

Messenger

A monthly newsletter of the Emmaus of the Midlands Community

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Upcoming Events:

Board Meeting:
August 13, 7:00 pm @
Red Bank UMC,
Lexington, SC

August Gathering:
August 24 at Brookland
UMC, 541 Meeting St.,
West Columbia, SC, 7:00
pm potluck, 8:00 pm
worship.

Board Meeting:
September 10, 7:00 pm
@ Red Bank UMC,
Lexington, SC

September Gathering:
September 28 at Dalzell
UMC, 3330 Black River
Rd., Dalzell, SC, 7:00 pm
potluck, 8:00 pm
worship.

Board Meeting:
October 8, 7:00 pm @
Red Bank UMC,
Lexington, SC

**October Gathering: No
gathering due to Walks**

Board Meeting:
November 12, 7:00 pm @
Red Bank UMC,
Lexington, SC

**November Gathering: No
gathering due to
Thanksgiving Holiday**

Spiritual Director's Message

My friends,

School begins this month and with it a sense that summer is winding down. We will still have hot weather for a while, but our thoughts move forward to the crisp days to come. As we shift our focus to the fall season, let us be mindful of the October walks. We need pilgrims! They are the reason for the walks. We need you! You are the one who can offer them this intimate experience with Jesus.

In Matthew 10: 7-8, Jesus sends the disciples out into the towns to offer healing, hope and life to those they meet. We know the Emmaus experience is an opportunity for us as disciples to share this same good news with new friends. The kingdom of God comes near as we share our witness and fellowship over those three days.

Let us reflect again on how God has blessed and enriched our lives, deepened our faith, and expanded our family through the Emmaus experience. Who do you know that needs that?

Go forth in the name of the One who was confident and bold for the sake of others. We pray for the pilgrims waiting to be invited.

DeColores,
Linda

The Chairman's Corner

Upcoming Walks and Board Member Elections

The dates for our Walks are rapidly approaching. We need Pilgrims! The Men's Walk is scheduled for October 18-21, 2018 and the Women's Walk is scheduled for October 25-28, 2018. Training dates to be announced. 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.

Thank you all for your calls, cards, concerns and prayers during my recent surgery and recovery. Sid

Meet Your Board Member

Hello, My name is Dorothy Longshore. I reside in Prosperity...actually in the country, below the town, and close to Lake Murray. I live on the way to Macedonia Lutheran Church which is my home church. I am very blessed to be married to my best friend, Pat, for the last 38 years. We have 6 beautiful children; three of which became ours when they married our two sons and our daughter. We have 5 awesome grandchildren under the age of four. I have the privilege and joy to be a stay at home wife and homemaker. I love spending time with family, friends, my small group of Baaaaaad Sheep, and serving our Lord and Savior in various ways in our church and in our community.

One of the great joys and honor that I have had for the past 3 years, is to serve on the Board of the Emmaus of the Midlands. I am presently completing my third year as Table Agape and Mailroom coordinator. I have worked with some wonderful and dedicated people as I have served our Community in this way.

During these last hot days of summer, it is a great time to work in your reunion groups ,and individually if you like, on table agape. I still remember going to the dining hall and being so excited to see the little treats by my plate. Some of my favorite agape was the simplest. The love of Christ is shared in so many ways on a walk weekend. Table agape is just one special way!

Another, very special way, is mail for the pilgrims. What a joy to see the mail slots fill up with cards and letters! Sponsors, it is your responsibility to get mail for your pilgrim. You may drop it off at registration, the kitchen, the mail room and final drop off is candlelight. Thank you so very much for helping me by filling up those mail bags.

In conclusion, What does Emmaus mean to me? It is hard to put into words. I went on my walk in March 2009... Walk#33 and I sat at the table of Mary. I have been blessed with so many new friendships. Friendships I will cherish for a lifetime!

My life has not been the same since my walk. The Holy Spirit has touched me in more ways than I could ever have imagined. I "Walk by Faith and not by Sight."

Each day is a new step in the journey of life. I am so blessed to be His Child, and I am so thankful to lovingly serve my Awesome God wherever He leads. To Him be all the Honor and Glory!!!!

DeColores!

Dorothy

Prayers, Concerns and Praises

- Please pray for a speedy recovery for Sid Hawkins
- Pray for upcoming Emmaus events: Walks, Gatherings, Board Meetings, etc.
- Pray for all pastors and churches

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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Lost and Found



Someone left a round, blue lid at the Gathering held at Bethel UMC in Jackson on July 27th. The lid was on a container of green beans. If this is yours or if you know whose it is, please contact Terri Goodman. We will bring it to next month's Gathering at Brooklyn UMC.

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.

DeColores!

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