

Messenger

A monthly newsletter of the Emmaus of the Midlands Community

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Upcoming Events:

Board Meeting:

April 8, 7:00 pm @ Red Bank UMC, Lexington, SC

April Gathering:

Friday, April 26 at Bethel UMC – Oswego community of Sumter, 7:00 pm potluck, 8:00 pm worship.

Board Meeting:

May 13, 7:00 pm @ Red Bank UMC, Lexington, SC

May Gathering:

There will not be a gathering in May.

Board Meeting:

June 10, 7:00 pm @ Red Bank UMC, Lexington, SC

June Gathering:

Saturday, June 22 at Saluda Shoals in Lexington, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm.

Board Meeting:

July 8, 7:00 pm @ Red Bank UMC, Lexington, SC

July Gathering:

Friday, July 26 at To Be Determined, 7:00 pm potluck, 8:00 pm worship.

Spiritual Director's Message

Dear Friends,

God's great gift of Easter, resurrection hope, is just around the corner. As you prepare your heart to celebrate this glorious day, I share this prayer with you:

Prayer of Petition for Easter by Amy Aspey

Just like your disciples long ago, we peer into the tombs of our hearts. So many things fill our inner tombs — broken relationships, shame, anger, missed opportunities, debilitating grief. Lord, some pieces of ourselves feel like they have been dead forever and other things so affect our living that although we breathe, we feel dead within.

We lift up to you all that is within us. Lord, there is no tomb that You cannot break through, including the tombs in our hearts.

May we experience Your resurrection this year, inside out.

May we experience life in places that we thought were dead.

May we experience Your reconciliation in relationships that we thought were damaged forever.

May we find Your peace in things that once gave us anxiety. May we experience healing in the places that have been hurting for too long. May we see your presence in all the times that we always thought we were alone.

As we celebrate the empty tomb, we rejoice that death does not have the final victory, but rather that life, love, and goodness prevail. Lord, break open our lives to receive all the love, forgiveness and freedom that You so freely give.

May we allow Your resurrection make a difference in how we live.

May we forever live in hope of all that is yet to be.

DeColores,
Pastor Linda

The Chairman's Corner

We had a great turn out at the March Gathering held at Red Bank UMC in Lexington.

Upcoming Walks

Upcoming EMMAUS walk dates

October 17-20, 2019 Men

October 24-27, 2019 Women

February 20-23, 2020 Men

February 27-March 1, 2020 Women

Thanks to all who worked the past walks.

Please pray for the newly elected Board Members and also for the upcoming Team Selection meeting.

Please hold a gathering at your church in 2019. Please contact Sid at (803) 206-1022 or at sidhawkins@aol.com.

May God lead you all.

Let's all pray for full Walks this year.

Directions to Bethel UMC - Oswego

Bethel UMC is located in the Oswego Community of Sumter County. For GPS navigation, the address is 5575 Lodebar Road, Sumter SC. If arriving from Sumter by Hwy 15, drive North on Hwy 15. After passing under the Hwy 378/76 by-pass bridge, drive North for 5.1 miles, then turn right on East Foxworth Mill Road, continue for .4 miles, then turn left on Lodebar Road and travel 2.2 miles.

If arriving from Sumter by Hwy 401, drive North on Hwy 401. After passing under the Hwy 378/76 by-pass bridge, drive North for 5.2 miles. Just beyond Justice Farm Supply (white building on your right), take the left fork onto Leonard Brown Road and travel 1.9 miles.

Special June Gathering

We will have a picnic on Saturday, June 22, 2019 from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm at Saluda Shoals in Lexington. Mark your calendar for this special event. More information to follow.

Prayers, Concerns and Praises

- Pray for Rev. Linda Dunn
- Pray for Laxton Hinson
- Pray for Mr. Walt Crozier. He is at home and doing well!
- Pray for upcoming Emmaus events: Walks, Gatherings, Board Meetings, etc.
- Pray for all pastors and churches
- Pray for the family of Truman Lake

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. Please submit Pilgrim applications as soon as you can. 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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