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# Life at Redeemer

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## February 5, 2023

### 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 and Pastor Wullenweber are open and available for one-on-one conversations with you.

### Worship Schedule

8:30 am, 9:45 am, 11:00 am

For those unable to attend in-person:

[Livestream link](#) for the 8:30 am Service

[Livestream link](#) for the 9:45 am Service

### Hymns today 8:30 am & 11 am Services

# 532 Gather Us In

# 677 This Little Light Of Mine

# 470 Draw Us In The Spirit's Tether

# 866 We Are Marching In The Light

### Jim and Joan Hughes

We learned recently that Jim and Joan Hughes, faithful members of Redeemer, moved to a nursing facility in Culpeper, Virginia, over the summer.

Within a very short period of time Jim passed away after a brief illness. Cards of sympathy can be sent to their daughter, Sally Pontarelli, at 215 Macoy Avenue, Culpeper, VA 22701. Joan remains in the memory care unit at the facility

### 2022 Annual Report Now Available

The Annual Report was sent out via email and is listed on our [website](#). If you did not receive a copy and/or you would like a hard copy, then you can find them on the small table in the Crossroads as you enter our worship space. Please read the entire document as it contains valuable information that we will discuss at our annual meeting on February 12.

### Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, February 12 at 12 p.m.

All voting members of Redeemer are asked to gather on Sunday, February 12 at 12 pm for our annual congregational meeting. We will be discussing a variety of items concerning the future of the church that includes the building and grounds proposal. This will be a hybrid meeting and those who cannot attend in person can join with [this link](#). Meeting ID 894 3720 7397.

### 2023 Annual Commitment

We start every new year blessed for all that we were able to accomplish in the past year. Our ministry team and committees work to fulfill our mission which is to share the good news of Jesus Christ in all that we do and say. Our annual report will highlight some of that work and at the annual meeting we will hear more about what is to come. Church is the work of the people so we need both your financial support through your offerings and your time through volunteer opportunities. Please use the [attached form](#) to make a commitment to Redeemer in 2023. Forms will also be made available in the Crossroads. Completed forms can be placed in the pledge box. Every gift counts. Please prayerfully consider what you can give. Thank you!

### Upcoming Vote on New Construction Project

At the upcoming Annual Meeting that will be held on Sunday, February 12, at 12 pm, voting members in attendance and via Zoom will be asked to vote on a proposed construction project that is estimated to cost \$2.7 million dollars. The project includes enhancing our outdoor classrooms and natural play areas, correcting site drainage issues, building a columbarium for the interment of a deceased person's ashes, renovating our original classrooms, offices and adjacent spaces, installing a new heating and cooling system in the original part of the building, and installing rooftop solar panels. For additional information on these projects, please refer to [the email](#) that was sent out January 18th to the congregation or see the [January's Tidings newsletter](#) for Pastor Kessinger's cover message and the article with detailed information and site renderings, beginning on page 8. It also breaks down the funding sources to cover the costs. If you have any comments or questions, please send them to [Church@RedeemerMcLean.org](mailto:Church@RedeemerMcLean.org).

### Day of Prayer:

#### Monday, February 6, 8 am - 8 pm

February 6th, individual members or groups can sign up for half-hour segments with the goal of us praying continuously throughout the day. The theme is renewal as we prepare ourselves for Lent. Prayers will be sent to you to help you get started. All of the prayers will be written by members of Redeemer; music from our choir will also be included. You can pray at Redeemer or from your home or office.

You can sign-up by calling the church office at 703-356-3346 or for those who download the announcements, use [this link](#) or find the "sign ups" tab on our website under the "connect" tab where you will also find the prayer resource guide located, once it is available.

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

### Wednesday AM Bible Study

On Wednesday, February 8 at 8 am - 9 am, we will continue our Bible study series on the Book of Revelation. The class will be in-person and via Zoom (hybrid). If you are interested in joining us, just come! Here is the [Zoom link](#) for those who cannot meet in person.

Meeting ID: 889 8829 0867 | Passcode: 980483

### Wednesday PM Bible Study

On Wednesday, February 8 at 7 pm - 8pm, we will continue with our Bible study series on the Book of Job. The class will be via Zoom. If you are interested in joining us, just come! Here is the [Zoom link](#).

Meeting ID: 811 4098 3464 | Passcode: 532298

### Men's Bible Study – Sabbath as Resistance February 9 at 8 am

We continue to discuss why the practice of Sabbath is so imperative that God decided to make it a commandment. This meeting is Thursday morning at 8 am both in person and via Zoom. Please let Pastor Josh ([josh@redeemermclean.org](mailto:josh@redeemermclean.org)) know if you are interested and he will send you the zoom link.

### Tyson's Interfaith Oneness of Humanity Discussion "Reconnecting Post Pandemic" Today, Feb. 5 at 4pm

Join members of Tyson's Interfaith and the greater community for discussion around reconnecting in this post pandemic world. The meeting will take place via Zoom and you can register on the Tyson's Interfaith website.

### Parent's Night Out Sunday, February 19, from 5-7p.m. Sponsored by Redeemer Youth Group

The Redeemer Youth Group will be hosting a "Parents Night Out" to raise money for their upcoming mission trip to West Virginia. Parents are invited to drop their kids off (all participants must be potty-trained) and enjoy an evening on the town! The youth group will lead the kids in playing games, eating pizza, and having "minimal" amounts of sugar. This opportunity is free but a free-will offering is suggested to go towards the mission trip fund. Please contact Pastor Josh if you have any questions and please [sign-up here](#).

### Lutheran Immigration Refugee Service Needs at the Southern Border

Lutheran Immigration Refugee Service (<https://www.lirs.org>) works with Border Servant Corps (<https://www.borderservantcorps.org>) at the U.S. southern border. The groups help to house, feed, and clothe immigrants who have been released from Customs and Border Protection Custody. Items needed for individuals and for the work of the two groups are included in an [Amazon wish list](#).

### Palms Needed on Shrove Tuesday

As is tradition, on Shrove Tuesday we will be burning last year's palms to use for our Ash Wednesday celebration. If you have palms from last year's Palm Sunday celebration, we invite you to bring them by the church before February 21<sup>st</sup> or to the Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner.

### Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper February 21 | 6-7 pm

All are invited to come support the Youth Mission Trip by enjoying pancakes and fellowship!

How can you help? Both Adults and Youth are needed to set-up, serve, collect donations, and clean-up.

- Volunteering is a great way to earn Community Services Hours! Sign-up to let us know we can count on your help!
- Click [this link](#) to sign-up.

### Ash Wednesday | February 22

Join us as we enter the season of Lent with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. This year we will have two services, one at Noon, and the other at 7:30 pm. There will be a simple supper offered at 6:30 pm before the evening service. More information to follow.

### Lenten One-Day Retreat Saturday, Feb. 25 | 10 am – 4 pm

On Saturday, February 25, we will meet in Reston Town Center in a rooftop space with beautiful views and a great coffee bar to have a one-day retreat. Using a Lutheran resource entitled *Book of Faith: Water Marks* we will examine how water, so integral to our physical existence, is part of our faith journeys as we die and rise with Christ in our baptisms. The day will include time in prayer groups, devotions, group discussions, Bible inquiry, and Holy Communion.

#### The Details:

**Date:** Saturday February 25, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

**Who:** Adults, limited to 15 people

**Cost:** \$50 per person

(includes lunch, the Lenten book, and meeting space) (*Scholarships are available*)

**Location:** 1855 Saint Francis Street, Reston

**Leaders:** PSK, Pastor Josh, Diane Miller

Required Registration using [this sign up genius link](#). Questions? Email Diane at [dianemillerva@gmail.com](mailto:dianemillerva@gmail.com).

### Lenten Creation Care Calendar

Virginia Interfaith Power and Light (VAIPL) is sharing a [calendar](#) for use during Lent to encourage us to take steps each day to overcome the climate crisis. VAIPL (<https://vaipl.org>) is a non-profit organization working to bring together all faith communities to mobilize a religious response to climate change.

### Announcements are on the RLC Website

This Announcement sheet may be found on the [Redeemermclean.org](http://Redeemermclean.org) website with links to sign ups.

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

*Including Live Streaming Options*

<b>Sunday, 2/5</b>	<i>Sunday Worship Service times</i> 8:30 am, 9:45 am, 11 am (Live stream at 8:30 am and 9:45 am) 8 am - Noon Church Nursery is available for infants and toddlers 10:55 - 11:25 am Youth Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite A) 1 pm - 3 pm Youth Event - <u>Ice Skating at Reston Town Center</u> 1 pm - 3 pm Girl Scouts - GSCNC Junior Troop 50170 (Classroom 204) 2 pm - 3:30 pm Pack 861 (Classroom 202   Fellowship Hall)
<b>Monday, 2/6</b>	6:15 pm - 7:45 pm AA Young Women's Meeting (Music Suite A)
<b>Tuesday, 2/7</b>	9:30 am - 10:30 am Women's Prayer Group (Hybrid - Conference Room) 11 am - 1 pm Rotary Group of McLean (Fellowship Hall) 7 pm - 9 pm Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall & Classrooms 204, 203, 202) 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm BSA Girl Scouts Troop 2119 (Music Suite A)
<b>Wednesday, 2/8</b>	8 am - 9 am Wed. AM Bible Study (Hybrid - Conference Room) 7 pm - 9 pm Scout Troop 1916 Badge Meeting (Fellowship Hall) 7 pm - 8 pm Wed. PM Bible Study (Zoom)
<b>Thursday, 2/9</b>	8 am - 9 am Men's Bible Study (Hybrid - Conference Room) 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm AA Women's Meeting (Hybrid - Conference Room) 7 pm - 8 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite A) 7:45 pm - 8:45 pm Traditional Choir Practice (Music Suite B)
<b>Saturday, 2/10</b>	9:30 am - 11 am Men's 45+ Community Basketball (Gym)

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## ***Please Remember to Pray....***

### **For Healing:**

Chris  
Steve  
Anderson, Bjarnie  
Augustenborg Epstein, Erica  
Blakey, Patrick  
Bornmann, Keith  
Cavallo, Michael  
Culhane, Ed  
Detweiler, Mark  
Devine, Daniel  
Falk, Susan  
Gates, Kelly  
Heuer, Mark  
Kostelancik, Dave  
Kuhagen, Judy  
Kunec, Ingrid  
Leong, Helen  
McCloud, Laura  
Megorden, Paula Kessinger  
Miller, Coletta  
Mullins, Jolene & Jim  
Moe, Cheryl "Cheri"  
Ryding, Karin  
Steuble, Johnna  
Stolar, Bob  
Strok, Josh & family  
Thompson, Magda  
Thompson, Rachel  
Tooren, Juergen

Vanna, Jack & Marge  
Whaley, Margaret

### **For Comfort and Strength:**

Dave  
Samelo & Westerline  
Anna & Stephen  
Sarah & Jenny  
Dewitt, David  
Granholm, Rick  
Hahne, Bob  
Stauffer, Tom & family  
Yam, Kevin & family  
For those who suffer from depression  
For those who suffer from mental illness

### **For Comfort and Peace:**

Mark D.  
Peggy  
Hansson, Tord  
Miller, Joan  
Smith, Trish Layton

### **For Comfort in Death:**

The family and friends of Larry Miller  
The family and friends of Gwen Brown

### **For Safety:**

For all refugees  
For all our military and diplomatic people throughout the world  
All those who serve to protect our country  
All people living in Haiti

### **For all healthcare workers and first responders:**

Dominic, Elizabeth, and Ian  
Sharon  
Tara and family  
Kuhagen, Leslie  
Kutscher, Karin  
Laredo, Sandra

## **Prayers for the World, our Nation and our Community**

We pray for the people in Ukraine, Iran, Pakistan and Brazil and all humanitarian efforts to help.  
We pray for our nation as we address the causes and effects of violence and the courage to act in faithful ways.  
We pray for the unemployed and the underemployed.  
We pray for all those facing persecution and oppression because of their faith and/or ethnicity.  
We pray for those currently suffering from COVID, RSV, and the flu.

**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.**

Prayers for our siblings at Bethel Lutheran, Lovettsville and Pastor Andreas Armstrong

### ***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.*