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.

Construction Project Update

Here is an update to the financial overview which was provided initially at the Congregational Annual Meeting. So far $1.59M has been given to the Capital Campaign for all the project areas–building renovation, columbarium construction, and playground renovations. The actual construction costs on the interior building renovations was $1.518M ($1.815M for all project areas). This leaves approximately $225K of total costs remaining which we have funded from our internal reserves. This funding delays the need to use borrowed funds and saves on interest costs. We will begin to pay down that amount through our monthly operating statement. This self-financing is something that Redeemer has done in the past with other building projects.

Summer Worship Schedule & Educational Opportunities

We begin our summer worship schedule on Sunday, June 14. The traditional service will be at 8:30 am; the contemporary at 11:00 am. Why so much time between services? What is going to happen? During the summer, we are planning a number of educational events for all ages and will be using the time between the two services. Keep an eye out for those offerings. Is there a topic you are curious about? Is there a topic you have always wanted to lead? If the answer is "Yes!" to either question, please reach out to Annabelle Allard (annabelleoallard@gmail.com) with your thoughts and ideas.

Call Committee

These are exciting times at Redeemer! Congratulations to the newly approved members of the Call Committee who will start the process to identify and call a new senior pastor to Redeemer. Members of the Call Committee include:

- Bonnie Barndt-Maglio
- Craig Carroll
- Tricia Engle
- Ellie McGuire
- Johannes Wiklund
- Samantha Brainard
- Jason Eckberg
- David Kostelancik
- Robin Taylor
- Karen Miller
- Hannah, a youth representative

Jason Eckberg has been elected as Committee Chair. He will manage the process of:

- 1. Completing and submitting the required Synod documentation.
- 2. Conducting pastoral search and evaluation.
- 3. Submitting recommendations to the Council for official call.

The Committee has already gotten started on the Synod required documentation. Stay tuned for process and progress updates to be provided regularly.

Adult Christian Education Opportunity: The Nicene Creed and the Proposed Change to How it is Recited
June 14 at 12:15 pm

On Sunday, June 14 at 12:15, in the Fellowship Hall, Harold Hofstad will lead a discussion on the Nicene Creed and the proposed change on how to recite it. A light lunch will be served. RSVP at https://bit.ly/4e1gwLk. A little bit of history and background information will also be presented to help us understand the context, and why the change is being proposed. Please join us, and if you can't attend in person, a Zoom meeting is available for virtual participation. Use the following link if you need it: https://bit.ly/3ROweBV.

- Meeting ID: 821 3328 7119
- Passcode: 790630

See this month's related Tidings article for more detail about the discussion.

Want to support the Little Food Pantry but no time to shop?

Have a busy summer travel schedule ahead? No problem. Select the Little Food Pantry tile found at https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZCTK/home, and we'll take care of the shopping for you! We need your continued support to fulfill our community's short-term food needs, which also includes families whose children would normally receive reduced cost breakfasts and lunches during the school year. Physical donations are always welcome and can be dropped off at the church.

Regularly needed items include:

- canned tuna and chicken
- canned fruit and vegetables
- peanut butter
- granola bars
- rice and pasta
- canned beans
- oatmeal packets
- hearty soups
- Ritz crackers
- instant soups and microwave options

Please--no glass jars, expired items, or partial food portions. Thank you for supporting this important ministry!

Prayer Shawl Ministry
Annual Scarf Drive for N Street Village

Join the Prayer Shawl Ministry in the Annual Scarf Drive for N Street Village.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is hosting its annual winter scarf drive for the women of N Street Village. If you are a crafter, please consider crocheting or knitting a winter scarf. Gently used or newly purchased scarves are also gratefully accepted.

Pick up a scarf-in-a-bag kit in the Crossroads and enjoy a hands-on project over the summer. Each bag contains enough yarn to knit or crochet a scarf and a pattern or use any pattern of your choosing.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the first and third Thursday of most months in the library. We take a break in July and August. The hybrid (Zoom and in person) meetings run from 10:30 to noon. All are welcome. Please email Lynn Barth (lynnbarth@gmail.com) for more information.

A collection box for the scarves will be put out in September, and the drive will end in early October.

First Communion Instruction and Celebration
June 14

On Sunday, June 14, we will be providing First Communion instruction to a number of our children. This instruction will take place between the 8:30 am and 11:00 am services. They will then receive communion at the 11:00 am worship service. Hold in your prayers these children and their families. And you are welcomed and encouraged to attend the 11:00 am service to celebrate with them!

Quilting Group: Sewing Happiness into Every Stitch

We love what we do! The Quilting Group meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, from 9:00–11:30 am in Fellowship Hall. We are a small but mighty group on a mission to share our love of sewing and make a difference through our craft.

Who We Support:

- Partner for Surgery (Guatemala) – Providing medical and surgical care in rural communities, we provide quilts, flannel blankets, tote bags, and bears for the children.
- Project Linus – Supporting children in Fairfax County and beyond, we provide them with quilts and fleece blankets.
- Redeemer – Providing our parishioners and shut ins with quilts, flannel blankets/quilts for baptisms, pre-school/after school care, or anyone else in our church family that is in need.

How You Can Help: We desperately need sewers! Either in person on Wednesdays or we will provide you with:

- Quilt squares already designed, and marked for sewing a quilt top
- Bundled quilt kits that include a sewn top, pre-cut batting and backing, yarn and/or binding

Other ways to support:

- Monetary donations (please designate for "Quilting Group") to purchase batting, fabric, thread, and other essentials.
- Fabric, thread, and sewing supplies that you or someone else no longer needs/uses.

Check out our basket in Crossroads!

Contact Joyce Clarke (joyceclarke1943@hotmail.com) or Darlene McCoy (mccoy.darlene@gmail.com) if interested!

Redeemer Renaissance 2026-27 Registration Open

Registration for the Preschool is happening now!

We can't wait to welcome you! To schedule a tour or for more information: 703-356-3567

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS
Including Hybrid Options

Sun., 6/7	*Sunday Worship Service Times*	
	8:30 am, 9:45 am, and 11:00 am	*(Live stream 8:30 and 9:45 services)*
	8:30 am – 12:00 pm	Church nursery is available for infants and toddlers
	9:45 am – 10:45 am	Table Talk Adult Education (Conference Room/Zoom)
Mon., 6/8	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Congregation Council Meeting (Conference Room/Zoom)
Tues., 6/9	9:30 am – 10:30 am	Women's Faith Group (Conference Room/Zoom)
Thurs., 6/11	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

Georgia
Helen
Augustenborg, Erica
Beck, Willam
Cavallo, Michael
Craig, Keith
DeGioia, Jack
Devine, Dan
Harner, Julie
Hashemi, Caspian
Heefner, Scott
Johnson, Ted
Koenig, Tammie
Morgan, Eric
Neece, George
Pittman, Larry
Williams, Timothy
York, Vivienne

For Comfort and Peace

Shupp, Lloyd

For Comfort in Death

The family & friends of Edmund Yesko

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 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 Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Herndon, as they prepare to install Rev. Eric Randolph as their new senior pastor in August.

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