

Messenger

A monthly newsletter of the Emmaus of the Midlands Community

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Upcoming Events:

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**

December Gathering:
Saturday, December 1 at
Wightman UMC, 303 N.
Main St., Prosperity, SC
6:00 pm potluck, 7:00 pm
worship. Note date &
time change.

Spiritual Director's Message

Dear Friends,

One of the things we enjoy at Lake Junaluska is a leisurely walk around the beautiful lake. We were privileged to be at LJ for The Festival of Wisdom and Grace (Older Adult Conference) in August, and we shared a walk with several friends. Admired the geese and swans, marveled at the paddleboarders, considered renting a kayak, and stopped often to enjoy the views. It was peaceful and relaxing, and the experience strengthened our friendships.

The Walk to Emmaus isn't the same type physical experience, but it does provide the opportunity of bringing peace to someone's spirit and strength to their relationship with God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit, which then can improve their relationships with loved ones and friends. It's a powerful blessing we have the privilege of extending to others.

Our fall Walks are coming soon, and we are woefully short of pilgrims. Who do you know that needs a time of renewal and peace? Who do you know that might want to be strengthened and encouraged? Who is the Lord leading you to invite?

Psalm 29:11 "The Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace."

DeColores,
Pastor 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 will be

announced. Please pray for these Walks and also pray that God will lead you to someone who would benefit from the Walk. We are working hard to ensure these Walks are a success and we need your help!

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

The August Gathering was held at Brookland UMC with 47 community member and two visitors attending.

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

A Note from A Board Member

It's Shake & Bake and I Helped!!

What does S & B have to do with Emmaus you might ask. Absolutely nothing!!! But "**I Helped**" has everything to do with Emmaus.

Last month, as table agape chair, I shared some ways to share agape. This month on behalf of the Board, I'd like to share a few ways to give offerings. All offerings are very important. Your monthly offerings at gatherings help so much as well as the offerings you place in the little pink envelopes. But did you know that you could also help by giving designated offerings? Some items which offerings can be designated for are:

Printing - we have many items to print...anything from registration, printing of info for pilgrims packets to the upcoming cost of printing new bulletins for our Candle Light services

Batteries for our candles

Flowers for the ladies

Worship Books

Notebooks & Pens

Crosses

Christ Candle

Also, a very special way to honor someone is an offering as an **Honorarium** or as a **Memorial** of a loved one.

So you can see - we may no longer need Shake & Bake but we always need "**I Helped**".

Thank you so much for sharing your financial gifts with Emmaus, a ministry which continues to grow the Body of Christ. If you choose to mail in an offering, please mail to our Treasurer, Kirk Atwood. His address is: Kirk Atwood, 745 Harborview Drive, Prosperity, SC 29127

DeColores,

Dorothy Longshore

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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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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