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

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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.

Office Volunteers Needed

Are you looking for a way to serve the congregation but aren't able to commit to a weekly routine? Redeemer needs a few volunteers to serve as "office subs" now and then when Cynthia is out. The office is open 9 am - 5 pm on weekdays.

The position comes in two flavors:

- Cover for Cynthia in short-term absences. Handle phone calls and messages, reply to emails, let people in who have business at the church. No handling of sensitive data or projects.
- Cover for longer-term absences. This is where Cynthia may be on vacation or out for more than just a day or two. In addition to general administration, you would help with bulletins, maybe some data entry, and generally managing the office day to day.

Training will be provided for either position. Several sets of hands in this group will make sure we can cover absences and decrease the work others have to do now to address the work of a missing staff member. Contact Cynthia at 703-356-3346 or cynthia@redeemermclean.org for more info.

Tysons Interfaith Event
Different Beliefs – Shared Values
Hosted at Redeemer & by Zoom
Today – 4 to 5:30 pm

Do you have any idea how many values you have in common with your neighbors? Explore some of the foundational principles of some of the world's major religions.

What can a Catholic, a Jain, and a Zoroastrian teach us about how we live and how we connect?

Presenters by Religion:

- Catholicism – Reverend Don Rooney
- Jainism – Sashi Agarwal
- Zoroastrianism – Kersi Shroff

To register, go to https://bit.ly/4erRgip or use the QR code. This is an in-person and online event. A Zoom link will be emailed to registered attendees 24 hours before the event.

Youth

Youth Group | Ornaments & Eats
Grades 6 through 12
December 6 – 12 pm to 1:30 pm

Join us as we gather for lunch & an ornament making activity! Scan the QR code to RSVP or go to: https://bit.ly/4kLgagz.

SAVE THE DATE
Redeemer's Living Nativity & Bake Sale | December 18

Youth needed: to set up, sell, and clean up the Bake Sale--and there will be pizza to enjoy before or after you volunteer.

The Bake Sale will take place during the Living Nativity on Friday, 12/18 from 6 to 8 pm and on Sunday, 12/20 after all the services. All proceeds will go towards the ELCA Youth Gathering trip next summer

Sign Up to volunteer at https://bit.ly/4thJdLe

Redeemer Renaissance, Preschool & After-School Open House
December 3 – 10:30 to 11:30 am and 5:30 to 6:30 pm

Join us from 10:30 to 11:30 am or 5:30 to 6:30 pm for an Open House showcasing all Redeemer Renaissance has to offer! Classes for 2's, 3's, and 4's are offered morning and all-day classes. Registration for the 27'-28' school year will begin in January. For questions or more information, please call 703-365-3567.

Good Grub & God
November 24 – 6 pm

Join us for pre-Thanksgiving feasting! Redeemer's Good Grub and God group will meet at 6:00 pm on Tuesday the 24th of November at the food court at Wegmans (1835 Capital One Drive S - with parking at the nearby metro or in the Wegmans garage) Join us for a la carte food choices and entertaining conversation! RSVP to Mary E. at eckberg.mary@gmail.com.

Winter Coat Collection

SHARE of McLean is collecting gently used and new winter coats to distribute during the winter months from the SHARE Food Pantry that operates out of the McLean Baptist Church. Men's, women's, and children's coats are all needed.

If you would like to donate, please drop off the coats in the box in the Crossroads.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

125 Scarves Collected for N Street Village!
Thank you to everyone who contributed a scarf to the scarf drive for N Street Village this year. The Prayer Shawl Ministry collect 125 scarves and delivered them to N Street Village to be distributed with coats for the women at the beginning of November.

We received this message from our contact at N Street Village: *Just wanted to follow up and say we just wrapped up about an hour ago and the scarves were a hit! The women thought they were gorgeous and that they felt cozy* 😊.

Interest for Evening Meeting?
Would you be interested in joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm at church once a month? We will knit or crochet prayer shawls, baby blankets, and scarves. If you would be interested, please respond by scanning the QR code or going to https://bit.ly/4kXr0QP to let us know whether you prefer a Tuesday or Wednesday evening meeting.

McLean Winterfest Parade
Join Redeemer Renaissance!
December 6 – 1:30 pm, Meet at 1:15 pm

March, walk, scooter, and stroll! All are invited to join in the festivities as we support and share about all our Redeemer Renaissance ministry has to offer. We will be handing out candy canes and contact cards as we greet people along the parade route! Meet at the Beverly and Old McLean Village Drive at 1:15 pm. The parade starts at 1:30 pm. Wear festive fashion and decorate your scooters or strollers. We hope to see you there!

Little Food Pantry

Thank you for your continued stewardship to Redeemer's Little Food Pantry. The need is robust, and both financial and material donations are much appreciated.

Busy with no time to shop? No problem! You may select the Little Food Pantry tile on the church's website as a giving option (https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZCTK/home) or place your donations in the specially marked basket in the church narthex.

Current items needed include: canned chicken and tuna, hearty soups, canned fruit, Ritz crackers in small snack sleeves, peanut butter, pasta, rice, instant soups and microwave options, canned vegetables, beans, oatmeal packets, granola bars, and single serving boxes of cereal.

Please - no glass jars, expired, or partial food portions. We value your support of this important ministry!

Tuesday Advent Study
Morning & Evening Option
December 1, 8, 15, 22

Join us for Tuesday Advent Study – Dec 1, 8, 15, 22. Redeemer members and friends are encouraged to attend "read and discuss" sessions with two times available – morning or evening.

Choose which fits your schedule!

The Tuesday morning group, which meets at 9:30 am, in person, in the Conference Room at Redeemer, and online (via Zoom). Books will be available for pick up in class for $8.
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The Tuesday evening group, which will meet at 7:30 pm online only (via Zoom). Books will be available at the church office for $8. When picking up your book, please share your email address for us to send the Zoom link for this online group.

We'll be reading "Advent Reflections – While We Wait" by authors Tanya Ferdinandusz, Pam Fickenscher, Kevin Ruffcorn and Mike Scherer

For many of us, Advent is a busy time. Taking time to reflect on the meaning of the season can help us forget some of the busy-ness and appreciate God's presence each day. This book contains reflections and activities for each day in Advent. Explore these themes:

- Week One: Be Watchful!
- Week Two: Watch for the Messiah!
- Week Three: The Light Has Come!
- Week Four: God Is With Us!

Looking forward to an inspiring Advent season with you and yours!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS
Including Hybrid Options

Sun., 11/22	*Sunday Worship Service Times*	
	8:30 am, 9:45 am, and 11:00 am	*Live stream 8:30 (Traditional) and 9:45 (Contemporary) 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 (Conference Room/Zoom)
	10:55 am – 11:25 am	Youth Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite A)
	4:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Tysons Interfaith Event (Conference Room/Zoom)
Mon., 11/23	7:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Social Justice & Equity Book Club (Zoom)
Tues., 11/24	9:30 am – 10:30 am	Women's Faith Group (Conference Room/Zoom)
	6:00 pm	Good Grub & God
Thurs., 11/26	Thanksgiving Day	Church Office Closed
Fri., 11/27	Day After Thanksgiving	Church Office Closed

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Please Remember to Pray….

For Healing

Amber
Catherine
Charlotte
Cheryl B.
Maureen
Rena
Angstadt, William
Augustenborg, Erica
Brock, Tobi
Buckley, Doug
Buseman, Kim
DeGioia, Jack
Devine, Dan
Etkin, Nancy
Gelfand, Trudy
Green, Tara
Harner, Julie
Johnson, Ted
Okorie, Janelle
Pittman, Larry
Prentice, Bob
Sargent, Kristin
Tucker, Ed
Williams, Leila
Williams, Timothy
York, Vivienne

For Comfort and Peace

Innis, Scott
Shupp, Lloyd
Welsh, Ari

For Comfort in Death

The family & friends of Ann Caswell
The family & friends of Elaine Russo
The family & friends of Donna Zimmerman

For all healthcare workers and first responders

Laredo, Sandi

For Safety

All refugees
All our military & diplomatic people
throughout the world
All those who serve to protect our country

For Comfort and Strength

Those who suffer from depression
Those who suffer from mental illness

Prayer List Note:
To add names to this list, you may fill out the form found at https://www.redeemermclean.org/prayer-requests or *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 St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Centreville, and their pastor,
Rev. Tom Montgomery.**

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