

EMMAUS OF THE MIDLANDS MESSENGER

February 2013

Discipleship by Linda Dunn, Spiritual Director

Every day a friend sends me "A Thought for the Day" by email. Thought I'd share this one with you as we approach both a Gathering (Friday night) and a Walk (March 14-17). It seems to echo the heart and the message of The Walk to Emmaus. Let us rejoice that God has given us this wonderful resource, this blessed fellowship, to share the journey together. So, meet us at the Gathering – we'll eat a little, talk a little, sing & pray a little, share communion, and be encouraged. God bless us every one!

"Discipleship is the process of conforming to Christ. Your journey will last a lifetime and involves believing (through worship), belonging (through fellowship), and becoming (through discipleship). Every day God wants you to become a little more like him." (Rick Warren)

DeColores, Rev. Linda Dunn

Who's Hungry? by Margaret Amick, Snack Agape

What do you like to have for snack food? Our pilgrims seem to enjoy coming out at break time to have some munchies and a beverage and chat. We try to put out different things and rotate items so that it is a surprise as to what might be available. What does your pilgrim like? What did you enjoy for snacks when you went on your walk?

In the past, we have had pretzels, mints, brownies, snack bars, chips, crackers, dips, spreads, cake, just to name a few of the various (and yummy!) items furnished by the community. We have also found that some pilgrims liked a certain cookie or nut. Things that are individually wrapped seem to appeal to many. We need to know if anyone has an allergy to grains, gluten, nuts, or the like. We like to have a variety of soft drinks as well as sweet/unsweet tea and coffee and water.

You have been generous in the past to help provide these snack items. The pilgrims would appreciate your generosity again. Whatever you can provide will be appreciated and would help keep our spending at a minimum. If you decide to contribute, please leave the item in the kitchen marked "Snack Agape" when you come for the opening on Thursday. Remember to mark your container if you want it returned.

Thank you, Margaret Amick

Emmaus of the Midlands Messenger is used to communicate with the EOM community, and the Board of Directors welcomes articles from the community for the newsletter each month. Articles must be related to Walk to Emmaus, such as Fourth Day activities, experiences from your weekend or an Emmaus event, etc. We will not advertise any non-Emmaus activities. The newsletter editor, in conjunction with the EOM Board of Directors, is responsible for enforcing this guideline.

Gatherings by Leonard May, Vice Chair / Gatherings

The February Gathering will be this Friday, February 22nd at Bethel/Oswego UMC in Sumter. Please come out and show your support for Bethel as this will be their first time to host an Emmaus Gathering. Even though this may be a longer distance than you are used to traveling to a Gathering, keep in mind that the Emmaus members from this area have a long distance to travel almost every month. To the Emmaus members of the Sumter/Dalzell area that find it difficult to get to gatherings in Columbia, Prosperity, Lexington or Aiken, we look forward to seeing you at Bethel UMC.

Child care will be provided for the Gathering at Bethel, but you must call the church ahead of time and let them know your needs. The church's phone number is **803-469-2452**.

We are still looking for churches to sponsor gatherings for June, August and September. If you are interested in sponsoring a Gathering, please let me know.

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**** NEW CANDLELIGHT LOCATION ****

Saturday, March 16th, we will gather at Beulah UMC, 161 Beulah Church Road, Gilbert, SC 29054 at 8:00 pm. Please **PARK ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE CHURCH OR ACROSS THE ROAD** around the cemetery.

From Lexington, SC (approx 15 minutes)

1. Head north on S Lake Dr/SC-6 toward E Main St/US-1 213 ft
2. Turn left at E Main St/US 1 0.7 mi
3. Turn left at US-1/US-378 0.6 mi
4. Slight right at US-378 W 9.4 mi
5. Turn right at Beulah Church Rd 0.3 mi

From Prosperity, SC (approx 27 minutes)

1. Take Hwy 391 for 12.8 miles
2. At the traffic circle, take the 2nd exit onto Columbia Hwy/US-378 E.
3. Continue to follow US-378 E 8.1 miles
4. Turn left at Beulah Church Rd.
5. Church on left - 0.3 miles

From Aiken, SC (approx 1 hour)

1. Take I-20 East toward Columbia
2. Take Exit 51 (Longs Pond Road)
3. Follow SC 204 for 4.8 miles
4. Turn left on US 378 and follow for 6.4 miles.
5. Turn right on Beulah Church Road.
6. Church on left - 0.3 miles

From Sumter, SC (approx 90 minutes)

1. Take 76/378 West to Columbia
2. Take I-77 South
3. Take I-26 West to Exit 111A (US 1)
4. Turn left on US 1 to Lexington (approx 8.6 miles)
5. Turn left on US 1 / US 378, then bear right on US 378 for approx. 9.4 miles
6. Turn right on Beulah Church Rd, church is on the left approx 0.3 miles.

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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February

Emmaus Gathering...Feb 22

Bethel UMC

5575 Lodebar Rd.

Sumter, SC

803.469.2452

Pot Luck Dinner @ 7 pm

Program @ 8 pm



FROM AIKEN

Take I-20 East to Exit 116 and turn left onto Sumter Highway (US 15) to Sumter. Go about 11 miles and turn left on Colony Rd. Go 1.2 miles and turn left on Lodebar Rd. Go 1.3 miles, Bethel UMC is on the left at the intersection. Enter at the covered entrance of the building to the left.

FROM COLUMBIA

Take US 76/378 East to Sumter. You will pass Shaw AFB on the left, continue about 10 minutes and turn left at Chick-Fil-A onto US 521. Go 1/4 mile and turn right on North Pike. At the Stop sign, turn left on US 15. Go 5 miles and turn right on E. Foxworth Mill Rd. Go 1/2 mile and turn left on Lodebar Rd. Go 2.2 miles, Bethel UMC is on the left at the intersection. Enter at the covered entrance of the building to the left.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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)*

Oct 17-20 Men's Walk 42

Oct 19 *Candlelight (8:00 pm @ Beulah UMC, Gilbert)*

Oct 24-27 Women's Walk 42

Oct 26 *Candlelight (8:00 pm @ Beulah UMC, Gilbert)*

***New Candlelight location...info in this newsletter**