

Messenger

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Coming Events

February 24 Gathering
Platt Springs UMC
Meal @ 7 Worship @ 8
March 13 Board Mtg
Various Locations 7 pm
March 16-19
Men's Walk
March 23-26
Women's Walk
April 10 Board Mtg
Various Locations 7 pm
April 28 Gathering
Boiling Springs UMC
Meal @ 7 Worship @ 8
May 8 Board Mtg
Various Locations 7 pm
May 20 Gathering
Picnic Nazerene Camp
June 12 Board Meeting
Various Locations

Prayers for the New Year and Upcoming Walks

Well, we've made it through the first month of the new year (January of 2017). We've had a successful team selection for our March Walks. Now it's time to turn them over to God for his perfecting spirit to lead our teams into his will for the pilgrims. Also, trust God to have the pilgrims receptive to the words given to them by the clergy and the assistant table leaders during the Walks.

I would suggest that we do something that we probably have not done often enough. Look on the cross that we all wear to gatherings and on Sunday afternoons at camp and take to heart what it says "Christ is counting on you". Powerful words that puts us in the front line of being Christ's hands and feet as we go about not just our Emmaus business, but our everyday lives. Christ is counting on all of us to do his work and will at all times.

Our pastor at Lexington United Methodist Church, Rev. Ken Owens in his January letter to the church members asks that we pray as we go throughout 2017. This is the prayer he gave us for 2017:

"Lord, as we enter into a new year, be present among us with your forgiveness and hope. Show us how to be faithful disciples, and when that's difficult give us clarity and courage. Help us be better stewards of all the resources you entrust to our care - our finances, our bodies, our time, our talents, and all the other wonderful gifts you bestow on us that are to be used to share your love. Give healing, when healing is needed. Give justice, where justice is needed. Bind us together that we might be a strong force for your good. Through Christ, we pray. Amen."

We all need to call upon God to lead us through this year and in all our Emmaus work.

DeColores - Bobby Bowers

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Prayer Vigil

There are still times available for the Prayer Vigil. All you need to do is go to the web site, midlandsemmaus.com, and click on Walks. A dropdown box will direct you to Prayer Vigils. Just follow the screen to pick a time.

AGAPE NEWS

It's that time again...time to get ready for our SPRING WALKS!

Table Agape...the community never fails to bring the BEST of the best! Get those hands busy!

Snacks...Get your favorite recipes out. Shop with your coupons and the sales paper. Make those delicious treats and buy those favorite snacks! Nuts, chocolate, chips, candy, cake and cookies and oh, don't forget the healthy snacks! Also, please remember the candy for the candy baskets in the conference room!

Letters! Once you have your Pilgrims, don't forget those special letters! There is nothing quite like a personal letter/card from your family and friends.

Thanks for all your help! With God's help, we will have awesome walks!

Praise the Lord!

DeColores!

Therry May, Snack Agape--803-924-5793

Dorothy Longshore, Table Agape--803-924-4591

We will hold Sponsorship Training during the April Gathering, Boiling Springs UMC at 6:30.

Camp Set-up for the March Walks will be Wednesday, March 15th and Camp Take Down will be Monday, March 27th. We will meet at the camp at 9:00 am. All volunteers are welcome! Please come out and join the fun!!.

Therry May

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New Board of Directors

Bobby Bowers—Chairman

Walt Crozier—Vice Chairman

Christina Galvin—Secretary

Kirk Atwood—Treasurer

Duane Sirhal—Candlelight/Luggage

Carolyn McLean—Registrar

Janie Goldie—Music

Ginny Braddock—Kitchen

Billy McCoy—Newsletter

Bobby Sandifer—Public Relations/Transportation

Therry May—Housing/Camp Setup

Dorothy Longshore—Table Agape/Mail Room

Alston Lippert—Prayer Vigil/Seed Agape

Delores Fish—Kitchen

Thad Hinnant—Training

Bob Martin—Web Site

Rev. Steve Gaither—Community Spiritual Director

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The minimum amount of pilgrims needed for the men's walk.



Those already signed up.



The minimum amount of pilgrims needed for the women's walk.



Those already signed up.



We need your help. We cannot have a walk without at least twelve persons. Let's get busy. Please pray for that person you have been thinking about and speak to him/her.

We have several others promised, but so far we have not received their paperwork. Please help us. We need twelve to have the walks.

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