

EMMAUS OF THE MIDLANDS MESSENGER

April 2013

The Resurrection by Rev. Linda Dunn, Spiritual Director

For some pilgrims, Dying Moments is an intensely emotional time when they release anger, fear, shame, bitterness, pain to God and feel the joy of a restored relationship with God through the risen Christ and the present Holy Spirit. For some, Candlelight is an overwhelming overpouring and reception of God's great love, an affirmation of His goodness towards us.

Perhaps these two events help us glimpse the intensity of that first Easter day so many years ago, the deep emotions that the disciples, both men and women, felt as the experience rolled over them in waves of amazement and joy. I found this reading for Easter Sunday and wanted to share it with you as we live out the resurrection in our daily lives, as we gather on Sundays to celebrate and remember the wonderful gift of grace from God through Jesus the Christ, as we share life in community as beloved children of God, and as we witness to the hurting world that God has a gift for each of them.

Stop!
did you hear it:
the stone roll
the grave clothes being folded
the body rise
it was like a whispered alleluia in the stillness of the dawn
but it was real

Did you hear it:
the angels muffled laughter as the women reached the tomb
the dawn break over the garden revealing footprints in the dew
the mountains bow in slow grandeur just out the corner of your eye
it was like something shifting at the edge of your sight
but it was real

Did you hear it:
The world hold it's breath
the stars hesitate
the sun linger
creation fill it's lungs
the air swell
so that the whole earth can proclaim: Christ is risen!
This is resurrection morning

~ written by Roddy Hamilton

Rejoicing,
Rev. Linda Dunn

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.

New Pilgrim Guidelines

At the Board meeting on Monday, March 11, the following proposal was presented and approved and will go into effect with Walk 42 in October.

1. All Walks with 12 or more Pilgrims will be allowed to proceed.
2. In order to maintain proper table dynamics (never less than 3 Pilgrims per table) the number of tables on the Walk will be modified as follows:
 - 12-14 Pilgrims—4 tables
 - 15-17 Pilgrims—5 tables
 - 18-36 Pilgrims—6 tables
3. When the number of tables is less than 6, the extra Silent Partners will fill in at the Pilgrim tables and give their talks. The extra Table Leaders will be released from the Walk.
4. Cancelling Walks sends the wrong message to the EOM community. Community members are becoming afraid of getting Pilgrims committed to attend, only to have the Walk cancelled.
5. Cancelling Walks separates couples who want to go on the same set of Walks.

EOM Men's Walk #41

We extend a warm welcome to the newest members of the Emmaus of the Midlands community!

Curt Ackerman	Michael Castera	Ron Mankin	Duane Senf
H.L. Allen	Craig Fehr	Donald McKnight	Rick Smith
Glenn Beach	Richard Fryberger	Kane Padgett	O'Neal Solomon
Richard Brown	Charles Fulmer	Terry Peterson	Josh Stevenson
Davy Brunson	Andy Harmon	David Pitts	Mark Wilson
Shuler Burton	Bill Lewis	Tim Rogers	Doyle Wingard
Gryff Carosiello			

New Candlelight location *by Greg Prewitt, Candlelight*

We all know that Candlelight is a very special part of the Walk to Emmaus. It is the first time that the pilgrims and the community come face to face. Trinity UMC in West Columbia has faithfully served the EOM community as the host church for our Candlelight services. After many wonderful years with Trinity, and much deliberation from the EOM Board of Directors, we are moving the Candlelight service. Beulah UMC in Gilbert will now be the home church for this weekend event. The goal is to move closer to the camp, which will allow more time at the camp for the pilgrims as well as reducing the travel time for them to and from the service. The trip will be a bit longer for our community members, but will be worth the extra miles.

Please join me in thanking Trinity UMC for their wonderful support and service provided to our Emmaus community. We are all excited and looking forward to our new candlelight home. As always, thank you for your continued support as we move forward with this wonderful experience.

Warmest regards,

Greg Prewitt

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Anybody feel like running?

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.

Three members of the EOM community have answered the call to serve and will put their names on the ballot for this year's election, but we still need four more candidates. 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 seven candidates, a ballot will be made available, as well as bio's for each of the candidates.

We expect to have a full ballot of candidates in time to have final voting at the May Gathering at Dalzell UMC, and new members will begin their service in June. We look forward to hearing from you!

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April

Emmaus Gathering...Apr 26

Mt. Horeb UMC

1205 Old Cherokee Rd.

Lexington, SC

803.359.3495

Sponsorship Training @ 6:30

Pot Luck Dinner @ 7 pm

Program @ 8 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 13 Board Meeting (7 pm @Windsor UMC)

May 24 Gathering @ Dalzell UMC

Jun 10 Board Meeting (7 pm @Windsor UMC)

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)*



From Sumter: Take Hwy 76/378 West to Columbia, exit onto I-77 South, then merge onto I-26 West. Take Exit 111A onto US 1 / Augusta Rd through Lexington, continuing on Old Chapin Rd. Merge left onto Old Cherokee Rd, Mt. Horeb UMC is on the left.

From Aiken: Take I-26 East to Exit 55, then left onto Hwy 6. Coming into Lexington, turn left onto Hwy 1 / East Main St, continuing on Old Chapin Rd. Merge left onto Old Cherokee Rd, Mt. Horeb UMC is on the left.