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Coming Events

January 23 Gathering
Dalzell UMC
Dalzell, SC
Meal @ 7, Worship @ 8

February 9 Board Meeting
Windsor UMC @ 7
Columbia, SC

February 27 Gathering
Red Bank UMC
Lexington, SC
Meal @ 7, Worship @ 8

March 9 Board Meeting
Windsor UMC @ 7
Columbia, SC

March 27 Gathering
Trinity UMC
Sumter, SC
Meal @ 7, Worship @ 8

April 13 Board Meeting
Windsor UMC
Columbia, SC

April 24 Gathering
Mt Horeb UMC
Lexington, SC
Meal @ 7, Worship @ 8

May 11 Board Meeting
Windsor UMC
Columbia, SC

May—No Gathering-Walks

From Your Chairman

While it may seem hard to believe, a new year has arrived. Welcome to Emmaus of the Midlands 2015. Whether we make New Year's resolutions or not, let us all commit ourselves to be the best servants of God we can be this coming year. We should do this by first committing to service in our local churches but please also consider serving your Emmaus of the Midlands community in any way you may feel led.

There are many ways we can all serve starting with sponsoring new pilgrims, attending the monthly gatherings, volunteering to run and serve on the Board of Directors, working on Walk Teams in the conference room or behind the scenes helping in the kitchen, snack agape, table agape, luggage, camp set-up and take down, candlelight, and the agape feast. Also, let us not forget to be in constant prayer for our community and for the upcoming Walks.

The Spring Walks this year will not be until May 21-24th for the Men and May 28th-31st for the Women. The reason for the late dates is because this is the first weekends Camp Nazarene had available back to back with our change of policy to not schedule walks on Palm Sunday as well as Easter. The Lay Directors for these Spring Walks are Charles Adams for the Men and Patty McIntosh for the Women. Please be in prayer for them and if you are called to serve on a team, please give it prayerful consideration.

The Gathering this month is at Dalzell UMC. Hope to see everyone there including all our friends from the Sumter Area.

God Bless,
Leonard May

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Gathering January 23 @ 7

Dalzell UMC

Dalzell, SC

Map on website for 2015 gatherings

Driving directions from Columbia and all points West: Follow I 20 to Exit 98 (Hwy 521/ Camden/Sumter) Follow 521 about 18 miles to Frierson Rd. (First traffic light you will encounter) Turn left for .5 mi Turn right onto Old Camden Rd. Church will be about .5 mi on your right.

Sumter: Follow 521 North to Frierson Rd about five miles from Hwy 76/378 Bypass. Turn right on Frierson and then right on Old Camden. Church location will be on left.

Meet Your Board Member

Delores Fish Kitchen Coordinator
Emmaus of the Midlands Walk #30
Table of Martha

St John's United Methodist Church Aiken, SC

I grew up in Ohio, where we moved fairly often due to my father being a Methodist minister. I joined the military in 1983 and again moved several times, California, Washington, Korea and finally ending up in Washington D.C. to complete my career, after 20 years, and retire in 2003. While I was in the military I was able to obtain my LPN license. Currently I am working at Eisenhower Medical Center at Fort Gordon, GA. I have two sons, Michael, who lives with me in Aiken, and Robert who is currently serving in the Army and is stationed at Fort Bragg in NC. And I am blessed to have one grandson Jonas. This is my second term on the board, both terms so far as Kitchen Coordinator. I have also served on the Emmaus teams as silent partner, table leader, and kitchen crew. It is my privilege and honor to serve this community. Being a part of Emmaus has blessed me in so many ways and has allowed me to grow deeper in my faith.

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The Gift

A love offering for emerging communities around the world.
Make giving to “The Gift” a part of your fourth day!

In the Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis, participants are called to consider new ways to live out Christian action by making Christ’s love real in the world. One way to respond is by contributing to “The Gift,” a fund raising initiative led by the International Emmaus Office of the Upper Room. “The Gift” ensures that Christians throughout the world can enjoy the fruits of these transformative experiences.

When you contribute to “The Gift” fund, you help others respond to their call to Christian leadership. Your financial support assist emerging communities with start-up needs such as leadership training, program resources, and more. Join fellow pilgrims and butterflies in sustaining and growing this meaningful ministry.

Your Gift Funds at Work This Year....Emmaus growth in South America! In 2014, fifteen pilgrims from Chile and Peru experienced a Walk to Emmaus in Puebla, Mexico, with the hopes of launching communities in their home countries. Donations to “the Gift” provided scholarship funds and helped cover travel and lodging expenses. Additional funds are needed to support these emerging communities and tend the seeds that have been planted.

Did you know?

More than one million Christians in 39 countries have experienced a Walk to Emmaus or Chrysalis weekend. The Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis are funded by participant fees, resource sales, and “the Gift” fund. The Upper Room does not receive any apportionment funds from the United Methodist Church or any Church denomination.

For more information, or to give an online donation, visit: <http://emmaus.upperroom.org/leaders/gift>

At the Leadership Development Training in Greenville this past November we were asked to discuss giving money to the fund. Under our covenant we are asked to donate to this fund. Your board decided to support two pilgrims for a total of \$300.

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We want to hear from you!

As you recall, at the end of your walk, you answered two questions (after the really hard questions of name, where you are from, what church you attend and the walk you attended).

1. What have these three days meant to you?
2. What are you going to do about it?

Sharing God's blessings is one of the calls we have as Christians. We need to share God's goodness in order to encourage, bless and lift each other up. The Emmaus Community is all about serving God in order to help others experience God's love. We would love to hear how you have changed, been blessed, were able to share God's love since your Walk. In other words, tell us about your 4th days. Help encourage your community and in doing so, you will likely be following the promises you made at the end of your weekend.

If you would like to share your story, write it (less than 500 words), send it to lucieinsc@bellsouth.net. Make sure you have added your name, church, where you live and walk number. We will publish as space allows. We are a community of believers from all over South Carolina and the world. Use this community to grow so you can learn to sow his love to our unchurched neighbors. See you at the Gatherings.