

# EMMAUS OF THE MIDLANDS MESSENGER

*Happy New Year*

*January 2013*

## **Presence and Service** by Linda Dunn, Spiritual Director

Ever wonder how the folks working the weekend get to do what they do? Ever wonder why you have or have not been asked? It happens through the Team Selection process.

Months prior to each set of walks, the Lay Directors are each given a list of possible servants, which the Registrar has compiled. They record their first, second and third choice nominations for each and every team position of the weekend. Then a Saturday morning Team Selection meeting is held. Members of the Board of Directors, the Lay Directors, and representatives from various churches gather to make these nominations. The Lay Director's nominations are reviewed by the gathered group with attention to **1)** Is this individual active in the community (attending Candlelight & Gatherings), **2)** ... active in a Reunion Group, **3)** Have they served in the kitchen, snack room, or behind the scenes on any walks, **4)** Did they fill out a volunteer application, and **5)** Have they previously served any team positions.

It's a lot of information! – and the Registrar has it all!! The Registrar keeps a listing of every pilgrim that has attended Emmaus of the Midlands walks and individuals that have joined us from other approved communities, as they become known to us. This listing contains name, address, phone, email info, original Walk number, church affiliation, sponsor info, any EOM volunteer and/or team positions the person has held, and **ATTENDANCE RECORDS** from Candlelight Services and Gatherings.

I'm guessing that last part may have surprised you. Yes, attendance records are vital, because your attendance at Candlelight and Gatherings indicates your continuing involvement and support of the Emmaus fellowship. SO – we really need you to SIGN IN when you attend. We want to do our best as your Board of Directors to involve new members with our long-term members of the community on each set of Walks. It takes ALL of us together!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Tom Furse, our Registrar, or Al Carter, our Board Chair.

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Rev. Linda Dunn

## **Spring Walks** by Tom Furse, Registrar

Emmaus of the Midlands currently has 14 men and 9 women Pilgrims for the upcoming Walks in March. Most of these Pilgrims were scheduled to participate in Walks #40 but had to cancel because there just weren't enough applicants to hold a Men's Walk. As we begin the New Year, we are faced with the possibility of having to cancel both weekends for Walk 41. Would you seriously consider and pray about those whom God has put on your heart to attend the Walk to Emmaus? EOM exists to hold these weekends...if we continue to cancel Walks, there is no reason for this community to exist.

January 31 is the deadline for deciding whether to proceed with the Walks or not. We must have at least 20 Pilgrims scheduled in order to go forward with the Walks. Once we are assured the Walks will take place in March, we will continue to accept additional applications in February to work towards bringing each Walk to its full capacity of 36 Pilgrims.

Please be aware that the new registration fee for Pilgrims and team members is \$125.00.

## **Gatherings** by Leonard May, Vice Chair / *Gatherings*

If your church would like to host the Gathering for June 2013, please let me know.

January 25, 2013      Platt Springs UMC (West Columbia)

February 22, 2013    Bethel/Oswego UMC (Sumter)

March                    No Gathering because of Spring Walks

April 26, 2013        Mt. Horeb UMC (Lexington)

May 24, 2013         Dalzell UMC

June 28, 2013        TBA

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In loving memory of Jac Ullman, Sr., a gift has been made to the Emmaus of the Midlands by the Wednesday night Finley Park crew.

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**The board is currently soliciting active community members who are willing to commit to serve as board members for the next three years. Five board members rotate off each year.**

**If you are interested in running for the board, please let any of the board members know as soon as possible. Once we have a list of 10 candidates, a ballot will be made available, as well as bio's for each of the candidates.**

**Final voting will take place at the April Gathering at Mt. Horeb UMC, and new members will begin their service in May. We look forward to hearing from you!**

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## **January**

### **Emmaus Gathering...Jan 25**

Platt Springs UMC  
3215 Platt Springs Rd.  
West Columbia, SC  
803.794.3415  
Pot Luck Dinner @ 7 pm  
Program @ 8 pm



### **FROM AIKEN**

Take I-20 East to Exit 58 and turn right onto Augusta Rd (US 1) towards West Columbia, travel about 4 miles. Turn right on Wattling Rd, in 1.5 miles turn left on Platt Springs Rd. Church is on the right.

### **FROM SUMTER**

Take US 76/378 west towards Columbia, and turn left onto I-77 South to Charleston/Spartanburg. Take Exit 1 to Spartanburg, then take Exit 113 to Cayce/ Columbia Airport. Turn left on Airport Blvd., then turn right after the overpass onto Tarrytown Lane. Follow about 1/2 mile and turn left at the Stop sign onto Platt Springs Rd, go 1 mile and the church is on the left.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Feb 11** EOM Board Meeting (7 pm, Windsor UMC)  
**Feb 22** Gathering @ Bethel UMC in Oswego/Sumter  
**Mar 11** EOM Board Meeting (7 pm, Windsor UMC)  
**Mar 14-17** Men's Walk 41  
**Mar 16** *Candlelight (8:00 pm @ Beulah UMC, Gilbert)*  
**Mar 21-24** Women's Walk 41  
**Mar 23** *Candlelight (8:00 pm @ Beulah UMC, Gilbert)*  
**\*New Candlelight location...more info in the Feb 2013 newsletter**