



# Messenger



## January Gathering **JANUARY 24, 2014** **Boiling Springs UMC** **2373 Caulks Ferry Rd**

### Directions:

Take Exit 51 off I-20 South on Longs Pond Road (SC204) 2.5 miles.

Turn right on Nazareth Road West to Caulks Ferry Road (SC243) 2.8 miles.

Left on Caulks Ferry Road South (SC278) .7 miles.

Boiling Springs UMC is on the left .1 miles past Boiling Springs Road.



From the Emmaus of the Midlands Board we wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May the joy of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be with you during these holidays as well as the rest of the year.

DeColores

### Upcoming Events

*Jan 13 Board Mtg  
Windsor UMC*

*Jan 30 Gathering  
Boiling Springs UMC*

*Feb 10 Board Mtg  
Windsor UMC*

*Feb Gathering  
Available*

*March 10 Board Mtg  
Windsor UMC*

*March Walks  
Men's 13-16  
Women's 20-23*

*April 14 Board Mtg  
Windsor UMC*

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## WHERE IS YOUR REUNION GROUP?

The focus of the “Perseverance” talk during the Walk to Emmaus weekend is the importance of finding a reunion group in order to support pilgrims during their fourth days.

As Paul asked the Corinthians, “*if the trumpet does not sound a clear call, who will get ready for battle?*” (1 Cor 14:8) The same reasoning pertains to reunion groups. We stress their importance, yet never tell the pilgrims how to find one. Not only are pilgrims missing out on the opportunity of fellowship and support but a reunion group may be missing potential contributors to the body.

In the near future Emmaus of the Midlands would like to make available to community members a source for sharing this information. If you are a member of a reunion or accountability group, please help us collect this data by providing the group’s name, meeting location, contact information (name, phone number, etc), and sponsoring church. As an example I am a member of:

<b>Name of Group</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
The Basin & Towel Reunion Group	St. John’s UMC	Batesburg, SC	Charles Adams (803)622-0597

This information will also be a valuable resource for those who may not be near a current group may want to start a new group.

Please contact me by phone, or at [charlesma@sc.rr.com](mailto:charlesma@sc.rr.com) .

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EMMAUS NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER

From the Chairman

December 14, 2013

My it is hard to believe but the year is almost over and soon it will be time to start putting teams together for the Spring Walks. Tentatively, the Board has set January 11<sup>th</sup> at Windsor UMC for team selection and February 21 & 22<sup>nd</sup> for team training at a site TBA.

For the Spring Walks we only have 5 months between the past and upcoming walks and then you have to include Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years holidays in the mix as well. So you can see by this short turn around it is not to early to be thinking who you would like to sponsor and get signed up for the Spring Walks.

The next gathering is scheduled for January 24<sup>th</sup> at Boiling Spring UMC but we should have another Newsletter out before then and we will talk more about the January gathering at that time.

In the meantime, on behalf of the Emmaus of the Midlands Board I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and remember above all else the reason for the season is to celebrate Jesus birth.

DeColores!  
God Bless,  
Leonard May

## Meet Your Board Member

My name is Tom Furse. I live in Columbia with my wife Mary and our two cats. We are members of and worship at NorthEast UMC. Mary and I were pilgrims on EOM Walk # 7. I retired from Saudi ARAMCO in 1991 after living in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia for 10 years where I was the Scientific Computer Operations Manager for all of the Saudi Government's central computing. We have three children, nine grandchildren and three great-grand-children. I have been a member of the Emmaus Board of Directors several times. My current responsibility is Registration. I receive and process all of your pilgrim's applications, maintain the EOM Data base and the EOM Web Site.

Tom Furse

“Message in Word and Song”

By Linda Hiller



**Linda’s “Message in Word and Song” centers on God’s amazing love for us and is told in personal experiences and contemporary Christian music. The 25 to 30 minute program is structured to inspire and entertain as she reminds us how inner peace depends on our trust in God’s love.**

“Linda’s Story in Song program is a powerful and touching message that is an inspiration to all audiences.”

*Cathy Taylor*

*Aveleigh Fellowship of Presbyterians*

“...inspiring, uplifting...in word and song. Linda’s message through word and song touched the hearts of young and old alike as she shared her message with all the ladies at Macedonia Lutheran Church’s tea party. We laughed and we cried as Linda shared God’s word with us in her testimony.”

*Dorothy Longshore, President, Macedonia Lutheran Church Women*

“To my brothers and sisters in Christ... I am David Mitchell, President of the United Methodist Men at Wightman UMC in Prosperity, SC. I want to share with you a wonderful experience of God’s love through the musical testimony of Linda Hiller, a faithful member of our church. Linda’s testimony is so well presented through her God-given talent of song that she makes our Lord’s love come to life in her own special way. Her life experiences with God are truly heart warming and extraordinary. God uses ordinary people to perform godly tasks and his plan for Linda is demonstrated through her music ministry. So that you might personally experience Linda’s love for her Lord and her music, I know Linda would be honored to worship and share her talent with your church family or organization. You will come away with a new perspective on life.”

*Your Brother in Christ,*

*David*

**Linda resides in Prosperity, SC, and worships at Wightman UMC where she serves as a member and soloist in the chancel choir. Her many presentations and performances are well known throughout the Newberry area.**

[If you would like Linda to share her message at your church or event, you may contact her at \(803\) 537-1987.](#)