

# THE REVEILLE WINDOW

## Reveille United Methodist Church

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## New Year, Holy Year

Most of us know that the New Year begins on January 1, but by that time, the Church (liturgical) year is already well underway, because the Church has its own way of keeping time.

From the very first, Christians have marked time a little differently. Thus, for example, the first Christians began gathering for worship on the first day of the week, the day of the resurrection, instead of the seventh day, the Jewish Sabbath. For Christians, the first day of the week is the Lord's Day, a little Easter. One early document, *The Epistle of Barnabas*, calls Sunday "the eighth day," meaning that it signifies the beginning of the recreation of the world.

And if our weeks are different, so, too, are our years. Our year begins with **Advent**, a season of four Sundays leading up to Christmas. During Advent, which means "coming," we look back at the prophecies that foretold the coming of the Messiah, and we look for signs of Christ's presence in our world as well as for his final victory over the forces of death and destruction.

**Christmas** is the second season of the liturgical year; it is also the shortest. It begins on Christmas Eve/Day and continues for twelve days; it ends on **Epiphany** Sunday, when we celebrate the Lord's appearing in our midst.

**The Season after Epiphany** begins with the **Baptism of the Lord** and continues for eight Sundays, culminating in the **Sunday of the Transfiguration**. Next comes **Lent**, a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on **Ash Wednesday**. Traditionally Lent has been a time of self-examination in preparation for **Easter**. The last week of Lent is **Holy Week**, which begins on **Passion/Palm Sunday** and includes **Holy (Maundy) Thursday** and **Good Friday**.

**Easter** is, of course, the holiest day in the Church year. It is the day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the grave. The season of Easter continues that celebration for seven Sundays, culminating on the seventh with a remembrance of Christ's **Ascension**.

**Pentecost** comes fifty days after Easter and marks the birthday of the church in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Trinity Sunday** follows Pentecost, and the Church continues in "ordinary time," or the Sundays after Pentecost, until the last Sunday on the Church calendar, traditionally called **Christ the King**. The term "ordinary" does not mean that the season is mundane, but rather is derived from the word "ordinal," signifying orderly, counted time. During this long season after Pentecost, the Church celebrates life in the Spirit by focusing on the life and teaching of Jesus.

The Church Year keeps the core of Christian teaching before us, and it connects us with the "great cloud of witnesses" who have gone on to glory as well as with Christians in a number of other liturgical traditions across the globe. As we work our way through the Church calendar, we are reminded that time is a gift from God and that, as such, we are called to give thanks and keep it holy.

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## OUTREACH

### Make "Stone Soup" for Friends of the Homeless at Wonderful Wednesday

On Thursday, January 23, Reveille will be serving homemade "Stone Soup," cornbread, fruit, and dessert to some of Richmond's homeless population. There are several ways in which you can help:

- On Wonderful Wednesday, January 22, help prepare the "Stone Soup" at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Bring vegetables, cutting boards, and knives. Some needed vegetables are carrots, celery, potatoes, peppers, cabbage, green beans, peas, and canned or frozen corn. You may also bring whole bananas and clementines to be handed out at the Thursday meal. The children will help make cornbread muffins that are a favorite among the Friends of the Homeless. This "soup" preparation is a wonderful inter-generational outreach project. All ages can participate in sharing the love of Christ by preparing a meal for the homeless.



- Donate new or used plastic Tupperware-like containers. There is a collection area by the elevator on the red carpet.
- Serve at Greater Mt. Moriah Baptist Church for an hour or two on Thursday, January 23. You can meet us at Reveille at 11:00 am and carpool or meet us at the site.

Please look for the sign-up sheet in the welcome center. For more information, contact Kay Craven at [cravendk@aol.com](mailto:cravendk@aol.com) or call Katie B. Anthony at the church office: 359-6041, ext. 111.

### January Outreach Opportunities

January 23: Friends of the Homeless Hot Meal, 10:45 am

January 22: Make Stone Soup at Wonderful Wednesday, 6:00 pm

January 26: Friends of the Homeless Bagged Lunches, 10:30 am

January 26: Swansboro Celebration Lunch, 12:00 noon

Ongoing:

[Prison Ministry Mentoring](#)  
[Swansboro Elementary Mentoring](#)

### Involved in Swansboro in 2013? Come to the Swansboro Celebration Lunch

Mark your calendar for a celebration of all things Swansboro. If you have participated in any Swansboro ministry in 2013, especially the Habitat House, we want you there! This includes youth and adults who spent a week in Swansboro last summer, as well as folks who have been in ministry in Swansboro throughout the year in both the elementary school and the community. We want to lift up all that you did, celebrate the relationships that have been made, and hear where you see God calling Reveille to be involved in Swansboro. Whether you made a cake, cleaned up the community, collected school supplies, or read on Dr. Seuss day, **YOU ARE INVITED!** Sign up in the welcome center or at <http://reveilleumc.org/swansboro-lunch>.

**When:** Sunday, January 26

**Where:** Fellowship Hall

**Time:** 12:00 noon – 1:30 pm

**Menu:** Pizza galore!

### Outreach Celebrations

#### Reveille Weekday School gave the gift of warmth to Swansboro Elementary students

Members of the Reveille Weekday School Board, headed by Walker Fonville, organized a Thanksgiving gloves, scarves, and hat drive, ensuring that Swansboro's children were equipped before the cold weather came. Not only did they stuff a giant "turkey" with their gifts, they also collected a huge pile of school supplies.

#### Hundreds of Christmas cards were sent to members and outreach friends

Reveille wrote Christmas cards to members of our church who are homebound and to those we have come to know through our ministries with UMFS, Friends of the Homeless, and the Prison Ministry. This ministry also collected hundreds of blank cards for the women of the Prison Ministry to send Christmas cards to their loved ones.

#### Members shared a meal, a concert, presents, and support with UMFS students

Reveille members shared a variety of their gifts to show support and love to United Methodist Family Service (UMFS) students: Children made decorations for the UMFS potluck; adults gathered for a

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## Outreach Celebrations

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meal and crafts with the UMFS students; the Reveille Ringers shared a joyful noise at a UMFS concert; all ages worked together to give

Christmas presents to more than 20 students; and members supported UMFS financially with their Christmas offering.

## NURTURE/CONGREGATIONAL CARE

### 'Twas the Season to be Jolly



On Wednesday, December 11, Reveille members and staff visited with residents at The Hermitage for our annual Christmas caroling event. It was not a "Silent Night," because we rang "Jingle Bells."



Singing helps make Advent "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year." We didn't have to go "Dashing through the Snow" since we were inside. Even though it was cold outside, the residents of The Hermitage warmed our hearts as we "Deck(ed) the Halls."



We wanted to remind the residents that "Away in a Manger," a Savior was born, and his name is Jesus.



Being able to spend time with Vivien Ely, Hazel and P.C. Shields, Shirley Stalnaker, Louise Ailor, Dot and Bill Coor, Eleanor Elliott, Marion Gian-nasi, and other residents of The Hermitage was the best Christmas present ever! They were so excited to see us and to spend time with us.



Standing in Vivien's room and listening to her sing along to her favorite Christmas song, "Silent Night," brought tears to our eyes. Being able to spread some Christmas cheer is a simple way to share the spirit of Christ with others. Come out next year, bring your family and friends, and join in wishing our friends at The Hermitage a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



## Wonderful Wednesday

We invite all of you – adults, youth, and children – to join us on Wednesday evenings in the fellowship hall for dinner. The cost of the meal is \$5 for adults and teens, \$3 for children ages 4 to 12, and free for anyone under 4. Please sign up at <http://reveilleumc.org/dinner>, on the friendship pad on Sunday morning, or call the church office at 359-6041, ext. 115, by the end of the day on the Monday preceding the meal. Dinner starts at 6:00 pm, and our program begins at 6:45 pm.



Following is a list of menus and programs for January:

### January 1

No Wonderful Wednesday. Happy New Year!

### January 8

No Wonderful Wednesday

### January 15

**Menu:** Tossed salad, spaghetti with meatballs and marinara, garlic bread, cookies and brownies  
**Program:** Cornell University Glee Club (See Music page for details.)

### January 22

**Menu:** Tossed salad, cilantro lime chicken with salsa, wild rice, vegetable medley, rolls, key lime pie  
**Program:** Stone Soup (See Outreach page for Details.)

### January 29

**Menu:** Caesar salad, garlic mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, sliced roast beef with mushroom gravy, rolls, chocolate cake

## “Let Me Care for You”

Those words can bring a sigh of relief to people going through difficult times in life. A Stephen Minister is willing and able to care for you by listening and being there while you work through this tough time. If you would like to know how a Stephen Minister could care for you, contact Stephen Coleman at 359-6041, ext. 115, or [scoleman@reveilleumc.org](mailto:scoleman@reveilleumc.org).



## Leisure Club

**Tuesday, January 21**  
**11:00 am, Fellowship Hall**

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Covered Dish Luncheon:  
Main dish and drinks provided;  
please bring your favorite side dish or dessert.  
**Program:** John Byrd, Comedy Ventriloquist

## Reveille Men’s Basketball

On Thursday, December 5, Reveille lost another heartbreaking basketball game when Community C.O.G.I.C banked a three-point shot from the baseline at the buzzer for the win. The shot was disputed as the Community C.O.G.I.C player may have had both feet out of bounds as he took the shot. The shot did count and Reveille is now the best 0-3 team in the league. We look to bounce back with the following games in January:



January 6, 7:45 pm: Reveille vs. Church of Christ at Byrd Middle School  
January 16, 8:45 pm: Reveille vs. Shady Grove at Byrd Middle School  
January 23, 8:00 pm: Reveille vs. Staples Mill Road Baptist  
January 30, 8:45 pm: Reveille vs. Shady Grove at Byrd Middle School

## Tee-Ology Returns in 2014

It is never too early to think about spring and golf. Coming again will be an opportunity to join Associate Pastor Stephen Coleman for up to six weeks of early morning fellowship and devotional at varying area golf courses. Our devotion time is based on theology professor John Freeman’s 18-lesson book in which the fundamental principles of golf are applied to God’s grace, the mysterious work of God’s Spirit, the abiding love of Christ, and the discipline of the life of faith. Stay tuned for more details.



**In case of emergency, contact the pastor on call, 380-8668.**

## MUSIC MINISTRIES

### Welcome the Cornell University Glee Club for a Repeat Performance

Wednesday, January 15

Last year's visit to Reveille was such a success that the Cornell University Glee Club is making a special detour in their 2014 winter tour to visit us again!

You will not want to miss Wonderful Wednesday on January 15! Come to dinner at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall, then stay for a free concert by the Cornell University Glee Club at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. After the concert there will be a reception in the welcome center for a time of fellowship and continued singing.

We are honored to again host this 60-voice men's chorus, one of the premier male choral groups in the U.S., and its a cappella subset, "The Hangovers." The concert will consist of choral music from a variety of cultures, ranging from compositions of the European Renaissance to American spirituals.

Writing about last year's visit to Reveille, the Glee Club said, "The space was beautiful and spectacular for our sound! We performed the most extensive set list of our tour, simply because there were few songs we could resist singing in such a great space!"

"This is the best performance we have ever hosted here at Reveille," said one long-time member.



Jennifer McCluskey, former cantor at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Richmond, said, "I was absolutely blown away by the beauty, showmanship and spirit of the Cornell Glee Club; having sung in multiple choirs in college, I appreciated just how gifted these young men are!"

Mary Evans, Reveille Chancel Choir member, said, "I almost missed this concert last year due to a busy schedule; I am so glad I made time for it. This group isn't your average college choir; they deliver a diverse repertoire with crisp intonation and charming stage presence!"

This year the Glee Club will perform under the direction of their new, and incredibly energetic, director, Robert Isaacs. Prior to his arrival at Cornell, Robert led choral programs at Princeton University and the Manhattan School of Music, and served as interim director of the National Youth Choir of Great Britain.

The Cornell University Glee Club was formed in 1868, has toured the world, and has won many accolades. In 2012, they garnered the second-highest score out of nearly 250 choirs at the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod.

Don't miss what promises to be a great evening of music at Reveille!

*Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!*

# ADULT MINISTRIES



## UMW BAKE SALE WAS HUGE SUCCESS! Dessert cookbooks still for sale

The Thanksgiving Bake Sale raised approximately \$1,900 between the sale of baked goods and the new dessert cookbook. This will enable us to again provide funding for the missions supported by the circles and promotes intergenerational opportunities for members to work together. Thank you to everyone who made this project such a success.

The dessert cookbook is still available for sale for \$8; it makes a perfect gift. Please contact Phyllis Moore at [pamoore41@aol.com](mailto:pamoore41@aol.com).



## CIRCLE NEWS

### Mary Lou White Circle

Join us Tuesday, January 7, at 10:30 am in the church parlor. The program's theme will be Women and Justice. Lunch will follow with members bringing a sandwich and dessert. Beverages will be provided.

### Lizzie Hoffman Circle

Join us Tuesday, January 21, at 9:30 am in the church parlor for a book review of *The Blessings of the Skinned Knee* by nationally-known clinical psychologist and lecturer Wendy Mogel and discuss ways to raise self-reliant, compassionate, and ethical children. Child care is available for children four and younger.

## Reveille Spiritual Life Retreat *Becoming a Better Spiritual Friend*

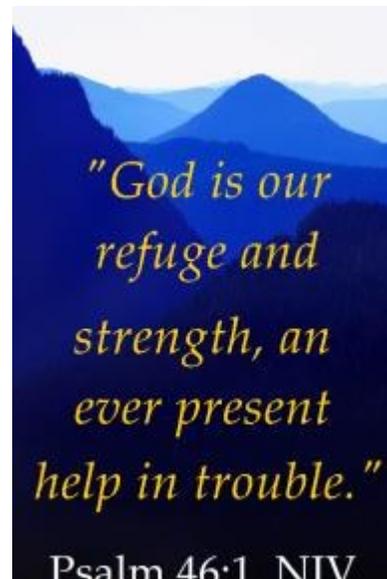
Saturday, February 22  
8:30 am-12:00 noon  
Fellowship Hall

Have you ever felt lost for words when a friend is in need of comfort? The Reveille Spiritual Life Retreat will equip you with an understanding of how to help and encourage friends facing difficult times in life and faith. The morning will include lectures, small group discussion, fellowship, and a delicious lunch.



The Reveille Spiritual Life Retreat, hosted by Reveille United Methodist Women, is open to all women inside and outside of Reveille. Bring a friend! It will take place on Saturday, February 22, starting with registration, coffee, and breakfast snacks at 8:30 am. This 'morning apart' starts at 9:00 am and concludes around midday with lunch. The cost is \$20, which includes breakfast snacks and lunch.

Look for online registration and a sign-up table in January. If you have questions, please contact Sheelagh Davis at [Sheelagh.d@verizon.net](mailto:Sheelagh.d@verizon.net).



## Winter Adult Studies Registration is Online

Make 2014 the year you commit to a group study that's right for you, whether you are a "seeker" wanting a safe, open setting to ask hard questions about Christianity, someone looking for "foundational" short-term classes offering core knowledge and skill development, or an "advanced" learner ready for in-depth, challenging study.

Go to [www.reveilleumc.org/discipleship](http://www.reveilleumc.org/discipleship) to register and for a full description of each class and their locations. The Winter 2014 Adult Studies lineup includes the following:

### Sunday Mornings at 9:30 am

*The Case for Christ* by Lee Strobel  
January 12 – February 23

*Mosaic* by Shane Stanford  
March 2 – April 13

### Sunday Evenings at 5:00 pm

Reveille Today  
January 12, 19, and 26

Adam Hamilton's *Enough*  
January 12 – February 16

*Love to Last*  
January 12 – February 16

*Renovation of the Heart:  
Putting on the Character of Christ*  
January 12 – April 6

### Wednesday Mornings at 9:30 am

Methodism 101  
January 8 – February 26

**Just added:** Lenten Study by Katie Anthony  
March 5 – April 16

Living Prayer

**Date change:** April 20 – June 4

Women of Spirit  
Ongoing

### Wednesday Evenings at 6:30 pm

Daniel: *Lives of Integrity* (Part 2) by Beth Moore  
January 22 – February 26

## Youth Group Schedule

Youth group for grades 6-12 will resume Sunday, January 5. We will be following the usual schedule:

4:30pm - Middle School Youth Group/High School Youth Choir  
5:30pm - Sunday Supper  
6:00pm - High School Youth Group/Middle School Youth Choir

## Journey Middle School Weekend

Journey middle school weekend retreat will take place March 21-23 at Rockbridge Alum Springs in Goshen, VA. Journey is a weekend of fun, worship, teaching, training, and equipping. This year, Dugan Sherbondy will be the main stage speaker, and The Keith Elgin band will serve as the worship leaders. For more information, visit [journeyweekend.org](http://journeyweekend.org) or contact Kate Rhodes, [youthassistant@reveilleumc.org](mailto:youthassistant@reveilleumc.org).



Celebrating the Christmas season at the annual youth group Christmas party



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

## Celebrations

December was a busy month for Children's Ministry! Family GPS's were available each Sunday to prepare your family for worship. An Advent calendar for children was created to help your children experience ways they could be a part of the season. We prepared our hearts for the Advent season when families gathered to make Advent wreaths (at the end of November because of when Thanksgiving fell).



*Fifth grade Sunday school children celebrating their creative Advent wreaths*

We enjoyed some holiday fun as we donned our Christmas PJ's, participated in some mission projects, and then settled down for a wonderful Veggie Tale Christmas movie time on December 4. It was a special night of giving and receiving. Children were invited to attend the Christmas caroling event at The Hermitage on December 11. Our children also shared the gift of music during their annual Christmas program on December 18. We had our first Happy Birthday Jesus Worship Party on December 22 in the chapel. We ended December with a wonderful Christmas Eve service that was geared toward preschoolers and their families.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY,  
Jesus!**

## Save the Dates

- \* Lenten Children's Journey: Every Wednesday, March 5 – Wednesday, April 9
- \* Easter Egg Hunt: Sunday, April 20
- \* Vacation Bible School and Day Camp: Monday, July 28 – Friday, August 1

## Focus First

Focus First is a mission opportunity for 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders to make a difference in our church, community, and world. We will focus on a different mission project on each of the first Sundays in the four months listed below. We will meet from 12:15 - 1:30 pm with lunch provided each time. Please email Lori Epps if you are interested in your child participating or if you are interested in helping with the leading of this group. We will need some adult volunteers in order to have this mission experience for our children. **January 5, March 2, September 7, and November 2** will be our Focus First dates.

## Children's Sabbath

On Sunday, February 23, the children will lead the congregation in worship. Look for more information about how your child can participate in this special service in the bulletin, *Window*, and email announcements.

## Did You Know...?

- \* Children and families made 60 candy cane napkin holders for the youth of UMFS for their Christmas potluck dinner.
- \* Children and families created over a 100 chain links of Advent chains for table decorations for the UMFS potluck dinner.
- \* Children and families lovingly put together 29 bags of goodies for Reveille members who are shut-ins.
- \* Amy Noland and Danielle Roberts helped Reveille staff plan the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve service for preschoolers and families.
- \* Rae Benninghove celebrated her 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary of watching children in our nursery! Debbi Elswick just celebrated her 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary of watching our children in our nursery!
- \* You don't have to have children to volunteer with the children's ministry. We welcome all ages!
- \* Sunday school teachers come up with awesome crafts to highlight their Bible lessons.

If you have questions about Children's Ministries, contact Lori Epps, Director, [children@reveilleumc.org](mailto:children@reveilleumc.org) or 359-6041, ext. 117.

# January 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 HOLIDAY—Church office closed		3	4
5 Worship at 8:30, 9:30 and 11:00 am Focus First	6	7	8 No Wonderful Wednesday Wednesday morning study begins	9	10	11
12 Worship at 8:30, 9:30 and 11:00 am Winter Adult Studies Begin	13	14	15 Wonderful Wednesday Program: Cornell University Glee Club	16	17	18
19 Worship at 8:30, 9:30 and 11:00 am Reveille Today	20	21 Leisure Club	22 Wonderful Wednesday Program: Make Stone Soup for Friends of the Homeless Wednesday evening study begins	23 Friends of the Homeless Hot Meal	24	25
26 Worship at 8:30, 9:30 and 11:00 am Swansboro Celebration Lunch Friends of the Homeless Bag Lunch Packing Reveille Today	27	28	29 Wonderful Wednesday Program: To be announced	30	31	

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 2014 Church Council Officers

We are grateful for the following members who have committed to serve on Church Council in 2014, and we encourage everyone to pray for them:

#### MINISTRY AREA

Chair  
Lay Leader  
Council Secretary  
Finance  
Staff-Parish Relations  
Trustees  
Adult Ministries  
Children's Ministries  
Communications  
Leadership  
Nurture/Congreg. Care  
Outreach  
Stewardship  
Witness  
Worship  
Weekday School Rep.  
Youth Representative  
Youth Representative  
Treasurer

#### ELECTED OFFICER

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Nancy Shepherd  
Bo Bowden  
David Maloney  
David Simonsen  
Randy Manspile  
Heather Lockerman  
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### SAVE THE DATE

#### Mark Your Calendar:

**February 15**

Richmond District UMW Hearts of Justice Tea

**February 22**

UMW Spiritual Life Retreat

**April 20**

Easter Egg Hunt

**July 28 – August 1**

Vacation Bible School and Day Camp

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**Deadline for the February issue of *The Reveille Window*:  
January 10.**