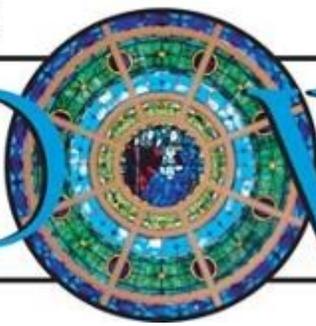


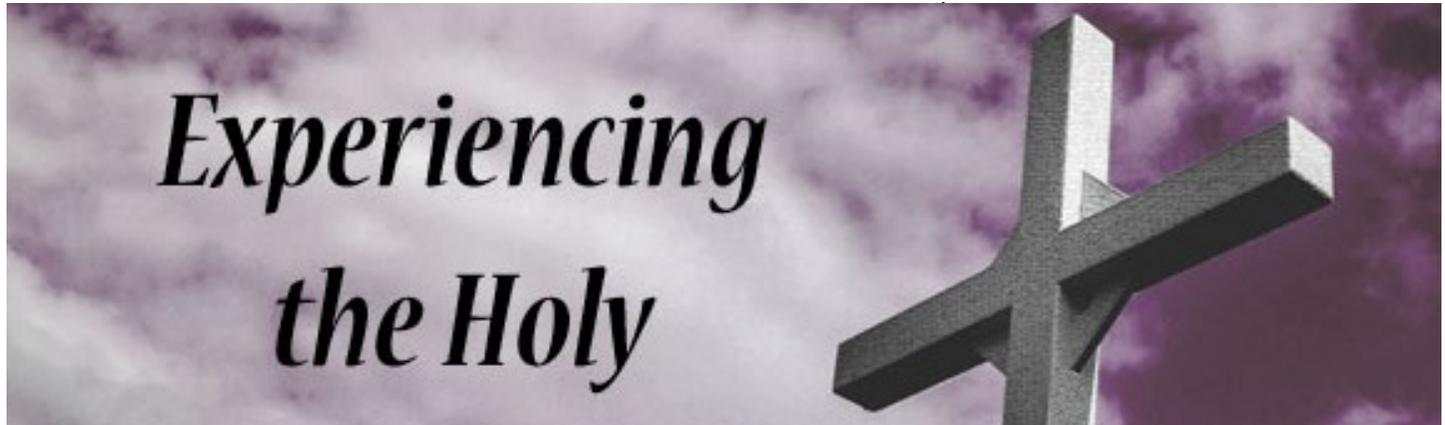
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Connecting with God through Spiritual Disciplines during Lent

Ash Wednesday, February 18, marks the start of Lent. This year we're exploring the theme "Experiencing the Holy." During Lent, we will ask the question, "How are you connecting with God?" and we will share ways to help you continue to build your own unique relationship with God.

Last fall, Bishop Cho invited all the churches of the Virginia Annual Conference to enter into a Covenant for Spiritual Discipline. This covenant represents a commitment of both individuals and congregations to participate in daily and weekly times of spiritual disciplines, especially prayer. What constitutes a spiritual discipline? Prayer certainly is at the top of the list and there are all kinds of prayer, including: intercessory prayer or praying to God on behalf of others, contemplative prayer (centering meditation), or committing to spiritual readings like the Bible or daily spiritual devotions.

There are so many ways to build your relationship with God. Perhaps you can commit to pray with a prayer buddy weekly during Lent. Or keep your

own prayer list at home to remind you of who to lift up when you take time to talk with God. Instead of listening to music or books when you are exercising, unplug and use that time for prayer. How about using the weekly GPS scripture guide found in the bulletin to help keep you focused throughout the week?

Watch your mail for the brochure, "Experiencing the Holy: Connecting with God through Spiritual Disciplines during Lent." In it you will find ideas and ministries to help you deepen your relationship with God. We look forward to our journey together and to Experiencing the Holy with you during this special time of Lent.

Prayer and Communion in Lent

A service of prayer and Communion will take place every weekday during Lent in the chapel, 7:30-8:00 am, beginning February 19. Start each day of the workweek in Lent connecting with God, renewing yourself, and lifting up other people, our community, and the world to God.

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WORSHIP

We Are All Ministers: Worship at Reveille in February

"You find that the Bible has been put into your workshop, into your hand, into your heart...Just look at your tools, at your needle or thimble, your goods, your scales or yardsticks or measure, and you will read this statement inscribed on them... "Friend, use me in your relations with your neighbor just as you would want your neighbor to use his property in his relations with you."

- Martin Luther, Germany, 16th Century

Our worship in February begins with a continuation of our series on Christian vocation, "We Are All Ministers." We will continue to focus on the call of God to all Christian people to serve the world with the gifts and talents God has given us in all of the places in which we find ourselves. February will conclude with the beginning of the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday and the first Sunday of Lent on February 22. Our Lenten focus will be upon spiritual disciplines, those gifts that God gives us to strengthen and enrich our faith and life.

Also, I would like to commend you for taking seriously your membership vow to be present in the life of God's church. At the time of this writing, our total Sunday worship attendance has been over 500 for four of the last five Sundays. Keep up the good work! We are truly at our best when we are together, lifting our voices in prayer and praise!

Grace and peace,
Doug

Worship this Month		
February 1	Holy Communion	Stephen Coleman preaches
February 8	Boy Scout Sunday	Doug Forrester preaches
February 15	Transfiguration Sunday and Children's Sabbath	Lori Epps preaches
February 18	Ash Wednesday (Worship at 7:00 pm)	Doug Forrester preaches
February 22	Lent 1: New Member Sunday	Doug Forrester preaches

OUTREACH

United Methodist Family Services

You're Invited: Potluck Dinner and Handbell Workshop February 9

Thank you to all who donated gifts to the students of United Methodist Family Services during the Christmas season! They were loved and appreciated by all!

We have another opportunity to support UMFS this month. On Monday, February 9, at 6:00 pm come share a potluck dinner with the youth of UMFS. There will be a handbell workshop, music, and time for conversation. This is a wonderful chance to get to know the kids and share the spirit! Anyone over 18 is invited to attend.

Help provide food for the potluck! Sign up to bring a pasta dish, salad, or dessert by contacting Carol Shaughnessy at carols7275@gmail.com.



Help with the Friends of the Homeless Hot Meal

Help cook and serve our regular Friends of the Homeless Hot Meal on Thursday, February 26. After the wonderful Stone Soup meal we served in January, we are back to our tried-and-true roast chicken, potato casserole, green beans, rolls, and dessert. We need potato casseroles (the recipe is on the sign-up board in the welcome center) and homemade desserts. Our guests love that we bake special desserts just for them.

If you have some spare time on Thursday, please join us and help serve the meal. We leave Reveille at 11:15 am and usually return around 1:00 pm. Or, meet us at Greater Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in Jackson Ward at noon. Child care is available if you contact Lori Epps by February 18 at children@reveilleumc.org. Please add your name to the sign-up board in the welcome center for any of the above. Contact Joanna Tilley at sandjtilley@comcast.net or Katie B. Anthony at 359-6041, ext. 111 for more information.

FOH always can use lidded plastic containers or unused Ziploc bags. Drop them off in the bin by the elevator at the junction of the two main halls.

Prison Ministry: Book Donation Appreciated

In September 2014, Reveille United Methodist Women helped the Prison Ministry collect more than 700 books for the Chesterfield Women's Detention and Diversion Center library.

Dear members of Reveille:

I am the former librarian of Chesterfield Women's Diversion Center. I was released on December 11, and am doing very well. I wanted to thank all of you for your support and your amazing gifts of books, hope, and even your time. I fell in love with books at a young age, and your donations made it possible for other women to do the same.

You will never know how much it means to me and the other women. I wish you all a New Year full of the same love and generosity your church has shown to me. Thank you so much.

*Sincerely,
Kristi Kosco*

If you would like more information on how to get involved in the Prison Ministry, contact Donna Fay Kessel at donnakessel@verizon.net or Katie B. Anthony at 359-6041, ext. 111.

Thank You for Your Glorious Gifts

Glorious Gifts 2014 was a great success! We raised a total of \$28,461 for Reveille's outreach ministries. We also showcased these ministries, allowing people to learn more about our outreach activities in our community and throughout the world and volunteer for upcoming opportunities.



Glorious Gifts would not be possible without the help of a lot of people. I would like to express my appreciation to the following people who

made Glorious Gifts happen. Glenda Lewis designed the information/shopping list flyer. Billie Brooks and Amy Crisp helped assemble Advent mailers, which included the Glorious Gifts information. Bob Downs coordinated the printing of the cards. Carol Ann Lea, Lori Salmon, Brenda Humphreys, and Sarah Anne Reed were cashiers on the shopping days. Linda White, Kathy Driver, and Susan Creasey printed cards on the shopping days. Meredith Paul, Beth Paul, Brian Craven, Addison Gorenflow, Cal

Kuester, Jamie Craven, Hannah Sjovold, Elizabeth Sjovold, and Anna Elena Felton copied order forms and assembled completed orders of cards and envelopes. Lisa Adams copied all our materials and used her magic touch to convince the folding machine to work one more time to get flyers folded for mailing. Glynis Holcomb and Lisa Adams fielded numerous phone calls and handled other office details. It takes a lot of people to make Glorious Gifts happen. Thank you very much.

- Martha Hodges, 2014 Glorious Gifts Chair

The Reveille outreach committee would like to thank Martha Hodges for her dedicated work with Glorious Gifts over the last several years. Without her efforts, our outreach ministries would not be possible. Martha, thank you for all you do! If you are interested in helping organize Glorious Gifts in 2015, please contact Jill Gaynor at jill.gaynor@hamiltonbeach.com or Katie B. Anthony at 359-6041, ext. 111.

Wonderful Wednesday Menus and Programs

Please join us in February for our Wonderful Wednesday fellowship meals. The meals take place in the fellowship hall beginning at 6:00 pm. The cost of the meal is \$5 for adults and teens, \$3 for children ages 4 to 12, and free for children under 4. Make your reservation for dinner by signing friendship pads on Sunday morning, clicking on www.reveilleumc.org/dinner, or calling the church office at 359-6041.

Menus and programs for February:

February 4

Cheese ravioli with marinara sauce, green beans, potato salad, pasta salad, garlic bread, assorted cakes
Program: Reveille Today 2.0 – See announcements on page 10 for details.

February 11

Herb-roasted pork loin, stuffing, gravy, vegetable medley, tossed salad, freshly baked rolls, cherry pie
Program: Reveille Today 2.0 – See announcements on page 10 for details.

February 18

Grilled teriyaki chicken, rice, stir-fry vegetables, Thai spring salad, freshly baked rolls, assorted cookies
Program: Ash Wednesday Service in the sanctuary at 7:00 pm.

February 25

Meatloaf with gravy, mashed potatoes, vegetable medley, tossed salad, freshly baked rolls, apple cobbler
Program: Experiencing the Holy during Lent, led by Tracey Watson and Stephen Coleman.

In March, Wonderful Wednesday will continue with a series of programs for Lent focusing on experiencing the holy through spiritual disciplines.

Leisure Club Tuesday, February 17 11:00 am, Fellowship Hall

Covered Dish Luncheon

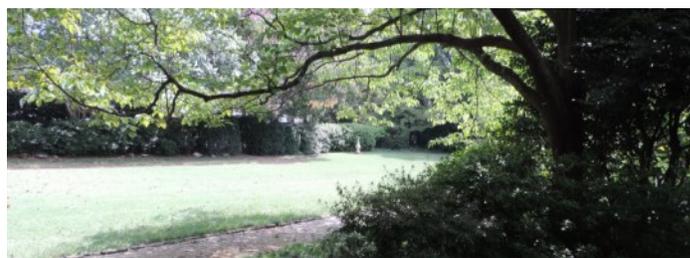
Main dish and drinks provided.

Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share.

Program: Capt. Mike Ostrander of Discover the James. Capt. Mike is an expert on James River bald eagles and other wildlife along the river. He conducts tours on the river, provides fishing instruction, and enjoys sharing his knowledge of history about this important attribute of our area. Learn more about Capt. Mike and Discover the James at discoverthejames.com.



Help Get Reveille Ready for Historic Garden Week



The Reveille Garden Committee is excited to announce that Reveille will be part of the Garden Club of Virginia's 2015 Historic Garden Week tour on Thursday, April 23.

Volunteers are needed to help prepare the garden for its day in the spotlight! If you're willing to lend a hand, please contact Donna Ludwig at donnaml55@verizon.net or Betty Leap at bleap2608@comcast.net. Work will begin in March as soon as weather permits.

For more information about Historic Garden Week, visit www.vagardenweek.org.

In case of emergency, contact the pastor on call at 380-8668

Join us for Music in February

UMFS Handbell Workshop

Monday, February 9

The Reveille Ringers and the Outreach Team will combine forces to host a dinner and handbell workshop. See "Outreach" on page 2 for event details and to learn how you can help.

Children's Sabbath

Sunday, February 15

Join us for music by the children's choirs at the 9:30 and 11:00 am services. Children also will sing at the 8:30 am service.

Ash Wednesday Service

February 18, 7:00 pm, sanctuary

Special musical offerings from our Chancel Choir and the Reveille Ringers with a guest instrumentalist.



Reveille Ringers at The Jefferson Hotel, December 29

Thank you!

Thank you for your tremendous support during Advent and Christmas. You helped the Reveille Ringers have the largest crowd for a noon music event last month at The Jefferson Hotel!

Thank you to United Methodist Women for creating such a beautiful open house at the concert on December 14; many hands and hearts made that event happen!

Thanks to our young musicians who gifted us with pure joy at our Twelfth Night service!

Looking Ahead

April 2: Holy Thursday Celtic Communion service, 7:00 pm.

April 3: A dramatic Tenebrae service on Good Friday, 7:00 pm.

April 15: Joint concert by Swansboro Elementary School Choir and Reveille Children's Choir, 6:30 pm, sanctuary.

April 26: Reveille Children's Choirs offer their spring musical, "Moses and the Freedom Fanatics" at 11:00 am worship service.

May 3: Youth Sunday at all three worship services.

May 17: Mission Benefit Concert at 7:00 pm featuring Mozart's *Requiem*.

June 21-26: Music Week at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina

August 3: Kaleidoscope Music and Mission Camp, in Blackstone, Virginia.

Godspell Coming to Reveille Proceeds to benefit Swansboro Community Ministries

Did you know the song "Day by Day" from the original Godspell cast album reached number 13 on the Billboard pop singles chart during the summer of 1972?

If you remember the song, you won't want to miss Reveille's production of Godspell during the summer of 2015.

Godspell is a musical based on the book by John-Michael Tebelak, with music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz. It started as a college project that eventually opened off Broadway on May 17, 1971, to become a long-running success. The musical is a series of parables, primarily based on the Gospel of Matthew, interspersed with modern music.

Mark your calendar now. Performances will be July 15-18, each evening at 7:30 pm, with a matinee on July 18 at 2:00 pm.

While admission is free, you may wish to leave a donation to Swansboro Community Ministries. The funds will help the ministry to continue to blossom in the Swansboro community.

Register for KIDz C.A.M.P. and Vacation Bible School

Registration will open for both camps on February 1. Register early so you are assured a spot. Volunteers are needed to assist with both camps!

KIDz C.A.M.P. (formerly Day Camp) stands for Kidz **Caring**, taking **Action**, with a **Mission**, and a **Purpose**.

This hands-on mission camp is open to rising third through rising sixth grade students. The camp will run June 15-19, 9:00 am-3:00 pm each day. Campers go off-site each day to participate in local mission projects. They also will learn about Jesus and his mission through interactive stations. This year's mission theme will be "God's Love in Action through Building Relationships."

Vacation Bible School (VBS) will follow the theme "G-Force: God's Love in Action." VBS will take place July 27-31, 9:00 am-noon each day. The camp is open to four year olds through rising second graders.

Both camps are free for those who turn in all paperwork by the May 17 deadline.

To register your children for either program or to sign up as a volunteer, visit veilleumc.org/registrations-forms starting February 1.

Please note that we will offer child care for the children of volunteers as follows:

For KIDz C.A.M.P.: Nursery provided for infant through four years of age and a special activity class for five year olds through rising second graders.

For VBS: Nursery for infants through 2 year olds, a special class for our 3 year olds, and an activity class for rising third through rising sixth graders.



Questions about Children's Ministries?

Contact Lori Epps

children@veilleumc.org or 359-6041, ext. 117

From The Director

Matthew 5:16 says, "In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

As I reflect upon our children letting their light shine I can't help but smile. I remember the excitement of the children at our Christmas Eve worship services.

I also remember the children leading in worship at the Twelfth Night service in January. Vivian Boyd, William Bullock, and Lauren McCluskey shared their talents with us through song, instruments, and acting. They shined Christ's light for all to see and provided a way for us to joyfully celebrate the ending of the Christmas season.

Children have a wonderful connection with God. When we provide opportunities for them through worship and to share those gifts God has given them, they are transformed and we can't help be transformed as well. I extend the invitation for you to witness God at work through our children when they lead us in worship on February 15 at all three services. Come and see the new work God is doing through them and I promise that you will be blessed!

- Lori Epps, Director of Children's Ministries

Upcoming Opportunities

Focus First Mission Group

February 1, March 1, May 3, September 6, October 4, and November 1

Open to second through fifth graders, 12:15-1:30 pm, fellowship hall, lunch provided. Join us as we seek to be Christ's hands and feet in our world.

Children's Sabbath

On February 15 children will lead the congregation in worship at all three services. We will be preparing for this during the Sunday school hour.

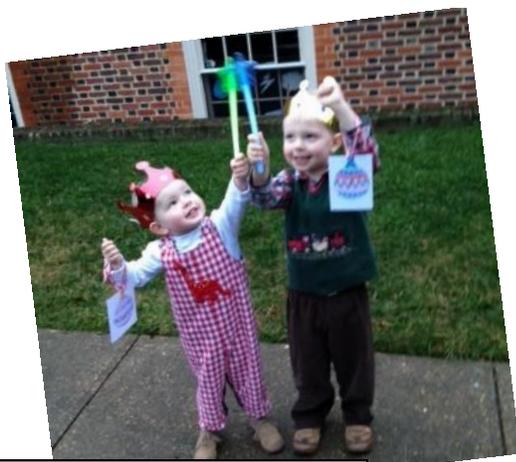
Reveille Nursery Shower

February 28, 2:00-4:00 pm in the welcome center. See Announcements on page 10 for details.

Wednesdays in Lent

Walking the Walk: Spiritual Disciplines for Kids, kindergarten through fifth grade, Wednesdays, February 25-March 25, 6:45 pm.

I Love to Tell the Story...



Higenbotham boys shine their lights on Christmas Eve



Vivian, William, and Lauren lead Twelfth Night worship

When Children Lead and Participate in Worship

YOUTH MINISTRIES

JOURNEY: A Retreat Just for Middle School Students

JOURNEY middle school weekend is specifically designed to encourage and challenge middle school students (sixth through eighth grade) in their walk with Christ and to provide encouragement and training for adult leaders working with middle school students.

The main speaker, Dugan Sherbondy, will be teaching about God as "The Rock" and providing a training session for youth leaders. The Keith Elgin Band will serve as worship leaders.

The weekend is March 20-22 at Rockbridge Alum Springs in Goshen, Virginia. The cost of the retreat is \$130. For more information, visit www.JourneyWeekend.com or contact Kate Rhodes, youthassistant@reveilleumc.org. To register, turn in your check for the registration fee by the deadline, February 8. Do not register through the Journey website.

Youth Group Schedule

- February 1: No youth group
- February 8: Middle school youth group 4:30 pm
High school youth group 6:00 pm
- February 15: Combined youth group 6:00 pm
- February 22: Middle school youth group 4:30 pm
High school youth group 6:00 pm

Ski Retreat

A few photos from the Ski Retreat at Wintergreen, January 16-18.

Right: Charlie and Anna Fowler take a break from skiing for a photo.

Below: Emory Kuester and Will Killius take a quick picture during lunch.



Right: Claire Adams and Director of Youth Ministries Amy Crisp are ready for the slopes.



Join us for Lenten Bible Studies

Sunday Evening
February 22-March 29
Room 211, 5:00-7:00 pm

Rev. Doug Forrester will lead a study of Tim Keller's, *The Reason for God*. For years, Tim Keller has compiled a list of the most frequently voiced "doubts" skeptics bring to his Manhattan church. In *The Reason for God*, he single-handedly dismantles each of them. Written with atheists, agnostics, and skeptics in mind, Keller also provides an intelligent platform on which true believers can stand their ground when bombarded by the backlash. *The Reason for God* challenges such ideology at its core and points to the true path and purpose of Christianity.

Wednesday Morning
February 25-April 1
Room 206, 10:00-11:30 am

Kelley Lane will lead a study of the Epistle of James. According to James, God is the "giver of all good gifts." These gifts are given to us so that we may be a community of mutual support rather than of rivalry and competition. Each week, we will study one of the chapters of James. We will focus on being the people and the community of faith God is calling us to be.

Women's Wednesday Night
Bible Study
NEW DATE: Begins March 4
6:30-8:00 pm

Kelly Minter's *What Love Is*, a seven-session study of 1, 2, and 3 John, encourages you to remain faithful to the truth. You will be challenged to look at contrasting themes such as walking in the light instead of darkness, truth versus lies and deception, loving God more than loving the world, and the meaning of true fellowship and community rather than shallowness. Ginny Dunn will facilitate.

For more information about adult studies
please contact Kelley Lane,
adultministries@reveilleumc.org.

To register for classes
visit reveilleumc.org/adult-studies-reg.



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Spiritual Life Retreat
What is Love
Saturday, February 14
9:00 am-1:00 pm

What better topic for Valentine's Day than love? But just what is love? Is it a noun or a verb? A feeling or an action? What brings it and what blocks it? And what does our faith say about it?

Storyteller and musician Denise Bennett will be back helping us explore these questions about God's love and our love for God and others through story, music, listening, and guided meditation on scripture. Be our Valentine and join us!



For more information and to register (deadline February 10), see the United Methodist Women bulletin board in the welcome center, visit reveilleumc.org/registrations-forms, or contact Phyllis Moore at pamoore41@aol.com.

Reveille Nursery Shower
Sunday, February 28

Join us for a shower to stock our the church nursery. Hosted by UMW and Lori Epps, director of children's ministries. See *Announcements on page 10* for details.

UMW General Meeting
Tuesday, March 3

10:30 am-noon, followed by lunch. Lyn Harding, chaplain and clinic manager for Crossover Ministry downtown, will speak.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 Worship <i>8:30, 9:30, 11:00 am</i></p> <p>Focus First</p> <p>No Youth Group</p> <p>Registration opens for VBS and KIDz C.A.M.P.</p>	<p>2 Men's Prayer Breakfast</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Midweek Communion Service</p> <p>Wonderful Wednesday <i>Reveille Today 2.0</i></p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 Boy Scout Sunday</p> <p>Worship <i>8:30, 9:30, 11:00 am</i></p> <p>Registration deadline for JOURNEY middle school retreat</p>	<p>9 Men's Prayer Breakfast</p> <p>UMFS Potluck and Handbell Workshop</p>	<p>10 Reveille Window Deadline</p>	<p>11 Midweek Communion Service</p> <p>Wonderful Wednesday <i>Reveille Today 2.0</i></p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 Valentine's Day</p> <p>Spiritual Life Retreat: What is Love</p>
<p>15 Children's Sabbath - Transfiguration Sunday</p> <p>Worship <i>8:30, 9:30, 11:00 am</i></p> <p>Reveille Today 2.0</p> <p>Combined Youth Group - Combined Youth Choir</p>	<p>16 George Washington Day Holiday <i>Church office closed</i></p> <p>Men's Prayer Breakfast</p>	<p>17 Leisure Club <i>Capt. Mike Ostrander</i></p>	<p>18 Ash Wednesday</p> <p>Midweek Communion Service</p> <p>Wonderful Wednesday <i>Ash Wednesday Service</i></p>	<p>19 Morning Prayer and Communion Begins <i>Weekdays through April 3</i></p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 New Member Sunday - First Sunday in Lent</p> <p>Worship <i>8:30, 9:30, 11:00 am</i></p> <p>FOH Bag Lunches</p> <p>Lenten Bible Study Begins</p>	<p>23 Men's Prayer Breakfast</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 Midweek Communion Service</p> <p>Wonderful Wednesday <i>Experiencing the Holy</i></p> <p>Lenten Bible Study Begins</p>	<p>26 Friends of the Homeless Hot Lunch</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 Nursery Shower</p>

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

Get to Know New People and New Ministries at Reveille Today 2.0 February 4, 11, or 15

Are you a Reveille member who loves hearing about all our exciting ministries, but wants to learn more before getting involved? Do you want to answer the call to be a minister in your church and your community, but don't know how? Reveille Today 2.0 is the class for you! This condensed version of Reveille Today (a three-week new member class) is designed for current members of all ages to get to know new people and new opportunities to be in ministry at Reveille.

The 90-minute class will be offered three times in February: Wednesdays, February 4 or 11 at 6:45 pm in the fellowship hall (following Wonderful Wednesday) and Sunday, February 15 at 5:00 pm in room 211. To register or for more information, contact Katie B. Anthony at associatepastor@reveilleumc.org or 359-6041, ext. 111.

A Welcoming Church

Have you noticed something new in the welcome center? The welcome desk arrived and was installed in January.

The desk soon will serve as a focal point to showcase our ministries. It also will be a resource for our ministries and events, helping church members and visitors learn what's happening at Reveille UMC and how to get involved. The desk can be used for registrations or sign-ups as well. On Sundays, the welcome desk will be staffed by greeters representing Reveille's ministries. At other times it will serve as a walk-up information source.

More than 335 visitors have joined us for worship since Reveille began having greeters in 2012, with more than 130 new members during that time.

With the addition of the information desk in the welcome center, more greeters are needed to welcome and direct visitors on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in serving as a greeter, contact Heather MacIver at hwarren0410@gmail.com or Katie B. Anthony at 359-6041, ext. 111.

You're Invited! Reveille Nursery Shower February 28 2:00-4:00 pm

Reveille United Methodist Women and Children's Ministries Director Lori Epps are hosting a "shower" for our nursery on February 28, 2:00-4:00 pm in the welcome center. Bring your children and your gifts and join us for cupcakes and punch as you watch the nursery workers open the presents. The party will include a storyteller as well.



A list of needed items is available on the Target gift registry at www.target.com/gift-registry/. Use "Reveille UMC" as the first name and "nursery" as the last name to log in to the registry. For more information contact Lori Epps at children@reveilleumc.org or Donna Fay Kessel at donnakessel@verizon.net.

Interested in Teaching?

Do you have stories to share? Has your faith played an important role in your life? Teaching Sunday school is a wonderful way to share your faith with Reveille's youth. Start by volunteering to assist in one of our classrooms. Interested? Contact Kate Rhodes, youthassistant@reveilleumc.org.

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

All committees, groups, and individuals are asked to submit articles to the appropriate staff person (the one who works with the ministry with which your article is associated). Submissions may be edited for style, length, grammar, and accuracy. Photos of church events are welcome.

If you have questions about *The Reveille Window*, contact Terri Edwards at communications@reveilleumc.org