                                                                                                                                      | Women’s Faith Group (Conference Room/Zoom)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Wed., 5/20   | 9:00 am – 11:30 am                                                                                                                                      | Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Thurs., 5/21 | 8:00 am – 9:00 am<br>10:30 am – 12:00 pm<br>7:00 pm – 8:00 pm<br>7:45 pm – 8:45 pm                                                                      | Thursday AM Bible Study (Zoom)<br>Prayer Shawl Ministry (Conference Room/Zoom)<br>Bell Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite A)<br>Traditional Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite B)                                                                                                                                                              |

## PASTOR AND STAFF OF REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

|                                            |                     |          |                               |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------|-------------------------------|
| Interim Senior Pastor                      | Pastor Sharon Core  | ext. 102 | sharon@redeermclean.org       |
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| Executive Director of Redeemer Renaissance | Linda McConnaughay  | ext. 106 | lmconnaughay@redeermclean.org |
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| Youth Choir Director                       | Waka Osifchin       |          | waka.soprano@gmail.com        |

## *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  
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 Todd Steinwand  
The family & friends of Wayne Winter  
The family & friends of Katherine Woodward Thomas  
The family & friends of Edmund Yesko

### **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.**