

# ***TIDINGS*** **Newsletter**

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Our mission is to share Christ's love  
with the greatest number of people.

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**A Message from  
Pastor Sharon Core  
August 2025  
In-between Times**

Siblings in Christ,

With this inaugural piece for *Tidings*, I send you grace and peace from Cleveland, OH. I am concluding my service of 8 ½ years with Presbyterians in NE Ohio. And I am looking forward to service with Lutherans in McLean, VA!

As I prepare to join you all on August 19, I find myself in an in-between time. I am winding up my work, packing my house, taking lots of bags to Goodwill, filling out change of address forms, and saying goodbye to friends. Boxes are packed, movers have been scheduled, and our real estate agent is confirming house showings. And I'm standing in the midst of all of it—marveling at what has already been done, taking note of what still needs to be accomplished, and wondering what will next present itself that hasn't made it to my "to-do" list. Nothing is quite finished and nothing is quite ready to begin. I'm in-between.

My sense is you all may be experiencing some in-between as well. You have recently said goodbye to a beloved long term pastor, you've remembered well, have shed some tears, and walk by an office that is devoid of personality. Worship feels a bit different and a familiar voice is no longer a part of conversations. And then there is this new person coming—you've heard her name, seen her picture, and wonder what it will be like to have a Presbyterian in your midst. Only she's not here yet. And then there is the waiting and wondering—what will the next year be like, what will we learn, what will be asked of us, and then the whole search process itself. Nothing is quite finished and nothing is quite ready to begin. You're in-between.

And so, my siblings, let us be in-between together. Let us give thanks for what has already been—for the ones who have shaped us and guided us and for the good and faithful work we have had the privilege to do. Let us take note of what still needs to be accomplished—new names to learn, styles and traditions to be explored, and similarities to be celebrated. What will present itself that hasn't made it to our "to-do" list? Some may say that is the exciting bit!

And in the in-between, let us be reminded of the Divine and Constant companion. Psalm 121, the travelers psalm, says in part:

*The Lord is your keeper;  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.  
The sun shall not strike you by day  
nor the moon by night.  
The Lord will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and forevermore.*

Even when nothing is quite finished and nothing is quite ready to begin, God is in the in-between with us—holding us steady and giving us courage for whatever is coming next.

I am looking forward to exploring this in-between time with you.

Blessings,  
Pastor Sharon

# AUGUST



## **SUNDAY SCHEDULE** Contemporary

Contemporary Worship Service at 9:00 am

Traditional Worship Service at 10:30 am

Table Talk (Adult Class) – 10:15 am

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## **WEEKLY EVENTS IN AUGUST**

Wednesdays	Redeemer Renaissance Program Playground Time – 9:30 am
Thursdays	AM Bible Study (Zoom) – 8 am

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## **ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES**

### **Week of August 3**

Monday, August 4

Redeemer Day of Prayer – 8 am

### **Week of August 10**

Tuesday, August 12

Preschool Open House – 10 am and 5:30 pm

### **Week of August 17**

Sunday, August 17

Blessing of Backpacks – 9 am and 10:30 am

Tuesday, August 19

Interim Pastor Sharon Core joins us at Redeemer

Good Grub and God – 7 pm

Wednesday, August 20

Quilting Group – 9 am

Thursday, August 21

Bell Choir Rehearsal – 7 pm

Traditional Choir Rehearsal – 7:45 pm

### **Week of August 24**

Tuesday, August 26

Council Dinner with Pastor Core – 6:30 pm

Thursday, August 28

Bell Choir Rehearsal – 7 pm

Traditional Choir Rehearsal – 7:45 pm

### **Week of August 31**

Wednesday, September 3

Quilting Group – 9 am

Thursday, September 4

Bell Choir Rehearsal – 7 pm

Traditional Choir Rehearsal – 7:45 pm

**Minutes: July 14, 2025, Meeting of Congregation Council**  
**RLC Conference Room and via Zoom**

**Council Members Present in Person:** Annabelle Allard; Steve Bott, Treasurer; Lee Cronin; Sabine Detweiler, Vice President; Sarah Getter; Chris Hernadi, Secretary; Victoria Johnson; Megan Kratz; Karen Miller, President; Gene Morrow; Tyler Posey

**Council Members Excused:** None

**Council Members Attending via Zoom:** Lena Martikainen

**Council Members Unexcused:** None

**Council Meeting Guests:** John Teitman, Pastor; Rob Wenk

**Call to order.** Karen Miller called the meeting to order at 7:31

**Opening Devotions.** Pastor John Teitman led opening devotions with a reading from Numbers and an opening prayer.

**Approval of Minutes.** Minutes from the meeting were previously approved by email.

**Adoption of Agenda.** The agenda, as emailed in advance of the meeting, was approved by the Council.

**Senior Pastor Report.** PSK submitted her final June report via email in advance of the meeting. In her written report, PSK thanked the congregation for the warm celebration in June and offered her prayerful best wishes as she begins her retirement.

**Discussion Item: Recommended Mortgage Provider.** Rob Wenk summarized to Council the financing options from two separate lenders, Chain Bridge Bank and the ELCA Mission Investment Fund, for the Congregation-approved loan of \$1.6 million for the capital building and grounds project. After guiding Council through the details, Rob recommended to Council the ELCA Mission Investment's 25-year Amortization ARM option. He further noted that ELCA Mission Investment guidelines would require full congregation approval of the loan terms, preferably obtained by September, to proceed.

Sarah Getter made the motion to take on the ELCA Mission Investment's 25-year Amortization ARM option as detailed in Rob Wenk's Mortgage Summary. Sabine Detweiler seconded the motion. Council discussed plans for presenting the mortgage details to the Congregation for approval and considered the feasibility in the long term of refinancing the loan and the congregation's ability to pay off the mortgage early. After discussion, the motion was approved unanimously by Council.

**Approval Item: HVAC Repair Price Increase.** Rob Wenk reported to Council that the lowest bid for the roof-top HVAC repair exceeded the amount approved in the June 2025 meeting. Rob requested that Council increase the authorized amount to \$24,000, which is still within the amount in maintenance reserves.

Karen Miller made the motion to increase the authorized amount for the rooftop HVAC repair to \$24,000. Megan Kratz seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by Council.

**Executive Committee Summary.** The Executive Committee met on July 2 and talked about the arrival of Interim Pastor Sharon Core and the other items on tonight's agenda.

**Treasurer's Report.** Treasurer Steve Bott presented the 2025 Financial Summary through June 30, which was also made available via email prior to the meeting. Expenses exceeded receipts by \$58,607, due primarily to a dip in congregational giving. It was noted that while a dip in giving during the summer is not unprecedented, the current shortfall had started sooner than it had in prior years. Council discussed the impact of economic uncertainty in the region and considered how summer shortfalls from previous years had been resolved by the end of the year.

**Discussion Item: PSK Retirement Summary.** Karen Miller offered a recap of the retirement celebration of PSK on June 21. The final cost of the event came in under budget, and Karen expressed her thanks to Kim Wenk for her fiscal responsibility in organizing the event and to families who worked with local providers to secure discounts on catering items.

**Approval Item: Housing Allowance for Interim Pastor Core.** As is customary for Pastors and Interim Pastors under contract with Redeemer, Council is required to specify the portion of salary which shall constitute a housing allowance and to which the recipient can refer for his or her own internal accounting and tax purposes. Karen Miller reported that Interim Pastor Core requested that Council approve 48% of her salary as housing allowance. Karen Miller made the motion to specify the housing allowance at 48% of Pastor Core's salary. Sarah Getter seconded the motion. After discussion and clarification, the motion was approved unanimously by Council.

**Discussion Item: Preparing for Pastor Core's Arrival.** Karen Miller requested help from Council to prepare an orientation plan for Pastor Core for her arrival on August 19. Plans are already underway to introduce Pastor Core to individuals outside Council who can familiarize her with ministries and administrative activities. Council members offered to assist Karen in putting together an orientation packet.

**Discussion Item: Council dinner with Pastor Core in August.** Council agreed to hold a dinner with Pastor Core and her husband on Tuesday, August 26.

**Ministry Reports: Christian Education:** Annabelle Allard noted the announcement in yesterday's bulletin to call for a volunteer parent coordinator of Faith Formation. Grace Howie is on track to complete the administrative details of the Faith Formation program prior to the start in September.

**Ministry Report. Stewardship.** Karen Miller reported that the Stewardship team has completed a draft letter which is being reviewed and will be sent out soon.

**New Business:** Item discussed in Executive Session.

**Close with Prayer and adjourn at 9:07**

**Upcoming Dates:**

Building Project Start Date, August 18, 2025

Pastor Core Start Date, August 19, 2025

Next Meeting of Council – dinner with Pastor Core on August 26

### **Construction Project Updates from July**

The Council has selected the ELCA's Mission Investment Fund to provide the new mortgage for the completion of our upcoming construction project. The Mission Investment Fund is a part of our national church organization (ELCA), and they make loans to new and existing congregations for new buildings, renovations, and expansions. Their rates are very competitive with other lenders and banks. Plus, our monthly mortgage payments and investment would help fund future loans to other congregations. There will be opportunities for questions and discussion on the new mortgage following upcoming worship services, and those dates and times will be announced in the weekly bulletin.

In order to complete our construction project, we are planning to have a new mortgage of \$1.6M. Members have asked how that compares to what Redeemer has done in the past. Prior to when Pastor Kessinger was called to Redeemer, we had two mortgages totaling \$2.3M. The monthly principal and interest payments were approximately \$15K per month. We paid off the first mortgage 7 years early leaving a \$10K monthly mortgage payment remaining, which was then paid off 6 years early. Therefore, we have handled larger obligations in the past and have paid them off ahead of schedule.

With construction starting in the education wing on August 18<sup>th</sup>, we will have to move all items out of those areas. Some of the walls and ceilings in those rooms will be rebuilt. If your ministry team has things stored in those areas, please consider storing those items off site during the construction. We will have an on-site storage unit in the parking lot for some things, but obviously that will not be a good storage environment for all items. Things that the church no longer needs will either be sold, donated, or salvaged, in order to free up space for items that the church really needs to keep on hand going forward.

At a Scout Court of Honor ceremony in June, Pastor Kessinger was honored for all of her support for scouting at Redeemer over the years. The Scouts and their families presented her with a generous check in tribute to her and to be applied to the upcoming construction project. The girls and the boys scouting troops and their parents appreciate all of Redeemer's ongoing support.

**Message from our Prayer Partnership**  
**Pastor Zhanibek Batenov at Evangelical Lutheran Church of St. Mary in Ulyanovsk, Russia**

I'm going to tell you a little about how things are with us.

In December a man, an ethnic Tatar, passed by our church. I invited him to our free organ concert. He was at the concert in the church. At the end of the concert I told him that on every Thursday we have an evening service accompanied by the organ. He wanted to be baptized and took a course in the Christian faith. We prepared for several months and in June he was baptized. I am very inspired when people who are traditionally Muslims are baptized in my congregation and find faith in Jesus Christ. At that moment I understand that my mission is not in vain.

I also hope that on July 6th there will be confirmation of a man and a woman who were baptized as children in the Orthodox Church, but wanted to become Lutherans and completed the course of the study. Their names are Margarita and Andrey. In addition to them seven more are preparing for confirmation, but have not yet completed the entire course. I get great pleasure when I conduct services, preach and teach classes on the Christian faith. It is these classes that are the most joyful for me.

In addition the following is planned for July. From July 7 to 11 we will have a canoe trip, there will be about 15 participants. We will be canoeing along the Volga in the daytime and spending the nights in tents on islands in the middle of the river. There will also be prayers, Bible studies, communication, and cooking together.

From July 14 to August 7 I, my wife and my children will be in Kazakhstan to visit some of our relatives. I also hope to see Bishop Rostislav Novgorodov of the Lutheran Church of Kazakhstan, we have agreed on a meeting.

I hope that God will allow these plans to come true.

I wish you God's blessings and congratulations once again!

With prayer, Zhanibek.

## HAPPENING AT REDEEMER

### Redeemer Day of Prayer “Transitions: Trust and Hope” August 4

You're invited to join others on Monday, August 4, as part of Redeemer's next quarterly Day of Prayer.

This summer, so many of us are experiencing transitions: as individuals, families, the Redeemer congregation, various groups in our country, as well as so many in our world. Some of those transitions are expected but may still be unsettling even if the outcome is positive. Others may be completely unexpected and we're unsure how to manage the changes.

We pray for God's presence in our lives, and we trust in the hope of God's promises.

To be part of the Day of Prayer: sign up for a half-hour segment to be part of the goal of us praying continuously throughout the day. Either use this link or call the church office (703-356-3346) to claim a time slot. You can pray at Redeemer or from home, school, or office.

A resource document consisting of prayers written by Redeemer members and others, scripture selections, and audio files is available [here](#).

### Redeemer Renaissance Preschool Open House August 12 – 10 to 11 am and 5:30 to 6:30 pm

Families are invited to an open house at Redeemer Renaissance Preschool. The open house will showcase our preschool for the 2s, 3s, and 4s with morning and all-day availability.



## OPEN HOUSE

1545 Chain Bridge Road

**JULY 22<sup>nd</sup> & AUGUST 12<sup>th</sup>**

**10-11 AM or 5:30 - 6:30 PM**

**2's, 3's & 4's**

**Mornings & All-Day**





## Good Grub and God August 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. If you would like to come, please sign up at <https://bit.ly/good-grub-and-god>.

## Redeemer Renaissance - Playground Playtime Wednesday's through August 30 at 9:30 am to 10:30 am



### Invitation to share:

**Families are our best ambassadors. As we build community together thank you in advance for reaching out to others.**

# PLAYGROUND PLAYTIME FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

EVERY WEDNESDAY THROUGH AUGUST 30TH  
9:30-10:30AM

Please come and play this summer! RRP families will gather on the playground. An art or STEM activity will be offered to ignite curiosity! This is a wonderful opportunity to meet classmates, families and introduce your child to the school grounds - the natural play area, play structures, gardens, and outdoor classroom - which are special places for them. These spaces offer your child a safe place to wonder, discover, and explore while increasing their confidence and independence as they transition to begin the new school year.



### RRP PLAYGROUND SAFETY RULES:

- Fences and trees are NOT FOR CLIMBING
- Stay within sight of your adult
- Wear footwear and clothing appropriate for the weather
- Use play equipment as intended

Thank you for your partnership as we maintain consistency of the rules for your child's health and safety. Children benefit as we bridge from home to school and back again; we'll see you soon!



## Sign Up to Host Coffee Hour

Who makes the coffee? You can!

Everyone is welcome to host Sunday morning Coffee Hour. Get your friends, family, or ministry or group together and sign up!

What does the host person/s do? Make the coffee, set up, keep the coffee area tidy and replenished, and CLEAN UP! And have fun! You can even go to service once things are set up.

If you want to provide a simple treat like mini muffins, donut holes, bite size breads or pastries, or something similar—store bought is fine—that is appreciated but not required.

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. If you are interested, please sign up [here](#). If you have any questions, contact [Kim Wenk](#).

## Sacred Ground

Would you be interested in gathering for small group discussion on topics of racial justice?

Redeemer is fortunate to have a partnership with the Episcopal Church for instruction on racial awareness with the 10-month Sacred Ground course. Our once a month online discussions offer helpful insight for navigating positive conversation with those who share in God's diverse image. Along with the engaging civic and faith-based curriculum of essays and videos, we are reading thought-provoking books, such as *Jesus and the Disinherited* by Howard Thurman. This important course is a rewarding way to share the light of Christ while on your faith walk for learning of and learning from the challenging topics of race/racism.

As we look toward Fall 2025, we encourage Y O U to keep the momentum going. We need Y O U to step forward, in a small group leadership role, or to join a small group, for the upcoming session (with potential to organize in August 2025 and begin in September 2025). Please contact the church office at [church@redeemermclean.org](mailto:church@redeemermclean.org).

As author Debby Irving states in *Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race*, "Self-examination and the courage to admit to bias and unhelpful inherited behaviors may be our greatest tools for change. Allowing ourselves to be vulnerable enough to expose our ignorance and insecurities takes courage and love. Opening of heart and mind to the possibility that you—even well-intentioned you—have room to change and grow so that you can work with people of all colors, ethnicities and differing ways of being, to co-create communities that can unite, strengthen and prosper."

Congratulations to four members from Redeemer and three members from other congregations for completing the 2024-2025 Sacred Ground course.

## Social Justice and Equity Book Club

Redeemer's Social Justice & Equity Book Club (formerly Redeemer's Racial Justice & Equity Book Club) will reconvene in the fall with *Go Back to Where you Came From* by Wajahat Ali.

Please check out the summaries of the books we have read on our [website](#), and feel free to borrow a copy from our lending cart in the Crossroads! Contact [Teresa Schellenger](#) for more information.

## Youth

### Register for Faith formation, Confirmation, and the High School Class

Faith Formation, Confirmation, and the High School Class will resume September 7. All students need a new registration each year. Registration is now open and families can do so online, or physical forms will be made available at the Kids' Corner table in Crossroads on Sundays before and after services. To register online, please use [this link](#). Physical forms will be available on Sunday mornings in Crossroads.

### Join the Redeemer Youth Choir!

Our Youth Choir is looking for new members! Join for great songs and lots of fun. Rehearsals are on Sundays during the school year from 10:55 am to 11:25 am in Music Suite A. The group performs periodically throughout the year. To register, please fill out the form at this [link](#).

### Blessing of Backpacks August 17

We will have the Blessing of Backpacks at both the 9 am and 10:30 am services. All youth are encouraged to bring their backpacks to be blessed.

### Faith Formation Mentors Needed

We are in need of Faith Formation mentors for the upcoming school year (September 2025 - May 2026). Lead teachers and assistants are needed for the 3rd/4th grade class, and an assistant teacher is needed for the 5th/6th grade class. There is also the opportunity to be a substitute as needed for any grade level. Mentoring is a wonderful way to connect with our youth and nurture them in their faith journey. No prior teaching experience is necessary! Mentors are fully supported with training, a weekly curriculum, and supplies. Reach out to [Grace Howie](#) if you are interested in signing up or if you have any questions!

## SOCIAL OUTREACH

### Little Food Pantry - Summer Update

Thank you to everyone who has been placing food items in Redeemer's "Little Pantry" and collection bin in the Crossroads. Now that it is summer the LFP has some new challenges:

- First, children who are in need of food are not in school where they receive free breakfast and lunch. There is a greater need for kid-friendly lunch and breakfast foods.
- Second, the temperature outside is HOT. Fortunately, the food in the LFP is rarely there for more than 24 hours. Canned food can withstand the heat. So until further notice, we will not put out any food in plastic containers, except water and peanut butter.

Here is how you can serve your neighbors in need:

1. **DONATE FOOD** - single serve, non-perishable, nutritious, ready-to-eat items are needed--no glass. No plastic fruit cups.
2. **DAILY MAINTENANCE** - Since the pantry holds a limited amount of items, and is used daily, it needs to be stocked and tidied up a few times a week. Would you be willing to stop by once a week to check that it is stocked? No donation is necessary to do this; we will have donations in reserve to stock the pantry. If so, please contact Kim Wenk at [kbwenk@gmail.com](mailto:kbwenk@gmail.com).



### Winter Scarf Drive

**HOOKS AND NEEDLES ONCE AGAIN:** The prayer shawl group will be hosting the annual winter scarf drive once more. Please consider crocheting or knitting a winter scarf for the Women of N Street Ministries. Gently used and newly purchased winter scarves are also welcome.

Pick up a "scarf in a bag" kit in the Crossroads. Each bag contains enough yarn to knit or crochet a scarf and directions for the project. Take a bag home and enjoy a "hands on" project over the summer months. Directions for both crocheted and knitted scarves are included, or use any pattern of your choosing. There is plenty of yarn available in the yarn closet for artisans to use as well. Contact the church office to arrange to visit the yarn closet.

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

The scarves will go to the women being served by N Street ministries. Redeemer has had a long term relationship with N Street; a ministry that helps homeless women in DC with a wide range of programs that foster independence. Here is the link to the website for more information:

<https://www.nstreetvillage.org>

The prayer shawl group meets the first and third Thursday of most months. We do take a break during July and August. The hybrid (Zoom and in person) meetings run from 10:30 to noon. All are welcome. Beginners are enthusiastically welcomed. Please email Lynn Barth at [lynnbarth@gmail](mailto:lynnbarth@gmail) for more information or yarn.

## Share of McLean

Share of McLean has been seeing an increase in requests from the community and clients for financial and food assistance. During the summer months, the donations typically slow down and the shelves start to get bare. Please keep Share of McLean in mind this summer. To find a list of most needed items, please visit:

[https://www.shareofmclean.org/\\_files/ugd/891f83\\_89b0211e0e6f4bffa2bc749490a1fad6.pdf](https://www.shareofmclean.org/_files/ugd/891f83_89b0211e0e6f4bffa2bc749490a1fad6.pdf)

To make a financial contribution, please indicate Share of McLean on your donation envelope.

## Britepaths

### Septemer Donation Drive

Please support Britepaths as part of the September donation drive. As part of this drive, we are collecting funds which will assist our Fairfax County neighbors in need through Britepaths' Emergency Food Support program. 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. Your contribution ensures that we can continue to provide timely assistance to those experiencing hardship in our community. 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.

*To make a donation, please include "Britepaths" on your donation envelope or the memo line on your check. We will collect donations from September 15-October 13.*

### Secret Garden Book Nook at Britepaths

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. Created with client families in mind, The Secret Garden at Britepaths 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.

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.

## Quilting Group

We hope you enjoyed seeing all of our creative quilts in April and May when they were blessed. As you can see, we've been busy! Obviously, we love our mission.

The Quilting Group meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 9:00-11:30 am in Fellowship Hall. We are a small group of five ladies on a mission to share our love of sewing. We continue to support Partner for Surgery in Guatemala along with Project Linus (which we started supporting in 2024). Our quilts are various sizes based upon Project Linus guidelines: minimum sizes: 36" x 36" for baby blankets, 42" x 60" for children's blankets, and 45" x 72" for teen blankets, in addition to fleece blankets.

Project Linus supports local Fairfax County organizations such as Ronald McDonald House, Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS), kids who have lost a military service parent, local emergency situations and national emergency situations when a call for assistance is received, and INOVA Hospital, to name a few.

Partner for Surgery, Guatemala provides medical and surgical care in rural Guatemala, helping impoverished Guatemalan children and families living in remote locations. Our quilts are hand delivered by Frank Petersen. Additionally, we provide handmade tote bags and bears for the children.

Additionally, this year, we "teamed" up with the Prayer Shawl Group to make fleece blankets for Project Linus. The Quilting Group purchased the fleece, rotary skip blade and prepped the fleece for the crocheters to put an edge on. Additionally, any leftover fleece from the blankets was made into scarves to support the Prayer Shawl's scarf drive later this year. The Quilting Group will deliver both quilts and blankets made by Prayer Shawl to the Project Linus drop off location.

Our group is always looking for assistance, and we welcome new sewers into our small group. If you are unable to attend in person, we can provide you with supplies to design a quilt or even a bundled set (quilt top, batting, backing fabric, and yarn) to make at your leisure at home. Other ways to help include monetary donations; fabric, thread, and other sewing/quilting items are welcome. When donating money, please designate it for the "Quilting Group." Monetary donations will go toward the purchase of much-needed batting, fabric, thread, and any other supplies as needed.

If you are interested, please contact either [Darlene McCoy](#) or [Joyce Clarke](#).

## July Ham Run Report

The following is the ham run report for June.

On June 5, Roberta Pittman delivered 3 boxes from Fairfax weighing a total of 85 pounds to Thrive DC. On June 12, Steve Greanias delivered 3 boxes of ham weighing 152 pounds from Fairfax to Rising Hope Mission Church. On June 25, Ralph Dutrow delivered 2 boxes from Fairfax weighing 60 pounds to SOME.

Our total delivery weight for June is 297 pounds and 2162 pounds year to date. Thank you all.

Sincerely,  
Laura Wareham





## **August Birthdays - We Wish You a Happy Birthday!**

- Aug. 1 Bob Daly, Annika McBride, David Stanford, Bill Tribble, Collin Wareham
- Aug. 2 Mike Maglio, Bradley White
- Aug. 3 Jessica Goodman
- Aug. 4 Greg Lawrence
- Aug. 5 Glenn Griffis, Carol Smith
- Aug. 6 Zach Apple
- Aug. 7 Ethan Klinkner
- Aug. 8 Kim Dorgan, Alexandra Hutchinson, John Stanford
- Aug. 9 Walter Bader, Rosanna McCalips
- Aug. 10 Maria Retter, Lauren Shepard, Alex Weischedel
- Aug. 11 Seth Cavanaugh, Liesl Curtis, Roxanne Englund
- Aug. 12 Bonnie Barndt-Maglio, Tim Bereuter, Siena Koerner, Larry Millstein
- Aug. 13 Brian Getter, Emily Kight, Alex Morris, Nancy Power, Paul Thorson
- Aug. 14 Maurine Crouch, Kristian Hutchinson, Gordon Jones, Marty Marinoff, Bliss Temple
- Aug. 15 Mijo Kim, Alexa Risseuw, Ruza Shellaway
- Aug. 16 Patrick Bradley, Deborah Dewey, Viggo Nymann Behrens, Forrest R. Stieg
- Aug. 17 Ellie McGuire, Mauricio Villafuerte, Donna Zimmerman
- Aug. 18 Anna Cotton, Kelly Gates, Jocelyn Leadbetter, Andrew Moran
- Aug. 19 Jason Eckberg, Barbara Goodwin, James Kanski, Jose Moreno, Gabriel Peterson
- Aug. 20 Anita Peterson
- Aug. 21 Crestienne DeChaine, Sarah Regan, Taylor Saunders, Kryss Speegle
- Aug. 22 Connor Cavanaugh
- Aug. 23 Steve Lancaster, Matthew Straub, Sessa Tiffany
- Aug. 24 Mara Corbett, Michael Stanford
- Aug. 25 Jeff Engel, Leo Malachowski, Cindy Morrow, Victoria Schumacher
- Aug. 26 Elsa Allard
- Aug. 27 Kevin Kern, Elaine Tucker
- Aug. 28 Tyler Frederick, Eric Sivertsen, Nora Stewart
- Aug. 29 Victor Pilson, Jessica Plowgian
- Aug. 30 Helen Chambers, James Mallek Jr., Cooper McGuire
- Aug. 31 Melvin Dotterweich, Zoe Heath, Tom Klanderman, Camille Richter

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