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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

- #631 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
- #606 Our Father, We Have Wandered
- #592 Just As I Am, without One Plea
- #779 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

Gwenn Holmlund

On February 27, Gwenn peacefully passed away at the tender age of 93. A memorial service will be held at Redeemer Lutheran Church on Saturday, April 12, at 11 am. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall. Please keep the family in your prayers, especially her sons, Mark, Kevin, and Jon.

It is a Redeemer tradition to bake cookies for funeral receptions. If you would like to contribute homemade cookies or help at the reception, please sign up at this [link](#).

Counting our Blessings during Lent

Fruit Bars for the Little Food Pantry

During Lent this year we are counting the many blessings in our lives. The blessings calendar, available [here](#) or in Crossroads, has a question for each day to help us give thanks.

Once a week there is an "action" related to the "question". After answering a "question" about the number of fruits in our kitchen, we give thanks for people who feed the hungry. The "action" is to help feed local people who are hungry by putting a fruit bar in the box for the Little Food Pantry in the Blessings box in Crossroads. The Little Food Pantry is a Redeemer activity; it is located on the street side of the Westmoreland parking lot. Information about other food items needed during the year can be found in the Sunday announcements.

Wednesday Lenten Service & Dinner

April 2 — Supper 6:30 pm | Prayer 7:30 pm

Come and pray with us as we hold an Evening Prayer service every Wednesday at 7:30 pm through April 9. This week, our supper at 6:30 pm will be a traditional potluck. If you plan to attend, please sign up [here](#) so we know what you will bring. During the service Diane Miller will reflect on the biblical character Peter.

The worship service will be live streamed; please use this [link](#) to join us remotely.

Mission Trip Meeting

Today — 12 pm

A meeting for those going on the mission trip in June will be held after services.

Weekly Construction Project Update

We have narrowed down the selection process for a general contractor to two firms: Whitener & Jackson, and Forrester Construction. We will be holding meetings with each of them shortly to review their bids, clarify items, review timelines, and question their respective processes. The committee will then recommend a selection to the Congregation Council. The next step then will be to enter into contract negotiations. The goal would be to have a signed construction contract for the interior renovations by early May.

Sign Up to Host Coffee Hour

Everyone is welcome to host Sunday morning Coffee Hour. Get your friends, family, or ministry group together and sign up! It is a great way to meet people, welcome visitors, and inform people about your ministry/group. All coffee supplies, training, and written instructions are provided. If you have any questions, contact [Kim Wenk](#). Go to bit.ly/RedeemerCoffeeHour to sign up.

Community Event

Level The Field Fund Author Talk & Book Signing

Victoria Christopher Murray

Today— 3 to 5 pm at McLean Community Center

Level the Field Fund is hosting a book club event featuring *New York Times* bestselling author Victoria Christopher Murray, who will discuss her books, including *The Personal Librarian*. Register at this [link](#).

Holy Week Worship Service Schedule

Palm Sunday — April 13

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

No Faith Formation, but the High School Class will meet.

Maundy Thursday — April 17

7:30 pm

Good Friday — April 18

12 pm and 7:30 pm

Easter — April 20

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

No Faith Formation, High School Class, or Table Talk.

Redeemer Renaissance Restaurant Night at Chipotle

April 8 — 4 to 8 pm

Join us on April 8 for a fundraiser at Chipotle, 6707 Old Dominion Dr, McLean, VA 22101. Please let them know you are there as part of the Redeemer Renaissance Pre-school & After-School Fundraiser. You can [order online](#) for pickup using code WZGYXN9.

Information for Federal Workers / Contractors

Below are four websites with information for individuals affected by recent federal workforce actions.

- Fairfax County “Federal Workforce Resource Hub”
 - This “Hub” gives comprehensive information about how to navigate the current situation. This includes guidance regarding Healthcare Coverage, Financial Help, Mental Health Resources, and more.
 - <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/topics/federal-government-resource-hub>
- Civil Service Strong: “Resources for Civil Servants”
 - <https://www.civilservicestrong.org/resources>
- Commonwealth of Virginia “Resources for Impacted Federal Workers”
 - <https://www.governor.virginia.gov/constituent-services/federal-employee-resources/>
- United States Department of Labor: “Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees”
 - https://oui.doleta.gov/unemploy/docs/factsheet/UCFE_FactSheet.pdf

Theaters across the Washington, DC area are offering free and discounted tickets to federal workers affected by layoffs and furloughs. Please visit this [link](#) for a list of participating theaters.

St. Thomas Episcopal Church is offering an 8-week support group for federal workers and contractors affected in any way by current administrative policies. Use this [link](#) to sign up; space is limited.

Congressman Don Beyer has distributed a list of events such as Transferrable Skills Workshops and Job Fairs in Alexandria, Arlington County, Fairfax County, and the District of Columbia. His email with these resources is available [here](#).

Interfaith Choir—Calling for Singers

Children and adults of all abilities are welcome! A concert will be held Sunday, May 4 at 7 pm at Immanuel Presbyterian Church. Practices will be 3-4 pm on 4/5, and 4-5 pm on 4/12, 4/26, & 5/3. There will be a children’s choir (ages 7+) and an adult/youth choir. If you are interested, please contact Lani Richards for details at 571-405-7490.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

Including Hybrid Options

Sun., 3/30	<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 Group Classes
		High School “Bagels & Bible” Class (Teen Center)
		Table Talk Adult Education (Conference Room/Hybrid)
	10:55 am - 11:25 am	Youth Choir Rehearsal
	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Mission Trip Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Mon., 3/31	7:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Racial Justice & Equity Book Club (Zoom)
Tues., 4/1	9:30 am - 10:30 am	Women's Prayer Group (Conference Room/Hybrid)
Wed., 4/2	9:00 am - 11:30 am	Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall)
	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Lenten Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
	7:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Lenten Service (Sanctuary)
Thurs., 4/3	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Men’s Bible Study (Zoom)
	10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry (Library/Hybrid)
	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
Bettina
Carol
CH
Charlotte
Christina
Geri
Jana
Jeff
Jesse
Kim
Mandy
Marie
Nancy and Peter
Phil
Steve M.
Trevor W.
Achikian, Maral
Antokas, Fr. Dimitrios
Augustenborg Epstein, Erica
Ayers, Kyle
Bates, Barbara
Blakey, Patrick
Blankenship, Bob
Born, King "Song"
Bornmann, Keith
Boyer, Charlie
Brown, Terrence
Canes, David
Capodanno, Philippe
Carter, Nicole
Cavallo, Michael
Cooke, Martin
DeGioia, Jack
Detweiler, Shirley
Devine, Daniel
Diaz, Martin
Dotterweich, Pam
Duval, Louis
Eifler, Ruth
Geissl, Irene
Glindemann, Ginger
Glindemann, Keith

Graham, Jim
Gross, Kathy
Henkel, Vernon Jr.
Heuer, Mark
Himes, Jack
Hughes, William
Hunter, Baxter
Keating, Kathleen and Michael
Knorr, Lorelei and Gene
Kuhn, Michael
Kutscher, Betsy
Leong, Chee Lee
Leong, Helen
Maheshwari, Mohan
Martin, Beverly
Martin, Trevor
McManus, Pete and Ada
Miller, Coletta
Moe, Mike
Myers, Kathy
Pujol Rodriguez, Esther
Reblitz, Jennifer
Richmond, Dan
Ryding, Karin
Schiedt, Mary Jane
Scheinblum, Terry
Schmid, Rahizza
Schneck, Pastor Tony
Shaefer, Phil
Stear, Carolyn
Stolar, Bob
Sullivan, Katie
Teutler, Alexander
Teutler, Olga
Vosburgh, Leah
White, Jerry
Wu, Jian
Yesko, Edmund
Yox, Karol
Zimmerman, Dawn

For Comfort in Death

The family & friends of Ed Culhane
The family & friends of Gwenn Holmlund
The family & friends of Zane Prescott

For Comfort and Peace

Brittin, Michael
Collins, Josephine
Meck, Eric
Portis, Carol
Peggy
Terry and Jana

For Safety

All refugees
All our military & diplomatic people
throughout the world
All those who serve to protect our country
Armas, Jesus
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 and Stephen
Sarah and 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

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 the families who lost loved ones in recent plane crashes.
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 Christ the King Lutheran Church, Great Falls, and their pastor, Hank Langknecht.

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