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.

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.

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 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!

The Orange Collection Box

No person can fund the entire operations of a church and run every ministry. But when we all join together (and contribute our time, talents, and blessings), our church can do wonderful things in our community while supporting our services to our members.

Please place your orange "Financial Intentions" form in the collection box by the doors of our sanctuary. These annual pledges will allow us to budget responsibly for our worship services, children's ministries and important local outreach. Thank you!

Pictures for Membership Directory
Today and October 11

Today and next Sunday, October 11, we will have opportunities for members to have their picture taken for the new directory between services. It will be helpful to have current pictures for a new Pastor. Please stop by the table in Crossroads to fill out an updated member information form and give consent to have your picture taken. A photograph area is set up in the Prayer and Care room.

If you did not receive an email to access the new directory, please contact grace@redeemermclean.org to ensure we have the most up-to-date contact information.

Good Beginnings
Outdoor Classes for Ages 1.5 and older with Caregiver
Starting October 13– 9:30 am

Come and play! This outdoor-play program for toddlers and caregivers to enjoy together promotes a sense of wonder, discovery, and exploration while providing a fun introduction to preschool. Children will build their first friendships and work with new materials as they engage in open-ended play in a safe, developmentally appropriate environment. During exploratory play, caregivers will have the opportunity to discuss topics of interest and create bonds that will help them navigate the early childhood years and beyond. The class is offered on the following dates: Oct. 13 & 27, Nov. 10 & 17, Dec. 8, Jan. 12 & 26, Feb. 9 & 23, Mar. 9 & 30, April 6 & 27, and May 4 & 18.

Please call 703-356-3567 for more information.

Social Justice & Equity Book Club

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. We just started 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. All are still welcome to join us. Contact Teresa Schellenger for more details (jpschellenger@aol.com).

Youth

ELCA National Youth Gathering
June 28 to July 2, 2027
Deadline to Sign Up: October 9

Youth currently in grades 8–12 are invited to sign up to attend the ELCA National Youth Gathering! The cost for families will be $550 which is the registration fee including the SERVE add-on, which Redeemer plans to participate in. Financial Assistance is available, and we do not want cost to be a barrier in participating.

Please return the registration worksheet to Grace Sweeney by October 9. A deposit of $225 is also due at that time and can be paid online at https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZCTK/campaign/C-146DD. Please include "2027 YG" in the note.
For questions, financial assistance, or more information about the Gathering, please reach out to Grace Sweeney at grace@redeemermclean.org.

Little Food Pantry

Thank you for your continued stewardship to Redeemer's Little Food Pantry. The need is robust, and donations are much appreciated. You may select the Little Food Pantry tile on the church's website as a giving option (https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZCTK/home) or place your donations in the specially marked basket in the church narthex.

Regularly needed items include:

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

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

Many thanks to our new volunteers who will be helping with weekly restocking. Your support of this important ministry is much appreciated!

Blessing of Animals
October 18 – 1 pm

Each year we bless animals in October, the time when the church commemorates St. Francis, patron saint of animals and the environment. All pets are welcome. We will pray in thanksgiving for the comfort and joy they bring to us. Please come and invite others to attend as well.

Renaissance Faire
Volunteer for the Trunk-or-Treat; Donate Candy!
October 23 – 5:15 pm

Join in a wonderful event bringing together the families of our Redeemer Renaissance program and those of the church. Volunteers are needed for the trunk-or-treat! Youth volunteers in confirmation and high school are encouraged. Sign up to volunteer by going to https://bit.ly/4dbvgaW or scanning the QR code.

You can donate candy by placing bags in the bin located in Crossroads--*candy CANNOT contain nuts.*

All Saints' Sunday
November 1
Submit Names by October 26

All Saints' is the one day in the church year that we remember and name aloud those who have gone before us in faith. We will read the names of those from Redeemer who died this past calendar year (November 2025–2026) and any other names that you submit. Please submit no later than October 26 at https://bit.ly/rlc-all-saints, with the name as you would like it read. You may also call the church office (703-356-3346).

Call Committee Update

Most munificent blessings and halcyon salutations, siblings! Since we last "talked" your Call Committee has been praying, preparing, and creatively participating with the DC Metro Synod to identify candidates seeking a call.

Alas, we have thus far been unsuccessful in finding that right pastor, at the right time, in the right place, but we remain positive in the knowledge the Lord will shepherd that right pastor, to our right place, on His chosen time to us.

As we remain ready to interview candidates, armed with our congregational vision, priorities, and requirements, and an irrepressible spirit, we ask for your continued prayers and moral support.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS
Including Hybrid Options

Sun., 10/4	*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., 10/5	7:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Social Justice & Equity Book Club (Zoom)
Tues., 10/6	9:30 am – 10:30 am	Women's Faith Group (Conference Room/Zoom)
Wed., 10/7	9:00 am – 11:30 am	Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall)
Thurs., 10/8	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)
Fri., 10/9		Deadline to sign up for ELCA National Youth Gathering

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Please Remember to Pray….

For Healing

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

For Comfort and Peace

Innis, Scott
Shupp, Lloyd
Welsh, Ari

For Comfort in Death

The family & friends of Ann Caswell
The family & friends of Harold Core
The family & friends of Miriam Howard
The family & friends of Elaine Russo
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 New Jerusalem Lutheran Church, Lovettsville, and their pastor,
Rev. Joshua Wullenweber.**

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