

THE REVEILLE WINDOW

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2020 BUDGET

2020 Budget

Moving Toward a Sustainable Path

In September, the Church Council approved Reveille’s 2020 budget. The budget is the result of much thoughtful and prayerful planning by more than 40 of Reveille’s ministry leaders. Next year’s budget is part of a three-year plan to move Reveille to a balanced budget funded through reliable, recurring income.

For 2020, expenses are \$174,454 (8%) lower than the 2019 budget. Ministry areas reduced spending as part of the plan to move Reveille toward a more sustainable financial path. The largest reductions were to staff and property expenses. There were also significant reductions in the Witness & Engagement ministries, now split between Grow and Administration.

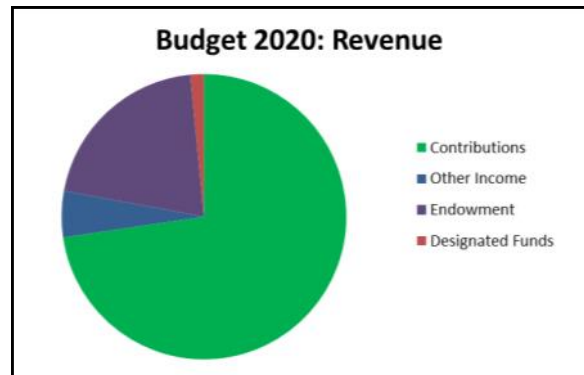
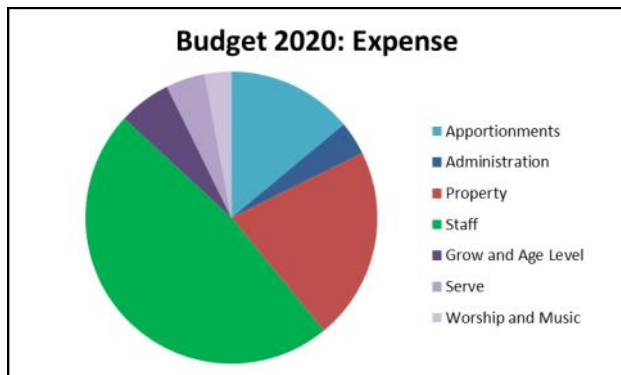
The revenue budget is \$281,825 or 13% lower than 2019. The largest reduction is to Estimates of Giving (pledged contributions), because budgeted giving for 2020 is based on actual giving trends at Reveille over the past five years. In the past, the more aspirational stewardship goal has been the figure used for budgeted pledged giving.

The projected deficit for 2020 is \$154,000. Per the Council’s plan, any actual deficit in 2020 will be covered by funds from the 2015 \$1 million gift. It is important to note that our stewardship goal for 2020 remains the same as in 2019, \$1.3 million. Meeting this giving goal for 2020 would mean that we would not likely have a deficit, and we would then not need to use funds from the gift money.

Learn more about the budget.
Visit www.reveilleumc.org/stewardship
and click on “2020 Ministry Preview.”

| Expenses | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Ministry area | 2020 Budget | 2019 Budget |
| Apportionments | \$279,372.00 | \$264,792.00 |
| Special Sundays | 0.00 | 3,000.00 |
| Administration | 73,560.00 | 66,900.00 |
| Adult & Senior Adult | 24,820.00 | 29,675.00 |
| Children's Ministries | 28,650.00 | 26,400.00 |
| Congregational Care | 9,750.00 | 9,550.00 |
| Grow | 13,650.00 | 0.00 |
| Leadership | 1,050.00 | 1,100.00 |
| Outreach | 76,954.00 | 80,887.00 |
| Property | 252,600.00 | 273,800.00 |
| Property Projects | 175,000.00 | 227,125.25 |
| Staff | 955,940.82 | 1,039,274.24 |
| Witness & Engagement | 0.00 | 35,585.00 |
| Worship-Contemporary | 14,000.00 | 15,800.00 |
| Worship-Music | 35,281.60 | 40,144.00 |
| Worship-Traditional | 9,770.00 | 11,020.00 |
| Youth Ministries | 49,700.00 | 49,500.00 |
| Total | \$2,000,098.42 | \$2,174,552.49 |

| Revenue | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Revenue Type | 2020 Budget | 2019 Budget |
| Estimates of Giving (Pledges) | \$1,127,000.00 | \$1,348,000.00 |
| Other Contributions | 215,000.00 | 184,000.00 |
| Endowment | 380,000.00 | 378,542.08 |
| Designated Funds | 28,100.00 | 53,269.46 |
| Other Income | 96,712.00 | 100,212.00 |
| Prior Year Surplus | | 64,612.97 |
| Total | \$1,846,812.00 | \$2,128,636.51 |



Through the Eyes of a Child

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

A recent sermon at the beginning of our stewardship campaign afforded me the opportunity to tell the following story:

My youngest daughter is named Claire and she turned eleven on October 7. For the better part of two years, she has been dealing with severe abdominal pain that a bevy of doctors has been unable to conclusively diagnose. It has been a long, hard, slog, one that at some points made it difficult for Claire to even make it through entire school days. There were nights when the pain would be so great that all I could do was to hold her in my arms while she cried and cried out like the psalmist “Why won’t God help me? I keep asking him and he doesn’t help!”

Yet this school year has been better. The attacks of pain are much less frequent.

After a recent Wednesday night Evensong service in our chapel, with its contemplative worship in the candlelight, and she said to me from the back seat, “I like coming to church. I really do.” “I am so glad to hear that,” I told her.

She said, “I feel like for so long, that I kept asking and asking God to make me better, but now I am better, and now instead of asking him over and over and over again to

make me well, I can come to church and just thank him for helping me so much.”

This is a story brought to you by God’s grace manifest in your faithful generosity. Your giving truly changes lives for good and for God, something that week after week you make visible in our midst.



It is time for us to again prayerfully complete and submit our estimate giving cards, our best prediction as to what we will contribute to God’s important work here at Reville in 2020. You can learn more about how to bless your church, its leaders, and its ministries by going to www.revilleumc.org/stewardship.

Most importantly, please allow me to say “thank you” for all you do to make Reville such a special, unique place, an outpost of God’s kingdom on earth that truly transforms communities and changes lives. You are making a difference.

*Peace,
Doug*

See [page 16](#) for an Estimate of Giving card.



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

Worship Attendance

| | | | | | WEDNESDAY | | |
|---------------|----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|------------|----|
| | | | | | 6:30 pm | | |
| | 8:30 am | 9:00 am | 11:00 am | Total | | | |
| SUNDAY | September 29 | 71+8 | 30 | 190+9 | 308 | | |
| | October 6 | 81+4 | 37 | 170+11 | 303 | October 2 | 26 |
| | October 13 | 60+3 | 33 | 153+11 | 260 | October 9 | 29 |
| | October 20 | 59+4 | 28 | 175+15 | 281 | October 16 | 33 |
| | October 27 | Combined Service @ 10:30 am | | 282+16 | 298 | October 23 | 33 |
| | | | | | | October 30 | 34 |

+ indicates extended session and nursery

Special Sundays This Month

All Saints Sunday November 3

Join us in giving thanks for all those who have gone before us in the faith on All Saints Sunday, November 3.

Christ the King Sunday November 24

On the last Sunday before Advent, November 24, we remember that Christ is Lord above and before all other commitments in this life.



Even song

A service of singing and prayer

Join us and bring a friend to the Wednesday meal and Evensong worship service each week.

Fellowship Meal

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/wednesday.

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).

Evensong Worship

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 service starts at 6:30 pm in the chapel. Everyone is welcome. Invite your family and friends! *Please note, no worship on November 13, and no meal or worship on November 27.*



The Quiet Mind

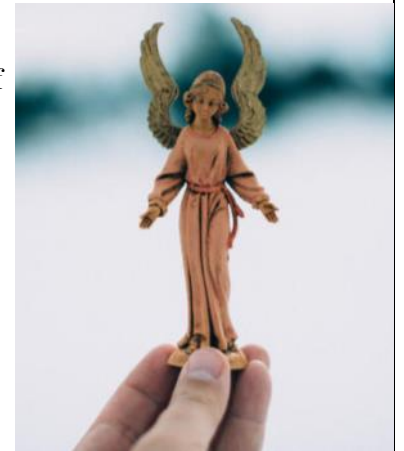
Using the Power of Scripture
Against Negative Thoughts
November 10 and 17

I am not good enough. I will never succeed. How can God love me? At some time or another, we have all had experiences where it felt like our brains were working against us, telling us things that are painful to hear. Yet Scripture is a voice that tells a different story, and the verses in this series will include those that we can use to combat those thoughts that invade our consciousness. Join us for this mini sermon series November 10 and 17.

Prophetic Voices

Sermon Series December 1-22
Four Perspectives on Advent

Each week during Advent we will explore the Scriptures of the season of Advent from four different perspectives to see what each can teach us about the coming of the Christ into the world. Those four perspectives will come from the prophet Isaiah, John the Baptist, Mary the mother of Jesus, and the angel who appeared to Joseph.



Join us as we learn how these four prophetic voices can tell us what it means for us to live lives of expectation and hope as we await the advent of our Lord.



Reveille Day photos courtesy of Linda Gill.

What do you love about Reveille?

Take a listen to what these members have to say about how Reveille has blessed their lives:

[Mel Ely](#) | October 6 • [Boyd Bullock](#) | October 13 • [Annie Lou Wax](#) | October 20

Concert at Reveille | November 23 **Youth Choir JAM**

Everyone is invited to the Youth Choir JAM concert here at Reveille on Saturday, November 23, at 3:00 pm. Many singers from our Youth Choir will join forces with other youth from across the region to lead a worshipful concert experience with Mark Miller conducting.

You have probably seen the name Mark Miller on much of the music that we sing at Reveille, and for good reason: his music is some of the most powerful choral music being written for use in the church today. Yet Mark is known just as much for his spiritual presence as he is for the music he composes. Just ask any of our youth who have experienced him in worship at Lake Junaluska. Mark believes passionately that music can change the world. He also believes in Cornell West's quote that "Justice is what love looks like in public." His dream is that the music he composes, performs, teaches, and leads will inspire and empower people to create the beloved community. Mark seeks to be a witness to Christ's mission of breaking down the dividing walls of hostility and fear in the United Methodist Church. He serves as assistant professor of church music at Drew Theological School and is a lecturer in the practice of sacred music at Yale University. He also is the minister of music of Christ Church in Summit, New Jersey.



December 9 | 6:30 pm **Reveille Ringers at Lewis Ginter** GardenFest of Lights

GardenFest of Lights at Lewis Ginter is one of Richmond's most cherished holiday experiences, and this year, our Reveille Ringers are adding to the festivities! Bring the whole family to the gardens on the evening of Monday, December 9, to hear an ongoing handbell concert as part of your experience. The Ringers will begin playing at 6:30 pm, and will play their 30-minute program three times over the course of the evening.

This event will be in lieu of the concert at The Jefferson Hotel this year, so help us to spread the word about this new opportunity for our church to engage with our community. Lewis Ginter admission is required.

Learn more about GardenFest at
www.bit.ly/ringers-gardenfest.



Save the Date

Gloria! Christmas Concert December 15

This year's intergenerational Christmas concert will feature a setting of the *Gloria* text ("Glory to God in the highest") by American composer Randol Alan Bass. This is a new piece for our congregation, and it is truly a musical tour de force that will be brought to life by our combined Chancel Choir and Youth Choir, along with professional brass and percussion musicians. Our children's choirs, children's handbell choirs, youth handbell choir, and Reveille Ringers will also be featured in this concert.

Christmas Open House

3:00 pm | Welcome Center

Christmas Concert

4:00 pm | Sanctuary



Swansboro Community Ministries

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

Sponsor a Scholarship

Help a child at Swansboro Elementary School by sponsoring a scholarship for the after-school program. This program is operated through City of Richmond Parks and Recreation and held in the school's cafeteria. The cost is \$120 per year per child or \$60 per semester. Eligible students will be selected by site supervisor DeBora Holliday. There is currently space available for an additional 20 students.

To sponsor a student, please provide a money order made payable to the City of Richmond. Money orders may be purchased at most banks and grocery stores. Please add your name and address to the money order to receive a receipt from the City of Richmond. Checks and other forms of payment are not accepted.

The money order can be dropped off at the school or mailed to:

DeBora Holliday
 After School Program Site Supervisor
 Swansboro Elementary School
 3160 Midlothian Turnpike
 Richmond, VA 23224

You may also contact Carol Hampton, carolhampton1205@gmail.com, to sponsor a student or for additional information.



Mentor Kickoff Breakfast
 Photo courtesy of Carol Hampton

Reveille's Mentors Get Started

Swansboro Elementary School mentors started the school year with a kickoff breakfast hosted by the Richmond Jewish Coalition for Literacy (RJCL). The program welcomed mentors, and the group reviewed the volunteer handbook and visited classrooms to meet their students and teachers.

Those participating from the school included Dr. Kennete Lee-Anderson, assistant principal, Pamela Jones, librarian/media specialist, China Griffin, school counselor, Debora Holliday, office assistant and site director for the after-school program, and Willnette Pegram, CIS program director for elementary schools. Nearly 20 mentors attended from Reveille UMC, RJCL, and SunTrust. Thanks to Claudette Lewis, Robin Jackson, and Sara Rosenbaum of RJCL for coordinating the event with Ellen Ficker, CIS site coordinator and administration. We look forward to working together again this year as we continue to build relationships and help change lives. —*Carol Hampton*

Sign Up to be a Mentor

Additional mentors are needed and welcome to begin anytime during the year. For information contact: Ellen Ficker, eficker@cisofrichmond.org Carol Hampton, carolhampton1205@gmail.com Wendy Malamphy, wmalamphy@hotmail.com

You can also sign up online to be a mentor by completing this form, www.bit.ly/swansboro-volunteer-2019.

Thanks to Our Mentors

Ellie Speer, Jay Speer, Tim Malamphy, Wendy Malamphy, Linda Gill, Jane Tucker, Hallie Murcko, Charita Branch (LCU), and Mindy McCall

Learn more about Reveille's Swansboro Community Ministries at www.reveilleumc.org/swansboro.

OUTREACH

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

Fighting World Hunger

Rise Against Hunger was a wonderful success the evening of October 6! Several volunteers gathered early to begin the unloading and setting up for this amazing event. Cart after cart was loaded and rolled into the fellowship hall where tables were set up for the occasion. Assembling the stations came together like a well-oiled machine as funnels and sealers were put into place and buckets were filled with rice, soy, and other ingredients for the 20,000+ meals we would pack together. The first shift started at 3:15 pm with a smaller group of families and friends gathering to work hard to fight world hunger. This group started quickly and worked furiously to pack 10,000 meals! As our evening goal was originally to pack 25,000 meals, starting the evening off by packing this many by such a small group was inspiring! After thanking the first shift and resetting our stations, our second shift of a much larger crowd came in to volunteer. This shift consisted of youth from Reveille, friends from UMFS, and a visiting youth group from St. Luke's UMC and Lutheran Church of our Savior. The second shift was a phenomenal success, packing another 10,000+ meals! Thank you to all who made this day such a triumph! -Tracy Forrester



Photos courtesy of Tammy Tipton-Nay



Sunday, November 24 | 12:15 pm

Advent Celebration

Make a Wreath to Take Home

Following the 11:00 am worship service on Sunday, November 24, everyone is invited to an Advent celebration in the fellowship hall beginning at 12:15 pm. Enjoy a wonderful luncheon, sing an Advent hymn, pray, and then make your own Advent wreath to take home. Each family will also be given an Advent service booklet with weekly scripture readings.



This special activity is for all ages and wreath making supplies will be provided. The suggested donation is \$20 per wreath. Please sign up to participate and pay the donation by November 17 www.bit.ly/advent-celebration-2019.



Children's Sunday School

"Changing Perspectives"

November 3

Join Zacchaeus in changing the way you see
Luke 19:1-10

November 10

Bask in the glory of God, the source of our identity
Psalm 145:1-5;17-21

November 17

Rejoice now and participate in this world God is creating
Isaiah 65:17-25

November 24

God's reign has been, is present, and will be forever
Colossians 1:11-20

Family Prayer

Gracious and Loving Lord, So often we find ourselves stuck in systems that perpetuate injustice that we wish we could change. Transforming God, move us to new perspectives in body, mind, and spirit this day. Bless the reading of your Word that it might guide our change. We pray for your Holy Spirit to guide us in all that we say and do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Serve Saturdays

Set up for the Advent Wreath Celebration

November 23 | 10:00 am | Fellowship Hall

This month, come help set up for the annual Advent Celebration on Serve Saturday, November 23, 10:00-11:30 am. All ages are invited to organize wreath making supplies.



Next Month Help at Boaz and Ruth

Come out to Boaz and Ruth on Saturday, December 21, 9:00 am-noon, for a Christmas celebration. Save the date!



Sign Up Today!

Please contact Tammy Tipton-Nay, children@reveilleumc.org.



Globally Local

“Ár n-Athair atá ar neamh, Go naofar d'ainim, Go dtagfadh do ríocht...”

These words may not be familiar, or even recognizable, but if you heard them spoken, you would most likely recognize the rhythm – they are the opening words of the Lord’s Prayer in Irish Gaelic, which I had to learn at school. Several times in my late teens and early twenties I was at Europe-wide church gatherings and hearing people say that very familiar prayer in over 20 different languages all at the same time is a very powerful experience.

At youth group between now and Christmas we are exploring the theme of “Living Globally, Living Locally,” and what it means to be both a citizen of a world that is connected in more ways than ever before but also remembering that we are resident here in the extended RVA area (or I will be very soon when we move in early November). Woven through the series is the idea of knowing, loving, and serving a God who is truly global. One of the resources we’ll be using is this video, www.bit.ly/youth-globally-locally, of The Christ We Share, with artwork from around the world depicting Jesus as understood by different cultures.

When we go to Eagle Eyrie in mid-November for the conference youth retreat, the theme “One” will link well with what we’re exploring. One of the conference speakers is Brazilian and based in England. If you are interested in going on that trip, either as a student or as an adult chaperone, please speak to me as soon as possible. The deadline to register is coming up quickly and chaperones are still needed.

Looking ahead, on Sunday, December 8, there will not be a formal youth group. I will be around that evening, basing myself in the welcome center with a ready supply of coffee and snacks for anyone that wants to come and say hello, particularly parents. Keep an eye on my weekly email or our Instagram feed for more details on youth events.

Andy Glascott
Director of Youth Ministries



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Youth Group Goes Bowling
Photos courtesy of John Moerner

Addresses Needed for Students **Care Packages for 2019 Grads** Deadline is November 4

The youth group wants to spread some cheer to Reville’s college freshmen, 2019 high school grads, and boarding school students by sending care packages. If you would like a package sent to your student, please complete the address form at www.bit.ly/2019-care-packages by November 4.



Meet *Embracing the Wideness* Author

Bishop Ken Carter

November 13 | 7:00 pm | Sanctuary

Make plans to attend a special program with *Embracing the Wideness* author

Bishop Ken Carter, resident bishop of the Florida Area and president of the Council of Bishops of The United Methodist Church, on

Wednesday, November 13, at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. To RSVP for the Wednesday evening dinner before the program, visit www.reveilleumc.org/wednesday.



Tour, Lunch, and Learn

Pizza with the Pastors

November 17 | 12:15 pm | Welcome Center

Join us for a great opportunity to get to know our pastors a little better, take a tour of Reville's campus, learn more about our church, and enjoy lunch. The next Pizza with the Pastors event will be on November 17, following the 11:00 am worship service in the welcome center. To RSVP, please contact Kelley Lane, adultministries@reveilleumc.org.

Parents Sharing Advice & Faith

Dads Connect Group

Sundays at 5:00 pm | Ellwood Thompson's

Fatherhood is a journey filled with blessings and more than a few complexities, such as sibling rivalries, grades, driving, and dating, as well as newer issues like smart phones, the internet, and social media. Join us to connect with fathers of all ages on Sundays, 5:00–6:00 pm, at Ellwood Thompson's. For more information, contact Doug Forrester, leadpastor@reveilleumc.org.

For more information about adult ministries, visit www.reveilleumc.org/adults.

Join a Small Group

Sunday

Sunday School Classes

9:30 am in various locations

Dads Connect Group

5:00 pm at Ellwood Thompson's

Monday

Men's Prayer Breakfast

7:00 am in the fellowship hall

Wednesday

Walking the Way Connect Group

7:00 am in the rear parking lot

Coed Christian Pilates

2:00 pm in the youth center

Find a Support Group

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 Reville partner to offer a monthly grief workshop and support group third Tuesdays at 5:30 pm in the church parlor. The group will meet next on November 19 to discuss "Grief and the Holidays."

Dementia Caregiver Support Group

This monthly group supports dementia caregivers and discusses issues surrounding Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. The group will next meet November 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.

ADULT

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

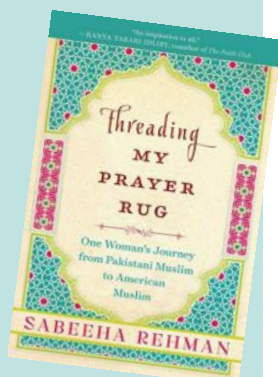
November 14 | 1:00 pm | Church Parlor

Women's Book Group

Discover New Reads

The Women's Book Group meets on second Thursdays at 1:00 pm in the church parlor. Start reading and come to the meeting November 14.

Have you ever wondered how different your life might be if you left your homeland and faced the challenges of being a stranger in another country? The title of this month's book gives the first hint of Sabeeha Rehman's life journey in *Threading My Prayer Rug: One Woman's Journey from Pakistani Muslim to American Muslim*. Ellie Speer will lead the discussion.



Coming up December 12

Home by Marilynne Robinson

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

LEISURE CLUB

November 19 | 11:00 am | Fellowship Hall

Byrd Park, Carillon, and Canals

Richmond's Historic Sites

Byrd Park, the Carillon, and the Canals are all sights in Richmond we have seen many times, but what do we really know about them? Kathy Whittington, a volunteer with The Valentine Museum, will present a multimedia program about these historic city landmarks.

Bring your friends on Tuesday, November 19, 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 | December 17

The Joy Singers of Chester UMC

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

Join a UMW Circle

November 5

Mary Lou White Circle, 10:30 am, church parlor

Lucy Blanton Circle, 10:30 am, room 209

Mary Davis Barton, Red Cross volunteer, who will share her experiences serving in disaster relief areas.

November 12

Frances Carroll Circle, 2:00 pm, church parlor

November 13

Susanna Wesley Circle

Join the circle at the Wednesday meal, 5:30 pm in the fellowship hall ([register by November 10](#)), then attend the program with [Bishop Ken Carter](#) at 7:00 pm.

November 19

Lizzie Hoffman Circle, 9:30 am, church parlor

December 3 | 10:30 am

Everyone is invited to a special program with Suzanne Hicks and Awut Mayom Agok (Deborah) with Hope for Humanity and music with the Reveille Weekday School. Please email Laura Lay, lauradelmorelay@gmail.com, by November 26 for lunch reservations following the program.



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UMW Bake Sale

Pick up treats for your Thanksgiving gatherings!

Sunday, November 24
9:00 am-noon

November

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|--|---|---|---|-----------|---|
| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 All Saints Sunday Worship Services 8:30, 9:00, 11:00 am Daylight Saving Time Ends Dads Connect Group 5:00 pm | 4 Men's Prayer Breakfast Open House 7:00 am Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00 pm | 5 Mary Lou White Circle 10:30 am Lucy Blanton Circle 10:30 am | 6 Walking Group 7:00 am Pilates 2:00 pm Meal 5:30 pm Evensong 6:30 pm | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 The Quiet Mind Series Worship Services 8:30, 9:00, 11:00 am Dads Connect Group 5:00 pm | 11 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00 am Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00 pm | 12 Frances Carroll Circle 2:00 pm Susanna Wesley Circle 7:00 pm | 13 Walking Group 7:00 am Pilates 2:00 pm Sacred Circle Dance 3:15 pm Liturgical Dance 4:30 pm Meal 5:30 pm Program with Bishop Ken Carter 7:00 pm | 14 Women's Book Group 1:00 pm | 15 | 16 |
| 17 The Quiet Mind Series Worship Services 8:30, 9:00, and 11:00 am Pizza with the Pastors 12:15 pm Dads Connect Group 5:00 pm Youth Retreat at Eagle Eyrie | 18 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00 am Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00 pm | 19 Lizzie Hoffman Circle 9:30 am Leisure Club 11:00 am Grief Workshop 5:30 pm Annual Charge Conference 7:00 pm | 20 Walking Group 7:00 am Pilates 2:00 pm Meal 5:30 pm Evensong 6:30 pm | 21 Dementia Caregivers Support Group 6:30 pm | 22 | 23 Serve Saturday Advent Wreath Setup 10:00 am Youth Choir JAM Concert @ Reveille 3:00 pm Saturday |
| 24 Christ the King Sunday Worship Services 8:30, 9:00, and 11:00 am UMW Bake Sale 9:00 am Friends of the Homeless Lunch Packing 10:30 am Advent Celebration 12:15 pm | 25 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00 am Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00 pm | 26 | 27 Walking Group 7:00 am Pilates 2:00 pm No Meal or Evensong Worship Service | 28 Thanksgiving Day Church Office Closed | 29 | 30 |

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

COUNCIL Column

October Meeting

At the October 22 meeting, the Church Council concentrated on preparations for the annual Charge Conference to be held Tuesday, November 19, at 7:00 pm in Reveille's chapel.

They reviewed the slate of officers proposed by the Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development for approval at the Charge Conference. In preparation for a discussion with the district superintendent, the Council considered how Philippians 3:12-14 applies to our congregation, framed by the following questions:

1. Paul says that he is "straining toward what is ahead." What is your church "straining toward?"
2. Paul also says that he is "forgetting what is behind". What do you have to leave behind as you move forward in God's mission?
3. Paul says "I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me." What do you need as a church to "press on"? How will you get that which you need?

The Council also reviewed worship attendance through September. Overall attendance at Sunday morning worship is down by 9.9% compared to the same period in 2018, with declines at the 9:00 and 11:00 services. Sunday school attendance is also lower than in 2018, particularly for youth and children. Lower frequency of attendance is one factor contributing to these declines. Council members discussed several ideas for studying and addressing these issues, with the Worship Team taking a lead role moving forward.

The approved September Church Council minutes are now available. To review the document, please send a request to Terri Edwards, amindirector@reveilleumc.org. The approved October meeting minutes will be available following the next Council meeting.

Effective Year-end Giving

Maximize Your Tax Benefits

Appreciated Assets A gift of appreciated assets – stocks, bonds, or mutual fund that have gained in value – is a win-win situation. When you give stock directly to the church, you receive a tax deduction for the current market value and avoid paying capital gains tax.

IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution If you are age 70½ or older, you may make tax-free gifts totaling up to \$100,000 per year directly to a qualified charity from a traditional or Roth IRA. The amount given will count toward your annual Required Minimum Distribution but will not be considered income to you.

Donor Advised Fund A donor advised fund can ensure you have sufficient deductions to be able to itemize in a tax year. By establishing and making a contribution to a donor advised fund this year, you can take the maximum tax deduction the IRS allows for this year, even though the distributions from your fund to Reveille and other charities may not be made until next year or later.

Legacy Giving

Investing in the Future

You may wish to consider making a gift to Reveille as part of your financial and estate planning. With this type of charitable gift planning, you can leave a legacy that will continue to transform the world for years to come.

There are many options for this type of giving including bequests made through a will, giving the proceeds of a life insurance policy, and gifts of retirement plan remainders.

To learn more about these and other ways to make charitable gifts, contact Director of Administration Terri Edwards, amindirector@reveilleumc.org, or (804) 359-6041, ext. 116.

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LGBTQ Inclusion Survey Results

Thank you to all who participated in the LGBTQ inclusion survey. We received a total of 283 responses (236 online and 47 on paper) during the survey period, September 10–24, 2019.

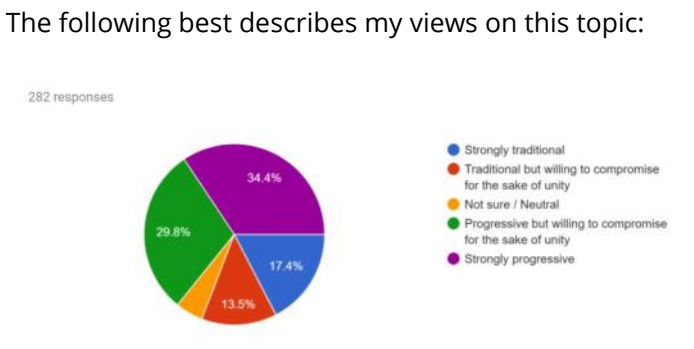
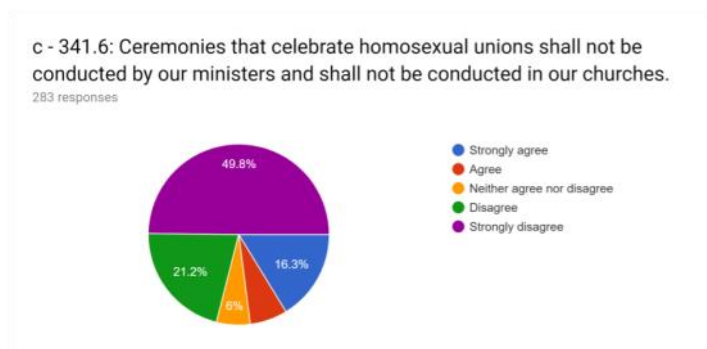
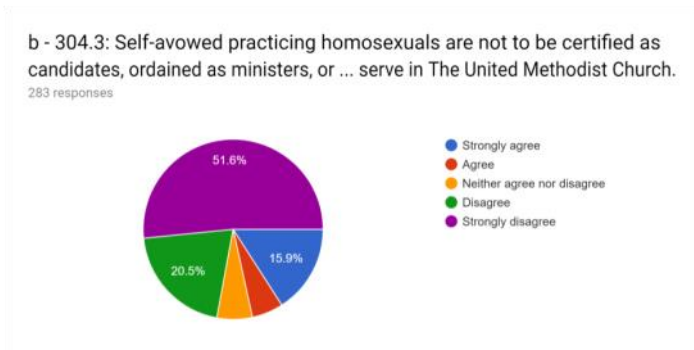
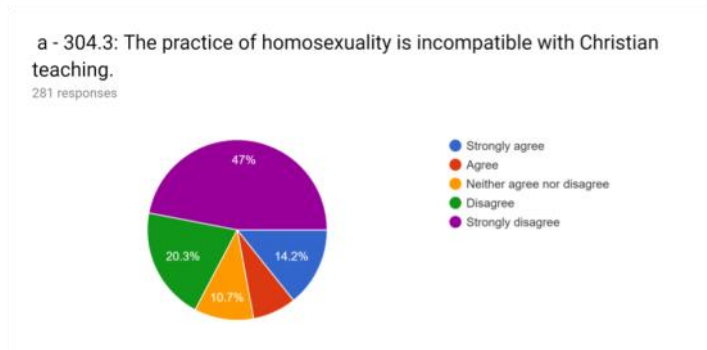
The charts below summarize responses.

Reveille is a congregation of diverse perspectives, and survey comments reflected the range of opinions on these issues.

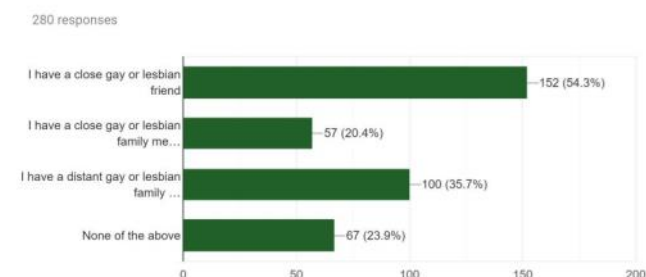
As we prepare for the next quadrennial meeting of the global United Methodist General Conference in May 2020, these survey results are one resource for our church leaders to use in assessing the congregational impact of any outcomes regarding the denomination’s position on LGBTQ inclusion.

Thank you once again for your prayerful responses to these survey questions. Your feedback will help our church leadership make informed decisions as we move into God’s future together.

1 - How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements from the United Methodist *Book of Discipline* (church laws):



Which of the following relationships do you have?



Share Your Ministry News

The deadline for the December edition of *The Reville Window* is November 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!

ESTIMATE OF GIVING

2020 Stewardship Campaign

Thank You

There's Still Time to Return your Estimate

Thank you for your generosity in response to our 2020 Stewardship campaign. The gifts you share with God through Reville—time, talents, and financial contributions—make possible all the things you love about our church.

If you have not done so already, there is still time to return your estimate of giving for 2020. Reflect upon the ways Reville blesses your life as you consider the offering you plan to give to God through our church. Then return the card to the right or visit www.revilleumc.org/estimate.

Please consider giving by direct debit from a checking or savings account using our secure online giving platform at www.revilleumc.org/donate.

Here's what our members have to say about the ways Reville has blessed their lives:

This Reville family is a gift from God. All I needed to do was say yes to opportunity and join in. **Claire Kaugars**

Reville is intellectually and spiritually satisfying with a church family of believers who enlighten, deepen, and challenge my relationship with Christ. **Annie Lou Wax**

Hospitality, stimulating Bible studies, fellowship and understanding found in small groups, and uplifting worship services have all blessed my life at Reville. **Jim Tucker**

I love Reville because of the people who regularly reflect Christ's love and discipleship. **Shirley Bogaev**

Whether it is joyful, prayerful, spiritual, musical, or sorrowful occasions, Reville has always been there for me and for my family!

Joe Thornton

What a blessing it is to be able to watch and help our youth grow in their relationship with the Lord through activities at church, music performances, weekend retreats, and summer mission trips. **Boyd Bullock**



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