

Messenger

A monthly newsletter of the Emmaus of the Midlands Community

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Upcoming Events:

Board Meeting:

April 13, 7:00 pm via Zoom

April Gathering:

No April Gathering due to coronavirus pandemic.

Board Meeting:

May 11, 7:00 pm to be determined.

May Gathering:

May 22, at 7:00 pm to be determined.

Board Meeting:

June 8, 7:00 pm to be determined.

June Gathering:

June 26, at 7:00 pm to be determined.

Board Meeting:

July 13, 7:00 pm to be determined.

July Gathering:

July 24, at 7:00 pm to be determined.

Board Meeting:

August 10, 7:00 pm to be determined.

August Gathering:

August 28, at 7:00 pm to be determined.

Spiritual Director's Message

Dear Friends,

In this anxious time, I found these words from Bishop Ward of NC Annual Conference to be quite encouraging. Please hold each other in prayer and may we be together again soon.

DeColores,
Rev. Linda Dunn

Dear United Methodist laity and clergy,

Grace and peace today in the name of the One who says, *I am the Lord who heals you.**

In these uncertain days, we draw upon the gifts of the Triune God and experience the deep well of strength, hope and love. Thank you for your creativity, patience, perseverance and faithfulness as you lead your church in virtual worship, telephone communication, prayer and mutual support.

Some may ask if suspending public worship is essential. John Wesley reminds us, *First, do no harm.* I also honor the wisdom of my neighbor, a public health professional: *You won't ever know if what you did personally helped. That's the nature of public health. When the best way to save lives is to prevent disease rather than treat it, success often looks like an over-reaction.*

In this time, we are reminded daily that we share life together. No one is a solitary Christian, and no one is a solitary citizen. We are bound together in this life as a gift of God, who created us for community. In this time of challenge, let us continue to be vigilant, creative and faithful as we lead our communities in wisdom and compassionate care for all, particularly the most vulnerable among us.

With gratitude to God for each of you and for our life together,

Hope Morgan Ward

*Exodus 15:26

The Chairman's Corner

I'm Thad Hinnant, the husband of Gail, the father of Janie Goldie, the grandfather of Kathryn Goldie, the father-in-law of Travis Goldie. I am a member of Mt Horeb UMC in

Lexington. I have been both a lay person and for a short time, clergy. I attended Emmaus of the Midlands Men's walk #7 and I sat at the table of John. I have been blessed to serve on the Emmaus Board three times with the first time more than 20 years ago. I was blessed to be Lay Director on Emmaus of the Midlands Walk #43. I was also blessed to twice be the board Chairman for the Epiphany of SC.

I spent most of my working life in the corporate world either selling or leading sales organizations that sold software to the insurance industry. I have always been blessed to be a member of the Emmaus community and have so many of my closest friends in the community.

Upcoming Walks

The Camp Directors, Allen and Bonnie, have retired. The new camp director is Grip Lawson. The next set of Walks are scheduled for March 4-7, 2021 (Men) and March 11-14, 2021 (Women). We need pilgrims for these Walks. Please be diligent in identifying pilgrims for them. Get your pilgrim applications to Mary Brown as soon as you can. Let's pray for full Walks!

Gatherings

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, our Gatherings have been canceled until further notice.

If you would like to host a gathering at your church in 2020 contact Thad Hinnant at 803-490-1202 (thinnant@sc.rr.com).

Prayers, Concerns and Praises

- Pray for upcoming Emmaus events: Walks, Gatherings, Board Meetings, etc.
- Pray for an end to the coronavirus and for healing for those that have it.
- Pray for Sid Hawkins

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:

Mary Brown (Registrar)
320 Blanding St.
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Just a reminder, if you have any information from your church (example: yard sales, concerts, special events, etc) 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 (check your spam folder) or via hard copy, let me know.

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