

THE REVEILLE WINDOW

February 2019

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Reveille United Methodist Church

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Learn about the history and traditions of Love Center of Unity, Koinonia Christian Church, and Reveille.
Before each program enjoy a meal in Reveille's fellowship hall.

February 6

Koinonia Christian Church

February 13

Love Center of Unity

February 20

Reveille United Methodist Church

February 27

Joint Worship Service
in the Chapel

Dinner 5:30 pm | Program 6:30 pm | Fellowship Hall

For more information and dinner reservations, visit www.reveilleumc.org/neighbors.

Child care for children elementary age and under will be available, 6:15-8:15 pm, in room 105.

Saturday, February 23

Women's Spiritual Life Retreat

Meet Author Maria Leonard Olsen

You are invited to a retreat with guest speaker Maria Leonard Olsen, author of *50 After 50: Reframing the Next Chapter of Your Life*, on Saturday, February 23, 9:00 am-noon. To register, visit www.reveilleumc.org/umw-retreat. For details, see [page 10](#).



Why I Support the One Church Plan



Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Grace and peace to you. I pray this letter finds you well. I am writing to you today in regard to the future of The United Methodist Church. At the end of February, the General Conference, our global denomination's highest decision-making body will make decisions regarding how United Methodist

churches and Annual Conferences will officially relate to LGBTQ people. These decisions will specifically address matters of the marriage and ordination of, to use language from our *Book of Discipline*, "self-avowed, practicing homosexuals." Currently, such persons cannot be ordained to ministry in our denomination, and United Methodist clergy and congregations cannot offer same-gender weddings.

When the General Conference met at their regular quadrennial meeting in 2016, they reached an impasse around this issue, and the result was the creation of a global task force called The Commission on a Way Forward. You can learn more about the work of this body at www.reveilleumc.org/way-forward.

The Commission developed a proposal for the 2019 General Conference called the One Church Plan. I would like to discuss this plan for a moment in this space, specifically why I support it. In a nutshell, this plan would allow for Conferences to decide who to ordain and congregations and clergy to decide who to marry. My reasons are below.

It has been endorsed by the Commission on a Way Forward and a majority of our United Methodist bishops.

The 18 months that the Commission spent developing this plan were bathed in prayer, discussion, and discernment by people who love the church and care about its mission. Furthermore, the majority of our bishops have endorsed it as the best available option for the future of the United Methodist denomination.

It adapts to the global nature of The United Methodist Church.

The One Church Plan recognizes that in a global denomination, there is a wide variety of contexts in which

our churches do ministry. As such, what may be effective in the suburbs of Northern Virginia might not necessarily work in a village in rural Africa or the Philippines, as the cultures of those respective contexts are so different. As such, the One Church Plan makes room for a more adaptive church polity that recognizes the varied contexts in which The United Methodist Church finds itself.

It recognizes a diversity of opinions around these matters and preserves individuals' conscience.

While people hold differing opinions on this issue, what every member of the Commission on a Way Forward has in common is a deep and abiding love for Christ and his church. On the Commission, on the Council of Bishops, and in our congregations, there are faithful Christians on differing sides of this issue. The One Church Plan addresses this, allowing for Conferences to make decisions around ordination and clergy and congregations to make choices regarding marriage. Under this arrangement, no pastor would be forced to officiate at a wedding that went against his or her conscience, and no pastor would be prohibited from officiating at a same-gender wedding if that clergyperson, after due counsel, felt called by God to do so.

I can see Reveille in it.

One of the many joys of serving as your lead pastor is that it affords me the opportunity to serve a congregation with a rich diversity of opinions on numerous issues. Reveille is not a church that is monolithic in its thought, which gives us the blessed opportunity to learn from one another as we gather in the midst of our differences to know God, to make God known, as together we worship, grow, and serve. This issue is no different, as members of our Christ-loving congregation hold differing opinions on the matters now before us.

It would make United Methodist congregations more nimble and strategic in our mission.

An observation I would make about United Methodism, based on a lifetime in the church and almost 22 years of pastoral ministry, is that our practice of being both global in scope and democratic in our decision-making tends towards a one-size-fits-all mode of church polity. A benefit of the One Church Plan is that it could lead our denomination to even more ways of becoming much more nimble and contextual in living out our mission, recognizing the differences that exist not only between congregations across the globe, but which exist between congregations across town. A nimble church is a church who can more quickly adapt so that it can better welcome

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Sunday Worship 8:30 am Chapel | 9:00 am Fellowship Hall | 11:00 am Sanctuary



What is the point of church if God is everywhere? Do I have to go to church to be a Christian? Is church relevant anymore? Join us as we explore these and other questions together, as we seek God’s truth, and as we learn to discover in this ancient friendship, in this church, that Christ calls nothing less than his body on earth.

February 3

“The More Excellent Way”
1 Corinthians 13:1-13

February 17

“The Church is a Place of Hope”
1 Corinthians 15:12-20

February 10

“The Reason We Exist”
1 Corinthians 15:1-11

February 24

“We Are the People of Eternal Life” | 8:30 and 9:00 am
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
Youth Sunday “Reflections” | 11:00 am

Learn more, read the weekly scripture guide, and listen to sermons at www.reveilleumc.org/why-church.

From the Lead Pastor continued

and serve its immediate community, drawing our neighbors into the light and life of the household of God.

As I said above, you can learn much more about the special session of the General Conference at www.reveilleumc.org/way-forward, including locating the contact information of the Virginia delegation who will be voting on these important matters.

Regardless of where you may personally stand on these issues, I want you to know that Reveille’s clergy are happy to meet with you personally to discuss any questions or concerns you may have. Stephen, Kelley, and I are available and hope to hear from you. Also, on Sunday, February 17, we will gather in the chapel after the 11:00 service for the purpose of discussing any questions or concerns you may have. We would love for you to join us.

When we become United Methodists, we covenant to support our congregation with our “prayers, presence,

gifts, service, and witness.” Come what may, your church, both local and global, stands in need of your prayers. I invite you to join me in this month of February to do just that: to pray for Reveille, pray for the General Conference, and pray for the mission of The United Methodist Church, to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

*Peace,
Doug*

Come to the Way Forward Town Hall

**Sunday, February 17
12:15 pm | Chapel**

Ask our clergy your questions about General Conference.

To view the Way Forward toolkit, visit www.reveilleumc.org/way-forward.

Worship Attendance

Christmas Eve

	4:00 pm	5:30 pm	11:00 pm	Total
December 24	151	741	116	1,008

					WEDNESDAY		
	8:30 am	9:00 am	11:00 am	Total			6:30 pm
SUNDAY	December 30	53+4	45	138+10	250	January 9	41
	January 6	86+5	45	218+9	363	January 16	31
	January 13	0*	0*	95+9	104	January 23	42
	January 20	110+8	40	225+16	399	January 30	31
	January 27	77+11	41	271+15	415		

+ indicates extended session and nursery

* services canceled due to snow

Lent and Easter at Reveille

“Courage to Believe: When Faith is Difficult”

Lenten Sermon Series | March 6-April 14

How can we persist in believing when belief is difficult?

March 6

“The Persistence of Faith”

March 10

“Claiming Our Identity”

March 17

“Conformed and Transformed”

March 24

“Building Endurance”

March 31

“Learning to See as God Sees”

April 7

“The Cost of Discipleship”

April 14

“The God Who Needs”

March 5 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

5:30-7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

March 6 Ash Wednesday Services

12:00 pm Imposition of Ashes | Chapel

5:30 pm Meal | Fellowship Hall

7:00 pm Worship | Sanctuary

Dinner reservations: www.reveilleumc.org/dinner

April 14 Palm Sunday

Worship: 8:30, 9:00, and 11:00 am

April 18 Holy Thursday

5:30 pm Meal | Fellowship Hall

7:00 pm Worship | Sanctuary

Dinner reservations: www.reveilleumc.org/dinner

April 19 Good Friday

7:00 pm Worship | Sanctuary

April 21 Easter Sunday

Worship: 6:30, 8:15, 9:00, and 11:00 am

Music Calendar

February 3 Children Sing and Ring

All children's choirs will sing and ring, and the Chancel Choir will offer up an award-winning new piece, "Love Is the Key," during the 11:00 am service.

February 10 Registration Deadline for Lake Junaluska

It has become an annual tradition for many of our dedicated Youth Choir members to attend Music & Worship Arts Week at Lake Junaluska. This year's event is June 23-28. If you are unfamiliar with Lake J, be sure to speak with Daniel, Tamara, or any of the youth who have been to find out what it's all about! We will take up to 20 youth on the trip this year. In order to reserve your slot, a non-refundable \$100 deposit is required by February 10. This will go toward the \$250 total cost, which covers registration and meals. To register for the trip, visit www.bit.ly/lake-j-2019.

February 18 UMFS Handbell Workshop

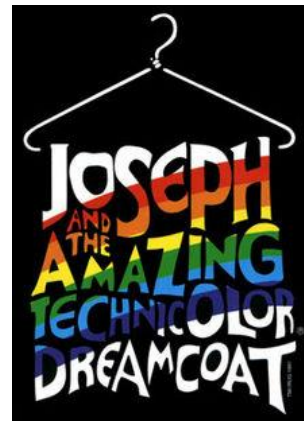
The Reveille Ringers will lead a handbell workshop at UMFS on Monday, February 18, following a Valentine's Day-themed meal for residents and counselors.

Participate in Evensong Music

As implied by the name of the service, music is a very important part of our Evensong services on Wednesday evenings. If you are interested in sharing your musical gifts as part of this service in March or April, please contact Daniel Banke, music@reveilleumc.org.

Important Dates Journeying with Joseph Summer Musical

The Youth Choir is off to a great start with their journey of preparing for the production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. While a cast of lead roles are already in place, we are still seeking talented singers and dancers, so it's not too late to join us! Here are some anticipated highlights of the journey ahead:



February 24 Joseph kicks into high gear!

The majority of rehearsal times for youth ensembles will be devoted to *Joseph* following Youth Sunday on February 24.

March 3 Choreography Work Begins

By this point in the spring, all participants need to have joined us, so that we can collectively begin the necessary staging work.

July 7-13 Production Week

All cast members should reserve this week for intensive rehearsals early in the week and four on-site and off-site performances, July 10, 11, 12, and 13.

Beginning March 7

Mission Benefit Concert Rehearsals

For this year's Mission Benefit Concert on Sunday, May 19, at 7:00 pm, the Chancel Choir will prepare two famous masterworks, and one hidden gem from the Baroque era. The masterworks are the *Mass in G* by Franz Schubert and *Five Mystical Songs* by Ralph Vaughan Williams. The Baroque gem is *Domine ad adjuvandum me festina* by Antonio Vivaldi, a setting of Psalm 69 in the Venetian polychoral style (i.e. double choir).



Rehearsals to prepare these three marvelous pieces will begin on Thursday, March 7, at 7:30 pm. You do not have to be a regular in the Chancel Choir to participate. In fact, we always look forward to welcoming guests for this concert each spring. All singers who are interested in participating, please contact Daniel Banke, music@reveilleumc.org.

THE **BIG** FOOD DRIVE FEBRUARY 1-28

Help restock the food pantries at Koinonia Christian Church and Love Center of Unity in Richmond's Swansboro neighborhood.

The next time you are at the grocery store, pick up some items from The Big Food Drive shopping list.

Bring your donations to the welcome center through February 28. Please limit donations to items on the list and make sure all items are well within the "sell by" date.

Shopping List

Boxed Foods

- Pasta
- Rice
- Beans
- Dry milk or creamer
- Macaroni and cheese
- Low-sugar breakfast bars
- Hot and cold cereals
- Whole grain snacks

Canned Foods

- Chili
- Chicken soup
- Brunswick stew
- Tuna
- Salmon
- Vegetables
- Beans
- Fruit packed in juice
- 100% fruit juice boxes
- Peanut butter
- Spaghetti sauce (in plastic jars)

Personal Care Items

- Soap, Toothpaste,
- Shampoo, Baby diapers,
- Baby formula

For Kids

- Tuna in single serving cans
- 100% fruit snacks
- Raisins
- Graham crackers
- Unsweetened apple juice
- Crackers with cheese
- Fruit cups
- Pretzels
- Granola bars (no peanuts)



Help Friends of the Homeless This Month

Pack Lunches

Sunday, February 24 | 10:30 am | Welcome Center

Serve the Midday Meal

Thursday, February 28 | 11:15 am | Fellowship Hall

For details, visit www.reveilleumc.org/foh.



March 2-9

Host Families

Reveille will host CARITAS families March 2-9. There are many opportunities to help as an evening volunteer, prepare and serve a meal, or chaperone overnight. To sign up, visit www.bit.ly/caritas-2019.

Congregations Around Richmond Involved to Assure Shelter, otherwise known as CARITAS, was formed to meet the needs of area homeless and the lack of temporary housing.



Saturday, April 27

Repair Homes

Come out for a day of service in the community to help homeowners repair and maintain their homes.

Rebuilding Together takes place Saturday, April 27, 7:30 am-5:00 pm. Full- and half-day shifts are available for volunteers age 10 and older. For more information, visit www.reveilleumc.org/rebuilding-together.

Swansboro Community Ministries

For more information about Swansboro Community Ministries, contact Jill Gaynor, jwgaynor@gmail.com.

Mentor a Child at Swansboro Elementary

By Jay Speer

Shortly before noon most Tuesdays, I leave downtown, taking a short drive across the Manchester Bridge to Swansboro Elementary School at Midlothian Turnpike and 31st Street. After checking in at the office, I meet “David” in his classroom and we head out onto the playground to toss around a football or to the library for a little reading together. It is just the two of us and “David” gets my undivided attention. Next, we head to the cafeteria to join his classmates for a little lunch and conversation. We have just an hour overall to spend talking, playing games, catching up on school work, eating, etc.

One hour a week... Certainly, there are other things I can do with that time at the office, but perhaps nothing as important as one-on-one time with a child who has few or no adults in his life who are able or willing to do so. David and other mentees know that mentors, like those of us from Reville, are volunteers. They know we are not paid to be with them. They know we are there because we want to be with them. That is empowering to any child and especially to children who may have no reliable adults in their lives outside of school.

I have been volunteering at Swansboro for most of the past 22 years. Some boys I have mentored for only a year or two, while one I followed from kindergarten through high school graduation and beyond. Parents may not be around. It is not unusual for children not to know where they will be sleeping that night. Will it be at their auntie’s or Grandma’s? You hear whose family members are getting out of jail, who heard gunshots the night before, or worse yet who witnessed a violent crime, perhaps in their own family. Sometimes they want to talk about these events, but mostly they just want to hang out, exchange silly jokes, or talk about their favorite professional ball players.

One experience I have had repeatedly, week after week and throughout the years, is the pleading of my mentee’s classmates for me to be their mentor, too. Again and again they ask. It tugs at your heartstrings. How much of a difference would it make at Swansboro Elementary if each child there had a mentor of her or his own? It takes one hour per week. Can you, will you, become a mentor, take an hour, and make a powerful difference in the life of a child?

And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8b

What do academic mentors at Swansboro Elementary School do?

- Work one on one with students who need extra help on academic work during class time
- Frequency: Approximately one hour per week
- Mentors are welcome to join the program throughout the year
- The mentor program focuses on students in kindergarten through second grade
- Ellen Ficker, Swansboro CIS coordinator, will work with the mentor and teacher to identify a student who’s good fit and help you get started
- Details are provided to volunteers on parking, sign-in and volunteer log binder directions, and other details
- CIS training and a background check are required for volunteers
- For upcoming training dates, visit www.bit.ly/cis-volunteer-orientation

There are currently 23 mentors at Swansboro Elementary School and six are Reville members. To get involved in the program, please contact Carol Hampton, carolhampton1205@gmail.com or Wendy Malamphy, wmalamphy@hotmail.com.



CHILDREN

Contact: Tammy Tipton-Nay, children@reveilleumc.org, (804) 359-6041, ext. 117

Children's Sunday School

February 3

Power of the Word

Luke 4:21-30

February 10

Being Surprised

Faith is the refusal to underestimate God

Luke 5:1-11

February 17

Being Blessed and Blessing Others

Luke 6:17-26

February 24

Be Holy

Keep a vision for who God is in our midst

Luke 6:27-38

February Family Prayer

Lord, you are the: Speaker over the waters, word in the prophets' mouth, voice from heaven, and word made flesh. Loving God, your word shapes, guides, claims, and saves us. Open our hearts to encounter your word with fresh ears and clear eyes, that our lives might be renewed to serve you with thankful and joyful hearts. *Amen.*



Serve Saturday

Visit Hermitage Richmond

February 16

Meet at Hermitage Richmond (1600 Westwood Avenue), Saturday, February 16, 10:30 am-noon, and spend time visiting with Reveille members. To sign up, contact Tammy Tipton-Nay, children@reveilleumc.org.

Saturday, April 13, 10:00 am
Easter Celebration

Save the date!



Bring your Easter baskets for the annual egg hunt followed by lots of fun activities. Meet in the chapel at 10:00 am. The egg hunt will begin after our opening prayer.

Summer Camps at Reveille

Kids Camp

June 24-28

Serving God in RVA

This summer mission camp is open to children in rising third to sixth grade. Children participate in special mission projects throughout the Richmond region each day. They will also enjoy music, crafts, games, and more! This year's theme is "God Sent Joseph, God Sends Us."

Registration opens in early February at

www.reveilleumc.org/camps.

Vacation Bible School

July 22-26

To Mars and Beyond

This year's VBS is sure to be a blast and includes wonderful Bible stories about faith, boldness, kindness, hope, and thankfulness. Each day children will enjoy music, games, crafts, and a reflective mission.



Registration opens in March at

www.reveilleumc.org/camps.

Both camps are free and open to the public, so be sure to invite your friends to join in the fun!

Summer Mission Trips **Mandatory Meetings**

Is your youth participating in the Jeremiah Project or Eastern Shore mission trip this summer? Please plan to attend a mandatory parent meeting on:

Sunday, February 10, at 7:00 pm OR

Sunday, February 24, at 12:15 pm (Youth Sunday)

You only need to attend one of the meetings. For more information, email Ansley at youth@reveilleumc.org.



Youth Sunday

February 24
11:00 am
Worship Service

Join us for Youth Sunday on February 24, during the 11:00 am worship service. Reveille’s youth ministry will plan all components of the service. The sermon will be from our “Why Church?” series. Don’t miss it!



Above: The 2019 confirmation class has 20 students learning about our church and discipleship.



Top Center: Over 100 youth from Reveille and Trinity UMC celebrated winter kickoff with Collective 360.



Above: Welcome new youth intern Elle Porfollio and returning intern Katie Harper. Elle is a University of Richmond student from North Carolina.



Left: Reveille’s youth upperclassmen small group.

Photos courtesy of Ansley Higginbotham, Mark Lea, and John Moerner.

Save the Dates! Youth Opportunities

February 1-3

Youth ski trip

No Youth Group February 3

February 24

Youth Sunday

March 15-17

Journey Middle School Retreat at Rockbridge

Registration opens soon, check your email and Instagram!

April 28

Senior night at youth group

June 23-28

Music & Worship Arts Week at Lake Junaluska

June 24-28

High school volunteers needed for Kids Camp

July 14-20

Jeremiah Project middle school mission trip

July 22-26

Youth volunteers needed for Vacation Bible School

July 28-August 3

Eastern Shore high school mission trip

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ADULT

Contact: Kelley Lane, adultministries@reveilleumc.org, (804) 359-6041, ext. 121



Saturday, February 23 **Spiritual Life Retreat**

Author Maria Leonard Olsen

Come to a retreat featuring author and retreat leader Maria Leonard Olsen, Saturday, February 23, 9:00 am-noon. The theme is “Breaking Free: How to Find Your Peace on Earth.” We will examine how to make space for God by examining our preoccupation with earthly concerns. Maria will discuss her



book *50 After 50-How to Reframe the Next Chapter of Your Life*. Reveille member Anne Poarch will also share selections from *Flight*, her book of poetry.

The retreat is hosted by Reveille's United Methodist Women. The retreat leader, Maria Leonard Olsen, is a mother of two, a lawyer, journalist, and author.

For more information, visit

www.MariaLeonardOlsen.com.

Schedule

- 9:00 am Registration and light breakfast
- 9:20 am Gather and worship
- 9:40 am Program with author Maria Leonard Olsen
- 10:20 am Rotating activities
- Noon Retreat concludes

Cost

\$25, includes light breakfast and supplies, and child care for children 4 and under, if needed.

Register today

www.reveilleumc.org/umw-retreat

Sunday, February 3

Support the Souper Bowl

The UMW will host the annual Souper Bowl on Sunday, February 3, benefiting United Methodist Family Services. Come by the table in the red carpet hallway between worship services to purchase delicious homemade soups.



Tuesday, March 5

UMW General Meeting

Join the UMW for a their general meeting on Tuesday, March 5, at 10:30 am. Guest speaker Michael Kitimet will speak about his efforts to establish a library in his Kenyan hometown.

Explore Great Reads

Women's Book Group

February 21 | 10:30 am | Church Parlor

America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America by Jim Wallis

The Women's Book Group will meet Thursday, February 21, at 10:30 am in the church parlor. This month's book examines the root causes of racism and is a call to action for racial justice and healing. "If white Christians acted more Christian than white, black parents would have less to fear for their children," writes Jim Wallis. Please join us for this thought provoking book. Ellie Speer will be leading this month's discussion.

For more information, contact Carol Uzzle, ctuzzle@gmail.com.

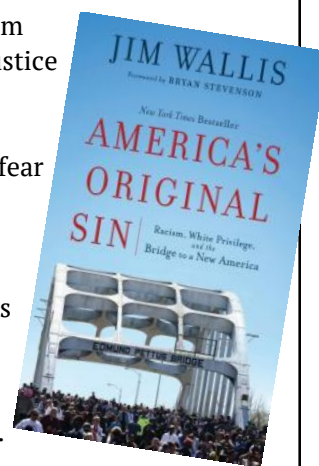
Child care is available on request. Details at www.reveilleumc.org/book-group.

What to Read Next

March 21

The Ninth Hour by Alice McDermott

Enter the world of Catholic nursing nuns and those they cared for in Brooklyn in the early 1900s.



LEISURE CLUB

Tuesday, February 19 | 11:00 am
Historic Branch House
 Program and Luncheon

The historic mansion at the corner of N. Davis and Monument Avenue was completed in 1919 for Mr. and Mrs. John Kerr Branch and later it became the winter residence for their family. Steve Coor will discuss the history of this unique Richmond landmark, now owned by the Virginia Center for Architecture Foundation.



Invite your friends to this special program on Tuesday, February 19, at 11:00 am in the fellowship hall. Bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share at the luncheon following the program. The main dish and beverages are provided.

Coming up next

Mark your calendar now for March 19. Daniel Banke, director of music ministries, will share some of his favorite Frank Sinatra songs.

To learn more about Leisure Club, visit www.reveilleumc.org/leisure-club.

Women of Spirit **New Lenten Study** Begins March 13

The Women of Spirit will lead a Lenten study on Amy Oden's book *God's Welcome: Hospitality for a Gospel-Hungry World*. The study explores how hospitality ultimately finds its basis in God and when we welcome others we extend God's welcome. The class will meet at 10:00 am on Wednesdays beginning March 13, in room 210.



Register at www.reveilleumc.org/study.

Begins February 10 **Young Adults Class** During Sunday School

Join the young adults Sunday school class, second Sundays, beginning February 10, 9:30-10:30 am, in the Reveille House parlor.

The class will discuss the connection between current events and theology, and enjoy fellowship. Please join the class any second Sunday. For details, contact Kelley Lane,

adultministries@reveilleumc.org.



More Young Adult Activities This Spring

Several fun activities for young adults are being planned this spring. A Doodle poll will be sent to determine dates and times. Please share your contact information with Kelley Lane to be included in the poll.

Support Groups

Alcoholics Anonymous

This group supports those struggling with alcohol addition and meets every Monday at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall.

Grief Workshop

Full Circle Grief Center and Reveille partner to offer a monthly grief workshop third Tuesdays at 5:00 pm in the church parlor. Upcoming topics include:

- February 19-Finding Comfort in the Memories
- March 19-Guilt, Anger, and Getting Stuck
- April 16-Grief and Your Relationships
- May 21-Challenges of Grief...The Why's?
- June 18-Lessons of Grief

Dementia Caregiver Support Group

This group supports dementia caregivers and discusses issues surrounding Alzheimer's diseases and related dementias. The next meeting is Thursday, February 21, at 6:30 pm in room 206.

Support groups are open to everyone who may benefit. No registration is required. For details, contact Stephen Coleman, associatepastor@reveilleumc.org.

February

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			The Big Food Drive All Month See page 6 for details		1	2 Bible Boot Camp 9:00 am
					Youth Ski Trip: Feb1-3	
3 Sermon Series: Why Church? 8:30, 9:00, and 11:00 am UMW Souper Bowl 9:00 am No evening classes, youth group, or music rehearsals	4 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00 am	5 Christian Yoga 10:30 am	6 Pilates 2:00 pm Walking Group 4:15 pm Fellowship Meal 5:30 pm Being Neighbors Partner Church Series 6:30 pm	7	8	9
10 Sermon Series: Why Church? 8:30, 9:00, and 11:00 am Young Adult Sunday School 9:30 am Youth Mission Trip Meeting 7:00 pm	11 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00 am	12 Christian Yoga 10:30 am	13 Pilates 2:00 pm Sacred Circle 3:15 pm Walking Group 4:15 pm Liturgical Dance 4:30 pm Fellowship Meal 5:30 pm Being Neighbors Partner Church Series 6:30 pm	14	15	16 Serve Saturday at Hermitage Richmond 10:30 am
17 Sermon Series: Why Church? 8:30, 9:00, and 11:00 am The Way Forward Town Hall 12:15 pm	18 Presidents Day Church Office Closed Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00 am Reveille Ringers at UMFS 6:30 pm	19 Christian Yoga 10:30 am Leisure Club 11:00 am Grief Workshop 5:00 pm	20 Pilates 2:00 pm Walking Group 4:15 pm Fellowship Meal 5:30 pm Being Neighbors Partner Church Series 6:30 pm	21 Book Group 10:30 am Dementia Support Group 6:30 pm	22	23 Women's Spiritual Life Retreat 9:00 am
24 Sermon Series: Why Church? 8:30, 9:00, and 11:00 am Youth Sunday 11:00 am Friends of the Homeless Lunch Packing 10:30 am Youth Mission Trip Meeting 12:15 pm	25 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00 am	26 Christian Yoga 10:30 am Church Council 7:00 pm	27 Pilates 2:00 pm Walking Group 4:15 pm Fellowship Meal 5:30 pm Being Neighbors Partner Church Worship 6:30 pm	28 Friends of the Homeless Midday Meal 11:15 am	March 1 Read Across America Day	2 CARITAS Families at Reveille March 2-9

Visit www.reveilleumc.org/calendar for a detailed calendar of events



Serve Saturday at Boaz & Ruth
Photo courtesy of Tammy Tipton-Nay



Church Council Retreat
Photo courtesy of Rachel Sanders



Reveille Ringers at The Jefferson Hotel
Photo courtesy of Ellie Speer



Friends of the Homeless
Photo courtesy of Kay Craven

Christmas at Reveille | Photos courtesy of Kay Craven, Randall Edwards, and John Moerner



January Meeting

Council Column

News from your Church Council

The Church Council held its first meeting of the year January 22. During this organizational meeting, the Council welcomed these new members:

Steve Fisher	Finance
Claire Kaugars	Lay Leader
Heather Lockerman	Staff-Parish Relations
Jennifer Rosen	Children's Council

Finance

Giving at Reville was down at the end of 2018. While we ended 2018 in a deficit, Reville is fortunate to have resources available to help sustain our ministries. For 2019, estimates of giving of \$1.3 million are needed to fully fund ministries. Reville is about \$146,000 short of that goal and the stewardship campaign is ongoing. It is not too late for members to make a stewardship commitment or to fulfill their 2018 pledge. To submit your estimate of giving, visit www.revilleumc.org/estimate or pick up an estimate of giving card at the church. Please contact Financial Administrator Candice Avent, finances@revilleumc.org or (804) 359-6041, ext. 118, with any questions about giving.

The Council also approved a request to add \$1,400 to the 2019 budget to fund the Christian yoga class offered on Tuesdays at 10:30 am in the narthex.

General Conference

The special session of the General Conference will be held February 23-26 to consider changes regarding LGBTQ inclusion. The Council discussed ways to prayerfully prepare our congregation prior to the General Conference. [See page 2](#) for Lead Pastor Doug Forrester's column for more information.

Church Council Retreat

This year's Church Council retreat was held on Saturday, January 26. Using Jim Collins' book *Good to Great*, Council members and staff explored our church's strengths and how to build on those strengths as we pursue our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

The approved October Church Council minutes are now available. If you would like to review the document, please send a request to Terri Edwards, amindirector@revilleumc.org. The approved January Council meeting minutes will be available following the February Council meeting.

Stewardship GIVING IMPACT REPORT

Fourth Quarter 2018



Your support of Reville's ministries serves the purposes of Christ in our community and beyond. Here are just a few of the ways your generosity has made a difference in recent months:

Twelve new members joined Reville in October.

Members and friends packed more than **20,000 meals** to help feed hungry people in Madagascar through **Rise Against Hunger**.

More than 100 members and friends learned about Advent and made 36 Advent wreaths at the **Advent Celebration** in November.

Advent posts by clergy and staff engaged more than **4,100 Facebook users**.

More than **1,000 people** joined us for worship to celebrate the birth of Christ on **Christmas Eve**.

Tom Bailey was hired as our new **organist**.

Twenty-three youth are taking the next step in their faith journeys in our **confirmation** class.

We provided more than **3,700 lunches** through **Friends of the Homeless** in 2018.

Your financial support is a witness to your faith and enables Reville to continue to do God's work through these ministries and many others.

Take the Next Faithful Step

Be part of Reville's next faithful step. Support our transformative ministries with your 2019 Estimate of Giving. Make your commitment today at www.revilleumc.org/estimate.

Sign up | July 13-20

Honduras Mission Trip

Medical Outreach



Reveille's Outreach Ministry is sending another mission team to Honduras, July 13-20, 2019, through the Friends of Barnabas Foundation. Please consider joining the trip to serve communities in need.

- Do you feel called to be part of a mission team serving the people of Honduras?
- Do you have medical, dental, or vision training and seek to improve the lives of those who don't have regular care?
- Do you have administrative skills and a desire to serve as assistant team leader?
- Do you speak Spanish fluently or at all?
- Both health care professionals and volunteers without specialized training are needed!

For more information, please contact Kim Daniel, kdaniel@hancockdaniel.com.

Friday, March 1
Read Across America Day
 at Swansboro Elementary



Share the joy of reading with children at Swansboro Elementary School on Friday, March 1, on Read Across America Day. Sign up to read to a classroom at www.bit.ly/read-to-swansboro.

Share Your Ministry News

The deadline for the March edition of *The Reveille Window* is February 10

Email your articles to communications@reveilleumc.org, and copy the staff member associated with your ministry. Submissions may be edited for style, length, grammar, and accuracy. Photos of church events are encouraged!

Get Notifications from Reveille on your Phone

Sign up for the UMCgo App

Download the new UMCgo app on your mobile phone to receive important notifications from Reveille, including weather-related closings and cancellations. You can also easily make contributions or payments through the app, with more features coming soon.



The app is available free for iPhone and Android devices. In your app store, search for **UMCgo**. Once you have installed the app, open it and click on "near me" and then select **Reveille RVA** from the list of churches.

You can then create your profile or make a contribution or payment using the options at the bottom of the screen. To get push notifications from Reveille, be sure notifications from UMCgo are enabled in your phone's settings.

Help in the Library

The Reveille Memorial Library will open soon after an extensive renovation. The Library Committee is looking for members who are interested in helping in the library.

For more information, please contact Sally Boykin, boykin32@hotmail.com.



**In case of emergency,
 please contact the pastor on
 call at (804) 380-8668.**