



Messenger

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Coming Events

October 12 Board Meeting
Windsor UMC, Columbia

October 15-18
No Men's Walk
No Gathering

October 22-25
Women's Walk
No Gathering

November No Gathering

December Gathering
December 12 Saturday
Wightman UMC

Board Meeting
January 11 @ 7pm
Windsor UMC

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

Board Meeting
February 8 @ 7pm
Windsor UMC

February Gathering
First Christian Church
Columbia, SC
Meal @ 7 Worship @ 8

Board Meeting
March 14 @ 7pm
Windsor UMC

From the Desk of the Community Lay Director

I recently read a book entitled *The Lost Letters of Pergamum: A Story from the New Testament World*, by Bruce W. Longenecker. The book is in the genre of historical fiction, with the intent of taking its readers into the first-century Greco-Roman world in which the early Church was formed and during which our New Testament scriptures were penned. The social, religious, and political backdrop is painted using characters from the Bible, historical information from extant writings, and archaeological information of the time. According to the author, his wish is —that readers might experience ‘the realities of that world in a manner that narrative is so well suited to foster.’ He continues...’while the story did not happen, it could have happened.’

The story is this. A series of letters between Luke and Antipas, a Roman official, is discovered in an archaeological dig in the ancient city of Pergamum, and the editor, or the discoverer of the letters, provides the text of the correspondence.

What ensues is a model of evangelism. Antipas is a rich and powerful Roman worshipper of multiple deities, and a keen enthusiast of the grisly gladiatorial games during which many people, including those who professed Christ, are slaughtered at the delight of the crowd and the Roman officials.

Antipas is also a lover of great literature. When Luke hears this, he offers to let Antipas read his treatise on the life of Jesus Christ (i.e. the Gospel of Luke). Furthermore, Luke encourages Antipas to meet with a group of Christians in the city of Pergamum led by a person named Antonius.

At first, Antipas is skeptical of Jesus Christ and of the Christian community. Their behavior is so odd! They treat all persons equally, no matter what their economic status, health condition, or gender. They are loving and compassionate toward one another—qualities Antipas is not used to seeing. But little by little, Luke keeps encouraging Antipas. In the end, Antipas’ life is changed dramatically, as he comes to accept the truth of Jesus Christ. This story SO reminded me of the story of the two on the Emmaus Road in Luke 24. Just as Jesus did with the two disciples, Luke —came alongside Antipas and began walking with him. He shared truths of scripture and his own testimony about Jesus.

And so I asked myself: Who are the people in my life that I am walking alongside and being a friend to, like Luke was in the story, or like Jesus was in Luke’s Gospel? What people have been instrumental in my life to come alongside me and point me to Christ? As we continue on in our Fourth Day, let us always be mindful of the people in our lives who need the Lord. They need us to gently but firmly point them to Jesus. As our Emmaus cross reminds us, Christ is counting on us!

DeColores

Charles

Emmaus of the Midlands Women's Walk #46

Prayer List for Pilgrims and Servants

PILGRIMS

Alice Allington
Carol Baker
Brenda Bassin
Kay Burgess
Blakely Cahoon
Mo Dominick
Amy Douglas
Summer Eplee
Donna Fulmer
Jane Gero
Lynn Goodman
Carolyn Green
Karen Hill
Brandy Howell
Rose Jephson
Mary Mason
Dee Dee Milakovich
Margrethe Nobles
Eva Pele
Chris Shephard
Selena Ruth Smith
Stephane Solomon
Krissie Stokes
Sherry Truesdale

SERVANTS

Wanda Altman
Mandy Barwick
Terry Booth
Ginny Braddock
Julie Braddock
Susan Caskey
Pat Christiansen
Doris Cooke
Ida Corl
David Day
Terri Goodman
Cindy Harmon
Leslie Harmon
Jessie Kearns
Carol Kirven
Kimberly Kraft-Burton
Sharon Lentz
Shay Long
Sheri McClendon
Carolyn McLean
Mary Lynn Medlin
Cheryl Mendiola
Sari Ness
Teri Schell
Sandy Sirhal
Mary Frances Thompson
Debra Weatherly

Directions to CANDLELIGHT at Beulah UMC in Gilbert at 8:00 pm

From Columbia: From Elmwood/Huger, take I-126 West to I-20. At exit 107A, take ramp right for I-20 West towards Augusta. From I-20, take US-1 exit to Lexington Go 8.5 miles. Turn left at light onto E Main St onto Hwy 1/Hwy 378 intersection of Wells Fargo Bank CVS Go .6 miles. Bear right onto Hwy 378 This intersection is past Lexington Medical Center K-Mart. Go 9.5 miles. Turn right at stop light onto Beulah Church Rd. Church is .3 miles on left

From Saluda: Take Hwy 378 to traffic circle and take 2nd exit to Hwy 378. Go 8.1 miles. Turn left at stop light Beulah Church Rd. Church is 0.3 miles on left.

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.CAMP SET-UP AND TAKE DOWN

The Women's Walk is right around the corner...October 22-25th.

Camp Set-Up will be Wednesday morning, October 21st. We will meet at Camp Nazarene at 9:00 AM and hopefully be finished by 12:00 noon.

Camp Take-Down will be Monday morning, October 26th at 9:00 AM and again we will hopefully be finished by noon.

Please come out and help us get ready for the Walk. If you can come help, please e-mail me at therry-may@att.net or call me at 803-364-1894. If you realize you can come at the last minute, just come on out! I look forward to seeing you there!

Therry May

It's that time again!!! Please bring your table agape to camp Thursday evening. You may leave your agape at the registration desk, the lake house, or the kitchen!!! You may bring agape to camp at anytime through Saturday evening. You may also bring agape to candlelight!

Sponsors, do not forget those letters!!! Thank you so much for your love and support! Any questions, please call--[803-364-9340](tel:803-364-9340) or email-- dflongshore@gmail.com!

Decolores! Dorothy Longshore

Dear Emmaus of the Midlands Community,

Please go online and sign up for the seventy-two hour prayer vigil for the Women's Walk.

DeColores,

Susan Matthews

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