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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

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| #318 | Alleluia, Song of Gladness |
| #661 | I Love to Tell the Story |
| #496 | One Bread, One Body |
| #876 | Let the Whole Creation Cry |

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 is available [here](#) or on the SignUpGenius page. Use [this SignUpGenius form](#) to sign up for a half-hour time slot to be part of the goal of us praying continuously throughout the day.

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.

2024 Annual Reports Distributed

The 2024 Annual Report was sent out on Friday. Copies were mailed to those who do not have easy access to email. If you did not receive one, there are copies in the Crossroads. Please review the report carefully in preparation for our annual meeting that will be held on Sunday, February 9, at 12 pm. We need our voting members to come together for this important meeting. Per our constitution, a voting member is a confirmed member who during the current or preceding calendar year communed in this congregation and made a contribution of record to Redeemer.

We hope you can attend in person, but we will also have a Zoom option. Please [sign up here](#) if you want to attend remotely and then the link will be sent to you. Thank you!

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](#)

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

Weekly Construction Project Update

The gifts that have been given thus far to the capital campaign are funding the work that is ongoing with the architects and engineers. This now includes the bidding process with the general contractors for the interior classrooms and office renovations and the ongoing county site plan review process for the natural play area and the columbarium. The capital campaign will continue throughout 2025 so that additional gifts received will help reduce the amount Redeemer pays in interest expense.

Wednesday Bible Study Series

Our two Wednesday Bible Study series are continuing. 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

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.

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

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.

Save the Date

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

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., 1/26	<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., 1/27	7:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Racial Justice & Equity Book Club (Zoom)
Tues., 1/28	9:30 am - 10:30 am	Women’s Prayer Group (Conference Room/Hybrid)
	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Sacred Ground (Conference Room/Hybrid)
Weds., 1/29	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., 1/30	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 friends & family of Pam G.
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
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
Martin, Ramona
Ogg, Lawrence
Stewart, Katie
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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