

THE REVEILLE WINDOW

Reveille United Methodist Church

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February 2014

For Everything There is a Time

Dear Friends and Members of Reveille:

Ecclesiastes tells us that "there is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the sun." And for me a new season has come.

After much prayer and discernment, and having met with the District Superintendent and the Staff-Parish Relations Committee, I have decided that the time has come for me to retire, effective June 30, 2014.

This has been a difficult decision for me because I love being your pastor, and I consider it an honor to be serving Reveille United Methodist Church. But I think the time is right. We have made good progress in the last eight years, including building a four-million dollar addition (without bank financing) and building a Habitat for Humanity house on our own. Our ministry to children and youth is first rate. Our music ministry is vibrant. (Who can forget last summer's wonderful production of *Jesus Christ, Superstar*?) We have a number of ongoing ministries such as the Honduras Medical Mission and our initiatives in Swansboro. Our recent "Committed to Christ" campaign has helped us to move deeper into discipleship. I could go on and on, but this should suffice for now.

In addition to all of the above, we have recently revamped and reorganized our very strong staff. Katie B. Anthony and Stephen Coleman continue to provide strong pastoral leadership in their roles here at Reveille. Clearly our church is not without challenges, but it is very strong and moving forward to answer Christ's call to love and serve.

I am confident that the Bishop and the cabinet will make the appointment of my successor with great care and deep prayer.

I ask all of you to keep this process in your prayers and to do all in your power to welcome and support the next person blessed to lead this wonderful congregation.

In Christ,

Jim Noland

Many Thanks to Jennifer McCluskey

For almost two years, Reveille has enjoyed Jennifer McCluskey's excellent work as our Director of Adult Ministries. In this capacity, Jennifer has enhanced our adult studies, supported our adult Sunday school, and helped to form small groups. In addition she has worked with the United Methodist Women and has added a creative touch to our ministry to college students. In every endeavor, Jennifer has brought wonderful energy, enthusiasm, and vision. She has been motivated by her faith, and she has shared her gifts generously.

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Jennifer McCluskey
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February Worship

Although she has only worked part time, Jennifer has helped to fill the void left by Carol Uzzle's retirement.

Now, however, Jennifer will be living out her call to ministry in a different capacity. She will remain at Reveille, but she will no longer be on staff after the end of February. This change will free her to devote more time to her family and to other forms of ministry to which she is called.

Jennifer has served Reveille well, and we thank her for her service, but we are most grateful for her continued presence in the life of our church.



February 2

UMW Sunday

Preacher: Natalie May,
UMW Richmond District Social Action Chair
(See Adult Ministries page for details.)
Holy Communion

February 9

Boy Scouts Sunday

Preacher: The Rev. Stephen Coleman
Scripture: Matthew 5:13-20, Psalm 112:1-10

February 16

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Jim Noland
Scripture: 2 Peter 1:16-21, Exodus 24:12-18
Sermon: "How to Grow a Soul"

February 23

Children's Sabbath

(See Children's Ministries page for details.)

OUTREACH

2013 Glorious Gifts a Success!

In spite of a mini ice storm on one shopping day and a new online ordering system, Glorious Gifts was a rousing success. We raised almost \$32,500. All of the funds will go to support these outreach ministries: CARITAS, Stop Hunger Now, the Friends of the Homeless hot lunch program, camperships to Westview on the James, the Swansboro community, Rebuilding Together, the Friends of Barnabas Honduras Medical Mission Trip, the youth mission trip to El Salvador, and the youth mission trip to Oklahoma City. Glorious Gifts is the primary fundraising effort for these ministries, and the success of Glorious Gifts makes these ministries possible.

Many people contributed to the success of Glorious Gifts. Glynis Holcomb and Lisa Adams provided extra help in the church office. Ken Case and Darrius Stokes set up the tables in the welcome center. Bob Downs coordinated the printing of the cards and lent us extra computers and printers. Glenda Lewis designed the flyers and order forms. There were several people who helped to print cards and collect money on the shopping days: Linda White, Sarah Anne Reed, Sheryl Manspile, Carol Ann Lea, Susan Creasey, Kay Craven, Brian Craven, Brenda Humphreys, and Sally Thompson.

Several youth also assisted, including Kate Daniel, Caroline Daniel, Abigail Killius, and Campbell Collett. Anne Manspile helped copy order forms and assemble orders. Without all of these people, Glorious Gifts would not be possible.

Thank you for supporting Glorious Gifts. Next fall, when you are planning your Christmas celebration, please remember to honor your family and friends with Glorious Gifts and help support the outreach ministries of Reveille.

- Martha Hodges, Glorious Gifts Coordinator

A special word of thanks to Martha Hodges from the Outreach Ministry Team:

Martha, thank you for your hard work and dedication! Your ministry through Glorious Gifts provides tremendous support to the outreach ministries of this church and is greatly appreciated by the co-champions and the Outreach Committee.

Friends of the Homeless Hot Meal

Help Friends of the Homeless feed some of Richmond's homeless men, women, and children on Thursday, February 27, at 10:45 am.

Much needed are potato casseroles (recipes and drop-off instructions are on the sign-up board in the welcome center). Casseroles can be made ahead of time and put in the fellowship hall freezer or refrigerator.

Homemade desserts are welcome as well and can be left in the fellowship hall kitchen (please mark "FOH").

We are also accepting new or gently used plastic Tupperware-like containers for leftovers to be stored in. They can be dropped in the Friends of the Homeless basket beside the elevator on the red carpet.

Instructions and more information can be found on the sign-up board or by contacting Kay Craven at cravendk@aol.com.

February Outreach Opportunities

February 23

Bagged Lunch Packing for Friends of the Homeless, 10:30 am

February 27

Friends of the Homeless Hot Meal, 10:45 am

Ongoing:

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

NURTURE/CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Will You Let Us Care for You?

Most people are much more open to giving care than receiving it. When a person is giving care, he or she is in a position of strength, stability, and authority. When a person is receiving care, he or she is acknowledging weakness, insecurity, and vulnerability. As a result, there are countless people today who, though they could benefit from a Christian friend who would listen and care for them, instead tough it out on their own. They remain the strong, silent type or wear a smile across their face that is holding back a flood of tears. To ask for help is to admit weakness. But God created us to be interdependent, to "bear one another's burdens, love one another, encourage one another and pray for one another."

Our **Stephen Ministers** know all about receiving care. They know how to respond in a loving, caring, and nonjudgmental manner. They are equipped, ready, and waiting to provide the comfort and care God very much wants you to have. They know how difficult it is to ask for help. They also know the great personal growth, spiritual growth, and healing that follow for those who do ask for help.

If you find yourself facing difficulties in life, do not succumb to society's norm of remaining strong and suffering alone. Take the step of seeking help. Open your heart to receiving God's grace and love through another person. Stephen Ministry offers the opportunity of a very confidential relationship with someone who will listen to you and provide you with the care and encouragement you need, while Christ works inside of you to bring rest to your weary, burdened heart.

Christmas Card Ministry Thank You

Reveille UMC supported the Outreach card ministry in December by leaps and bounds! Many members of all ages participated by simply writing a card. We wanted the congregation to know some of the responses we received from the recipients:

"It was a joy to have you think of me."

"Thanks so much for remembering me."

"I want you to thank the little children of Reveille."

"It was wonderful. I got hundreds of cards!"

"Please relay my parents' thanks to everyone at Reveille who sent the lovely Christmas cards and wishes."

By taking a minute of your time to remember those we love in a card, you have become the heart and hands of Christ and have brought smiles to so many! If you would like to continue this card ministry throughout the year, please contact Stephen Coleman (scoleman@reveilleumc.org or 359-6041, ext. 115) for a list of addresses.

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 are the menus for February:

February 5

Tossed salad, Shepherd's pie, rolls, carrot cake

February 12

Tossed salad, roasted pork loin, vegetable medley, loaded mashed potatoes, rolls, cherry pie

February 19

Caesar salad, baked chicken, green beans, wild rice, rolls, assorted cookies

February 26

Tossed salad, beef brisket with BBQ sauce, buttered (loose) corn, roasted sweet potatoes, rolls, coconut cake



Leisure Club

Tuesday, February 21
11:00 am, Fellowship Hall

Covered Dish Luncheon:

Main dish and drinks provided.

Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert.

Program: The Extension Chords, a double-quartet of a cappella singers, will entertain and enlighten us with a musical program.

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

A Word from Bishop Young Jin Cho

February has been established as Heart Havens Month, the time to renew our commitment and consider those living with disabilities. It was only 18 years ago that we, the United Methodists here in Virginia, established Heart Havens as a ministry of the Virginia Conference. God provided us a vision of inclusivity and independence and unconditional love for our brothers and sisters with intellectual disabilities. Please remember them by including them in your prayers throughout the month of February.



Prayer for Hearts Havens

God of Creation and God of Love:
We thank you that you created us,
male and female, and all in your image.
We give you thanks and praise
that you sent Jesus Christ
who demonstrated to us your unreserved love
in His life and ministry.
Thank you for calling us to love our neighbors
and to be in ministry with our brothers and
sisters who have intellectual disabilities.
By your grace, Loving Lord,
empower us to take part in ministry
with our brothers and sisters who reside
in our Heart Havens homes,
through our prayers, our presence, our gifts,
our service and our witness.
Bless those who staff these homes
and all who give of their heart,
so that our brothers and sisters with intellectual
disabilities may have a place they can call
home. We pray this in the name of the one who
loved us all the way to the cross, Jesus Christ,
our Lord.
Amen.

MUSIC MINISTRIES

The month of February will bring two exciting events for children's choirs! First, worship on **February 23** will be Children's Sabbath at all three morning services, created and coordinated by Lori Epps, Director of Children's Ministries, and Tamara Nicely, Assistant Music Director. You will want to be present for worship on this Sunday, receiving God's grace and inspiration as the Holy Spirit works through Reveille's children. Please see the Children's Ministries page of this newsletter for more details about the services.

On Wednesday, **February 26**, the boys' choir from Swansboro Elementary School will join Reveille's children's choirs for our Wonderful Wednesday program. Each choir will offer several of their own anthems and then will join together, celebrating God's universal gift of music. Dinner will begin at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall, and the program will begin at 6:45 pm in the sanctuary. Don't miss this special event; come and be inspired by the voices of children, raised to God in praise and thanksgiving!

Coming Attractions...

Sunday, April 27, is Youth Sunday/Graduate Recognition. Our youth music ministry and youth group will create and offer worship at The Point and 11:00 am.

Sunday, May 4, our children's choirs will offer their spring musical as the sermon at The Point and 11:00 am worship services!

Sunday, May 18, our adult music ministries will sponsor the annual Mission Benefit Concert at 7:00 pm, featuring the music of Mozart in his Salzburg period. We hope to raise money for Kaleidoscope Music and Mission Camp 2014, making scholarships available to children, including those from Swansboro.

June 22 – 27 is Music and Worship Arts Week at Lake Junaluska, NC. Any active Youth Choir member is eligible to go; however, space is limited. See Cathy Armistead for details.

Thursday, July 10, at 7:00 pm is our Oklahoma City Sendoff Concert, by our youth music ministries. Come, be inspired by Reveille's talented youth!

July 12 – 20, please keep us in prayer as our youth choir/youth group travels to Oklahoma City, OK, in mission through hands, hearts, and voices.

August 4 – 8 is Kaleidoscope Music and Mission Camp, for rising third through sixth graders. We hope to send 20 children from Reveille and Swansboro this year.

For more details about Reveille's music ministries, contact Cathy Armistead music@reveilleumc.org, Tamara Nicely musicassistant@reveilleumc.org, or Kaarina Jobe thepoint@reveilleumc.org.



ADULT MINISTRIES

February 2 is UMW Sunday

UMW Sunday on February 2 is a day on which we celebrate the purpose and mission of United Methodist Women locally and worldwide. Our speaker will be Natalie May, who is the UMW Richmond District Social Action Chair. A member of Bon Air UMC, she founded Change the World RVA, a ministry for homeless high school and college students. Their goal is to create a web of caring adults to support these young adults, providing mentoring, emergency transportation, housing, and support for students through college.

Look for UMW members as greeters, readers, and speakers. There will also be information in the worship bulletin to learn more about the UMW and upcoming events at Reveille. For answers to questions, contact Sheelagh Davis at sheelagh.d@verizon.net.



Women's Spiritual Life Retreat **Saturday, February 22**

*Courageous Conversations:
Finding the Right Words to Support Friends
in Life and Faith*

Join us as we come together and take time to connect with other women in a real way through casual conversation. We will spend time hearing from Lisa Ould, LPC, and Andrea Mitchell, LCSW from The Barnabas Center, about how we are created by God for interpersonal intimacy but how we easily stay at surface-level conversations, never getting to really know and be known.

Learn how to bridge the gap from passing each other at church, work, or school to real friendship.

The Reveille Spiritual Life Retreat is sponsored by the Reveille United Methodist Women (UMW) and is open to all women within and outside of Reveille. Guests are welcome and encouraged.



*Lisa Ould, LPC
Director of the
Barnabas Center, Richmond*



*Andrea Mitchell, LCSW
Counselor*

When

Saturday, February 22

Where

Fellowship Hall, Reveille United Methodist Church
4100 Cary Street Road, Richmond 23221

Time

8:30 am - Check in and breakfast snacks
9:00 am - Guest speaker Andrea Mitchell
12:00 pm - lunch

Cost

\$20, includes snacks and lunch.
Registration and check payable to Reveille UMW.

Please mail your registration form and \$20 check made out to Reveille UMW (notation: "SLR") by Friday, February 14, 2014 to:

Reveille United Methodist Church
Attn: Sheelagh Davis
4200 Cary Street Road
Richmond VA, 23221

Additional registration forms can be found online at <http://reveilleumc.org/registrations-forms>.



Richmond District United Methodist Women Hearts of Justice Tea **Saturday, February 15**

Richmond District UMW is sponsoring a Hearts for Justice Tea, hosted by Reveille on Saturday, February 15. Registration is at 10:15 am.

The program focus will be "Embracing Diversity with our Korean-American Friends," and the speaker will be Miran Kim.

Tea and finger foods will be served. Please bring your own tea cup.

We encourage all Reveille UMW members to attend. For more information, call 323-9134.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

30-Hour Famine

On **March 28-29** we will be holding a 30-Hour Famine event at Reveille United Methodist Church. This will be a joint event with Mt. Pisgah UMC for grades 6-12. We will be asking youth and adult volunteers to fast for 30 hours during this event. We will stay at the church overnight and, weather permitting, will be sleeping outside in cardboard box homes built by the youth. We will go see a movie and play lots of games. The event will conclude with worship, where the fast will be broken with Holy Communion. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kate Rhodes (youthassistant@reveilleumc.org).

Oklahoma City Mission Trip Registration

The registration for the Oklahoma City mission trip will be sent out early in February. If you are a youth and are interested in going on the trip, please fill out your registration form and return it to Kate, Dwayne, or Cathy **by February 20**. For more information, contact Kate Rhodes (youthassistant@reveilleumc.org).

Understanding Today's Youth Culture

"Understanding Today's Youth Culture" is a workshop for parents provided by Jeremiah Project. It will take place Saturday, **March 15**, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at New Town United Methodist Church in Williamsburg, VA. For more information, visit www.jeremiahproject.org and click on "events."

Journey Middle School Retreat

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. The cost of this retreat is \$130 if you **register by February 14**, and \$140 if you register after February 15. For more information, visit journeyweekend.org or contact Kate Rhodes (youthassistant@reveilleumc.org).



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Celebrations

Focus First met on January 5 for the first time. We began with a yummy pizza lunch and then some get-to-know-you games. Seventeen children in grades 2-5, seven adults, and two youth participated in the mission projects that benefited UMFS, Swansboro Elementary School, Reveille church staff, UMW, Reveille homebound members, and Friends of the Homeless. Children made Valentine cards for the UMFS students and Reveille homebound members. They were able to help the teachers of Swansboro by cutting out snowflakes for January bulletin boards and classroom use. They also made Friendship Mix to go into Friends of the Homeless bag lunches and put together treat bags to show appreciation for the Reveille Church staff during Valentine's week. In addition, the children decorated vases for the UMW's Hearts for Justice Tea being hosted at Reveille UMC in February. Great job Liza, Virginia Anne, William, Jackson, Henry, Bolling, Cade, Ava, Caroline, Peter, Reed, Vivian, Ellie, Campbell, Mary Elizabeth, Morgan, and Ryan! Way to be the hands and feet of Christ in this community and world!



Focus First

Focus First is a mission opportunity for second through fifth graders to make a difference in our church, community, and world. We will focus on a different mission project on each of the four first Sundays in the months listed below. We will meet from 12:15-1:30 pm with lunch provided each time. Please watch for an evite or email Lori Epps if you are interested. **March 2, September 7, and November 2** are our next Focus First dates.

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

Children's Sabbath

On Sunday, February 23, the children will lead the congregation in worship. Children will be creating parts of the worship service during Sunday school as well as after the elementary choir's bowling trip on January 31. The children will have opportunities to lead during the 8:30, 9:30, and 11:00 am services. The children's choirs will sing at the 9:30 service and sing and ring at the 11:00 am service. As part of the Sunday school discipleship hour on February 23, all children will attend The Point service. They will be sitting with their classes. Please contact Lori Epps if you would like to participate in the services. We look forward to the children sharing their gifts with us as they lead us in worship.



Did You Know...?

- * The following children attended Sunday school in 2013 at least 20 times, according to our records: Henry Bennett, Kyra Biernot, Hunt Brabrand, Mallory Brabrand, Grayson Buelow, Sarah Burnett, Ellie Featherston, Ginnie Featherston, Adam Fisher, Will Fisher, Virginia-Anne Harmon, Luke Holdych, Nathaniel Knockemus, Isla MacIver, Ellie Noland, Hannah Noland, Tommy Noland, Alec Orsi, Gavin Orsi, Abby Paullin, Lindsay Paullin, Ryan Smith, Morgan Stoudt, Natalie Stoudt, Annabelle Thompson, Samuel Thompson, Sophie Thompson, Day Vetter, and Luke Weaver. Way to go Reveille Kids!
- * You don't have to have children to volunteer with the children's ministry. We welcome all ages!
- * Our fifth-grade Sunday school class incorporated the lesson they learned on Epiphany (when they talked about the wise men bringing three gifts for baby Jesus), and turned it into a mission project. They have encouraged their peers to go through their rooms and bring in three gently used items for donations to local charities. Great idea, fifth graders!

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

February 2014

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2 UMW Sunday Worship at 8:30, 9:30 and 11:00 am Focus First	3	4	5 Wonderful Wednesday	6	7	8
9 Scouting Ministries Sunday Worship at 8:30, 9:30 and 11:00 am	10	11	12 Wonderful Wednesday	13	14 	15 UMW Hearts for Justice Tea
16 New Member Sunday Worship at 8:30, 9:30 and 11:00 am	17	18 Leisure Club	19 Wonderful Wednesday	20	21	22 Women's Spiritual Life Retreat Youth Ski Retreat
23 Children's Sabbath Worship at 8:30, 9:30 and 11:00 am Friends of the Homeless Bagged Lunches Youth Ski Retreat	24	25	26 Wonderful Wednesday Swansboro Elementary School Children's Choir and Reveille UMC Children's Choirs Program	27 Friends of the Homeless Hot Meal	28	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Help Needed in Church Office



Want to volunteer at the church? We would love to have you in the office to answer phones and help with various projects. You can work one day a month or more; it's up to you. With two shifts, Monday through Friday, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon and 12:00 noon – 3:00 pm, we have a spot just for you. Please contact Lisa Adams in the office at 359-6041, ext. 125.



The Virginia United Methodist Credit Union (VUMCU) Wants to Donate to Conference Churches

VUMCU is launching *Strive to Drive for \$25*, a new vehicle loan program to benefit the Virginia Conference churches. Each time a member of our church finances their next vehicle purchase with VUMCU or refinances a vehicle loan that is currently with another lender, VUMCU will donate \$25 to our church. Visit www.vumcu.org or call 1-866-657-0004 for details.

preschool registration

Reveille Weekday School Accepting Applications for 2014-2015

The Weekday School is accepting applications for the 2014-2015 school year. Please contact the Weekday School office at (804) 359-4600 for more information or take a look at our new Website, <http://reveilleweekday.com>. The Weekday School also gives a tour of the school on the first Tuesday of each month. We look forward to having the opportunity to meet your family!

SAVE THE DATE

- March 5: Ash Wednesday Service
- April 13: Palm/Passion Sunday
- April 17: Maundy Thursday Service
- April 18: Good Friday Service
- April 20: Easter Sunday
- April 20: Easter Egg Hunt
- July 28 – August 1: Vacation Bible School and Day Camp



STAFF

- Jim Noland, Senior Pastor
- Katie B. Anthony, Associate Pastor
- Stephen Coleman, Associate Pastor
- Cathy Armistead, Director of Music Ministries
- Tamara Nicely, Assistant Dir. of Music Ministries
- Kaarina Jobe, Worship & Music Leader/The Point
- Lori Epps, Director of Children's Ministries
- Jennifer McCluskey, Director of Adult Ministries
- Dwayne Stinson, Director of Youth Ministries
- Kate Rhodes, Asst. Dir./Youth Ministries
- Glynis Holcomb, Financial Manager
- Lisa Adams, Administrative Assistant
- Cheryl Arrington, Pastoral & Congreg. Care Sec.
- Ken Case, Facilities Manager
- Thomas Goodall, Custodian
- Darius Stokes, Custodian
- Tiffany Christopher, Director of Weekday School
- Beverly Tilley, Weekday School, Admin. Asst.

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