

Messenger

A monthly newsletter of the Emmaus of the Midlands Community

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Upcoming Events:

Board Meeting:

May 14, 7:00 pm @ Red Bank UMC, Lexington, SC

Annual Picnic: May 19

Starts at 4:00 pm at Trinity UMC Blythewood. We'll have grilled hamburgers & hotdogs. Bring picnic side dishes and lawn chairs. Come enjoy food and fellowship with your Emmaus family

Board Meeting:

June 12, 7:00 pm @ Red Bank UMC, Lexington, SC

June Gathering: June 22 at Lexington UMC, Lexington, SC, 7:00 pm potluck, 8:00 pm worship.

Board Meeting:

July 9, 7:00 pm @ Red Bank UMC, Lexington, SC

July Gathering: July 27 at Bethel UMC, Jackson, SC, 7:00 pm potluck, 8:00 pm worship.

Spiritual Director's Message

Dear Friends,

The month of May is a busy one with several special occasions. Mother's Day falls on May 13th and many churches will recognize their graduates this month. What wonderful occasions in our life together! We give God thanks and praise for the loved ones in our lives, and wish all graduates happiness and success as they develop and use the gifts God has given them.

Also on the Christian calendar this month are three special Sundays: Ascension, Pentecost and Trinity Sunday. The first two are recorded in scripture and the third was established by church tradition, drawn from scripture. This month transitions us from "Sundays of Easter" (Eastertide) to "Sundays after Pentecost" (Kingdomtide, which lasts until Advent). The season of Kingdomtide focuses on spiritual transformation (sanctification) and witness in the world, both individually and collectively as the body of Christ. As the world springs to life around us and within us, we are called to grow and share the glorious Good News of the gracious love of God, the victorious reign of Christ, and the marvelous gift of the Holy Spirit.

We live between Pentecost and Christ's return. Each day will bring its joys and its challenges. We cherish moments of happiness, pray for strength in the sorrows, and hold tight to our hope for tomorrow.

The Emmaus community stands alongside the Church to support and encourage each believer. How good it is when God's people can live and love together. May you know the peace God each day, His abiding presence, His abundant power, His eternal grace.

DeColores,

Linda

The Chairman's Corner

Upcoming Walks and Board Member Elections

The dates for our Walks are rapidly approaching. We need Pilgrims! Please pray for these Walks and also pray that God will lead you to someone who would benefit from the Walk.

Please consider running for the Emmaus Board in the upcoming elections.

Meet Your Board Member

Hi I'm Ida Corl. I worship at Trinity UMC Blythewood. I went on Emmaus of Midlands Walk 19 and sat at the Table of Martha. This is my first year on the board. My board responsibility is Kitchen. I am excited to serve in this role. As a retired food service director it is my personal goal for our pilgrims and servants to have healthy choices and good food with cheerful service. There are many opportunities to serve on a weekend and have great fellowship in your 4th days. Each meal takes about twenty people to prepare and serve. We serve eight meals each weekend. Please consider how you can be a servant on a weekend. Help with one meal, the whole day, and or the whole weekend. Your servant service is desired and needed on our walks. You can sign up to be part of the behind the scenes servant in the Kitchen. Please sign up on EOM web site under volunteers or you can contact me directly at idadcorl@gmail.com (803)315-0488. Thank you for prayerfully considering to be used by God.

Prayers, Concerns and Praises

- Please keep our Spiritual Director, Rev. Linda Dunn, in your prayers
- Please keep Carol Frye in your prayers
- Pray for upcoming Emmaus events: Walks, Gatherings, Board Meetings, etc.

Sponsorship training is held a few times per year about twenty minutes prior to a monthly Gathering. The next Sponsorship training session will be held before a future Gathering as the need arises. Pilgrim applications should be mailed to:

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Just a reminder, if you have any information for upcoming newsletters please notify me at my contact info below. Also, if you know of a community member that is not receiving the newsletter, either electronically or via hard copy, let me know.

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