

#### **Reveille United Methodist Church**

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The Season of Lent

Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. - Hebrews 10:23

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## A Pastoral Letter to the People of Reveille



Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

By now, you have certainly learned that the General Conference, the highest decision-making body of The United Methodist Church, passed on Tuesday, February 26, legislation known as the Traditional Plan. This plan reinforces existing restrictions against same-gender weddings by United Methodist clergy and

prohibitions against the ordination of LGBTQ persons. These prohibitions against marriage and ordination have existed in our denomination since 1972. However, as a result of the passing of the Traditional Plan, the penalties for clergy who violate these rules are now swifter and more punitive than before.

The United Methodist Church is the only denomination that is both global in scope and democratic in its governance, and the church is growing in more socially and theologically conservative areas of the world such as Africa and the Philippines. As such the Traditional Plan passed with support from not only United Methodists in the United States, but also with support from United Methodists from all over the world.

It is important to note that for some legislative reasons, the Traditional Plan is subject to review by the United Methodist Judicial Council when they meet later this year.

So, what does this mean for our life together? Reveille will continue to minister to LGBTQ persons, their families, and their children as we always have. Baptism, Holy Communion, membership, and leadership in our church remains open to these persons. There have never been prohibitions against such things in United Methodism. As is our mandate and practice, Reveille United Methodist Church will reach out to all our neighbors in love and service, and we will receive whoever God sends to us into this household of faith and loving kindness.

For some of you reading this, the General Conference decision is heartrending. For others, the decision was the correct one, and things are as they should be. Some of you have even wondered why this was a matter for conversation at all. As I said in last month's newsletter, I was, for several reasons, a supporter of the One Church Plan, which would have offered our congregation more opportunities to be even more inclusive of LGBTQ persons. Yet regardless of where you stand on this issue, I want you to know that I love you, care for you, and will continue to give my life to serving alongside you in this important work as I promised to do when I took my vows of ordination 23 years ago.

In John 17, Jesus prays for his disciples to be one as he and the Father are one. This is my prayer for our church in these difficult and divisive days. Regardless of where one stands on the issues before the General Conference, I believe that we can be united in the truth that our world stands in need of God's grace. The students at Swansboro Elementary still need us, just as they did before. The rural poor in the mountains of Honduras still need us, just as they did before. The hungry homeless here in Richmond still need us, just as they did before. Our community still needs the racial reconciliation we demonstrate and work towards with our partner churches, just as it did before.

I could go on, but let me say this: we are simply able to do more of God's kingdom work in the world when we are together, and it is my earnest prayer that you will join me in working for God's good in the world, even in the midst of things with which you cannot not agree. Reveille United Methodist Church does not exist in this time and location by mere coincidence. God has placed us here for such a time as this, for making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Come what may, to be the church Christ calls and the world needs, we need each other, side by side, even in the midst of the areas in which we can respectfully disagree.

In other words, as I have said before, I love my people more than I love my positions, and on this day, I am asking you to do the same.

On Monday, March 4, at 10:00 a.m., our Bishop Sharma Lewis will give her "State of the Church" report. This event will be both livestreamed and archived at <u>www.livestream.com/vaumc/stateofthechurch</u>. I pray this will be a useful resource for all of us as we move into God's future together.

I will be saying more on this topic in my March 3 sermon (available March 4 at <u>www.reveilleumc.org/sermons</u>), and I pray you will join me as we worship our risen Lord together. As always, regardless of where you stand on this issue, your clergy desire to be pastoral support for you, and we are always available for conversation.

> Grace and peace, Doug

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

Lent and Easter at Reveille

In January, we asked you what you struggle with when it comes to Christianity. During Lent, we will explore your questions, why it is sometimes hard for us to have faith, and how we can persist in hope during these times.

#### "Courage to Believe: When Faith is Difficult" Lenten Sermon Series | March 10-April 14

March 10 "Claiming Our Identity" | Romans 10:8b-13

March 17 "Conformed and Transformed" | Philippians 3:17-4:1

March 24 "Building Endurance" | 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

**March 31** "Learning to See as God Sees" | 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

April 7 "The Cost of Discipleship" | Philippians 3:4b-14

> **April 14** "The God Who Needs" | Luke 19:28-40

March 5 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

5:30-7:00 pm | Fellowship Hall

#### March 6 Ash Wednesday Services Noon Worship | Chapel

5:30 pm Meal | Fellowship Hall 7:00 pm Worship | Sanctuary Dinner reservations: <u>www.reveilleumc.org/dinner</u>

## April 14 Palm Sunday

Services at 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: <u>www.reveilleumc.org/dinner</u>

#### **April 19 Good Friday** 7:00 pm Worship | Sanctuary

April 21 Easter Sunday

Services at 6:30, 8:15, 9:00, and 11:00 am

To learn more about Lent and Easter at Reveille, visit <u>www.reveilleumc.org/lent</u>.

## **Worship Attendance**

	8:30 am	9:00 am	11:00 am	Total		
February 3	86+7	31	249+16	389	WEDNE	SDAY
February 10	119+10	51	235+10	425		6:30 pm
February 17	89+13	35	185+12	334	February 27	71
February 24	72+12	43	241+14	382		

+ indicates extended session and nursery



#### Join Us Wednesday Evenings March 13-April 10

On Wednesdays evenings, March 13-April 10, join in a special Evensong service of music, prayer, meditation, and reflection at 6:30 pm in the chapel. Learn more at www.reveilleumc.org/wednesday.

Enjoy a delicious meal before each Evensong service, 5:30-6:30 pm in the fellowship hall. Reservations are required by 8:00 am Monday at <u>www.reveilleumc.org/</u> <u>dinner</u>. View dinner menus at <u>www.reveilleumc.org/</u> <u>menus</u>.

Special Wednesday evenings coming up:

- March 6: Ash Wednesday services will be held at noon and 7:00 pm, with a meal starting at 5:30 pm.
- **March 13:** Test Your Bible Knowledge with Rev. Stephen Coleman during the meal.
- March 27: Virginia Choristers Chamber Choir leads music during worship at 6:30 pm. Details on page 5.

#### Supporting Disaster Assistance UMCOR Sunday March 31

Reveille will make a donation on behalf of the congregation in support of UMCOR Sunday, March 31.

UMCOR provides major support for immediate assistance in the wake of natural and human-caused disasters. The program provides ongoing ministries of food, shelter, and health.



UMCOR Sunday donations

cover the agency's administrative costs, allowing 100 percent of designated gifts to be used for a specified disaster response or ministry. For more information, visit <u>www.umcgiving.org</u>.



**Tuesday, March 5** 5:30-7:00 pm

Enjoy a Mardi Gras-themed pancake supper the night before Lent begins on Shrove Tuesday, March 5, 5:30-7:00 pm, in the fellowship hall. The meal features delicious pancakes with assorted toppings, sausage, bacon, and more! The supper is hosted by the Men's Prayer Breakfast and is open to all. No reservations are required. Proceeds benefit the Youth Mission Fund.



Wednesday, March 6 Services at noon and 7:00 pm Meal at 5:30 pm

The imposition of ashes and worship will be offered at noon in the chapel and 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. In the evening join us for a fellowship meal starting at 5:30 pm. Child care is available during services. For meal reservations, visit <u>www.reveilleumc.org/dinner</u>.



#### **Be Inspired Daily During Lent**

Receive a daily email, March 4-April 20, reflecting upon the season of Lent and our sermon series, "Courage to Believe." Sign up at <u>www.reveilleumc.org/devotional-</u> <u>email.</u> For more inspiration, check Facebook weekdays starting March 6 for messages from our clergy and staff.

## **Get to Know Tom Bailey**

An Interview with Reveille's Organist

Tom Bailey has already proven to be a tremendous addition to Reveille's music ministry. In an effort to more fully introduce Tom to the congregation, Daniel Banke recently interviewed him.

1) If you had to describe yourself in five words, what would they be? Eclectic, Eccentric, Wry, Determined, Private

2) What is one of the most formative musical experiences that you have had in worship during your lifetime? It would be Good Friday services at St. Peter's by -the-Sea in Bay Shore, Long Island. We always sang John's Gospel account using the ancient plainsong melodies sung by a 'cast' of wonderful soloists playing the individual roles.

**3) Is there a particular characteristic of Reveille's worship that has inspired you? Has anything surprised you?** The 8:30 service surprised me. I enjoy it so much and I wasn't expecting that. I am thoroughly impressed by the dedication to the youth programs at Reveille, especially the musical level of the kids in singing and playing handbells. I am inspired weekly by the dedication of the adult choir and the wonderful hymn

## **Music Calendar**

**March 6** | Chancel Choir leads music for 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday service.

**March 7** | Concert Choir rehearsals for the May 19 Mission Benefit Concert begin, 7:30-8:15 pm.

**March 27** | The Virginia Choristers' Chamber Choir leads music at Evensong.

**May 8** | Swansboro and Reveille Children's Choirs Concert at 6:30 pm with dinner starting at 5:30 pm.

**May 19** | Mission Benefit Concert at 7:00 pm, benefiting Friends of the Homeless.

**July 11-13** | Performances of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.

singing in your magnificent space, accompanied by your beautiful and mighty Austin Organ. Having such great acoustics is such a thrill!

4) What are some things about Reveille's Austin pipe organ that you have enjoyed? And for our 8:30 and Evensong folks, have you also enjoyed playing our new Yamaha



**piano?** The Austin organ has beautiful sounds, especially the reeds. It is a unique instrument that deserves to be appreciated and heard. I feel that the organ pulls toward the French repertoire, and perhaps someday we can add a couple of stops to make that a reality. Playing the new Yamaha is a dream. It is a sensitive instrument and pulls the music right through my fingertips, especially when I get to improvise during the gathering time.

5) We know that you have been quite the world traveler! Aside from travel, do you have other favorite hobbies? I love to shop for antiques and go to operas, especially Richard Strauss and Wagner. I am very into genealogy, and spend quite a bit of time on ancestry.com and prowling around graveyards. I also compose works for the organ and choirs.

Read Tom's bio at www.reveilleumc.org/reveille-staff.

#### Wednesday, March 27, 6:30 pm **Virginia Choristers Chamber Choir** Leading Evensong Music

Plan to attend the Evensong worship service on Wednesday, March 27, at 6:30 pm in the chapel. Worship music will be led by the Virginia Choristers Chamber Choir, directed by Daniel Banke. The choir is the most select choral ensemble at GreenSpring International Academy of Music in Richmond. Make reservations for the 5:30 pm meal at <u>www.reveilleumc.org/dinner</u>.



Boaz & Ruth **Serve Saturday** March 16

All ages are invited to help at Boaz & Ruth on Saturday, March 16, 10:30 am-noon, 3030 Meadowbridge Road, Richmond. Participants will help sort donations and tour the local neighborhood.

Boaz & Ruth is a non-profit organization that is rebuilding, empowering, and connecting lives and communities. Bring your family to discover how you can partner in community to make a difference. Space



will be limited. Please sign up by contacting to Tammy Tipton-Nay, children@reveilleumc.org.

#### Help This Month **Friends of the Homeless**

Pack Lunches Sunday, March 24 | 10:30 am | Welcome Center

Serve the Midday Meal Thursday, March 28 | 11:15 am | Fellowship Hall

Details at www.reveilleumc.org/foh.

## Good News from CARITAS

The two families that were going to be hosted at Reveille through CARITAS, March 2-9, have been placed in a transitional program with temporary apartments. The families no longer need Reveille to host them and are making their first step toward permanent housing.

#### Sign up | July 13-20 **Honduras Mission Trip** Medical Outreach



#### Saturday, April 27 **Repair Homes**

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

National Rebuilding Day takes place Saturday, April 27, 7:30 am-5:00 pm. Full- and half-day shifts are available for volunteers age 10 and older. To sign up, visit www.bit.lv/2019-rebuilding-together.



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.

## **S w a n s b o r o** Community Ministries

**Community Ministries** For more information about Swansboro Community Ministries, contact Jill Gaynor, <u>jwgaynor@gmail.com</u>.

## **Marvelous Mondays at Swansboro Elementary**

#### By Carol Anne Lea

I love being a volunteer with the Marvelous Mondays program that Reveille sponsors at Swansboro Elementary after school on Monday afternoons. There are approximately 36 children participating and we divide them into three rotating groups for crafts, dance, and games.

I am in charge of coordinating arts and crafts each week. The children love making a craft that they can take home. Sheelagh Davis plays games with the kids and Tammy Tipton-Nay leads them in dance. Other volunteers include Wendy Malamphy and Toni Allen from Koinonia Christian Church.

This program offers the children fun experiences they look forward to on Monday afternoons. We welcome anyone who would like to volunteer for this rewarding experience.

To get involved in the program, please contact Carol Hampton, <u>carolhampton1205@gmail.com</u>, or Wendy Malamphy, <u>wmalamphy@hotmail.com</u>.



Photos courtesy of Sheelagh Davis



Thank you to everyone who helped restock the food pantries at Koinonia Christian Church and Love Center of Unity in Swansboro. The support and amount of food donated during the February drive was outstanding!



Photo courtesy of Rachel Sanders

#### Saturday, April 13, 10:00 am Come to the Easter Celebration



Bring your Easter baskets for the annual egg hunt followed by lots of fun activities, like music, a bounce house, a petting zoo, face painting, and more! Meet in the chapel at 10:00 am. The egg hunts begins after our opening prayer. Help is needed to set up, greet visitors, oversee activities, and clean up. Sign up: www.bit.ly/easter-celebration-2019.

## **Children's Sunday School**

March 3 Living in Glory Luke 9:28-36

March 10

A Place of Justice and Grace Deuteronomy 26:1-11

#### March 17 Journey Toward Trust

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

March 24 Fed by God's Glory Isaiah 55:1-9

March 31 A Traitor for Grace Luke 15:1-3

## March Family Prayer

Holy God, your glory and power energize our lives. Bathe us in the warm glow of your love and faithfulness. Transform us each day to live as part of your story. *Amen* 

#### Serve Saturday Visit Boaz & Ruth March 16

All ages are invited to help at Boaz & Ruth on Saturday, March 16, 10:30 am-noon! Details on <u>page 6</u>.



## 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 is now open at <u>www.reveilleumc.org/camps</u>.

#### 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 this month at <u>www.reveilleumc.org/camps</u>.



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

## Sign Up to Help Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

March 5, 5:30-7:00 pm

The Men's Prayer Breakfast group needs six to eight youth to help at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. If you can help on Tuesday, March 5, 5:30-7:00 pm, please email Pastor Doug at <a href="mailto:leadpastor@reveilleumc.org">leadpastor@reveilleumc.org</a>. Proceeds from the supper benefit the Youth Mission Fund.



## 2019 Ski Trip to Wintergreen Resort

Photos courtesy of Ansley Higginbotham and John Moerner



## **Save the Dates! Youth Opportunities**

**March 15-17** Journey Middle School Retreat at Rockbridge

> **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

Visit <u>www.reveilleumc.org/youth-ministry</u> for important links and upcoming events.

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Sign up for our youth newsletter at <u>www.reveilleumc.org/newsletter</u>



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## 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 discuss his efforts to establish a library in his Kenyan hometown. A luncheon follows the program.



## Sunday, April 14 Palm Sunday Bake Sale

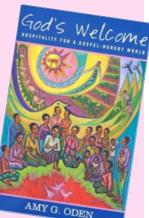
9:00 am-noon

Purchase sweet Easter treats for your gatherings with family and friends. The annual UMW Palm Sunday bake sale takes place April 14, 9:00 am-noon. All proceeds benefit Reveille's United Methodist Women's mission projects.



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

The Women of Spirit will lead a Lenten study on Amy Oden's *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/adultstudies-reg

## Explore Great Reads Women's Book Group

March 21 | 10:30 am | Church Parlor

Alice McDermott's, *The Ninth Hour*, reader into the world of Irish Catholic nursing nuns in the early 1900s. Life for the immigrant population is hard. The nuns are a daily part of their lives ministering with kindness and compassion. We hope you will join this month when Pat Hackler will be lead our discussion.



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For more information, contact Carol Uzzle, <u>ctuzzle@gmail.com</u>.

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

#### <u>Next Women's Book Group: April 11</u>

*Jackie Robinson: A Spiritual Biography: The Faith of a Boundary-Breaking Hero* by Michael G. Long and Chris Lamb



#### Tuesday, March 19 | 11:00 am **Frank Sinatra's Hits** Music and Luncheon

Reveille's Director of Music Ministries, Daniel Banke, will sing many of Frank Sinatra's greatest hits at Leisure Club on Tuesday, March 19! Come fly to the moon, to the city that never sleeps, and to foggy London town, during a morning of great music. Bring your friends to enjoy this special program at 11:00 am in the fellowship hall. Make



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 April 16 to enjoy a lively stroll down memory lane with storytellers Judith Onesty and Les Schaffer.

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

Sacred Circle and Liturgical **Dance Classes** 

Sign up Today

Gain harmony and balance through sacred circle and liturgical dance. These simple, gentle movements have ancient roots in music and dance from around the world.

**Class Dates** March 13, April 10, and May 8

Adult Sacred Circle Dance 3:15 pm | Youth Center

**Children's Liturgical Dance** 4:30 pm | Youth Center

For more information, contact Tammy Tipton-Nay, children@reveilleumc.org.



## **Learn More About Reveille**

April 7, 14, and 28 Sundays, 4:30-6:30 pm, Reveille House

Reveille Today consists of three sessions focused on getting to know Reveille's ministries and opportunities offered for worship, spiritual growth, and service. The class also will help you discern your individual spiritual gifts and how you can use them to best serve God and humanity in the church and in the world.

Register for the class at <u>www.reveilleumc.org/adult-studies-reg</u>.

## **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:

- 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, March 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, <u>associatepastor@reveilleumc.org</u>.

# March

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Read Across America Day at Swansboro Elementary	2
3 Transfiguration Sunday Worship Services 8:30, 9:00, 11:00 am	<i>4</i> Daily Lent Devotional Email Begins	5 UMW General Meeting 10:30 am Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5:30 pm	6 Ash Wednesday Worship Services noon and 7:00 pm Fellowship Meal 5:30 pm	7	8	9
10 First Sunday in Lent Worship Services 8:30, 9:00, 11:00 am Lenten sermon series begins: "Courage to Believe" Daylight Saving Time	11	12	13 Women of Spirit Lenten study begins: "God's Welcome" 10:00 am Fellowship Meal and Test Your Bible Knowledge 5:30 pm	14	15	16 Serve Saturday at Boaz & Ruth 10:30 am
Begins			Evensong Service 6:30 pm		Journey Middle School Retreat	
17 Second Sunday in Lent Worship Services 8:30, 9:00, 11:00 am Journey Middle School Retreat	18	19 Leisure Club 11:00 am Grief Workshop 5:00 pm	20 Fellowship Meal 5:30 pm Evensong Service 6:30 pm	21 Book Group 10:30 am Dementia Support Group 6:30 pm	22	23
24 Third Sunday in Lent Worship Services 8:30, 9:00, 11:00 am UMW Sunday Friends of the Homeless Lunch Packing 10:30 am 31 Fourth Sunday in Lent Worship Services 8:30, 9:00, 11:00 am UMCOR Sunday	25	26	27 Fellowship Meal 5:30 pm Virginia Choristers Chamber Choir leads music at Evensong Service 6:30 pm	28 Friends of the Homeless Midday Meal 11:15 am	29	30

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

## PHOTOS



Serve Saturday at Hermitage Richmond | Photos courtesy of Tammy Tipton-Nay



Women's Spiritual Life Retreat Photo courtesy of Mary Evans



Leisure Club | Historic Branch House Photo courtesy of Bobby Spiers



Youth Sunday Photo courtesy of Ellie Speers



Partner Church Service | Liturgical Dance Photo courtesy of Tammy Tipton-Nay

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEWS**



## February Meeting Council Column

News from your Church Council

The main topic of discussion at the February Church Council meeting was the Special Session of the General Conference that took place February 23-26. The General Conference passed on legislation known as the Traditional Plan which reinforces existing restrictions against same-gender weddings by United Methodist clergy and prohibitions against the ordination of LGBTQ persons while making the penalties for clergy who violate these rules swifter and more punitive than before. See Lead Pastor Doug Forrester's letter to the congregation on <u>page 2</u> for more information.

The Council agreed to begin the process of discerning a statement of inclusion for our congregation that we can utilize in our bulletin, website, and other church publications, understanding that it is important that our church clearly articulate what our welcome means going forward.

The approved January Church Council minutes are now available. If you would like to review the document, please send a request to Terri Edwards, <u>admindirector@reveilleumc.org</u>. The approved February Council meeting minutes will be available following the March Council meeting.

#### During Lent Sponsor Greenery Displays

During Lent, greenery and non-flowering plants are placed on the altars. Honor a loved one by sponsoring a display in the sanctuary or chapel for just \$45. For available dates, March 10-



April 14, contact Cheryl Arrington, pastoraladmin@reveilleumc.org, or 359-6041, ext. 114.

#### Return Your Estimate of Giving **It's Not Too Late** 2019 Stewardship Campaign

Thank you to all who have already made a commitment to invest in Reveille's ministries this year. Your ongoing support creates discipleship opportunities for our congregation and community, allowing us all to grow in

our faith through worship, study, and service. Your financial commitment also allows Reveille to reach and engage others who desire to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ



for the transformation of the world.

If you have not made your commitment to support our transformative ministries yet, there is still time! During the season of Lent practice the spiritual discipline of giving. An Estimate of Giving card is available at <a href="http://www.reveilleumc.org/estimate">www.reveilleumc.org/estimate</a>, or pick up one in the church or church office.

## A Note from Mary Davis

I would like to share my heartfelt gratitude for the many thoughtful expressions of care and encouragement I received following my recent surgery. Your prayers, cards, and calls mean so very much during this lengthy recovery. Allen joins me in sending our love and



appreciation to you, our Reveille family. - Mary Davis

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEWS**

## **The Library Corner**

#### **Book Exchange Cart**

A new feature of Reveille Memorial Library is the book exchange cart located in the hallway outside the library.

For the time being, this cart will also take the place of our fiction area in the library. You are invited to visit the cart and select any books that interest you. Once you have read the book, you may return it or pass it on to a friend. We also encourage you to contribute books to



the cart. Fiction with good life lessons, or prayer and religious books.

#### Help in the Library

The Reveille Memorial Library will open soon after an extensive renovation. The Library Committee is looking for members who may be interested in helping in the library. For more information, please contact Sally Boykin, <u>boykin32@hotmail.com</u>.

## **Share Your Ministry News**

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

Email your articles to <u>communications@reveilleumc.org</u>, 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!

## **Weekly Opportunities**

Great reasons to visit Reveille during the week, too!

#### Men's Prayer Breakfast

Mondays at 7:00 am in the fellowship hall

## Christian Yoga

Tuesdays at 10:30 am in the narthex

#### **Coed Christian Pilates**

Wednesdays at 2:00 pm in the youth center

#### Walking the Way Group

Wednesdays at 4:15 pm, meet in the rear parking lot

## 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.

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