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## Life at Redeemer

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# January 12, 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](mailto: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

- #858 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
- #870 We Praise You, O God
- #396 Spirit of Gentleness
- #796 How Firm a Foundation

### Wednesday Bible Study Series

On Wednesday, January 15, 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**

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

### Parents' Lunch and Conversation Today at 12 pm

Parents at Redeemer are invited to join us in Fellowship Hall after worship for lunch and conversation. The conversation will focus on how we can better support parents and our youth in the coming year. Please meet in Fellowship Hall around 12 pm or after the 11 am service if you would like to join. Even if you did not sign up ahead of time, you are welcome to attend. Thank you!

### 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".

### 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 may register January 13th -17th. 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

## Weekly Construction Project Update

As the changes required by the County are winding down and in preparation for discussion with lenders about a new mortgage for the project, we received an updated cost estimate on the interior building renovations. As noted in the December council minutes, those estimated costs have increased by approximately \$463K from the original ballpark estimate we obtained several years ago. The reasons behind this change are increased materials and labor costs, significant delays with getting approval from the county, and high demand for contractors causing bids to be less competitive. The project team has gone back to review where any scope changes could be made, and these did not produce any significant savings. This means the total project cost estimates have changed from \$2.7M to \$3.2M. This all will be discussed more at the upcoming Congregational Annual Meeting to be held on Feb. 9 at 12 noon.

## 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

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. You can sign up [here](#). More details will be available soon!

## 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. A SignUpGenius form will be available soon where you can sign up 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](mailto:jpschellenger@aol.com)) for more information.

## Redeemer's Little Pantry

Thank you to everyone who has been helping with Redeemer's "Little Pantry". It is a welcome service to the community. 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. If you would be willing to stop by once a week to check that it is stocked, please contact Kim Wenk ([kbwenk@gmail.com](mailto:kbwenk@gmail.com)).

If you are donating items, you can put them directly into the Little Pantry, but if it is full, or if it is more convenient, you can place donations in the plastic bin on the bottom of the SHARE cart outside Door 10. The Little Pantry is on the edge of the parking lot on Westmoreland St. Single serve, ready-to-eat items are popular. Please, no glass jars.

## 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.

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

### *Including Hybrid Options*

Sun., 1/12	<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)	
	12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Parents' Lunch and Conversation (Fellowship Hall/Gym)	
Mon., 1/13	7:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Congregation Council Meeting (Conference Room)	
	7:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Racial Justice & Equity Book Club (Zoom)	
Tues., 1/14	9:30 am - 10:30 am	Women's Prayer Group (Conference Room/Hybrid)	
	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Mutual Ministry Meeting (Library)	
Weds., 1/15	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Weds. AM Bible Study (Conference Room/Hybrid)	
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Weds. PM Bible Study (Zoom)	
Thurs., 1/16	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Men's Bible Study (Zoom)	
	10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry (Library/Hybrid)	
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite A)	
	7:45 pm - 8:45 pm	Traditional Choir Practice (Music Suite B)	

## PASTOR AND STAFF OF REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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  
Holmlund, Gwenn  
Hughes, William  
Hunter, Baxter  
Keating, Kathleen and Michael  
Knorr, Lorelie & 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

Smith, Trish Layton

## **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.  
Ogg, Lawrence  
Taylor, Charles  
Weber, Amy and Emerson and Fynn  
Family of Kevin and Yam  
Those who suffer from depression  
Those who suffer from mental illness

## **For Comfort in Death**

The family & friends of Jan J.  
The family & friends of June Janssen  
The family & friends of Bonnie Jares  
The family & friends of Doris Jeffers  
The family & friends of Charles Lettow

## **For Comfort and Peace**

Brittin, Michael  
Collins, Josephine  
Portis, Carol  
Peggy

**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.**