

THE REVEILLE WINDOW



September 2019

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Reveille United Methodist Church

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Invite Your Neighbors & Friends *Kickoff Sunday* **September 8**

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

Sunday School 9:30 am

Potluck Brunch & Food Trucks 9:30-11:00 am

Sign up to bring a dish www.bit.ly/reveille-kickoff-2019



Save the date! **Reveille Day, October 27**

Worship at 10:30 am followed by a fellowship lunch. Details coming soon!



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FROM THE LEAD PASTOR

Doug Forrester, leadpastor@reveilleumc.org, (804) 359-6041, ext. 112

A Summer of Blessings

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Grace and peace to you. I pray you are well. As I sit to write to you this month, all I can say is, "Wow! What a summer!" It is amazing to think that in a few short months, we had our wonderful youth production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, a youth trip to the Lake Junaluska Music & Worship Arts Week, another successful medical mission trip to Honduras, a fantastic middle school mission trip to West Virginia through the Jeremiah Project, and another wonderful youth and adult trip to the Eastern Shore to help construct a house through Habitat for Humanity.

But that is not all! We also offered beautiful outreach into the community through Vacation Bible School (where we traveled to Mars!) and Kids Camp. Both ministries engaged a number of children from outside of our congregation.

We also brought onto our staff Scott Reams as our financial administrator and Andy Glascott to direct our youth ministry. We received three new members, and we celebrated a Juneteenth cookout with our partner churches from Love Center of Unity and Koinonia Christian Church. Furthermore, our former pastor Bishop Kern Eutsler turned 100!

This summer we were blessed by so many people. Churches rise and fall on the commitment of their people, and your commitment was evident throughout this summer. Not everyone can attend a mission trip across Virginia or around the world. Not everyone can help lead a ministry like Vacation Bible School. Not everyone can perform in a musical. However, without God's blessing of our combined prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness, none of these ministries would happen. It is by your generosity of talents, finances, and time that we are able to be in ministry in so many places to so many people, and for each of you, I give thanks to God.



The word liturgy comes from the Greek leitourgia, which means "public service" and "worship of the gods." I find it fitting that the word we use for our worship is a word that combines our service and our God. When we work and worship together, we become a sign-act of God's kingdom on earth and agents of nothing less than God's transformation of the world.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doug".

Wednesday Meal and Evensong Worship

The weekly Wednesday meal and Evensong worship service will resume starting September 18.

Enjoy a delicious meal, with food from Taste, between 5:30 and 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall.

Reservations are required by 8:00 am Monday prior to the meal at www.reveilleumc.org/dinner.

If you miss the reservation deadline, please call the church office at (804) 359-6041 for last minute reservations based on availability. A limited number of meals are available each week due to catering deadlines.

Donations help defray the cost of the meal. Please donate as you are able either at the door (cash and check) or online when you make your reservation. The suggested donation is \$6-8 per person (\$2-4 for children).

Following the meal each week, the Evensong worship service offers a time of peaceful contemplation to reflect on your relationship with God, neighbors, and creation through song, prayer, and renewal. The first service starts at 6:30 pm on September 18 in the Garth (weather permitting). Everyone is welcome. Invite your family and friends!

Evensong

A service of singing and prayer

2020 Budget

Finding a Sustainable Path

Reveille is blessed with financial resources and faithful congregants. Our church has no debt. We currently have a large endowment which can provide a dependable income, thanks to the generosity of those saints who have gone before us. Most importantly, we are blessed with a congregation that is consistently and tremendously generous, contributing approximately \$1.1 million annually.

For the past several years, however, as a congregation we have not lived within our means. Our growth as a congregation has not kept up with the structures, staffing, and ministries we have cultivated to support such growth. Our total expenses have increased more than our revenue. Simply put, our costs for ministry have increased while our income has remained constant.

We have used reserves, designated funds, and past budget surpluses to continue to fund our staff and ministries at increasing levels. These budgetary fixes are not sustainable.



We are projecting a significant operating deficit for 2019. Preliminary projections show a larger and unsustainable operating deficit for 2020.

As such, Reveille will have to make changes in order to place our church on a sustainable financial path.

A 2020 budget task force has been formed to discern solutions and propose a plan to the Finance Committee and Council to address this issue. Ministry leaders and staff are working with the task force to review the preliminary 2020 budget line by line to find creative ways to reduce expenses or increase revenue. The goal is for all of us to work together toward a realistic and sustainable budget.

The budget task force, the Finance Committee, and your Church Council are committed to discerning with God's help the course of action which best preserves all of the work Reveille does to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Changes to aspects of our operations will be necessary; as giving and revenue increase, we hope to maintain and increase our ministries.

You can help:

Send any of your ideas for lowering expenses or increasing revenue to Finance Committee Chair Steve Fisher, steve.fisher@vamllc.com, or Director of Administration Terri Edwards, amindirector@reveilleumc.org.

Examine your own giving. As we look forward to the October Stewardship campaign, consider if you can increase your estimate of giving in 2020. If you do not currently give to Reveille, can you consider joining with us in our mission and ministries? Every contribution, no matter the amount, is an investment in our ministries.

Pray for the work of the budget task force and our ministry leaders as they seek to guide our church.

Thank you for your generosity, your commitment to ministry, and your prayers.

The approved May, June, and July Church Council minutes are now available. To review the documents, please send a request to Terri Edwards, amindirector@reveilleumc.org.

Fall Sermon Series



September 8-25

Invited The Hospitality of God

Why do you come to Reville? Who first invited you? Why did you come back? What is your story of receiving God's welcome in your own life, and what would it mean for each of us to extend that same life-changing welcome to others? What does it mean for a church to call itself "welcoming" anyway? Is God calling us into a deeper relationship with people we already know, or is Jesus calling us into relationship with people we have yet to meet, and could it be that by his grace and Holy Spirit, he is doing both?

September 8 | Kickoff Sunday

So Loved | John 3:13-17

September 15

The Lost and Found Department | Luke 15:1-10

September 22

Including the Excluded | 1 Timothy 2:1-7

September 29

Living a Hospitality-Filled Life | Acts 8:26-40

Later this fall

**The Quiet Mind: Using the Power of Scripture
Against Negative Thoughts**

November 3-17

Serenity Now: God's Hope for a Stressed-Out, Over-Committed, Messed Up World

December 1-22

Stewardship Series: October 6-27

Four Virtues of a Joyous Life Gratitude, Faith, Persistence, and Humility

Churches in many ways are unique in that they are places of contradictory experiences. We experience the joy of weddings, baptisms, and confirmations at church, and yet we also experience the deep sadness of services of death and resurrection for our loved ones and our friends at church as well.

Church is where we begin new relationships, and church is where we practice the sacred art of forgiving and being forgiven for wrongs done to or by us. Church is the place where we can experience God as children as well as the place where we can experience God in our golden years. Through it all, church is a place where God gathers us out of our disparate lives and weaves the strands of our lives into a rich tapestry that bespeaks God's great love for the world. What do you love about Reville? How has this church brought you joy and enabled you to grow in God's grace? Join us for four Sundays wherein we will explore all that is good about our congregation and celebrate all God has yet to do in and through us.

October 6

Gratitude | Luke 17:11-19

October 13

Faith | Luke 17:5-6

October 20

Persistence | Luke 18:1-8

October 27

Humility | Luke 18:9-14

Reville Day October 27

Save the date!

Sunday School @ 9:30 am

Combined Worship
@ 10:30 am

Potluck luncheon
after worship



Invite your neighbors and friends to the kickoff of Reveille’s fall programs!

Morning Schedule

8:30 am | Worship in the chapel

9:00 am | The Point in the fellowship hall

9:30-11:00 am | Brunch

Come to the welcome center for a potluck brunch and tastings from Brekkie Belgian-style Waffles and Pulp Fiction smoothies.

9:30 am | Sunday School

Gather with your class or visit a new one and bring your plate of brunch treats to enjoy.

11:00 am | Worship in the sanctuary

Evening Schedule

4:00-4:20 pm | Youth Instrumental Ensemble

4:20-4:45 pm | Youth Handbells

4:45-5:30 pm | Youth Choir Combined Rehearsal

5:30-7:00 pm | Youth Group Celebration

5:00-7:00 pm | Children’s Music Rehearsals

Download the 2019-2020 [children](#) and [youth](#) calendars.

Sign up to bring a brunch item or to help at www.bit.ly/reveille-kickoff-2019.

Worship Attendance

	8:30 am	9:00 am	11:00 am	Total
June 2	89+5	54	136+11	295
June 9	55+7	40	173+16	291
June 16	72+6	31	129+10	248
June 23	63+6	30	96+7	202
June 30	69+7	33	152+9	270
July 7	76+10	27	134+9	256
July 14	63+7	32	136+11	249
July 21	71+4	38	158+18	289
July 28	52+7	25	138+13	235
August 4	60+4	32	154+12	262
August 11	81+9	30	135+12	267
August 18	74+9	21	119+11	234

SUNDAY

+ indicates extended session and nursery

Sunday, September 1
Combined Worship Service

Join us for one worship service at 10:00 am in the sanctuary on Sunday, September 1. Our “What is Faith?” sermon series concludes with the sermon “A Sacrifice of Peace.” Sunday school classes will not meet. Library hours will be 9:00-10:00 am and 11:00-11:30 am.

Greet Visitors on Sunday Mornings

The greeter team is looking for greeters to create a welcoming environment throughout the campus on Sunday mornings. For more information and available dates, please contact Betsy Garrison, nosirag@comcast.net.

Join a Choir This Fall

Share your gift of music by being a member of a choir! Join us in one of these choirs in their first regular rehearsal of the season:

Thursdays, starting September 5

Chancel Choir, 7:00 pm

Chancel Choir offers traditional music during the 11:00 am service and is open to experienced adult singers. High school youth are encouraged to audition.

Sundays, starting September 8

Instrumental Ensemble, 4:00 pm

Youth Handbells, 4:20 pm

Grades 6-12 | These groups offer music during select services and concerts. For details, email Tamara Nicely by September 2, musicassistant@reveilleumc.org.

High School Youth Choir, 4:45 pm

Grades 9-12 | This choir offers music during select services and concerts. High school youth group will meet at 6:05 pm.

Children's Choirs and Handbells, 5:00 pm

Age 4 through 5th Grade | Both children's choirs and handbells offer music during select services and concerts.

Middle School Choir, 6:05 pm

Grades 6-8 | This choir offers music during select services and concerts. Middle school youth group will meet at 4:45 pm, unless the two age groups combine.

Mondays, starting September 9

Reveille Ringers, 7:10 pm

The Reveille Ringers, for adults by audition, offer handbell music during select services and concerts.

For more information about joining a choir, contact Daniel Banke, music@reveilleumc.org.



Saturday, September 7

David Harris at Reveille

Handbell Workshop

The Reveille Ringers will kick off their fall season with an in-house workshop on September 7, led by David Harris, the director of the highly acclaimed Raleigh Ringers. During his 29-year tenure as the director of this ensemble, David has become one of the most sought-after handbell clinicians in the country, leading Daniel Banke to believe that "he will significantly raise the bar for our Reveille Ringers in a way that will propel us into a great season of ringing!"



Save These Dates

Wednesday, September 18, 6:30 pm

Evensong Worship Begins

Tuesday, October 29, 7:00 pm

Tom Bailey Organ Recital at Reveille

Friday and Saturday, November 22-23

Choir JAM at Reveille with Mark Miller

Monday, December 2, evening

Reveille Ringers at VMFA

Performance open to VMFA members only.

Sunday, December 15, 4:00 pm

All-Ages Christmas Concert

Program Year Calendars

Download the 2019-2020 calendars of music ministry programming for children and youth at www.reveilleumc.org/music.



Friends,

After our performances of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, I have heard an overwhelming number of glowing reviews of the show, and just as many comments about the obvious amount of hard work that all members of the cast, crew, and parents put in to make the show such a huge success. Both congratulations and a very heartfelt thank you are in order for all who participated in this amazing adventure!

Our enthusiastic audiences were generous in their giving. We collected \$4,468.80, which was split evenly between Friends of Barnabas, Shalom Farms, and Habitat for Humanity. All three of these ministries were delighted to receive an unexpected donation from us. – *In Christ, Daniel*

Photos courtesy of Linda Gill



Reflections on a Summer of Serving

Swansboro Kids at Westview on the James

A week of camp successfully ended for 24 campers who were bubbling with excitement, laughter, smiles, and even tears on the final night because they had a perfect week at Westview and did not want it to end. The counselors could not have been more complimentary of this group of campers with some counselors saying, "This was the best week of camp I have ever had."

The zipline, slide, and trampoline at the lake were at the top of many lists for favorite activities of the week with swimming in general being a camper favorite!

Because of our congregation's help transporting the campers to and from Westview, they were able to have a week of fun they could never have imagined and will never forget. We sincerely thank everyone who helped make the time for this transportation effort. Know that you made a difference in these kids' lives! -
Linda Gill and Claire Kaugars



Medical Care in the Mountains of Honduras

For more than a decade, Reveille's outreach programs have included an annual medical mission trip to Honduras through Friends of Barnabas. This year a team of thirteen, Lyn and Sarah Grace Clarke, Cary and Lily Gentry, Cathy and Megan Frank, Claire Kaugars, Walker Speer, Kim, Caroline, and James Daniel, and Chris and Charlotte MacBride, spent an inspiring week at the Friends of Barnabas "Alfredo's House" in Pena Blanca and in the surrounding Honduran mountain communities. For some volunteers it was their first mission trip to Honduras; for one, it was her ninth time serving in Honduras. Each team member brought valuable and sometimes unexpected gifts.

Our days started early and we visited five communities including Terreritos, Nuevo Lempira, Cardoncillo, Sam Ramon, and El Obo. Most of the villages included approximately 200 families, a lower school (no high school), and no health center. While all but one had potable water, some community members had to travel a considerable distance to access the well water. Many families used wood stoves for cooking and at least half had outdoor latrines.

Despite the challenging circumstances these Honduran communities face on a daily basis, we were greeted every morning by welcoming families. Community members of all ages helped the team unload, and at the end of the day reload, the many boxes from the bus which contained medicine, eyeglasses, dental equipment, flip flops, diapers, personal hygiene items, and fans. Team members rotated and shared responsibility for the pharmacy, dispensing vitamins and deworming medication, weighing and measuring younger children, providing fluoride treatment for children's teeth, assisting with adult and pediatric vision screening and eyeglass selection, performing blood pressure checks, taking photographs, and reassuring dental patients while a flock of interested but sometimes apprehensive children and adults tried to observe the dental care being provided (mostly tooth extractions). Several team members gave a special wooden cross necklace to a community member that touched them during the course of their week.

At the conclusion of the week, the team had seen 750 medical clinic patients, provided vitamins to 620, deworming to 365, fluoride to 181, assisted with 322 pediatric eye screenings and 186 adults eye examinations (including one or more pairs of glasses for each adult patient), examined 92 dental patients and performed 149 tooth extractions, and referred 102 individuals for further medical care. The week passed quickly and the gifts provided and learned in the service of others will hopefully stay with this team and in the Honduran communities we were privileged to serve much longer.

-Kim Daniel



Swansboro Community Ministries

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

Volunteer at Swansboro Elementary

This school year we invite you to offer some of your time to support students at Swansboro Elementary.

In-School Volunteers

Opportunities to serve:

- Mentor
- Organization Helper
- Food Helper

Background checks and training are required for all in-school volunteers.

Register for a training class at:

www.cisofrichmond.org/get-involved/volunteer

After School Volunteers

Opportunities to serve:

- Marvelous Mondays Program
- After School Scholarships

Other Opportunities

- Assemble hygiene kits for school health classes
- Provide good luck bags during testing with notes
- Help with activities and games at events
- Care for gardens at the school
- Donate to church-wide drives for school supplies, holiday assistance, and events
- Drive students to camp at Westview on the James

To participate in the after school program, volunteers must complete a volunteer application (available in the church office) and background check release form. Documentation of a current TB test (tuberculosis) must also accompany the application.

For more information about volunteering, contact Carol Hampton, carolhampton1205@gmail.com Wendy Malamphy, wmalamphy@hotmail.com

[Download](#) the 2019-2020 Swansboro Elementary Volunteer Brochure for detailed information.

Sign up to help at www.bit.ly/swansboro-volunteer-2019.

Shalom Farms Workday

September 7 | 9:00 am-noon

All ages are invited to a Shalom Farms workday with our Swansboro partner churches on Saturday, September 7, 9:00 am-noon. Space is limited. A fellowship lunch will be provided at the farm following the workday.



Sign up to participate at

www.bit.ly/shalom-farm-sept19.

Ellen Ficker and Wendy Malamphy with donated backpacks of supplies for families of incoming kindergarten students at Swansboro Elementary School.



Did you know?

Scores on the state’s Standards of Learning tests “went up in every subject area at Swansboro Elementary School with a majority of students passing the SOL in every subject.” (WTVR CBS 6 News reporter Melissa Hipolit, August 13, 2019)

OUTREACH

Contact: Stephen Coleman, associatepastor@reveilleumc.org, (804) 359-6041, ext. 115

Sunday, October 6 **Register Today** Help Pack 25,000 Meals

Reveille UMC will pack meals for Rise Against Hunger on Sunday, October 6, in conjunction with our 2020 Stewardship Campaign kickoff. Put your generosity into action by “Increasing the Harvest” and creating a world without hunger. Register to help us reach our goal to package over 25,000 meals.

Available Shifts

- Setup: 2:15-3:15 pm
- Shift 1 Meal Packaging: 3:15-5:00 pm
- Shift 2 Meal Packaging: 5:30-7:00 pm
- Clean up: 7:00-8:00 pm

Setup is open to adults and a few helpers are needed that can easily carry 50 pounds or more. Shift 1 is open to everyone ages 5 and up. This is a great opportunity for families and young adults to serve together. Reveille’s youth will help pack during Shift 2 as part of our regular Sunday youth group. This shift is also open to adults who would like to serve. Help is needed cleaning up following the event, 7:00-8:00 pm.

Gather for Some Fun

Young adults, college-age and beyond, are invited to gather at River City Roll after serving together on shift 1. River City Roll is located at 939 Myers Street in Richmond.



Register Today

www.bit.ly/rah-reveille-2019

Pack Meals This Fall **Friends of the Homeless**

Pack Lunches

September 22 and October 27 | Welcome Center

Serve Lunches

September 26 and October 24

11:15 am | Meet in Fellowship Hall then head to Mt. Moriah Baptist Church to serve the midday meal.

Donate Plastic Containers

Bring in new or gently-used plastic containers, so that extra food can go home with Friends of the Homeless meal attendees. Containers may be donated in the bin near the elevator on the red carpet hallway.

Details at www.reveilleumc.org/foh.



Monday, September 23

Charity Golf Tournament

Benefiting Children’s Health in Honduras

Friends of Barnabas invites you to participate in their annual Golf Classic tournament on Monday, September 23, 11:00 am, at Independence Golf Club in Midlothian. This fundraiser will benefit children’s health in Honduras. For more information, visit www.fobf.org.

Vacation Bible School

Approximately 70 children, ages three to seven, traveled *To Mars and Beyond* as they discovered the wonders of God’s universe during Vacation Bible School, July 22-26. Children enjoyed crafts, music, and storytelling. Our own Reveille youth participated in the storytelling station, teaching the children how God walked with heroes of the Bible through skits. In missions, the children participated in activities to help our community, including creating cards for homebound adults, and placemats and snack mixes for Friends of the Homeless. To celebrate the end of the fun-filled week, the children performed a few of their favorite songs for parents. -Anita Fluker

Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us! Ephesians 3:20



Kids Camp

God sent Joseph, and during Reveille’s Kids Camp in June, God sent 64 campers, 15 youth, and over 40 adults into Richmond. They could be found beautifying Swansboro Elementary School gardens, digging potatoes and squishing bugs at Shalom Farms, cleaning up trash in three James River Parks, feeding over 375 of the hungry in our community, and visiting Reveille members in their homes.

In addition to community outreach, campers enjoyed music with Joe Torrence and centers on Wesleyan Ways, and The Word, Prayer, and Art led by Reveille staff. There was swimming, Fit 4 Faith activities, Christian yoga, family dinner, worship, and much more.

We are thankful for the many hands it took to make camp happen, and especially for the campers who, in the spirit of John Wesley, tried to do all the good they could. -Ellie Speer



Children's Sunday School

September 8

[Kickoff Sunday](#)

Celebrate the presence of God in the created world
Psalm 104:14-23

September 15

God is present and powerful and promises to be with us
during the good times and the bad
Psalm 29

September 22

Cosmos Sunday is when we find God everywhere
Proverbs 8:22-31

September 29

Discipleship requires us to be focused
Luke 16:19-31

Third Grade Bible Presentation will be on
September 29 at the 11:00 Service.

Sunday School Classrooms

Nursery

Room 102 and 103

Age 2 and 3

Room 106

Age 4 and Kindergarten

Room 07

(must be four years old by September 30)

First and Second Grade

Room 06

Third Grade

Room 202

Fourth and Fifth Grade

Room 203

Family Prayer

Gracious and loving God of all Creation, we find you present in the vast and astonishing world around us. Yet too often we take you for granted. We assume we have every right to exploit the earth at any cost, and we care too little for your great work. Guide us to a deep sense of appreciation for what you, our loving creator, have done for us. Amen.



Saturday, October 5 Fall Festival

Bring your children to enjoy games, crafts, activities, and more with our friends from Reveille Weekday School on Saturday, October 5, 10:00 am-noon, on Reveille's grounds. More information coming soon!



Classes begin in October Sacred Circle and Liturgical Dance

Are you looking for new ways to experience worship?
Try one of our dance classes starting this fall.

Sacred Circle Dance

Starting October 9 | 3:15-4:15 pm | Youth Center
These dances are meditative, prayerful, and ancient dances from around the world. Each dance will be explained, demonstrated, and danced in the community. No experience necessary.

Liturgical Dance

Starting October 9 | 4:30-5:15 pm | Youth Center
Children second grade and up will practice worshipful and symbolic movements that are prayerful and praise the Lord.

To sign up, please contact
Tammy Tipton-Nay,
children@reveilleumc.org.



Upcoming class dates

October 9, November 13, and January 8

A Window on Youth Ministry – Summer 2019

I can't believe I'm doing this. After five years of an office with no windows I now have two, and I'm sitting with my back to them! Granted, there's mostly trees outside them, but windows! Forgive me if I get overexcited about having them as I settle in here at Reveille.

This summer as I transitioned from Williamsburg to Reveille it was great to be able to spend a week at Jeremiah Project with both churches at the same time. I wonder if God knew when the two churches booked last year that this is the way it would work out? Something about moving in mysterious ways comes to mind. God was certainly active that week as our middle school students and their adult leaders spent time in worship, growing, and serving together along with three other churches.

At the very end of July I got the "easy" part of our high school trip to the Eastern Shore by turning up for their free day on Wednesday! By then the team had erected the first wall of the Habitat house they were working on and several more walls were in place by the end of the week. It was

great to spend a little time with our students and adults as they let off a little bit of steam on the beach.

Looking ahead, we kick off youth group the evening of Sunday, September 8. This is when I expect to get very wet and decidedly dunked! Keep an eye on my weekly emails and our Reveille Youth Instagram page for more details. Also coming up in September is the start of our 2019-2020 Confirmation class for anyone in eighth grade and above. If you are interested, please contact me for more details. Lastly, if you haven't already completed the 2019-2020 Youth Permission Form, please complete that and return it to the church office as soon as possible.

After a couple of weeks here I'm feeling very at home. Thank you for the warm welcome Amie, Aoife, and I have received as we settle in. Now, time to ignore the windows and get on with the work!

*Andy Glascott
Director of Youth Ministries*



Coming Up

Kickoff Sunday | September 8

Bring your friends to Kickoff Sunday for Mellow Mushroom pizza, slip 'n' slide soccer, ice cream, and more, on September 8, at 5:30 pm. This is a great time to get back into youth group, connect with old friends, and invite new ones. RSVP at www.bit.ly/Kickoff-Youth-2019.



Follow Us

Instagram [@ReveilleYouth](https://www.instagram.com/ReveilleYouth)

Youth Volunteer Training | September 21

All youth ministry volunteers are invited to attend a special video training program, Saturday, September 21, 9:00-11:30 am, in the fellowship hall. The format will be eight TED Talk-style training sessions, discussion breaks, and speaker Q & A. Reveille will host other churches from across the region. Please RSVP to attend at www.bit.ly/youth-volunteer-training.

2019-2020 Confirmation Class

The class starts September 21. If you still need to sign up, visit www.bit.ly/2019-confirmation-rumc.



Fall Church-wide Study ***Embracing the Wideness***

Stop by the welcome center to pick up your copy of *Embracing the Wideness* by Bishop Ken Carter. This fall, many of our adult Sunday school classes will be studying the book. Save the date to meet the author, resident bishop of the Florida Area and president of the Council of Bishops of The United Methodist Church, during a special program on Tuesday, November 12, at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. No registration is required.

Women of Spirit

Starts September 11 | Wednesdays at 10:00 am

Come explore the Bible through interesting readings, videos, and lively conversation on Wednesdays, starting September 11, at 10:00 am in room 210. Register at www.reveilleumc.org/study.

Gifts, Passions, and Strengths

September 15-November 3 | Sundays at 9:30 am

This class is focused on discovering the gifts God has given you to serve your family, your community, your church, and the world. If you are transferring from another church or a Reveille member looking to learn more about serving, this class is for you. The class will meet, September 15-November 3, 9:30 am, in the Reveille House parlor. Register at www.reveilleumc.org/study.

United Methodist Beliefs

September 15, 22, 29 | Sundays at 9:30 am

If you are a visitor, or new to The United Methodist Church or to church in general, this is a great class that will cover the history and theology of The United Methodist Church. Class dates are September 15, 22, and 29, 9:30 am, in room 208. Register at www.reveilleumc.org/study.

D2: Dads with Daughters Connect Group

Starts September 15 | Sundays at 5:00 pm

Meet at Ellwood Thompson's

Fatherhood is a journey filled with innumerable blessings and more than a few complexities. Being a dad today involves some matters that our fathers faced, such as sibling rivalries, grades, driving, and dating, as well as issues they could never have imagined, such as phones, the internet, and social media. Have you ever wondered how you can elevate your game as a father or pass on wisdom you have learned as a dad to other dads?

D2: Dads of Daughters is a new connect group open to fathers of daughters of all ages. We will gather on Sundays, starting September 15, 5:00-6:00 pm, at Ellwood Thompson's to relax, share knowledge, and grow closer to God and one another. For more information, contact Doug Forrester, leadpastor@reveilleumc.org.

Moms on the Move Connect Group

Starts September 18 | Wednesdays at 9:00 am

Moms with children of all ages are invited to come together on Wednesday mornings, 9:00-10:00 am. We will begin with a short devotion then walk through the neighborhood around Reveille as we talk and pray for our families, our community, and our world. Children in strollers are welcome on the walk. On days with inclement weather the group will meet and plan an alternate activity. For more information, contact Kelley Lane, adultministries@reveilleumc.org.

Pizza with the Pastors

September 29 and November 17

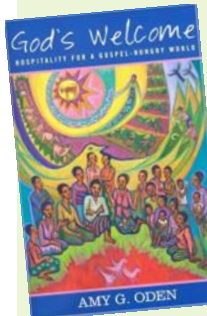
Join us for a great opportunity to get to know our pastors a little better, take a tour of Reveille's campus, and enjoy lunch. Upcoming Pizza with the Pastors events will be on September 29 and November 17. To RSVP, please contact Kelley Lane, adultministries@reveilleumc.org.

Discover New Reads

Women's Book Group

September 12 | 1:00 pm | Library

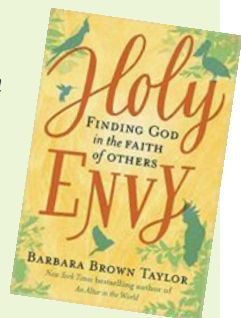
The Women's Book Group will meet on second Thursdays at 1:00 pm in the library. Start reading and come to the meeting on September 12.



There are two book selections for the first book group gathering this fall,

God's Welcome: Hospitality for a Gospel-Hungry World by Amy Oden and *Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others* by Barbara Brown Taylor. The

books complement each other with a focus on hospitality. Kelley Lane will lead the discussion.



Coming up October 10

The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox by Maggie O'Farrell

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

LGBTQ+ Inclusion

Rev. Dr. Samuel L. Adams

September 29 | 9:30 am | Chapel

Join us during Sunday school on September 29 for a special program with Rev. Dr. Samuel L. Adams of Union Presbyterian Seminary. He will present a program on insights into the Hebrew Bible's passages pertaining to the LGBTQ+ community.

[Learn more about Rev. Dr. Adams](#)



During Sunday school on October 13, Frances Taylor Gench, will discuss New Testament passages and the LGBTQ+ community. Please save the dates for these upcoming programs.

LEISURE CLUB

Take a Tour of Africa

Safari Adventure

Tuesday, September 17 | 11:00 am

Elaine and Bill Bugg will take us on a photographic journey of the wildlife reserves in Africa, including Kenya, Rwanda, and Tanzania.

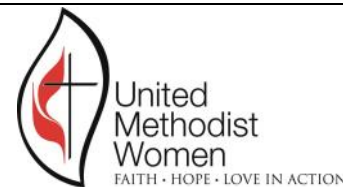
Bring your friends to enjoy the first program of the fall on Tuesday, September 17, at 11:00 am in the fellowship hall. Make your favorite side dish or dessert to share at the luncheon following the program. The main dish and beverages are provided.

Next Program | October 15

Paul Muller and the Tune Wranglers

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

Connect with a Circle



September 3

Mary Lou White Circle, 10:30 am, room 209

Lucy Blanton Circle, 10:30 am, church parlor

September 10

Frances Carroll Circle, 2:00 pm, church parlor

Susanna Wesley Circle, 7:00 pm, member home

September 17

Lizzie Hoffman Circle, 9:30 am, church parlor

October 1

Join the UMW for a general meeting on October 1, at 10:30 am. To RSVP for the luncheon following the program, please contact Laura Lay, lauradelmorelay@gmail.com.

Learn more at www.reveilleumc.org/umw

September

Reveille United Methodist Church
www.reveilleumc.org

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 Combined Worship Service 10:00 am</p> <p>No Sunday School</p> <p>Safe Sanctuaries Training 9:15 am</p>	<p>2 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00 pm</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>3 Mary Lou White Circle & Lucy Blanton Circle 10:30 am</p>	<p>4 Walking Group 7:00 am</p> <p>Pilates 2:00 pm</p>	<p>5 Chancel Choir Practice 7:00 pm</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 Shalom Farms Workday 9:00 am</p> <p>Ringers Workshop 10:00 am</p>
<p>8 Kickoff Sunday</p> <p>Worship Services 8:30, 9:00, 11:00 am</p> <p>Brunch 9:30-11:00 am</p> <p>Youth Music 4:45 pm</p> <p>Children's Music 5:00 pm</p> <p>Youth Group 5:30 pm</p>	<p>9 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00 pm</p> <p>Gardening 8:30 am</p> <p>Reveille Ringers Practice 7:10 pm</p>	<p>10 Frances Carroll Circle 2:00 pm</p> <p>Susanna Wesley Circle 7:00 pm</p>	<p>11 Walking Group 7:00 am</p> <p>Women of Spirit Study Begins 10:00 am</p> <p>Pilates 2:00 pm</p>	<p>12 Book Group 1:00 pm</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 Swansboro Prayer Walk 10:30 am</p>
<p>15 Worship Services 8:30, 9:00, 11:00 am</p> <p>Gifts, Passions, and Strengths Class Begins 9:30 am</p> <p>United Methodist Beliefs Class Begins 9:30 am</p> <p>D2: Dads with Daughters Connect Group Begins 5:00 pm</p>	<p>16 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00 pm</p> <p>Gardening 8:30 am</p>	<p>17 Lizzie Hoffman Circle 9:30 am</p> <p>Yoga 10:30 am</p> <p>Leisure Club 11:00 am</p> <p>Grief Workshop 5:30 pm</p>	<p>18 Moms on the Move 9:00 am</p> <p>Pilates 2:00 pm</p> <p>Walking Group 4:15 pm</p> <p>Meal 5:30 pm</p> <p>Evensong 6:30 pm</p>	<p>19 Dementia Caregivers Support Group 6:30 pm</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Youth Volunteer Training 9:00 am</p> <p>Bishop's Convocation on Prayer 9:00 am</p> <p>Confirmation Class Retreat 3:00 pm</p>
<p>22 Worship Services 8:30, 9:00, and 11:00 am</p> <p>Friends of the Homeless Lunch Packing 10:30 am</p>	<p>23 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00 pm</p> <p>Gardening 8:30 am</p>	<p>24 Yoga 10:30 am</p> <p>Church Council 7:00 pm</p>	<p>25 Moms on the Move 9:00 am</p> <p>Pilates 2:00 pm</p> <p>Walking Group 4:15 pm</p> <p>Meal 5:30 pm</p> <p>Evensong 6:30 pm</p>	<p>26 Friends of the Homeless Midday Meal 11:15 am</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 Worship Services 8:30, 9:00, and 11:00 am</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Samuel Adams in Sunday School 9:30 am</p> <p>Pizza with the Pastors 12:15 pm</p> <p>Safe Sanctuaries Training 12:15 pm</p>	<p>30 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00 pm</p> <p>Gardening 8:30 am</p>					

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

Virginia 2019 Annual Conference Highlights

At the 2019 session of the Virginia Annual Conference, our theme was “Moving Forward in God’s Mission” and our focus scripture was Matthew 28:18-20 wherein Jesus gives his disciples his Great Commission to go and make disciples. Our presiding bishop was Peter Weaver.

This year was what is commonly called a “voting year” because we were tasked with electing lay and clergy delegates to the quadrennial meetings of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference and the 2020 General Conference, which take place in July and May of next year, respectively.

The primary task of the Jurisdictional Conference when it meets at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, is to elect and assign bishops throughout the southeastern United States. The General Conference is the global gathering of clergy and lay delegates from around the world. It is the only body who can create and amend church law, and it is the only body who speaks for The United Methodist Church. The 2020 gathering of the General Conference will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The General Conference met in an unprecedented special called session in St. Louis in 2019 to deal with matters of LGBTQ inclusion in our church, specifically same gender weddings and the ordination of LGBTQ clergy. The result of this meeting was the passing of the Traditional Plan, which strengthened longstanding existing prohibitions against same gender weddings and the ordination of what it terms “homosexual” clergy.

In this year’s elections, the membership of the Virginia Conference elected 11 clergy and 11 laity to represent us at General Conference, and the same number to represent us at Jurisdictional Conference. An additional 10 clergy and 10 laity were elected as Conference alternates. However, it is important to remember that the first alternates to General Conference who could be called upon to serve at General Conference are those who were elected to Jurisdictional Conference.

Reveille member Jill Gaynor was elected as a delegate to General Conference, and Reveille member Maureen McKay was elected as the seventh alternate delegate. I was elected as a delegate to Jurisdictional Conference and will serve as the second alternate delegate to General Conference, which means Jill and I will both be attending the 2020 General Conference, although unless two people have to

withdraw, I will not be a voting delegate.

In the Virginia Conference our session was a clear response to the outcome of the 2019 General Conference. With the exception of one lay alternate delegate, everyone elected on both the clergy and lay sides were individuals who seek a more inclusive church than the Traditional Plan allows. This is not surprising, as it somewhat reflects how voting broke down across geographic lines at the 2019 General Conference, with many delegates in the United States seeking a more inclusive church than some delegates from other parts of the world. This demonstrates the challenges of being a denomination that seeks to do ministry in very different cultures and contexts around the world.

Last week, the Virginia Conference also overwhelmingly passed motions that would remove from our church’s Book of Discipline language that describes “the practice of homosexuality” as “incompatible with Christian teaching.” As such, this will be among the many pieces of legislation considered by the General Conference when it meets next year.

The session in Roanoke was not merely about matters of LGBTQ inclusion. We also celebrated our clergy retirees, honored lay and clergy members of the Annual Conference who have died in the last year, including Reveille’s own Rev. Reg Potts. We licensed, commissioned, and ordained new clergy. We officially “fixed” or set new pastoral appointments, including the return of myself, Rev. Kelley Lane, and Rev. Stephen Coleman for another year of ministry at Reveille. We heard reports, passed budgets, and rejoiced at God’s work in ministries around the Conference.

I encourage you to visit www.vaumc.org/ac2019, where you can locate links to all that happened in Roanoke.

Please keep Reveille, the Virginia Conference, and The United Methodist Church in your prayers. Please pray for the delegations attending General and Jurisdictional Conferences. With the great honor of election comes tremendous work and responsibility, and we need you to help us to be, say, and do what God is calling us to in the months ahead.

Most importantly, I want to thank you for being the church in the world in all you say and do, and for in the good work you do each day that witnesses to the action of God in our midst. It is an honor to be your pastor and a joy to be your partner in ministry.

*Grace and peace,
Doug*

GIVING **IMPACT** REPORT

April—June 2019

Look what you made possible at Reveille and in our community through your generosity!

Our worship services resounded with resurrection praise as we welcomed more than 1,000 people on **Easter Sunday**.

We reaffirmed our congregation's commitment to being an **inclusive community of faith** and held a workshop to help us live into that commitment.

Our **Musical May** included the children's musical, *Are We There Yet?*, the Swansboro Elementary and Reveille children's choirs concert, the Reveille Ringers at Hermitage Richmond, and the Mission Benefit Concert.

We improved our **accessibility** with the addition of a door opener in the welcome center.

We welcomed 23 youth into membership on **Confirmation Sunday**.

We spent time in fellowship with our brothers and sisters from Koinonia Christian Church and Love Center of Unity at the **Partner Church Cookout**.

Twenty-four Swansboro Elementary students had an amazing week at **Westview on the James** camp.

Kids Camp engaged 64 children and 55 volunteers in mission projects, music, crafts, and fun.

Thank you for taking the next faithful step!

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

This October **Joy and Stewardship**

Joy may not be the first emotion you feel when you hear the word "stewardship."

In fact, you may feel somewhat less than joyous at the prospect of our annual stewardship campaign.

We are planning to change that this year.

This October, the stewardship campaign will coincide with the sermon series, "The Four Virtues of a Joyous Life." For four Sundays starting October 6, we will explore all that is good about our congregation and celebrate all God has yet to do in and through us.

In worship services, members will share what they love about Reveille and how our church brought them joy and enabled them to grow in God's grace.

We also will begin our "Increasing the Harvest" stewardship campaign on October 6, World Communion Sunday, with an act of gratitude and giving back, our annual Rise Against Hunger meal packaging event. See [page 10](#) to learn how you can join in this fun service activity and help to end world hunger.

On Sunday, October 27, our stewardship campaign and the sermon series will conclude on Reveille Day as we celebrate with joyful hearts the gift of God's amazing mercy. A united worship service at 10:30 am will be followed by a potluck meal and time for fellowship. Information on how to sign up to bring a dish will be coming soon.

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. 2 Corinthians 9:10 (NRSV)



Scott Reams and Andy Glascott Join Staff

Reveille welcomed Andy Glascott as the Director of Youth Ministries and Scott Reams as the Financial Administrator over the summer.

Thomas Scott Reams, CPA, known as Scott, holds a Bachelor of Arts in accounting from Lynchburg College, now University of Lynchburg. He has worked in public accounting and private industry since 1981. Scott has been an active church member most of his life, serving as a volunteer treasurer in several churches and working as a part-time organist. A life-long resident of Chesterfield County, he and his wife, JoAnne, live in Chester, with their beagle/basset, Alice. He likes dogs, music, and trains. Scott joined the staff on June 24.



Andy Glascott began as the Director of Youth Ministries on July 28. Andy joins Reveille after a journey that began in Ireland. After spending longer in England than planned, he arrived in the United States five years ago. He has been involved in youth ministry full time for over 20 years, serving churches in England in both urban and rural settings before moving to the U.S. to serve at Williamsburg UMC here in Virginia. Andy holds a diploma in Biblical and theological studies from Edgehill Theological College in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

He met wife Amie in Virginia. They married three years ago and have an eight-month-old daughter, Aoife, who has as many passports in her own right as Andy and Amie have between them! In his spare time, Andy coaches and plays field hockey, has far more Lego bricks than some say a grown adult should have, and tries to keep his photography blog up to date.

We are grateful to all the Reveille staff, leaders, and members who coordinated and participated in the interview processes for these two positions.



Doug and Kelley Celebrating Five Years

Lead Pastor Doug Forrester and Minister of Adult Ministries Kelley Lane were recognized for five years of service to Reveille on August 5. Join us in thanking them for their ministry to our congregation.

Staff Departure

July 28 was Childcare Coordinator Amy Andrews last day on staff. We appreciate the work Amy did at Reveille, and we wish her the best in her future endeavors.

Director of Children's Ministries Tammy Tipton-Nay will oversee coordination of the childcare staff.



OPPORTUNITIES

Weekly Opportunities

Connect with Small Groups

Sunday

Sunday School Classes

9:30 am in various locations

Monday

Men's Prayer Breakfast

7:00 am in the fellowship hall

Garden Committee

8:30 am in the garden

Tuesday

Christian Yoga

10:30 am outside of the sanctuary

Class begins on September 17

Wednesday

Coed Christian Pilates

2:00 pm in the youth center

Walking the Way Connect Group

7:00 am through September 11

4:15 pm starting September 18

Meet in the rear parking lot



Support Groups

Alcoholics Anonymous

This group supports those struggling with alcohol addiction 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 5:30 pm in the church parlor. The group will meet September 17 and discuss "The Evolving Emotions and Tasks of Grief."

Dementia Caregiver Support Group

This group supports dementia caregivers and discusses issues surrounding Alzheimer's diseases and related dementias. The group will meet September 19 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.

The Library Corner

Library Hours

The library is staffed by volunteers on Sundays, 9:00-11:00 am and noon-12:30 pm. The library is also accessible Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-4:30 pm.

Book Exchange Cart

Come by the book exchange cart located outside the library to find inspirational fiction and nonfiction books. You may take a book from the cart or donate a book with an inspirational or religious theme.



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

Safe Sanctuaries Training

Safe Sanctuaries training will be offered Sunday, September 1, at 9:15 am, and Sunday, September 29, following the 11:00 am worship service, both in the church parlor. If you volunteer with children and youth, and have



not been trained in the past three years, please plan to attend. Safe Sanctuaries training is required by Reveille's child protection policy. To sign up for training, contact Tammy Tipton-Nay, children@reveilleumc.org, and indicate the session you plan to attend.

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Bishop's Convocation on Prayer | September 21

You are invited to attend this special event on Saturday, September 21, 9:00 am-3:30 pm, at Trinity UMC, located at 903 Forest Avenue. The Bishop's Convocation on Prayer features workshops, guest speakers, and a worship service. The cost is \$10 and includes lunch. Register by September 13 at www.bit.ly/bishops-convocation-2019.



Softball Team Recap

Reveille's coed softball team finished their 2019 season in early August. Players of all ages participated on the team with fans turning out for the games, including some rowdy youngsters! They played their hearts out through a variety of summer weather. The team managed one win during the season, but there was a lot of fun in the losing efforts. This year, the team had some new players who had previously played other sports but were playing softball for the first time.

Our softball team is always looking for new players. If you want to join in the fun next summer, contact Martha Hodges, martha.b.hodges@gmail.com. The season runs from early June through early August and plans for next year are already being made. –Martha Hodges



100th Birthday Bishop Kern Eutsler

On August 2, Bishop Kern Eutsler celebrated his 100th birthday. Join us in giving thanks for the many years of ministry and service

Bishop Eutsler has given to Reveille. Read more about his life at www.conta.cc/2XZtUq1.

Welcome! New Members

Please give the following new members a warm welcome to Reveille:

Charles and Sharon Bugg joined on July 21

Sacha Shaygan joined on July 28

If you are interested in joining, please contact Kelley Lane, adultministries@reveilleumc.org.

Share Your Ministry News

The deadline for the October edition of *The Reveille Window* is September 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!

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