



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



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Life at Redeemer

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September 21, 2025

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.

Using Hymnals at Traditional Services

We have returned to our standard practice of using the hymnals in the pews for the hymns at the two traditional services. We will be better stewards of all that God has given us.

Hymns Today at the 8:30 am and 11 am Services

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| #853 | When Morning Gilds the Skies |
| #686 | We Give Thee but Thine Own |
| #838 | Beautiful Savior |
| #858 | Praise to the Lord, the Almighty |

Joan Coffman

Our sister, Joan Coffman, died on September 5. She joined Redeemer by Affirmation of Faith in November 2013. She was a resident of Sunrise. She enjoyed getting the bulletin and sermon in the mail; she would read them throughout the week. A graveside service will be held at the end of September. When we know more details, we will share them. May the God of the empty tomb surround Joan's family and friends, giving to them comfort and hope.

Ushers Needed

We are looking for people to help serve as ushers at Redeemer. You may only need to support one service a month or less, but you make a large impact. Ushers are the greeters as people enter worship. They support the service through offering and communion, and play an important role in helping the services run smoothly. But it is also fun and a great way to share fellowship with everyone at service. Training is provided and all ages are welcome. Talk to any usher or reach out to Matthew Kratz at pghkratz@gmail.com.

October Tidings Contributions

Please submit content for the October issue of *Tidings* no later than 5:00 pm on Monday, September 22. We will not be able to accept items after that date.

Canned Food Donations for Redeemer's Little Pantry

The Little Pantry provides access to food, 24/7, without qualifications or judgment. Items may be placed in the bin outside Door 10, on Sundays in the bin in the Crossroads, or directly into the Pantry (parking lot on Westmoreland St. side.)

Items most needed:

- Canned tuna, meat stews; no beans or chicken
- Canned fruit, vegetables, soups, and pasta
- Small sized plastic jars of peanut butter

Please: No glass containers. Items must be shelf stable, nothing perishable.

Construction Project Update

You may notice that additional ceiling tiles have been removed in areas adjacent to the education wing. This needed to happen in order to more efficiently complete the work on the new HVAC system. Completing it in a more expeditious way will help improve the timeline for bringing the new heating system online sooner, given that cooler weather is around the corner.

Youth

Sunday Morning Youth Classes Sundays at 9:45 am



Faith Formation, Confirmation, and the High School Class have resumed for the '25-'26 school year. All students need a new registration each year. To register online, please scan the QR code or use this link: <https://forms.gle/jETNJ22QnWBHvbV17>.

“Called in our Wandering” Confirmation and High School Event November 21 to 23

Youth in grades 7 to 12 are invited to join the Metro D.C. and Delaware-Maryland Synod Event. Youth will experience a weekend of music, games, small group faith discussion, service projects, and worship. Come make new friends and strengthen your faith! The cost is \$200 and scholarships are available.

Mission Trips 2026 – June 21 to June 26, 2026 Sign Up Deadline October 19

Our 2026 Youth Mission trip planning is underway. We will have two trips: one for those in 7th and 8th grades, to Harrisburg, PA, and one for those in high school, to Wilmington, NC. Both trips will be through the organization YouthWorks as we have done in the past. We will need chaperones for both trips.

Please contact Grace Howie to sign up for youth events or trips at grace@redeermclean.org.

Britepaths Donation Drive Continues

Join us in making a tangible difference in the lives of our neighbors by donating today to Britepaths' Emergency Food Support program. Together, we can provide vital support and foster resilience within our community.

Every donation directly assists individuals and families facing temporary crises by providing them with necessary household and personal hygiene products and a gift card for groceries. This crucial support allows recipients to purchase essential groceries and find relief during their challenging times, allowing them to focus on stabilizing their situation.

To make a donation, please include “Britepaths” on your donation envelope or the memo line on your check. We are collecting donations through October 13.

Social Justice and Equity Book Club September 22 – 7:30 to 8:30 pm

Redeemer's Social Justice and Equity Book Club has weekly Zoom meetings on Mondays. The book club is reading *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 September 23 – 9:30 to 10:30 am

The Redeemer Women's Faith Group is working through *Braving Change--Trust Where God Is Leading You* by Andi Andrew. We hope that you may join us for what is sure to be a rewarding reading and discussion opportunity. We meet on Tuesdays (Music Suite A/Zoom).

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

Young Adult Meeting September 23 — 7 to 9 pm

Young adults are invited to attend our next meeting hosted at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church. Dinner will be provided. Please contact Grace Howie at grace@redeermclean.org with any questions.

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. 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!

Winter Scarf Drive Collection through Early October

Collection boxes are out now for the annual winter scarf drive hosted by the Prayer Shawl Group to benefit N Street Ministries (<https://www.nstreetvillage.org>). Please email Lynn Barth at lynnbarth@gmail for more yarn or for information about our prayer shawl group, which meets at 10:30 am on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays in the Library or via Zoom.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

Including Hybrid Options

Sun., 9/21	<i>Sunday Worship Service Times</i>	
	8:30 am, 9:45 am, and 11:00 am	(Live stream 8:30 and 9:45 services)
	8:30 am - 12:00 pm	Church nursery is available for infants and toddlers
	9:45 am - 10:45 am	Faith Formation and Confirmation Classes
		High School "Bagels & Bible" Class (Teen Center)
		Table Talk Adult Education (Music Suite A/Zoom)
	10:55 - 11:25 am	Youth Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite B)
Mon., 9/22	7:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Social Justice & Equity Book Club (Zoom)
Tues., 9/23	9:30 am - 10:30 am	Women's Faith Group (Music Suite A/Zoom)
Thurs., 9/25	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Thursday AM Bible Study (Zoom)
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite A)
	7:45 pm - 8:45 pm	Traditional Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite B)

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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
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
White, Jerry
Williams, Tim
Wright, Jim
Wu, Jian
Yesko, Edmund
Yox, Karol

For Comfort and Peace

Peggy
Collins, Josephine
Portis, Carol

For Comfort in Death

The family & friends of Joan Coffman
The family & friends of Stephanie Foster
The family & friends of Baxter Hunter
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 Bethel Lutheran Church, Manassas, and their pastor, Rev. Katie Pocalyko.

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