

Messenger

A monthly newsletter of the Emmaus of the Midlands Community

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Upcoming Events:

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:

There will not be a gathering in July.

Board Meeting:

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

August Gathering:

Friday, August 23 at Dalzell UMC, Dalzell, SC, 7:00 pm potluck, 8:00 pm worship.

Board Meeting:

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

September Gathering:

Friday, September 27 at Brookland UMC, West Columbia, SC, 7:00 pm potluck, 8:00 pm worship.

Spiritual Director's Message

Dear Friends,

And now we live in the glory of Easter season! What a wonderful joy it brings.

In the spirit of Easter, I want to share a beautiful prayer by Amy Aspey that I pray will be a blessing for you:

Prayer of Petition for Easter

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. Amen.

Wishing you a wonderful Easter season filled with joy and peace and hope and life abundant, for this is God's will for us all.

DeColores,
Pastor Linda

The Chairman's Corner

Thanks to all who attended the April Gathering held at Bethel UMC in Oswego.

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.

Board Vacancy Announcement

Your Emmaus Board is in need of a Secretary. If you would like to fill this position contact Sid Hawkins for more details.

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.

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. The Emmaus board will furnish the meat, buns and condiments. Please bring side dishes and desserts. We will be accepting donations to offset the cost of this event. Activities for children will be available at an extra cost. Please RSVP the number that will be attending, to Sid Hawkins no later than June 1, 2019.

Prayers, Concerns and Praises

- Pray for upcoming Emmaus events: Walks, Gatherings, Board Meetings, etc.
- Pray for all pastors and churches

Sponsorship

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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