

Messenger

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“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11 “Come to Me with a teachable spirit, eager to be changed. A close walk with Me is a life of continual newness. Do not cling to old ways as you step into a new year. Instead, seek My face with an open mind, knowing that your journey with Me involves being transformed by the renewing of your mind.” *Jesus Calling, Enjoying Peace in His Presence. Sarah Young.*

Happy New Year! Do not cling to old ways...seek My face. These words are not easy to follow because we all cling to the past. We know what's best for us! If we all would heed God's words and let Him guide us we would all be better people! It really does seem to be such a simple thing to do, so why is it so hard for us to just let God lead us? If you are anything like me, the end result of me being in charge ends in disaster! God is a loving father who wants nothing but good for His children, so let us all give up our control and let the God of creation guide us to being transformed!

I was saddened by the news that the spring walks were being canceled. We have a large community and its my prayer that each one in this community will pray for that pilgrim God wants to attend these walks.

It is my honor to now introduce our newest board member:

I would like to introduce myself to the EOM community. My name is Mary Brown, I worship at St John's UMC in Batesburg, I went on the EOM walk number 27 and sat at the table of Martha. My Board responsibility is registrar. I receive and process the pilgrims' applications and maintain the EOM data base.

My Walk to Emmaus was truly a mountain top experience for me. I am grateful to my sponsor for encouraging me to go on the walk. Since my walk, I have been active in the community attending gatherings and serving as both Table Leader and Assistant Table Leader.

I know this is a very busy time of year for everyone, but I encourage the community to seek out and pray for those persons who may have an interest in going on the walk. Our next walks are in March. The dates for the men's walk is March 8-11 and the women's walk March 15-18. Please get these applications in as soon as possible. Send the applications to the following address:

Mary Brown
320 Blanding Street
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I look forward to serving on the Board and serving the EOM community.

DeColores,
Mary

I would now like to introduce myself; my name is Terri Goodman. I went on walk 16 and sat at the table of Mary. I attend Bethel United Methodist Church in Jackson, S.C. Since my original walk I have served as table leader, silent partner, music, board representative, secretary on the board, lay director in training, and lay director. I love this community and want to see it grow! I would love to see every walk full of new pilgrims! I was elected to serve on the board; my responsibility is newsletter. I hope I can fill the very big shoes of Mr. Billy McCoy. He did a great job and I will try to keep the newsletter as close to how he did it as I can. I need everyone to send me articles about what you are passionate about or any meetings, gathering information, or walk information that needs to be in the newsletter. I will try to get the newsletter out at the beginning of each month. This month was plagued with sickness, a family death, and other delays. I apologize for those things, and hope to be on track for February. I am honored to serve on the board and look forward to serving as newsletter writer. I would also like to add a prayer request list each month to remember those we have lost as well as those who need our prayers. Please remember the family of Mr. Bob Pettis and the family of Mr. Dick Pool (<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/thestate/obituary.aspx?n=richard-pool&pid=187860959&fhid=29847>).

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Our next gathering will be at Redbank UMC, Lexington, SC. The potluck will start at 7:00, worship at 8:00. Directions are on the community calendar.

Our next board meeting will be February 12, 7:00 @ Lexington UMC, Lexington, SC.

Upcoming Events:

February Gathering: Macedonia Lutheran Church, Prosperity, SC, February 23, 7:00 potluck, 8:00 worship. Directions are on the community calendar.

March Gathering: Boiling Springs UMC, Lexington, SC, March 23, 7:00 potluck, 8:00 worship. Directions are on the community calendar.

Board Meeting: March 12, 7:00 @ Lexington UMC, Lexington, SC

February 14: Valentines Day/Ash Wednesday

February 19: President's Day

March 11: Daylight Savings (Spring Forward)!!!!