

Messenger

A monthly newsletter of the Emmaus of the Midlands Community

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Upcoming Events:

Board Meeting:

No board meeting in June.

June Gathering:

Saturday, June 22 at Saluda Shoals in Lexington, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. RSVP to Sid Hawkins via email ASAP.

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.

Board Meeting:

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

October Gathering:

There will be no Gathering in October due to the Walks.

Spiritual Director's Message

Dear Friends,

This month we celebrate two special Sundays: Ascension Sunday (June 2nd) and Pentecost Sunday (June 9th).

Ascension Day actually falls on Thursday, forty days after Easter, but is recognized in worship the Sunday following that day. The physical ascension of Jesus into the heavens is recorded in the books of Mark, Luke and Acts. He was risen from the dead at Easter, spent forty days with the disciples, then ascended to heaven, where He reigns eternally with the Father. Hallelujah for our living and eternal Savior! Before He ascended, Jesus promised He would send the Holy Spirit to be our mentor and companion that we will always have His Spirit with us. It happened on the Jewish feast day of Pentecost.

Passover and Pentecost are related festivals. Included in the week-long Passover celebration is the Festival of Firstfruits, which is a time of thankful anticipation at the beginning of the harvest. Fifty days later is Pentecost, which is a time of thankful gratitude for the completion of the harvest. Through this season of the harvest, God provided physical life for His people.

Through Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection as our Passover Lamb, God provided spiritual life for His people. Through Jesus' ascension and the sending of the Holy Spirit, God continues to point us toward the day when the harvest is complete.

We are blessed indeed! Thanks be to God.

DeColores,
Pastor Linda

The Chairman's Corner

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

We need pilgrims for these 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 as soon as possible.**

Prayers, Concerns and Praises

- Pray for upcoming Emmaus events: Walks, Gatherings, Board Meetings, etc.
- Bill Aiken passed away on May 29, 2019. Please keep Brenda and the family in your prayers.
- Pray for Thad Hinnant
- Pray for the SC Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church taking place June 2-6, 2019 in Greenville, SC.
- 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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