

Connect: Schedules & Signups

Visit www.reveilleumc.org/connect to sign up easily for all the opportunities listed in today’s bulletin and view our Sunday schedule.

Welcome, Families!

We welcome children in our worship services. Yellow bags with activities for kids and children’s bulletins can be found in the narthex. If you need to leave the service for any reason, the service can be viewed on the television in the welcome center where we also have a children’s play area. Child care is available in room 102 with childcare providers who are Red Cross certified and background checked. A mother’s nursing room is also available in the children’s library (room 107). To learn more about our children’s ministries, contact Karen Rios, children@reveilleumc.org.

Assisted Hearing Devices Available

Assisted hearing devices for use during worship are available in the narthex (sanctuary entrance area) along with instructions for use. Please ask an usher if you need assistance.

Visiting Us Today?

We’re so glad you’re here! Please take a minute to connect with us at www.bit.ly/reveille-guest.

Now Hiring: Director of Youth Ministries

Reveille is seeking a Director of Youth Ministries to join the church staff. The youth director plans, coordinates, and leads ministries for youth in sixth-twelfth grades and their families, including weekly Sunday morning and afternoon programs, special activities, and annual mission trips. We welcome applications from candidates seeking full-time or part-time employment. To learn more and apply, visit www.reveilleumc.org/jobs.

Easy Ways to Support Reveille’s Ministries

Donate online at www.reveilleumc.org/donate or text a donation, including a dollar sign (e.g. \$25), to (804) 441-7544

Support Helping Children Worldwide Through the Lenten Offering

This year’s Lenten offering supports Helping Children Worldwide, a Christian nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting vulnerable children and families through education, health care, and spiritual mentoring. Make your donation at www.bit.ly/lentoffering.

Dedicate Flowers for Our Easter Services

You can make a dedication in honor or memory of a loved one and help beautify Reveille’s worship spaces on Easter Sunday. To have your dedication included in the Easter flower gift listing on Sunday, April 5, place your order online by March 23 at www.bit.ly/rumc-easterflowers. The suggested donation per dedication is \$20.

Prison Ministry Dinner Programs, April 8 and 15

Join Reveille United Methodist Church and Koinonia Community Church evening programs in the fellowship hall on prison ministry. On April 8, Rev. Jim Melson will discuss the history of mass incarceration. On April 15, Pastor Jay Scruggs will talk about the importance of prison ministry. A dinner will be served before each program. Register to attend at www.bit.ly/prisonministry-rev26.

Celebrate Reveille’s 75th Anniversary, June 14

Save the date for Reveille’s 75th anniversary celebration on Sunday, June 14! We will have one worship service at 10:00 am in the sanctuary. Then, everyone is invited to enjoy a delicious barbecue lunch with all the fixings, plus lots of fun family activities!

Statement of Inclusivity

We embrace an inclusive faith and welcome everyone without exceptions for age, race, ethnic background, national origin, mental or physical ability, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, education, family or socioeconomic status, or faith history.

Staff

Peter Moon, Lead Pastor
Stephen Coleman, Associate Pastor of Care and Welcome
Bayo Ogungbade, Associate Pastor of Adult Discipleship
Daniel Banke, Director of Music and Worship
Tamara Nicely, Assistant Director of Music Ministries
Thomas Bailey, Organist
Kaarina Jobe, Music Leader for The Point
Karen Rios, Director of Children’s Ministries
Terri Edwards, Director of Administration
Rachel Sanders, Director of Communications and Engagement
Jack Grace, Financial Administrator
Cheryl Arrington, Pastoral Administrative Assistant
Kim Cronheim, Administrative Assistant
Billy Petruska, Facilities Manager
Dexter Johnson, Video Producer
Pierce Downey, Sound Technician
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February 18, 2026

7:00 pm

Ash Wednesday

We welcome all people to follow Jesus Christ and serve together as a hub of faith, hope, and action.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde groß” from *Orgelbüchlein* J. S. Bach
 (“O man, weep greatly for your sin”)

GREETING

Rev. Dr. Peter Moon

One: The Lord be with you.
Many: **And also with you.**

*OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Peter Moon

**O God,
maker of every thing and judge of all that you have made,
from the dust of the earth you have formed us
and from the dust of death you would raise us up.
By the redemptive power of the cross,
create in us clean hearts and put within us a new spirit,
that we may repent of our sins and lead lives worthy of your calling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*HYMN 2138 “Sunday’s Palms are Wednesday’s Ashes” BEACH SPRING

*PRAYER OF COMMON CONFESSION

Rev. Stephen Coleman

Gracious God, we confess that we have sinned against you and have done what is evil in your sight. We have not done your will; we have broken your law; we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not helped the needy. Forgive us, O God. Help us to bow before you in true repentance and to bow to one another in real forgiveness. Melt our hearts and fill us with your perfect love. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

*SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Many: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**
All: **Glory to God! Amen.**

*THE PEACE

Please turn to the persons God has placed near you and offer one another signs of reconciliation. You may say, “The peace of the Lord be with you,” and respond, “And also with you.”

PROCLAIMING

PSALTER – Psalm 51:1-17, Hymnal, pg. 785 (R1)

Daniel Banke

ANTHEM

“Kindle in Our Hearts”
Chancel Choir

Margaret Rizza

Lili Boyd, flute; Abbie Ceneviva, violin

FIRST LESSON – Isaiah 58:1-12, Pew Bible, pg. 600 Rev. Stephen Coleman

One: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON – Matthew 6:16-21, Pew Bible, pg. 787 Rev. Dr. Art Thomas

One: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “Repentance is the Key” Rev. Dr. Art Thomas

RESPONDING

Questions for Reflection

1. In what areas are you in need of repentance and God’s grace?
2. What spiritual disciplines do you feel called to embrace during Lent?

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF LENTEN DISCIPLINE

Rev. Dr. Peter Moon

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

the early Christians observed with great devotion
the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection,
and it became the custom of the Church that before the Easter celebration
there should be a forty–day season of spiritual preparation.

During this season converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism.

It was also a time when persons who had committed serious sins
and had separated themselves from the community of faith
were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness,
and restored to participation in the life of the Church.

In this way the whole congregation was reminded
of the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus Christ
and the need we all have to renew our faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church,
to observe a holy Lent:

by self–examination and repentance;

by prayer, fasting, and self–denial;

and by reading and meditating on God's Holy Word.

To make a right beginning of repentance,

and as a mark of our mortal nature,

let us now bow our heads before our Creator and Redeemer.

A brief silence is kept.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE ASHES Rev. Stephen Coleman

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth.
Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence,
so that we may remember that only by your gracious gift
are we given everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

*IMPOSITION OF ASHES

*Please come forward to receive the ashes.
The ashes will be put on your forehead or wrist with the sign of the cross.*

HYMN 417 “O For a Heart to Praise My God” RICHMOND

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING Rev. Dr. Peter Moon

GOING INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 269 “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days” LAND OF REST

*BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. Art Thomas

*POSTLUDE “Praeludium in C Minor” BWV 537a J. S. Bach

*All are invited to stand, in body or in spirit.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Art Thomas

Liturgists: Rev. Dr. Peter Moon, Rev. Stephen Coleman, Rev. Bayo Ogungbade

Musicians: Tom Bailey, Daniel Banke, Lili Boyd,
Abbie Ceneviva, Chancel Choir

Audio/Video: Garrett Berry, Pierce Downey, Dexter Johnson

*This service is livestreamed, recorded,
and shared on various online platforms.*

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Announcements

Lenten Sermon Series “Out of the Wilderness” through March 29

Wilderness is real. Today it seems even more so. Jesus lived there for forty days but made his way out, even if it was towards a cross. For these weeks of Lent, we are going to look hard at those contemporary places of wilderness that come our way. Come join us each week as we follow Jesus "Out of the Wilderness", both then and now!

Swansboro Partners Food Drive through March 15

The winter months are a critical time for food pantries and we are partnering with Fonticello Food Forest and Koinonia Community Church to help fill their shelves! Through March 15, please place donations of non-perishable food items on the shelves in the welcome center or bins outside. To view a list of needed items, visit www.reveilleumc.org/food-drive.

This Month: Help with the Friends of the Homeless

Can you help Friends of the Homeless by making a casserole, purchasing food, or preparing food at Reveille that will be delivered and served at Greater Mt. Moriah Baptist Church? Sign up to help on February 26 at www.bit.ly/foh-feb26. On Sunday, February 22, come to the welcome center and pack bagged lunches after the 8:30 am service (no sign up).

Resisting Racial Injustice Conference, February 28

You are invited to this conference at Belmont UMC in Richmond on Saturday, February 28, 9:30 am-4:00 pm. The keynote speaker is Rev. Ben Campbell. Three workshops will also be offered, including Conversations as Resistance, Non-Violent Direct Action as Resistance, and Spiritual Formation as Resistance. The cost to attend is \$20 and includes lunch. To learn more and register, visit www.bit.ly/rjnconference-26.

Youth Sunday, March 1

Come celebrate our youth ministry as they lead the 11:00 am service on Sunday, March 1. Rev. Stephen Coleman will preach at 8:30 am and 9:30 am.

Guest Preacher Bishop Tom Berlin, March 8

We are excited to welcome Florida Episcopal Area Bishop Tom Berlin as our guest preacher at the 8:30, 9:30, and 11:00 am services on Sunday, March 8. His sermon will focus on the woman at the well from John 4.

Register for Safe Sanctuaries Training, March 8

Safe Sanctuaries training will be offered Sunday, March 8, at 2:00 pm on Zoom. The session will be led by Karen Rios and covers Reveille’s policies and procedures that help protect both children and volunteers. To register and receive the Zoom link, visit www.bit.ly/ss-mar26.

Comfort and Support Basket Ministry, March 7

Come be part of a new monthly group led by Julie Rector, dedicated to intentional, prayerful work creating comfort and support baskets for members of our church family. The group will hold its first meeting on Saturday, March 7, at 10:00 am in the welcome center. Learn more and register to attend by February 28 at www.bit.ly/basket-rev26.

Singers Liz Nance and Russell Lawson at Fellowship Club, March 10

You are invited to a live musical performance and lunch on Tuesday, March 10, at 11:00 am in the fellowship hall. This duo performs popular classic songs, including pop, country, bluegrass, Irish and American folk, oldies, light rock, and jazz. Lunch will follow their program. Register to attend at www.bit.ly/fc-mar26.

Gun Violence Prevention Forum, March 11

Join the conversation about the impact of gun violence in Richmond and how residents and churches can help build a safer, better community. The program will take place on Wednesday, March 11, at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary. Attorney General Jay Jones will offer opening remarks. Panelists participating in the event include United Methodist Church Virginia Conference Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson, and leaders from RISC, Richmond Public Schools, and the City of Richmond. The panel will be moderated by WRIC-TV 8 News Anchor Eric Philips. RSVP to attend at www.reveilleumc.org/gvp-forum.

Books and a Workshop on Breathwork, March 15

Are you looking for new ways to relieve stress? Reveille’s library has books focusing on ways to create calm in your life. Angela Cox will also host the workshop “Managing Stress Through Breathwork” on Sunday, March 15, at 12:15 pm in the library. Bring a lunch, and drinks and dessert will be provided. To register, email angela_cox@yahoo.com.

Holy Week

Children’s Easter Celebration, March 28, 10:00 am-noon
Palm Sunday Services and UWF Bake Sale, March 29 at 8:30, 9:30, and 11:00 am
Holy Thursday Meal and Service, April 2 at 6:00 pm
Good Friday Service, April 3 at 7:00 pm
Easter Sunday Services, April 5 at 6:45, 8:15, 9:30, and 11:00 am

Music Events: Save the Dates

Swansboro Elementary and Reveille Children’s Music Concert, April 28
Children’s Sunday and Musical, May 3 at 11:00 am
Mission Benefit Concert, May 3 at 4:00 pm
Esther Youth Musical, June 4-7