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

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.

YOUTH

ELCA National Youth Gathering Info Meeting
September 27 – 12 pm

High Schoolers and their families are invited to come and learn about the ELCA National Youth Gathering! The Gathering will take place summer 2027, June 28 to July 2. We're holding a Youth Gathering information meeting on Sunday, September 27, immediately after worship for interested youth and parents. We'll show you more about the Gathering, talk about SERVE, travel, costs and fundraising, answer questions, and start imagining what a Redeemer trip could look like.

Please take 3–5 minutes to complete our short interest survey by Thursday, September 24, by scanning the QR code or going to https://bit.ly/3SOUAMX. The survey also serves as your RSVP for the meeting. Even if you can't make the meeting, please still fill out the survey if you're interested and information will be provided.

Scarf Drive for the Women of N Street Village - Last Push!
Collecting until October 18

Please bring in your scarves for the N Street Village scarf drive starting now and ending on Sunday, October 18th. There is a collection box in the Crossroads. The scarves will be distributed in early November. Thank you for your participation!

Final Call for Dinner Groups

Dinner groups are a great way to make new friends while sharing a fabulous meal! These groups (usually 8 or 9 people) get together one time during the year in each family's home. The host family sets the theme for the evening and provides the beverages and the main entrée item. The other families each bring a dish - an appetizer, side or dessert - that fits with the theme the host family has set. The groups willl determine their own schedule to meet. With four evenings together as a group you have a chance to get to know one another well. Those of us who have done it in the past have made friendships that have lasted for years. Couples and singles are welcome to join. The only requirement is that you host 1 dinner for your group. To sign up, contact Phyllis Peter-Mallard (ppetermallard@yahoo.com).

Did you know Redeemer has a wonderful library?

Just as you pass to the right of the Crossroads at the first door on the right, you'll encounter Redeemer's library. There you will find a collection of Bibles, books on the Gospels, varied religions, devotions, stewardship, a large selection of books on Martin Luther, and much more. In fact, there is a large assortment of books waiting to be read. The library is open to everyone during working hours.

Please come and look and borrow from YOUR library.

Women's Faith Group
September 22 – 9:30 am

Are you interested in joining with other women to learn and discuss matters of faith? Do you enjoy good conversation and fellowship while doing so? If yes, The Women's Faith Group may be for you! We meet on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am at Redeemer and via Zoom. We will start a study of six of the primary stories from Genesis this upcoming week.

We will use "Genesis: A Beginner's Guide to the Beginning" by Amy Jill Levine for our first 8 weeks or so. A limited number of books has been ordered! Email Karen Miller (cavallomiller@gmail.com) to reserve yours (cost is $19). Alternatively, you may order your own physical or e-book.

Please sign up at https://bit.ly/4x52Ki7 so we can make sure we have a room large enough!

Please support Britepaths
Fall Donation Drive until October 13

We are collecting funds, toothbrushes and toothpaste which will assist our Fairfax County neighbors in need through Britepaths' Emergency Food Support program. (https://britepaths.org/our-services/food-security/) Every donation directly assists individuals and families facing temporary crises by providing them with necessary household and personal hygiene products and a gift card for groceries. This crucial support allows recipients to purchase essential groceries and find relief during their challenging times, allowing them to focus on stabilizing their situation. Your contribution ensures we can continue to provide timely assistance to those experiencing hardship in our community.

A financial donation can be made one of three ways: 1) donation envelope with "Britepaths" on your envelope, 2) check with Britepaths in the memo line. or 3) online giving via https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZCTK/home. Toothbrushes/toothpaste will be collected to add to the Britepaths Snap Gap Pantry. There will be a collection box in the Crossroads.

Letter from Director of
Pender County Christian Services (PCCS), NC

Dear Pastor Sharon and Church Family,

PCCS received your donation of $2,000 today and we greatly appreciate this so much. This donation will help feed many families in our community that are food insecure. PCCS had exhausted all of our grant money for this year so far, so this was truly divine providence and answer to prayer. May the Lord richly bless you and your church family and you remain in our thoughts and prayers.

To God Be The Glory!

Love and Prayers,
Sandy Harris
Director PCCS

Dedication of Renovated Spaces
October 3 – 3 to 5 pm

Please join us on Saturday, October 3 to celebrate the dedication of the renovated classroom and office space! We will start with refreshments in the Crossroads and tours of the space. Following will be a dedication service in the Sanctuary. Spread the word! Details to follow!

Worship Leadership Training
October 11 – 12 pm

Every time we gather for worship, there are numerous ways we can offer gifts of leadership. On October 11, we'll explore what those are and give them a try. A light lunch will also be provided. If you are interested in joining, please fill out the survey at https://bit.ly/4ApMjQv or scan the QR code.

Social Justice & Equity Book Club
New Book September 28 – 7:30 pm

Redeemer's Social Justice & Equity Book Club is back in session!

We meet Mondays on Zoom 7:30-8:30 pm and all are welcome. Following our current discussion on the Emancipation Proclamation led by Joan Durman, we will start reading our new book on Sept 28 in memory of one of our members, Alice Shaw, who recommended it to us *The Forgetting River: A Modern Tale of Survival, Identity and Inquisition* by Doreen Carvajal. This would be a perfect time to join us. Contact Teresa Schellenger for more details (jpschellenger@aol.com).

Little Food Pantry - Seeking Volunteers and Donations

Are you available one day a week to restock the pantry with donated food already collected from the congregation? Do you know a youth who needs community service hours? Is your group within or outside of church looking for an opportunity to support our neighbors? If yes, please contact Paula Green (pegreen@verizon.net) for more information!

Thank you for your continued stewardship to Redeemer's Little Food Pantry.

Regularly needed items, in order of current need, include:

- peanut butter, Ritz crackers, hearty soups, instant soups and microwave options, pasta, rice, canned fruit and vegetables, canned tuna and chicken, beans, oatmeal packets, single serving boxes of cereal, and granola bars.

Please - no glass jars, expired, or partial food portions.

Rise Against Hunger
November 7

The next Rise Against Hunger meal-packaging event will be at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer. It is possible that this year we can package 4 million meals since the first event in 2010. That would require $99,000 to pay for 247,536 meals and 1200 volunteers to package them. It seems like a lot, but with your help, mountains have been moved before, and with your continued support, they can be again.

It's time to go to the event page and make a donation and/or register to volunteer at the event. There will be 3 shifts on Nov. 7 beginning at 8 am, 11 am, and 2 pm. There is also a setup shift on Friday evening, Nov. 6 beginning at 4 pm. There are jobs for volunteers from age 4 to age 104.

The address of the event page is
https://act.riseagainsthunger.org/event/e803896
Donations can be made on the registration page, and through Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, or by mailing a check to McLean Community Rise Against Hunger Events, PO Box 150, McLean VA 22101.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS
Including Hybrid Options

Sun., 9/20	*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)
Mon., 9/21	7:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Social Justice & Equity Book Club (Zoom)
Tues., 9/22	9:30 am – 10:30 am	Women's Faith Group (Conference Room/Zoom)
Wed., 9/23	10:00 am – 11:00 am	Membership Outreach Committee Meeting (Conference Room)
Thurs., 9/24	8:00 am – 9:00 am	Thursday AM Bible Study (Zoom)
	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite A)
	7:45 pm – 8:45 pm	Traditional Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite B)

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Please Remember to Pray….

For Healing

Catherine
Charlotte
Helen
James
Mike
Augustenborg, Erica
Biffl, Heidi
Buckley, Doug
DeGioia, Jack
Devine, Dan
Geissl, Irene
Gelfand, Trudy
Harner, Julie
Johnson, Ted
Pittman, Larry
Sakellarides, Michael
Tucker, Ed
Williams, Leila
Williams, Timothy
York, Vivienne

For Comfort and Peace

Shupp, Lloyd
Welsh, Ari

For Comfort in Death

The family & friends of Ashley
The family & friends of Harold Core
The family & friends of Miriam Howard
The family & friends of Elizabeth Sylvester

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 Bethel Lutheran Church, Lovettsville, and their pastor,
Rev. Andreas Armstrong.**

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