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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.

Hymns Today at the 10:30 Service

- #853 When Morning Gilds the Skies
- #807 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
- #798 Will You Come and Follow Me
- #879 For the Beauty of the Earth

Construction Project Update

Good news! The County has approved our site plan and granted our waiver request for a modification to the requirements for stormwater management. The modification allows for an underground pipe to be installed to hold water on site from a storm and then slowly release it. This is instead of having to build a more involved and expensive stormwater facility. We are still waiting for County approval on the construction documents for the Columbarium and the Natural Play Area. We still hope to break ground for the next phase, which is the exterior work, late this fall.

Worship Schedule

Return to three services – September 7

Please note that next week, on September 7, we will return to three services. Service times will be as follows:

- 8:30 am--Traditional
- 9:45 am--Contemporary
- 11:00 am--Traditional

Join the Redeemer Youth Choir! Starting Today – 9:55 to 10:25 am



Our Youth Choir is looking for new members! Join for great songs and lots of fun. Rehearsals are on Sundays in Music Suite B. They will begin 8/31 at 9:55 to 10:25 am but move to 10:55 to 11:25 am starting 9/7. The group performs periodically throughout the year. To register, please fill out the form by scanning the QR code or by going to <https://forms.gle/aboP59pw3ySdNFaH9>.

God's Work. Our Hands. ELCA Day of Service – September 7



All are invited to spend an afternoon of fellowship with the residents of Sunrise of McLean Village from 2 to 3:30 pm on September 7th (also Grandparents Day!). We will have several activities to enjoy. We will meet at Redeemer at 1:45 pm. Youth are welcome and can earn community service hours. Please sign up to attend by scanning the QR code or going to <https://bit.ly/RLCdayofservice>.

Community Event: 2025 Interfaith Unity Walk September 7 – 12:30pm-5:30pm

The Interfaith Council of Metropolitan Washington annual Unity Walk is a public demonstration of love and support for all who live in our region. Walk with participants of all ages to visit different houses of worship in upper Northwest DC to learn about and experience diverse faith traditions. Come by yourself or bring friends and family to celebrate the wonderful diversity that exists in our region. For more information, to join or support please visit <https://ifcmw.org/2025-unity-walk/>.

**Register for Youth Classes
Resume September 7**



Faith Formation, Confirmation, and the High School Class will resume September 7 at 9:45 am. All students need a new registration each year.

We will be reassigning some of the classrooms during the renovation of the old classrooms and offices. Please register as soon as possible so that we have an accurate number of students for planning purposes, and can reassign each class to a room where they will be comfortable.

To register online, please scan the QR code or use this link: <https://forms.gle/jETNJ22QnWBHvbV17>. Physical forms are available at the Kids' Corner table in Crossroads.

**Winter Scarf Drive
Collection begins September**

Thank you for the scarves – keep them coming!

HOOKS AND NEEDLES ONCE AGAIN: The prayer shawl group is hosting the annual winter scarf drive to benefit the women at N Street Ministries helping homeless women in DC with a wide range of programs that foster independence (<https://www.nstreetvillage.org>). Please consider crocheting or knitting a winter scarf. “Scarf in a bag” kits are available in Crossroads with directions or pick up yarn and use any pattern of your choosing. Gently used and newly purchased winter scarves are also welcome.

Collection boxes will be put out in September, and the drive will end in early October.

Please email Lynn Barth at lynnbarth@gmail.com for more yarn or information about our prayer shawl group which will begin meeting again in September.

**Britepaths Book Drive – Secret Garden Book Nook
Collection until September 15**

Britepaths has opened The Secret Garden at Britepaths, a welcoming in-office book nook where children of client families can browse and take home new and like-new books to start or build their personal libraries. This is a welcoming space for young readers, offering a variety of new and like-new books for children and teens to enjoy during their visit and take home to keep. For more information please visit: <https://britepaths.org/our-services/thesecondgardenatbritepaths/>

Please consider donating any new and like-new books for children and teens. Books written in Spanish, Amharic, Dari, and Pashto, along with culturally diverse titles, are especially welcome. Books can be dropped off in the bin labeled "Britepaths book donations" in Crossroads.

**Social Justice and Equity Book Club
Resumes September 8 – 7:30 pm**

Redeemer's Social Justice and Equity Book Club will resume their weekly Zoom meetings on Mondays from 7:30-8:30 pm, when they will be discussing the first two chapters of their new book, *Go Back To Where You Came From*, by Wajahat Ali. All are welcome! Contact Teresa Schellenger at jpschellenger@aol.com for Zoom info.

**Redeemer Women's Faith Group
(Formerly Women's Prayer Group)
Resume September 9 – 9:30 to 10:30 am**

The Redeemer Women's Faith Group will begin an intriguing book by Andi Andrew titled *Braving Change - Trust Where God Is Leading You*. We hope that you may join us for what is sure to be a rewarding reading and discussion opportunity. We'll meet on Tuesdays starting September 9.

If you would like to attend, please sign up via this link: <https://bit.ly/rclwomensgroup>. A copy of the book is available at the church office. Questions? Contact Kim Wenk at kbwenk@gmail.com.

Community Events for Share

September 6 – Back-to-School Bash hosted at The Boro Tysons to celebrate the new school year with creativity, outdoor fun, and the chance to donate school supplies to Share.

September 12 – Food Truck Friday at Immanuel Presbyterian Church offers a family-friendly evening with delicious food and entertainment — Bring a non-perishable item from Share's most needed list and be part of the fun!

September 13 – Stuff the Bus is Back! Stop by the McLean Giant from 10:00am - 3:00 pm and donate non-perishable food items or gift cards.

For more information and links to sign up please go to <https://www.shareofmclean.org/>.

**Community Event: Food for Others 5K and Fun Run/Walk
September 27 – 8 am**

Join with Redeemer family members for a 5K and Fun Run/Walk opportunity at Tyson's Corner Center. Proceeds will go to Food for Others. Food for Others is an important part of Northern Virginia's safety net for those needing food when an emergency strikes and for the growing number of working poor who need to supplement their inadequate food supplies. Please register at this link: <https://runsignup.com/Race/Info/VA/Tysons/Tysons5K>. For further race-day details, please contact Mary Eckberg at eckberg.mary@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

Please Remember to Pray....

For Healing

Aaron
Bettina
Carol
Charlotte
Chris
Christina
Jana
Jean
Jeff
Jesse
Jon
Kim
Mandy
Marie
Michael
Nancy and Peter
Sam
Debbie G.
Joan and Ed
Joe G.
Steve M.
Trevor W.
Achikian, Maral
Augustenborg Epstein, Erica
Ayers, Kyle
Bates, Barbara
Bergdahl, Carol
Blakey, Patrick
Blankenship, Bob
Born, King "Song"
Bornmann, Keith
Boyer, Carol
Boyer, Charlie
Brown, Richard
Canes, David
Capodanno, Sophie
Carter, Nicole
Cavallo, Michael
Cooke, Martin
Cox, Mary
DeGioia, Jack
Devine, Daniel
Diaz, Martin
Duval, Louis

Eifler, Ruth
Geissl, Irene
Glindemann, Ginger
Glindemann, Keith
Graham, Jim
Gross, Kathy
Henkel, Vernon Jr.
Heuer, Mark
Hopkins, Harley
Hughes, William
Jackson, Shirley
Jephson, Patrick
Johnson, Ted
Keating, Kathleen and Michael
Kennedy, Will
Lawrence, Kai
Maheshwari, Mohan
Martin, Beverly
Martin, Trevor
Miller, Coletta
Moe, Mike
Myers, Kathy
Pittman, Larry
Pujol Rodriguez, Esther
Reblitz, Jennifer
Richmond, Dan
Ryding, Karin
Scheinblum, Terry
Schiedt, Mary Jane
Schmid, Rahizza
Schneck, Pastor Tony
Shaefer, Phil
Shaw, Alice
Stear, Carolyn
Stolar, Bob
Teutler, Alexander
Teutler, Olga
Vanderhoof, Brenda
Vosburgh, Leah
White, Jerry
Williams, Tim
Wright, Jim
Wu, Jian
Yesko, Edmund
Yox, Karol

For Comfort and Peace

Peggy
Collins, Josephine
Hunter, Baxter
Portis, Carol

For Comfort in Death

The family & friends of Terry Retter
The family & friends of Larry Smothers

For Safety

All refugees
All our military & diplomatic people
throughout the world
All those who serve to protect our country
Armas, Jesús
The Uriel family

For all healthcare workers and first responders

Dominic, Elizabeth, and Ian
Sharon
Tara and family
Kuhagen, Leslie
Kutscher, Karin
Laredo, Sandra

For Comfort and Strength

Ari
Dave
Katelyn
Anna and Stephen
Sarah and Jenny
Franks, Hannah
Martin, Ramona
Taylor, Charles
Weber, Amy and Emerson and Fynn
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 King of Kings Lutheran Church, Fairfax, and their pastor, Rev. Dr. Elijah Mwitanti.

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

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

Including Hybrid Options

Sun., 8/31	<i>Sunday Worship Service Times</i>	<i>(Live stream both services)</i>
	9:00 am--10:00 am	Contemporary Service
	9:55 am--10:25 am	Youth Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 am--11:30 am	Traditional Service
	8:30 am--12:00 pm	Church nursery is available for infants and toddlers
	10:15 am--11:15 am	Table Talk Adult Education (Music Suite A/Hybrid)
Mon., 9/1	Church Office Closed	Labor Day
Tues., 9/2	7:00 pm--8:00 pm	Stewardship Committee Mtg. (Zoom)
Weds, 9/3	9:00 am--11:30 am	Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall)
Thurs., 9/4	8:00 am--9:00 am	Thursday AM Bible Study (Zoom)
	7:45 pm--8:15 pm	Traditional Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite B)

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