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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. Pastor Kessinger is open and available for one-on-one conversations with you.

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 8:30 and 11:00 services

- #310 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise
- #576 We All Are One in Mission
- #471 Let Us Break Bread Together
- #841 Lift Every Voice and Sing

Wednesday Bible Study Series

On Wednesday, January 22, our two Bible Study series will continue. People can join at any time. The Wednesday AM Bible Study is looking at the writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Everyone interested in these sessions can purchase the book, *Discipleship* (Dietrich Bonhoeffer Works - Reader's Edition - November 1, 2015). The class will be both in-person and via Zoom.

The Wednesday PM Bible study will concentrate on "The Sermon on the Mount" and will meet only via Zoom. All are welcome to either or both series.

[Zoom for Wednesday AM Bible Study](#) (also in-person)

Meeting ID: 820 6387 6042
Passcode: 340292

[Zoom for Wednesday PM Bible Study](#) (Zoom only)

Meeting ID: 818 7158 8819
Passcode: 127484

Bruce Onobrakpeya: The Mask and the Cross

Nigerian sculptor and printmaker Bruce Onobrakpeya began creating works depicting Christian iconography in 1966, when Catholic priests petitioned the artist to interpret the Passion of Christ. The resulting body of work is titled *Fourteen Stations of the Cross*. *Bruce Onobrakpeya: The Mask and the Cross* showcases the earliest of these commissions, from the late 1960s, on display through January 21 at the Smithsonian National Museum of African Art, 950 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC.

Good Grub and God Dinner January 21 — 7 pm

Happy New Year! Join us at Masala Indian Cuisine in the Langley Shopping Center in McLean for fellowship and casual discussion on an aspect of faith. RSVP by Monday, 1/20 at [this link](#) or email Kim Wenk.

Redeemer Renaissance Preschool & After-School Registration 2025-26

It's time! Church and community families with children 1.5 – 12 years of age are welcome to register for the 2025-26 school year! Families with enrolled children returning for 2025-26 along with waitlist priority and new families may register January 20th-24th.

Children delight in experiencing open-ended play with peers in a safe, developmentally appropriate environment. Our staff engages the children to delve into topics of interest, build hands-on projects, and create bonds that will help them navigate their childhood years and beyond.

We can't wait to welcome you!
Schedule a visit to take a tour & register:
Preschool 703-356-3567 or
After-School 703-356-3346 ext. 106

Please note that the church office is closed on Monday, January 20, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

OUR MISSION: SHARING CHRIST'S LOVE
WITH THE GREATEST NUMBER OF PEOPLE

Weekly Construction Project Update

Good news. We have finally received a building permit from the county for the interior building renovations of the classrooms, offices, and related spaces. The next step will be to send out the blueprints to general contractors and request bids. There will be follow-up questions and meetings with the contractors about the details of the project. At that point, we will also find out how close the actual construction bids are to our previous cost estimates.

Lutheran World Relief and Lutheran Disaster Response for U.S. Wildfires

We are praying for the communities in California impacted by the wildfires. Making a donation to Lutheran World Relief and/or Lutheran Disaster Response is one of the ways we can help. Here are direct links to the donation sites:

[Lutheran World Relief](#)

[Lutheran Disaster Response](#)

Memorial Service Charles Lettow

Charles Lettow, a longtime member of Redeemer, died on December 24, 2024. Over the years, Charles served faithfully in the church and community. His memorial service will be held at Redeemer on Saturday, February 1, at 11 am. A reception will follow the service. All are welcome as we celebrate a life well lived and well loved.

Pew Cards

In follow up to the letter sent recently to the congregation regarding the Beyond Measure Capital Campaign, there is now a pledge card for your use in the pew racks. Completed pledge cards can be placed in the offering plate or in the locked drop box in the Crossroads lobby. If you already have made a pledge or a direct contribution, we heartily THANK YOU! We invite everyone to join us in the campaign to improve our grounds and facilities and “together our impact is limitless”.

Large Print Worship Bulletin Now Available

On Sundays we will now have a limited number of large print worship bulletins available for those with low vision, or anyone who would benefit from this easier-to-read version during the worship service. (Please note they are only available for the traditional worship service at 8:30 am or 11 am.) If you are interested in utilizing this bulletin, please speak to an usher.

Save the Date

February 9 — Annual Congregation Meeting - 12 pm
February 22 — Annual Lenten Retreat - 10 am to 4 pm

For Your Calendar: February 3 Next Redeemer Day of Prayer

Redeemer's next Day of Prayer is Monday, February 3. You're invited to join others to pray for the Church and for our church.

We'll be praying for the church -- at large and at home: unity (ecumenical efforts), striving for justice and peace, and a renewed commitment to participate in the mission of the church.

A resource document consisting of prayers written by Redeemer members/others, scripture selections, and audio files will be available for your use. Use [this SignUp-Genius form](#) to sign up for a half-hour time slot to be part of the goal of us praying continuously throughout the day.

Racial Justice and Equity Book Club Mondays at 7:30 pm (Zoom)

We are currently reading *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson. This is the true story of Walter McMillian and other innocent people of color on death row. The author is his lawyer who has released over 140 wrongfully convicted prisoners on death row. This would be a great time to join our group for some lively discussions! Contact Teresa Schellenger (jpschellenger@aol.com) for more information.

Faith Communities in Action Networking Meeting January 21 — 7 pm to 8:30 pm

For this online event, please register at this link (bit.ly/3DZZKxS) to receive the meeting link. Please join us as we learn about the resources available from the [Fairfax County Community Services Board](#) as well as cultural stigmas surrounding mental health and overcoming those stigmas through awareness, crucial conversations, and advocacy. Please be aware that meetings have moved to Microsoft Teams.

Hearing Tips During Worship

If you are having difficulty hearing during worship services, we have a sheet with recommendations to help improve your experience. Just stop by to pick up a copy from one of the sound system operators in the back.

Please submit contributions for *Tidings* no later than January 20 for inclusion in the February issue. Content should be sent to the [church office](#).

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

Including Hybrid Options

Sun., 1/19	<i>Sunday Worship Service times</i>	
	8:30 am, 9:45 am, and 11:00 am <i>(Live stream first two services)</i>	
	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 (Conference Room/Hybrid)
Mon., 1/20		Church Office Closed
	7:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Racial Justice & Equity Book Club (Zoom)
Tues., 1/21	9:30 am - 10:30 am	Women’s Prayer Group (Conference Room/Hybrid)
	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Social Outreach Meeting (Library)
	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Good Grub & God
Weds., 1/22	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Weds. AM Bible Study (Conference Room/Hybrid)
	9:00 am - 11:30 am	Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Weds. PM Bible Study (Zoom)
Thurs., 1/23	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Men’s Bible Study (Zoom)
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite A)
	7:45 pm - 8:45 pm	Traditional Choir Practice (Music Suite B)

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Please Remember to Pray....

For Healing

Aaron
Carol
Jeff
Jesse
Steve M.
Trevor W.
Achikian, Maral
Antokas, Fr. Dimitrios
Augustenborg Epstein, Erica
Ayers, Kyle
Bates, Barbara
Blakey, Patrick
Blankenship, Bob
Bornmann, Keith
Canes, David
Carter, Nicole
Cavallo, Michael
Cooke, Martin
Culhane, Ed
DeGioia, Jack
Devine, Daniel
Diaz, Martin
Dotterweich, Pam
Duval, Louis
Eifler, Ruth
Geissl, Irene
Gelfand, Roy
Glindemann, Keith
Graham, Jim
Gross, Kathy
Henkel, Vernon Jr.
Heuer, Mark
Himes, Jack
Holmlund, Gwenn
Hughes, William
Hunter, Baxter
Keating, Kathleen and Michael
Knorr, Lorelei & Gene
Kutscher, Betsy
Laverty, Margaret
Leong, Helen
Maheshwari, Mohan
Martin, Beverly

Martin, Trevor
McManus, Pete & Ada
Miller, Coletta
Millward, Jane
Moe, Mike
Myers, Kathy
Parks, Mary Jane
Pujol Rodriguez, Esther
Reblitz, Jennifer
Ryding, Karin
Schiedt, Mary Jane
Scheinblum, Terry
Schmid, Rahizza
Schneck, Pastor Tony
Schumacher family
Shaefer, Phil
Stear, Carolyn
Stolar, Bob
Sullivan, Katie
Swenson-Reinhold, Ephraim
Teutler, Alexander
Teutler, Olga
Vender, Harriet
Vosburgh, Leah
White, Jerry
Winter, Joyce
Yesko, Edmund
Yox, Karol
Zimmerman, Dawn

For Comfort in Death

The family & friends of Patricia Layton-Smith
The family & friends of Charles Lettow

For Comfort and Peace

Brittin, Michael
Collins, Josephine
Portis, Carol
Peggy

For Safety

All refugees
All our military and diplomatic people throughout the world
All those who serve to protect our country
Erik
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 & Stephen
Sarah & Jenny
Franks, Hannah
Pam and Matt G.
Martin, Ramona
Ogg, Lawrence
Taylor, Charles
Weber, Amy and Emerson and Fynn
Those who suffer from depression
Those who suffer from mental illness

We pray in thanksgiving for the life and legacy of President Jimmy Carter.

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 the people in countries around the world where there is violence and war.

We pray for the people in areas where there have been natural disasters.

We pray for improved relationships among all nations.

We pray for our elected leaders.

We pray for the unemployed and the underemployed.

We pray for all those facing persecution and oppression because of their faith and/or ethnicity.

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 Zion Lutheran Church in Lovettsville, and their pastor, Andreas Armstrong.

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

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