

THE REVEILLE WINDOW

Reveille United Methodist Church

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March 2014

Why Jesus Matters

This March we will launch an exciting series of sermons focused on the issue of **why Jesus matters**. Clearly without Jesus there would be no Christian faith, but what is it about him that has inspired devotion for two thousand years? What are we to think of him in this brave new world where religious options abound and many people prefer a do-it-yourself approach?

Although our sermons in this series will be based on scripture, we will also use the Apostles' Creed as a resource for our reflections. In this way we will bring the wisdom of our ancient tradition to bear on our contemporary situation. This series will take us through Lent and lead us to Easter in a way that will help us to know who it was who bore the sins of the world on the cross of Calvary and was then resurrected in the glory of Easter.

The series will be introduced on March 2, the Sunday of the Transfiguration, with Jim Noland preaching on Second Peter 1:16-21: "Seeing Jesus."

March 5: Ash Wednesday

Service at 7 pm in the sanctuary



March 9: Lent 1

"Why Does Jesus Matter: Because He is the Son of God," Jim Noland preaching

March 16: Lent 2

"Why Does Jesus Matter: Because He Rights the Wrong," Stephen Coleman preaching

March 23: Lent 3

"Why Does Jesus Matter: Because He Was Conceived by the Holy Spirit," Katie B. Anthony preaching



Invite a friend to share this journey with you.

March 30: Lent 4

"Why Does Jesus Matter: Because He Brings Eternal Life," Jim Noland preaching

April 6: Lent 5

"Why Does Jesus Matter: Because He Reaches Into Hell," Stephen Coleman preaching

April 13: Palm/Passion Sunday

"Why Does Jesus Matter: Because He Suffered and Died for Us," Jim Noland preaching



April 17: Holy Thursday

Taize Service at 7 pm

April 18: Good Friday

Tenebrae Service at 7 pm



April 20: Easter

"Why Does Jesus Matter: Because He Conquered Death," Jim Noland preaching

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OUTREACH

What's Going On in Swansboro?

As part of our ongoing ministries in the Swansboro area, we have forged a relationship with Koinonia Christian Church, which is just steps away from the Habitat home that Reveille built on McRand Street.

The goal of our partnership is for each congregation to share its gifts and work together to bring God's kingdom to the Richmond community. You may have heard Kathy Rainey's memorable ministry moment, when she spoke about "her young ladies." She is giving weekly piano lessons to several young girls at the church while her son, Cole, is teaching drums. She has also started a Girl Power in Christ group that helps to mentor more than 25 girls. On March 2, Reveille children will collect and sort food for the food pantry at Koinonia.

We hope to build on these Christian relationships with other churches in the area. We were blessed last summer when Swansboro Baptist church provided adjacent land to build the community garden. Thanks to your Glorious Gifts we have purchased \$900 worth of tools. They will be used, with the guidance of community leaders, to begin planting the gardens this spring.

Last year we "sowed the seeds." Let's see where God is leading us in 2014. If you would like to get involved in any of these ministries or feel called to be involved in the Swansboro area, contact Sheelagh Davis at Sheelagh.d@verizon.net or call Katie B. Anthony at (804) 359-6041, ext. 111.

March Outreach Opportunities

March 2

Food Pantry collection for Koinonia Church

March 10-14

Read at Swansboro

March 23

Friends of the Homeless Bagged Lunches

March 27

Friends of the Homeless Hot Meal

Ongoing:

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

Read for an Hour at Swansboro Elementary School

If you are short of time you can still help the children at Swansboro. For one week in the months of March and April, you are invited to come and read to a class at Swansboro. You may choose the book, and you may choose the time. The dates are March 10 - 14 and April 7 - 11. The time commitment is just one hour. If interested, please email Sheelagh Davis at Sheelagh.d@verizon.net or call Katie B. Anthony at (804)359-6041, ext. 111.

Help Prepare or Serve a Hot Meal

Friends of the Homeless will serve a hot lunch to people in need on Thursday, March 27, at Greater Mt. Moriah Baptist Church. Please consider being a part of our Reveille outreach mission this month. We need five volunteers to serve the meal and 10 volunteers to make a simple potato casserole. More information is available in the welcome center or by contacting Mary Jane Walls at marywalls50@gmail.com.



Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper

This Tuesday, the Men's Prayer Breakfast group will be flipping pancakes at our annual Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper. Serving begins at 5:30 pm in the fellowship hall.

There is no charge for this supper, but a love offering gladly will be accepted to benefit FeedMore, which strives to meet the needs of hungry people in Central Virginia.

Wonderful Wednesday in Lent

The Meal

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.



Following are the menus for March:

March 5

- Tossed salad,
- Roasted pork loin
- Vegetable medley
- Loaded mashed potatoes
- Rolls
- Cherry pie

March 12

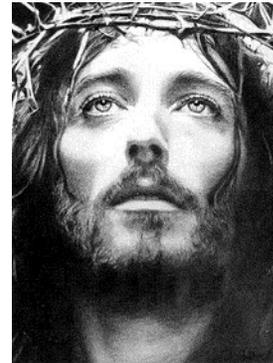
- Tossed salad
- Parmesan chicken
- Broccoli and carrots
- Buttered bowtie noodles
- Rolls
- Assorted cookies

March 19

- Tossed salad
- Slow-roasted beef burgundy
- Wild rice
- Vegetable medley
- Rolls
- Carrot cake

March 26

- Cole slaw and pasta salad
- Pulled pork with barbecue sauce
- Loose corn
- Baked beans
- Rolls
- Brownies



Getting in Touch with the Jesus Who Matters

On Wednesday nights in Lent, after our Wonderful Wednesday meal, we will offer opportunities for us to practice prayer. From 6:45 pm to 7:20 pm, we will offer prayer stations focused on different ways to pray. The five prayer stations are as follows:

Praying in Silence

You will have an opportunity to sit in silence, breathe in the Holy Spirit, breathe out your anxieties and worries, and listen for the voice of God.

Praying in Color

Praying in color introduces an active, visual and meditative way to pray.

Lectio Divina

Read scripture as a way to let go of our own agenda and open ourselves to what God wants to say to us.

Praying with Music

Meditative music will be played to enhance your personal prayer. See music ministry page for more details.

Prayer Journey for Children

See children’s ministry page for details.

You can attend the same station each Wednesday or do something different each week. The prayer stations will be offered March 12, 19, 26, April 2 and 9. As we focus in worship on Why Jesus Matters, we hope this will be a way to get in touch with the Jesus who matters.

Stephen Ministry: The Ministry of Listening

Think of a time when you felt really cared for. Chances are someone focused on what you had to say, was attentive to your needs, and listened to how you felt instead of telling you how you should feel or what you should do.

Listening is one of the most powerful ministry tools at our disposal. It demonstrates that you care about the other person. In Stephen Ministry, a great deal of time is spent in teaching and practicing listening skills. Here are some basic concepts of listening that our Stephen Ministers use:

Listening is active and patient.

It takes energy and commitment to listen well. Stephen Ministers focus their attention on what the other person has to say, instead of thinking about what they will say next or interrupting with their own opinions.

Listening involves more than just words.

Stephen Ministers pay attention not only to what is said but to what is not said. They pay attention to body language, smiles, and sighs. Does body language agree with or contradict a person's spoken words?

Good listeners are not completely silent.

Stephen Ministers restate key thoughts or ideas to make sure they understand correctly and ask focused questions to encourage the person to reach a little deeper.

Listening is confidential.

Stephen Ministers build trust by maintaining confidentiality and do not share with others what was told in a private conversation.

Jesus was the model of a good listener. Stephen Ministers care about how members, visitors, and guests of our church feel. They offer the gift of listening to help those in need find comfort and strength and to make Reville United Methodist Church a more caring place.



Leisure Club

**Tuesday, March 18, 2014
11:00 am, Fellowship Hall**

Covered Dish Luncheon:

Main dish and drinks provided.

Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert.

Program: Walter Griggs

Walter is a professor at VCU, teaching law and history courses. Author of several books, Walter is noted for his interest in a number of varied subjects in which his depth of research is well respected. He is known not only for the interesting facts he shares, but for his wit and sense of humor. He brings interest and amusement to whatever subject he may share. Invite a friend to come and enjoy our time with Dr. Griggs.



Reville Co-ed Softball Season Begins in June

The temperature may still be frigid, but it will not be long before summer is here. So, it is not too early to dust off the bats and gloves and start thinking about playing softball. Reville sponsors a co-ed team, and we begin playing the first week of June. Each week, we play two soft pitch games with five men and five women on the field. The main objective for our team is to have fun and fellowship. Skill and experience are not necessary. All Reville members and frequent visitors age 18 and over are invited to join us.

If you are interested in playing, or if you have questions, please contact Martha Hodges at martha.b.hodges@verizon.net. Check future issues of *The Window* for more information.

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

MUSIC MINISTRIES

In the month of March, you will find musicians at Reveille engaged and involved in very exciting ways:

Worship: In coordination with the Sunday theme, "Why Does Jesus Matter?", our music ministries are planning inspirational and uplifting offerings! You will experience chancel choir selections by Franz Joseph Haydn and Louis Vierne, children's music ministries, youth music ministries, CrossPoint, 8:30 soloists, and the Reveille Ringers' arrangement of "Ah, Holy Jesus," which includes a guest percussionist playing free-standing chimes.

Wednesdays in Lent: Do NOT miss opportunities in March for the renewing practices of personal reflection and prayer. Mark your calendars now:

March 5: **Ash Wednesday** service at 7 pm in the sanctuary. A newly revamped service of personal reflection and confession, including Psalm 130 from John Rutter's *Requiem*, by the chancel choir and a guest cellist from Virginia Commonwealth University.

March 12, 19, 26, April 2 and 9: **Prayer Stations**, from 6:45 pm – 7:20 pm will include a reflective music station in the sanctuary. Guest musicians will offer quiet, meditative music to enhance your personal prayer time. Musicians include Steven Thacker and Cathy Armistead, organists, and Dennis King, Kevin Bruny, and Matt Nagi, pianists.

Choral Concert by Camerata Singers: On Friday, March 28, at 7 pm in our sanctuary, you will want to come and be inspired by the Camerata Singers from Longwood University. Camerata Singers is the premiere auditioned choral ensemble of the university's Department of Music. These 40 undergraduate students serve as ambassadors to the school and community while providing high standards of performance of the finest choral music. They have performed with the Richmond Symphony and Lynchburg Symphony and have appeared at the College Music Society Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference. They were also the featured performers during an All-Virginia Honor Choir weekend, and in March they will appear at a humanities conference, singing Benjamin Britten's *Rejoice in the Lamb*, which will also be a part of their Reveille concert. The Reveille concert will also include Randall Thompson's *The Last Words of David* and Z. Randall Stroope's *The Pasture*. Camerata Singers is directed by Dr. Pamela McDermott and accompanied by Dr. Lisa Kinzer, both professors at Longwood University. For more information, visit www.longwood.edu/music or follow "Longwood University Camerata Singers" on Facebook.

Notable Reveille musicians connected to Camerata Singers: Carrie Armistead and Steven Thacker.

Camerata Singers



ADULT MINISTRIES

Sunday Morning Lenten Studies

March 9 – April 13

Looking for a great Lenten study? Join us during the Sunday school hour each Sunday of Lent (March 9 - April 13) for Adam Hamilton's *Final Words from the Cross*, hosted by the Covenant Class in room 210, or Paula Houston's *Simplifying the Soul: Lenten Practices to Renew your Spirit*, hosted by Growing in Grace in room 207. All materials are provided and no registration is necessary.

Sunday Evening Lenten Study

Why Care about the Sins of Corinth?
with Associate Pastor Katie B. Anthony
March 9 - April 13
5:00 – 7:00 pm, Room 210

During Lent we reflect on our sins, on the ways we have turned from God. How can Paul's letter naming the sins of a first century church help us to take a deeper look at our own sins? How can it strengthen our relationship with God during this Lenten season? Join this six-week study, written by Katie B. Anthony, to understand sin as more than a list of "don'ts," and to take a deeper look at a Biblical book that challenges many of our society's norms. Please register online at <http://reveilleumc.org/adult-studies-reg>.

Tee-Ology: Inspirational Lessons for Golfers

May 2-June 13

Back by popular demand, join Pastor Stephen Coleman for weekly rounds of golf at 8:30 am Friday mornings at various local golf courses. Share in fellowship and inspirational lessons based on John Freeman's book, *Tee-ology: 18 Inspirational Lessons for Golfers* and other materials. Please email Stephen Coleman at congregationalcare@reveilleumc.org or call 359-6041, ext. 115, to ask questions or to register.



United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women General Meeting March 4

Join us in the fellowship hall on Tuesday, March 4, at 10:30 am. Our speaker will be Lyn Harding, Chaplain and Clinic Manager for Crossover Ministry downtown, which provides quality and compassionate health care to the uninsured in the greater Richmond Metropolitan area. Our host will be the Mary Lou White Circle. Lunch will be provided for a cost of \$8 per person; advance reservations are required by calling your circle leader or emailing Phyllis Moore at pamoore41@aol.com by Wednesday, February 26. We will collect our Prayer and Self-Denial Offering at this meeting. Free child care is available for children four and under by contacting Lori Epps at children@reveilleumc.org by Wednesday, February 26.

Help Change the World RVA

If you would like to support Change the World RVA, the organization started by Natalie May, our UMW Sunday speaker, go to Bon Air UMC on Friday, March 7, and Saturday, March 8. They will be having a fund-raising bazaar, selling jewelry, fashion accessories, and purses. The proceeds go to provide bus tickets, book bags, after school meals, and more for homeless youth. The sale starts at 4:00 pm on Friday and 9:00 am on Saturday. Please see the poster on the UMW bulletin board for more details.

Learn about CARITAS at the Lizzie Hoffman Circle Meeting Tuesday, March 18, 9:30 am, in the church parlor

Did you know that CARITAS is more than an emergency shelter? Each year, Reveille hosts single adults or families for one to two weeks, providing meals, shelter, and entertainment. But did you know that CARITAS is also a furniture bank, a works program, and a 12-month shelter and recovery program for addicted men?

Join us as we hear from guest speaker Jennifer McCluskey about this amazing organization, the causes of homelessness, and how we can all be more involved in the fight against homelessness in greater Richmond. Child care is available by contacting Lori Epps at children@reveilleumc.org.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Youth Group Schedule

Throughout the season of Lent we will be discussing why Jesus matters.

March 2
Who is Jesus?

March 9
Jesus matters because He is the Son of God.

March 16
Jesus matters because He forgives.

March 23
Jesus matters because He was conceived by the Holy Spirit.

March 30
Jesus matters because He brings true life.



Journey

March 21-23 we will be sending 29 youth and four adults to Journey Weekend Retreat at Rockbridge Alum Springs in Goshen, VA. We ask the congregation to pray for safety as we travel and for a positive experience for all those in attendance.



March 28-29th we will be holding a 30-Hour Famine event at Reveille United Methodist Church. This will be a joint event with Mt. Pisgah for grades 6-12. We will be asking youth and adult volunteers to fast for 30 hours. 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).

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Celebrations

Children's Sabbath was a huge success! Thank you to all of the Children's Sunday school teachers, Reveille children and families, Reveille Weekday School families, worship arts volunteers, and music leaders who helped to create our worship services on February 23. What a blessing it was to focus on time over time matters! We look forward to leading worship again in May when the children present the message through music.

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 the first Sunday in each of the months listed below. We will meet from 12:15-1:30 pm with lunch provided each time. Please watch for an invite or email from Lori Epps if you are interested. **March 2, September 7, and November 2** are our next Focus First dates.

Prayer Journey

All children, kindergarten through fifth grade, are invited to join us every Wednesday in Lent to experience prayer in a fun and interactive way. We will gather together from 6:45-7:30 pm beginning on March 12 and running through April 9. We will be practicing praying in many different ways as we travel to different prayer stations appropriate for children.

Did You Know...?

Spending time with children matters. Have you considered assisting or teaching a children's Sunday school class, praying for children's ministry, being a helper for Extended Session care, or volunteering as a substitute in the nursery? Take a look at the children's ministry commitment card found on our Website and then please contact Lori Epps to volunteer.

Save the Dates

- * Lenten Children's Journey based on prayer: Every Wednesday, March 12 – April 9
- * Easter Egg Hunt: Sunday, April 20
- * Vacation Bible School and Day Camp: Monday, July 28 – Friday, August 1
- * Kaleidoscope Music Camp: August 4-8

Children's Council

Please consider being a part of the 2014 Children's Council. Melanie Stoudt will be our Chairperson and Heather Lockerman will be our Co-Chairperson for 2014 and 2015. The Children's Council will meet March 9, June 8, August 10, and November 9 for 2014. We will meet in the Reveille House dining room from 12:15-1:45 pm with lunch provided. The Children's Council will focus on looking ahead to create a five-year plan for our children's ministry, updating our milestone goals, reviewing the previous quarter's ministries, and matching people's gifts with ministry opportunities. This is an exciting time to get involved with the Children's Council. Please consider using your gifts and become a part of moving our ministry for children to the next level. If you would like to join us on March 9, please RSVP to Melanie Stoudt at melaniestoudt@yahoo.com by March 5 so that we can plan for lunch.



Vacation Bible School and Day Camp Leadership Needed!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!! In order to provide a safe and enjoyable week of fellowship and learning, we need to have leadership for both VBS and Day Camp. For VBS we have a need for the following leadership positions to be filled: Director, Co-Director, Assembly Leader, Puppeteer, Bible Story Leader, Snack Leader, Recreation Leader, Craft Leader, Lead Decorator, Mission Leader, Classroom Leaders, Fun Day Coordinator, Photographer, and Youth Leaders. For Day Camp we have the following leadership positions to be filled: Registration, Mission Site Coordinators, Driver Coordinator, Food/Snacks Leader, Learning Stations Coordinator, Sleepover Coordinator, Chaperones, and Youth Helpers. Please contact Melanie Stoudt (melaniestoudt@yahoo.com), Heather Lockerman (hlockerman@gmail.com), or Lori Epps to volunteer. **We will NOT be able to offer VBS or Day Camp without these leadership positions filled.** Thank you for your consideration of this important ministry.

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

March 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Worship at 8:30, 9:30 and 11:00 am Focus First	3	4 Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper	5 Wonderful Wednesday Supper Ash Wednesday Service	6	7	8
9 Daylight Saving Time Begins Worship at 8:30, 9:30 and 11:00 am	10	11	12 Wonderful Wednesday Dinner and Program	13	14	15
16 Worship at 8:30, 9:30 and 11:00 am	17	18 Leisure Club	19 Wonderful Wednesday Dinner and Program	20	21	22
23 Worship at 8:30, 9:30 and 11:00 am Friends of the Homeless Bagged Lunches	24	25	26 Wonderful Wednesday Dinner and Program	27 Friends of the Homeless Hot Meal	28 Camerata Singers Concert 	29
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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.



Please Keep Us Informed

Please remember to call the church office:

- If you move
- If you change your phone number(s)
- If you change your email address
- If you get married
- If you change your place of employment or your work phone number
- If you have a baby
- If you have a death in the family
- If you are hospitalized
- If you have a need with which we can help

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SAVE THE DATE



Wednesdays, March 12 - April 9
Children's Lenten Journey based on prayer

April 13
Palm/Passion Sunday

April 17
Taize Service with Holy Communion

April 18
Good Friday Service of Tenebrae

April 20
Easter Sunday
Easter Egg Hunt

April 30
Children's choir from Swansboro will join Reveille's elementary and primary choirs for a performance in the sanctuary

May 18
Mission Benefit Concert, featuring Mozart's Coronation Mass. Our mission: Kaleidoscope scholarships for Swansboro children

July 10
Youth music ministry sendoff concert for Oklahoma City youth music/mission, in sanctuary

July 28 – August 1
Vacation Bible School
Day Camp

August 4 - 8
Kaleidoscope Music Camp

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