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Our mission is to share Christ's love
with the greatest number of people.

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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR KESSINGER

JUNE OF 2024 SUMMER PLANNING

The summer months are often a time to slow down, to take some vacation, and to spend as much time outside where everything is in full bloom. I hope to take advantage of that slower pace and offer some opportunities for us to come together in less formal ways.

Some of the ideas that I have include a visit to the “Museum of the Bible” (I have never been there) and the “National Museum of African American History and Culture” (I have made several visits and there is still much to see and learn). Closer to home, we are working on a date for a “Good, Grub, and God” dinner and I would also like to get people together for a “Lunch Bunch.”

Outside of some opportunities for learning and fellowship, I will also be doing some serious planning for the fall. I am most concerned about our ministry to the youth. We have strong Faith Formation (Sunday School) classes with awesome teachers. In the fall we will need enough volunteers to teach and assist in each of the classes. Shelley Brennan, who currently teaches the Preschool class, has offered to be the lead teacher for Confirmation. I will do my best to teach the class once a month, which has been my pattern over the past few years. This will require getting supply preachers on those Sundays. Kim Wenk and Christian Richter have done an awesome job keeping our high school youth engaged and I hope that momentum will continue. We also hope to bring back our High School Leadership team which focuses on service projects.

We need teachers and we also need volunteers to serve on the Youth Ministry Team. At the present time it exists in name only. From our constitution, our “Youth Ministry team has the special responsibility for developing a program that engages the special interests of young people in worship, education, fellowship, community, and service.” We have enjoyed the Youth Leadership Sundays when our young people have shared their musical talents and have helped lead in worship. Our youth are learning about God in their studies on Sunday morning. We need to plan a solid program that will let them build friendships and will engage them in service as we teach them what it means to love our neighbor.

Over the years that I have served at Redeemer, the strongest we have been in Youth Ministry was when the parents and other adults took the lead. The adult leaders enjoyed planning the activities, spending time with our youth, and traveling together on mission trips.

Our council is currently seeking to hire someone who will help with our youth. However, the intent is not to replace our work of the Youth Ministry team. It is helpful to have a lead person to provide guidance and have a steady presence for the youth, but the responsibility still rests with us to work with the staff person to make things happen. In the past we have let it be a one-person job and, as a result, we have not succeeded well in this area.

Beyond the development and engagement with the youth, the person we hope to hire will also be responsible for our overall programming. We are seeking someone who will be able to maintain and update our website and have general oversight over our communications within Redeemer and out into our community. I am excited about this new position. I think it will give us the skill set we need to be more visible and welcoming as a church to those who do not yet know about Redeemer. Redeemer Renaissance, our preschool and afterschool programs, certainly helps in that regard. Their special events draw others in, highlight the importance of all young people, and they make it fun!

Other items on my personal agenda include –

Working with the Building Koinonia group to give life to our Welcome Statement.

Working with our chaperones to get our youth ready for the ELCA Youth Gathering.

Working with our Faith Formation coordinator to develop the 2024-2025 schedule.

Working with the Columbarium Task Force on the guidelines needed for the Columbarium.

Please note that each of these items starts with “Working with . . .” The work of the church is to be shared and enjoyed. The more people we have involved in the ministry of the church, the more excitement we will have around all of the opportunities to be engaged with each other and the community we serve. I am thankful for everyone who is able to help and give of their time and share their gifts. I look forward to all the others who will come forward in the coming months to see where they fit in and how they can help.

The summer months are often a time to slow down, to take some vacation, and to spend as much time outside where everything is in full bloom. It may not sound like it, but I hope to take advantage of that slower pace as well. It is a beautiful time of year to be with family and friends. The weather is perfect to be outside to share a meal or to take a walk (or run).

Yours in Christ –

Pastor Sandy Kessinger

JUNE OF 2024

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE – JUNE 2 AND 9
8:30 AM, 9:45 AM, AND 11 AM**

**SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE – JUNE 16 THROUGH JULY 28
9:00 AM (TRADITIONAL) AND 10:30 AM (CONTEMPORARY)**

**SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE – AUGUST 4 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1
9:00 AM (CONTEMPORARY) AND 10:30 AM (TRADITIONAL)**

WEEK OF JUNE 1

Saturday, June 1	Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod Assembly
Sunday, June 2	High School Class – 9:45 am Table Talk – 9:45 am (Hybrid) Traditional Choir Rehearsal – 12 pm
Monday, June 3	McLean High School Baccalaureate Service – 5 pm
Tuesday, June 4	Women’s Prayer Group – 9:30 am (Hybrid) Ice Cream Social at Redeemer – 5 pm to 7 pm Stewardship Ministry Team Meeting – 7 pm
Wednesday, June 5	Wednesday AM Bible Study – 8 am (Hybrid) Quilters – 9 am
Thursday, June 6	Men’s Bible Study – 8 am (Zoom) Prayer Shawl – 10:30 am (Hybrid) Worship at Sunrise Senior Living – 11 am

WEEK OF JUNE 9

Sunday, June 9	High School Class – 9:45 am Table Talk – 9:45 am (Hybrid)
Monday, June 10	ELCA Youth Gathering Cookout – 4 pm
Tuesday, June 11	Congregation Council – 7:30 pm (Hybrid)
Wednesday, June 12	Women’s Prayer Group – 9:30 am (Hybrid) “Good Grub and God” – 7 pm Wednesday PM Bible Study – 7 pm (Zoom)

WEEK OF JUNE 16

Sunday, June 16	Table Talk – 10:15 am (Hybrid)
Wednesday, June 19	Quilters – 9 am Wednesday PM Bible Study – 7 pm (Zoom)

Week of JUNE 23

Sunday, June 23	Table Talk – 10:15 am (Hybrid)
Wednesday, June 26	Wednesday PM Bible Study – 7 pm (Zoom)

**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL GIVE DATES
FOR OTHER SUMMER EVENTS**



**Minutes of
Meeting of Redeemer Congregation Council
In Person and via Zoom
May 13, 2024**

Present in Person: Lee Cronin; Sabine Detweiler; Chris Hernadi, Secretary; Hannah Hughes; Ellen Kennedy, President; Sandy Kessinger, Senior Pastor; Gene Morrow; Nate Paukovits, Vice-President; Tyler Posey; Ed Regan, Treasurer

Present via Zoom: Megan Kratz; Lena Martikainen

Excused: Karen Miller

Absent: None

Call to Order:

President Kennedy called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM.

Devotions:

Pastor Kessinger led devotions based on Chapter 10, “Setting Goals” in *Growing Together: Spiritual Exercises for Church Committees*. The Council discussed the anticipated growth and development in McLean/Tyson’s and asked how Redeemer could welcome and connect with the potential increase in the area’s population. Ideas included expanded use of the AV screens in the Crossroads to help connect faces with names; using pre-printed nametags during services and events; inviting newcomers to introduce themselves at services and following up with organized regular dinners for them; focusing on small group ministries; plan community outreach activities like the one hosted by the Renaissance Art Show last week. The discussion concluded with Proverbs 16:9 and prayer.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the meeting were previously approved by email.

Adoption of Agenda:

Without objection, the agenda was adopted as sent in advance of the meeting, with the addition of the approval of the Renaissance Charter, which will be brought up in New Business.

Pastor Kessinger Reports

Pastor Kessinger submitted her report via email in advance of the meeting. Some of the items she highlighted in her report included:

Connections through Pastoral Care. PSK met with more potential new members who plan to join over the summer.

New Members. May was an active month, with 5 families joining.

Connections through Ministries of the Congregations. The Renaissance Art Show and Basket Raffle held on May 10 was a successful and fun event that raised funds Redeemer’s Capital Campaign. The event brought in people from outside of Redeemer and served as a model of community outreach for the future. PSK and the Council acknowledged the effort and dedication of the Executive Director of Redeemer Renaissance, Linda McConaughay, in putting the event together.

Looking Ahead. McLean Day will be on May 18 and First Communion will be on May 19. PSK will be present when Pastor Sarah Garrett Krey, from the Synod office, is guest preaching on May 26.

Conversation. New phones were installed this week and PSK expressed her disappointment and frustration in the lapses of service. The office is working with Verizon to resolve the phone issues that Redeemer and Redeemer Renaissance have experienced.

Treasurer's Report. Ed Regan presented the financial summary for the month. Income exceeded expenses by \$79,023 for the year. Overall giving is greater than it has been over the last two years at this point of the fiscal year.

Executive Committee Summary: The Executive Committee met May 2, 2024, and developed the discussion items that we are covering this evening.

Discussion Item: Recruitment and Engagement.

Based on the response to the recent call for volunteers at McLean Day, Redeemer will shift its focus on McLean Day. Rather than hosting a booth at the fair, Redeemer will focus its efforts on the Church grounds, offering a more robust, welcoming experience to attendees who use the parking lot for the McLean Day shuttle. Volunteers will sign up for 2-hour shifts to provide support at water stations and game tables at the Church.

Bolstering the Youth Ministry, and providing support to PSK in that effort, remain critical goals for the Executive Committee and Council. Efforts are ongoing to identify adult volunteers to provide guidance for Redeemer's High School and Middle School students as they plan activities that inspire and motivate them, such as supporting local food bank programs or working on environmental stewardship projects.

Discussion Item: Personnel Update. The Personnel Manual is currently being updated to reflect changes in the Renaissance structure. A job description is being reviewed for a communications outreach and programming specialist. Preparations for open enrollment for benefits for office staff is underway.

Discussion Item: Beyond Measure Update.

The McLean Community Foundation has offered our church a grant of \$10,500 for the Beyond Measure Capital Campaign. The grant requires acknowledging the source of the grant in publications and other associated documents. Beyond Measure and Council are happy to accommodate and follow these disclosure guidelines.

Tyler Posey, the Council's Liaison to Beyond Measure, presented a summary of the most recent committee meeting. The committee discussed fundraising ideas (yoga classes, dancing, chili cookoff, and pickleball tournaments) and internal communication strategies.

Discussion Item: Summer Coffee Hours. Council members agreed to undertake coffee hours during the summer.

Discussion Item: Renaissance Charter. Nate Paukovits presented the Renaissance Board's approved draft of the Renaissance Charter, which had previously been reviewed by Council. The charter, once approved, will be updated annually. Nate Paukovits made the motion to approve. Tyler Posey seconded. The motion to approve and adopt the Renaissance Charter passed unanimously.

Ministry Reports

Nate Paukovits presented a summary of the Renaissance Board's recent meeting and complimented the Board's energy and leadership. The Renaissance Program achievements and activities include robust applications for

admission to Pre-School next year; an election of a new Board Chair next month; full enrollment in The Afterschool program for 2024-2025; planning the resumption of field trips after a pause during COVID; the hiring of a new administrator for the preschool; and holding interviews for the position of new Director of Pre-School starting May 14.

New Business: Approval of new copier. President Ellen Kennedy presented a proposal to purchase a new Konica-brand scanner/copier at the cost of \$19,000. After consulting with Redeemer office personnel and comparing options, it was determined that purchasing was more cost effective than leasing. Tyler Posey moved to approve the purchase, and Ed Morrow seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

New Business: Communications/Youth Leadership Position Job Description. The executive team has revised the job description to emphasize communications outreach and activities programming, aiming to provide greater flexibility and opportunities for crossover between those endeavors and youth leadership. Work on the job description for the Communications/Youth Leadership position is on-going.

Closing Prayer:

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Adjournment:

President Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 8:50 PM.

Upcoming Dates:

Executive Committee: June 7, 2024

Next Meeting of Council: June 10, 2024

Baby Wullenweber Has Arrived

Pastor Josh and Heather welcomed their son, Owen Thomas, on Friday, May 24. Cards can be sent to their attention at New Jerusalem Lutheran Church, 12942 Lutheran Church Road, Lovettsville, VA 20180.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE GRADUATES!



Clara Detweiler is graduating from Langley High School on June 3. She will attend Marymount University this fall.



Sheridan Kanski is graduating from Rochambeau - The French International School and will attend Northeastern University (London Scholars Program).



Peter Kutscher will be graduating from McLean High School and will be attending Franklin and Marshall College (in Lancaster, Pennsylvania) in the Fall.



Michy Michaud will be graduating from Madison High School this year, and will be attending Bucknell University in the Fall to study Music Education.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE GRADUATES!



Kailen Jordan graduated from Auburn University with the degree of Bachelor of Aerospace Engineering. Kailen will commission into the United States Air force, with the rank of Second Lieutenant. He will report to his duty assignment at Hurlburt Field, in Florida.

Peter Guma recently graduated from Dickinson College, where he majored in mathematics and Russian. This August, he will be flying to Uzbekistan to teach English for nine months on a Fulbright ETA grant.



Leila Williams graduated from University of Illinois Urbana Champaign with a degree in bioengineering.

Summer Bible Study Series

June 12 - July 24

Our Wednesday PM Bible Study completed our review of 1 and 2 Kings. A new series will start on Wednesday, June 12, at 7 pm via Zoom. Each week we will discuss the healing stories as found in Matthew, Mark, and Luke. How are these stories alike and how do they differ from each other? What is the significance of where these stories appear in each of the synoptic gospels? What do we learn from these healing accounts that help us in our daily lives?

If you are interested in joining us, please email [Pastor Kessinger](#)! We would love to have you be part of these open conversations. You do not have to attend all of the sessions. Come for as many as your schedule permits.

Construction Project Updates For May

A fence will be added around the play area that is being renovated. Safety and security for our preschool, after-school, and summer camp kids is of our utmost concern. We need to ensure that the kids are safe not only from cars and strangers in the area, but also from any pets that might have gotten off leash. When our programs are not in session, friends and neighbors will still be able to enjoy our improved grounds and play areas.

The construction drawings for the classrooms, offices, and related spaces have been submitted to the County for review. We anticipate two or three rounds of questions, clarifications, and drawing modifications. Once the County has approved the drawings, we will contact contractors for bids and begin the negotiation process. Once that is all underway, we will have a better idea of the timeframe for that construction phase.

As many of you may remember, Redeemer used to have a bell tower at the front of the church and on top of that bell tower was a cross. That aluminum cross was a very distinctive feature of the original front of the church. The cross was saved during the construction of our Crossroads lobby and our architects have been able to incorporate it into the design of our new Columbarium. This cross will be a meaningful bridge between Redeemer's past and new look.

Why have things taken so long with this project? The initial zoning review process with the County took three times longer than we expected. Also, there were additional drawings and narratives required that needed to be coordinated between the architect, arborist, civil engineer, and landscape architect, all of which took longer than expected. We continue to push all the participants to expedite this process wherever possible.

Beyond Measure (Capital Campaign) Task Force Ministry Update

Upcoming FUNdraiser! Mark your calendars for our June FUNdraiser, sponsored by the Endowment Committee. Join us at Redeemer for an Ice Cream Sundae Social on June 4th from 5-7pm. It is going to be an evening of sweet treats and community fellowship.

We are thrilled to share the success of the Redeemer Renaissance Art Show and Basket Raffle May FUNdraiser. This fabulous event, filled with great community participation, raised an impressive \$3,300 for our outdoor playground renovation. The excitement was contagious during the basket drawings, and we are immensely grateful to everyone who contributed and attended.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the McLean Community Foundation (MCF) Board of Trustees for approving \$10,500 of our grant request to use towards tree planting and landscaping preservation. This generous grant will help restore our natural outdoor play area, which is extensively used by our preschool, after-school program, and the general public. The Board's decision to fund this portion of our grant request is greatly appreciated, and we are excited about the positive impact it will have on our community.

We would like to explore the possibility of matching the McLean Community Foundation grant from either within our congregation or from another organization. If you are aware of any source of grants or funding that could add to the total raised for the renovations, please let us know. Your insights and connections can make a significant difference.

Current Fundraising Status - As of May 24th, the total amount pledged or donated for the Capital Campaign project is \$1,471,010! This brings us to 54% of the \$2.7 million goal, not including the recent approval of the \$10,500 grant. We are slowly progressing towards our goal and appreciate your continued support and generosity.

We are also looking for volunteers to sponsor a July FUNdraiser. If you are interested or need ideas, please contact Mary O'Brien at mary.obriensimmons@gmail.com.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

FUNdraiser Riddle

What do ice cream & air conditioning have in common?



**They both keep you...
COOL**

You're invited to join us for ice cream!

Tuesday, June 4th, 5pm - 7pm

Recommended donations

1 - scoop sundae - \$5

2 - scoop sundae - \$10

Thank you for supporting the Redeemer Lutheran Capital Campaign. Proceeds will go towards the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning renovation.



Endowment Committee Report

Redeemer's Endowment Committee is busy in early June with three activities.

Ice Cream Social

Following Redeemer Renaissance's very successful Capital Campaign FUNdraiser in May that raised over \$3,300, the Endowment Committee is the second ministry to host a FUNdraiser. Please join us at an Ice Cream Social on Tuesday, June 4 from 5-7 PM. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to bring a friend! Flyers are posted around Redeemer. Proceeds will support the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) renovation.

Grant Recipient Follow Up

Two more June events highlight a recent Endowment Grant Recipient, The Fishing School in the District of Columbia.



On Monday, June 3, Redeemer members will volunteer at one of their End of Year Showcase-Parent Engagement Nights. It celebrates students' success and hard work this academic year. Awards will be distributed, and the students have prepared a group presentation.

On Sunday, June 9, Meeta Sharma-Holt, Executive Director, and Christopher Anuzis, Director of Development and Communications of the TFS, will join us for a Temple Talk at the first two services. Please welcome them to learn about TFS and volunteer opportunities.

The Fishing School provides daily multi-faceted enrichment activities to promote academic growth, social/emotional development, college & career exploration, and recreation through our daily afterschool program. Through our research-based curriculum, students participate in weekly literacy supports; hands-on, inquiry-based science lessons; and activities that nurture social-emotional competence during elementary school, when students are prime to develop habits that they will carry with them for life. For more than 34 years, we have supported our community - students, parents, and schools - through quality out of school time supports.

For more information about their programs check out their website at <https://www.fishingschool.org>

All Donations Welcome

Please consider a contribution to the Endowment Fund in celebration of a family/personal milestone: anniversary, baptism, birthday, first communion or graduation. It's easy through check, ACH or online. Scan the QR code and select Endowment Fund. Only earnings fund grants.

For questions about Redeemer's Endowment Fund, how to donate or nominate a non-profit organization, please contact Endowment Fund Committee Chair, Tammie Koenig, at Endowment@redeemermclean.org, or a committee member.





The Fishing School (TFS) is a nonprofit serving the Washington, DC communities most in need. Since 1990, our academic after-school, summer, and parent engagement programs have engaged more than 7,900 youth and their families. With 33 years of experience, TFS combines a deep understanding of industry research and best practices with an extensive understanding of the under-served communities in which we work.

In 1990, Tom Lewis, a former Metropolitan Police Department officer, renovated a former crack house and opened TFS on Wylie Street NE in one of the most crime-ridden neighborhoods in DC. Despite being a high school dropout, Mr. Lewis worked to educate himself and earned his GED while in the military. He eventually earned a degree in Administration of Justice from American University through evening classes, while working as an MPD officer during the day. As an MPD officer, Mr. Lewis met many students whose families had been affected by drug use, poverty, and incarceration. Having grown up as one of 16 children in abject poverty, Mr. Lewis understood the need for positive role models and parental figures in children's lives. He promised that once he retired, he would continue to work to bring about positive change for the youth of Washington, DC. He believed then, as we do today, that education is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty. Consequently, what started as a program serving five children with an annual budget of \$2,100, has evolved into a research-based, highly effective out-of-school time program that has served over 7,900 youth and their families.

“
If you give a man a fish, you will feed him for a day. Teach him how to fish, and he will feed himself for a lifetime.

—Chinese Proverb

MISSION

The Fishing School (TFS) is a nonprofit serving the Washington, DC communities most in need. Our mission is to prepare elementary and middle school youth for success in high school and life by improving their academic performance and life skills; and engaging them and their parents in intensive, multi-year, and research-based out-of-school time and parental engagement programs and activities.

GOALS

The goals of TFS' programs are to increase participants' math and reading performance, develop their life skills, and increase parents' engagement and ability to support student success.



AFTERSCHOOL

Math and reading tutorials
STEAM projects
Life skills
Clubs/recreation
Technology infusion

SUMMER CAMP

Free full-day programming
STEAM
Life Skills
College Readiness
Clubs
Technology Infusion

PARENTS

One-to-one meetings
Workshops
School events
Progress reports
Resource referrals
Skill building

THE COHORT MODEL ▶

TFS utilizes the Cohort Model of education in its afterschool programs, a continuous commitment to children and their parents from 1st through 5th grades in which students are grouped into "cohorts" upon enrollment and progress through a multiyear program continuum together. Our programs follow each child through critical benchmarks in their elementary school years to help ensure a successful transition to middle school and high school. Students at TFS have a continuity of experience that may not otherwise be possible through other Out of School Time (OST) providers.

ADVANCING STUDENTS

TFS' proprietary, interdisciplinary curriculum is designed to support a student's academic, social, and emotional development. Aligned with Common Core Standards, our curriculum is broken out into units that span six to eight weeks in duration and include the following components:

► MATH & READING

Students engage in online reading and math tutorials which offer individualized academic support. On a daily basis, highly trained instructors provide homework help.

STEAM

Weekly STEAM lessons ensure underrepresented minorities and those in underserved communities are exposed to science, technology, engineering, art and math at an early age.

LIFE SKILLS

Activities build basic school success and social/emotional skills. Students are more prepared to be productive and resilient members of society.

► READ ALOUDS

Read alouds develop students' early language skills, reinforce their reading and comprehension skills, and build a stronger foundation for school success.

► COLLEGE PREP

College readiness activities educate students about historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) and the college-going process.

► CLUBS

TFS-led clubs such as sports, DIY, fitness, and tech club boost self-confidence and foster creativity, physical activity, and team-building.

ENGAGING PARENTS

TFS understands that parents play a pivotal role in student success. As such, engaging parents is an essential part of our work. Using Dr. Joyce Epstein's Framework for Six Types of Involvement, which covers parental engagement, TFS has created a model that is based on research and specifically designed to successfully engage the communities we serve.

Our work with parents begins by establishing trust and rapport. From there, we support parental and student educational goals, nurture the development of peer support groups, and engage parents in meaningful programming as we design activities tailored to parents' interests, needs and talents.

SUPPORTING SCHOOLS

Since its inception, TFS has served more than 7,900 students and parents in the DC Metropolitan area. Year after year, we demonstrate consistent results with more than 40% of regular attendees showing improvement in reading and math. TFS has consistently been one of the District's Office of the State Superintendent of Education's (OSSE) largest grantees and has been touted by the organization as a best practice OST model.



Everyone [at The Fishing School] encourages me and tells me 'You do a wonderful, fabulous job with those boys,' and I say 'Yeah, but it takes a village,' and believe me, The Fishing School is a big part of that village.

– TFS Parent

"I remember I used to sit on the banks of the water and try to catch fish. Everybody could catch a fish but me. Every now and then I'd catch a small fish that I should have thrown back, but it was precious to me, and I kept it." —Tom Lewis, Founder



Social Outreach

Yarn for the Summer

Scarf in a bag kits will be available in the Crossroads on Sunday, June 2, and Sunday, June 9. Each kit will contain enough yarn to crochet or knit a winter scarf for the **200 in '24** challenge sponsored by the Prayer Shawl group at Redeemer. Scarves will go to N Street Ministries, serving homeless women in the DC area. Help yourself to any hooks or needles on the table too. This summer you can start knitting together memories and winter scarves. Keep your collections at home until July 14 and 21 when collection boxes will be out in the Crossroads.

Good Grub and God is back!

June 11, 7 pm

We have not met since Pastor Josh took his new call, but we want to continue enjoying food, fellowship, and conversation! All are welcome to join us at The Union Restaurant, 1379 Beverly Road, McLean, at 7 pm on Tuesday, June 11, for a good meal and conversation. Come solo or bring a friend, coworker, partner, but let us know if you are coming; we want to have enough seats at the table. Please RSVP to [Kim Wenk](#).

Online Giving Change

Vanco, our online giving processor, has modified the look of their application. When you use the [link](#) on our website, you will see a more modern and improved look. Behind the scenes, your giving through your credit card, debit card, or bank account will be processed in the same way. If you have any questions, please contact Sara Nail, Redeemer's Financial Coordinator, at sara@redeemermclean.org.

Social Outreach

LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS with The Little Food Pantry

What is the Little Food Pantry?

It is a ministry that provides food to our neighbors.

When our neighbors are in need, **Redeemer's Little Food pantry gives them access to food 24/7 without questions, qualifications or judgments.** Redeemer's Little Pantry is between the parking lot and the sidewalk on Westmoreland Street.

Who are “OUR NEIGHBORS” ?

- **Children** who are out of school for the summer so are not receiving free breakfast and lunch

- **People living in their cars** (often with children and often working)

- **People working low income jobs** in Mclean who need lunch

- **Homeless** people living here in Mclean or who are passing through

- **People who live in a house here in Mclean.**

People experiencing food insecurity are very likely housed.

They may be unemployed, or working but still don't have enough income to pay the bills. They may be living temporarily with family members, friends trying to get back on their feet. **A pantry may be used weekly or just the week when rent is due, a medical bill needs to be paid, the utility bill is due, because finances don't stretch far enough.**

There are varying degrees of food insecurity and there's a complex relationship between food insecurity and socioeconomic factors.

How can you be a part of the Little Food Pantry Ministry?

DONATE: Non-Perishable, Nutritious, Small/Individual items.

Suggested: Canned (Fruit, Vegetables, Soups, Stews), Pasta, Crackers, Cereal, Peanut Butter. NO: Glass, Candy or Soda

Please place donations in one of the LFP Collection Bins in the Crossroads or on the SHARE cart by Door 10, or directly in the LFP.

Want to be more involved with the LFP? Have ideas or questions? Please contact Kim Wenk at kbwenk@gmail.com



June Birthdays - We Wish You a Happy Birthday!

June 1 Carole Dotterweich, John Heinke, Natalie Lee, Pete Poulos, Sean Wareham

June 2 Andrew Beck, Peter Guma, Caroline Pfister

June 3 Kellee Barron-Lanza

June 4 Anna Detweiler, Paul Hammelton, Tyler Leadbetter, Kyra Macomber, Gina Thorson

June 5 Devin Karnik, Macklin Meagher

June 6 Evan Goodwin, Garth Huston, David McGuire, Cristian Nied, Cora Reynolds

June 7 Michael Anderson, Haley Dorgan, Tricia Engle, Julia Englund, Alexandra Heath, Austin Humes, Erin Moran, Doug Ubben, Brady Ward

June 8 Logan Fedorczyk, Hannah Huston

June 9 Andrzej Manitius, Abigail Williams

June 11 Gene Durman, Pastor Sandy Kessinger, Phyllis Lind, Daniel Speckhard

June 12 Frederick Budde, Christina Leas, Sylvia Villafuerte

June 13 Sheridan Kanski, Will Kennedy, Samuel Schwartz, Adrian Wiklund

June 14 Eric Balleisen, Sierra Balleisen, Zach Balleisen, Mary Elizabeth Derr, Ethan Jones, Terri Markwart, Halle Melby, Grace Mykityshyn, Marie Rice

June 15 Tutu Toviho, Lindsay Wilson

June 16 Paula Giffey, Gretchen Stark

June 17 James Anderson, Julianna Rodriguez, Paxton Rodriguez

June 18 Jack Glowacki, John Zele

June 19 Alejandra Villafuerte

June 20 Bill Buseman, Guy Jeffress, Mary Karangelen, Peter Schultz

June 21 Julia Paukovits, Grace Pelak

June 22 Hannah Allard, Caroline Armstrong, Matthew Engel, Gloria Mumaw, Jaxsen Rodriguez

June 24 Victoria Johnson

June 25 Cameron Brennan, Jackie Budde

June 26 Nic Budde, Matthew Mowrey, Anneliese Odegard, Heather Trichtinger

June 27 Anna Duval, Milo Engel, Maddy Geduldig, Leo Getter, Jane Goldfrank, Braydon Persino, Delaney Persino

June 28 EJ Kwak, Siri Opsal, Barbel Thomas, Logan Vergonis

June 29 Sara Grace Kennedy, Ingrid Kunec, William Van Wazer

June 30 Emily Adams, Tommy Adams, Lindsay Conway, David Cooley, Darlene McCoy, Fausto Stanford-Molina

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