

Messenger

A monthly newsletter of the Emmaus of the Midlands Community

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Upcoming Events:

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.

Board Meeting:

November 11, 7:00 pm @ Red Bank UMC, Lexington, SC

November Gathering:

There will be no Gathering in November.

Spiritual Director's Message

Dear Friends,

When I think of summertime, I think of children and how much they enjoy their freedom from school. The years before I went to seminary when I was a stay-at-home mother, those were precious days of adventure. The boys and I would make our way to the library for the reading program, spend the morning at the beach (we lived at Myrtle Beach before entering seminary), take hikes and picnics around town, climb trees in the park, see movies, attend VBS at our church, and spend time with family and friends. We stayed busy and enjoyed ourselves a lot.

Now my children are grown and I'm employed, but I still enjoy adventures. The Walk to Emmaus experience was, and continues to be, an important part of my faith journey, as I pray it is for you. The blessings of forgiveness, assurance, fellowship and renewal are crucial for spiritual health. Now is the time to invite others to share in this adventure. We have room for more pilgrims on our fall men's and women's walks, people ready for this adventure within the Christian community.

May our faith be a source of enthusiasm in all we do as we love and serve the Lord together. As Jesus instructed his disciples (MT 5: 16): "Let your light shine before others so they may see the good works you do and give praise to God in heaven."

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.

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.

If you would like to host a gathering at your church in 2020 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.

Serve Safe Training at August Gathering

Serve Safe training will be conducted prior to the August Gathering. Volunteers must complete this training before working in the kitchen during a Walk weekend. Contact Ida Corl, Kitchen Coordinator, if you have any questions.

Prayers, Concerns and Praises

- Pray for upcoming Emmaus events: Walks, Gatherings, Board Meetings, etc.
- Pray for Thad Hinnant
- Pray for all pastors and churches
- Keep the family of Bill Begemann in your prayers. Bill passed away on June 28, 2019. Bill was the Lay Director on Walk#1. Memorials may be made to Zoar United Methodist Church, c/o Janet Sample, 1237 Yarborough Rd., Saluda, SC 29138.
- Pray for Rod Franklin. Rod was a pilgrim on Walk#4.

Thanks to all who supported the June picnic at Lake Murray.

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.

DeColores!

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