

Messenger

A monthly newsletter of the Emmaus of the Midlands Community

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Upcoming Events:

Board Meeting:

May 11, 7:00 pm via Zoom

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 at to be determined.

Board Meeting:

August 10, 7:00 pm to be determined.

August Gathering:

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

Board Meeting:

September 14, 7:00 pm to be determined.

September Gathering:

September 25, at 7:00 pm at to be determined.

Spiritual Director's Message

Hello my friends,

What an unusual few weeks: social distancing, shelter-in-place, face masks ...things we never imagined we would need to do. COVID-19 has disrupted our lives in many ways, but I pray that you have found comfort and peace in the presence of the Lord. As the apostle Paul reminds us, "Nothing can separate us from the love of God." He is our strength in any challenge and our source of hope each and every day.

We look forward to resuming our fellowship and worship, but until then, "May the LORD keep watch between you and me when we are absent from each other."

DeColores,
Linda

The Chairman's Corner

In this time of such change I have learned many lessons. I should say I remembered lessons that I had been taught when I was younger and they have all become so clear again.

Church is not the building but it is the people of God, gathered together sometimes physically but also together in mind and spirit.

Per the dictionary, Community is a group of people either living in the same area or having a particular characteristic in common. In the Emmaus community that characteristic is our desire for relationship with believers and with Christ. Distance does not separate us from either.

In the eighth chapter of Romans (35-39) we are promised that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ and I am even more convinced that this is true.

When it is appropriate we will again gather and celebrate with food and companionship but until then know that you are all missed, thought of, and loved.

Thad

Upcoming Walks

The Camp Directors, Allen and Bonnie, have retired. The new camp director is Grip Lawson. The next 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
- Pray for the family of Walt Crozier
- Pray for Hyman Creamer as he battles Stage 4 lung cancer. He was a pilgrim on Walk# 38.
- Pray for Kenneth Bundrick in the loss of his grandmother.

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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803-447-0179 (cell) maryb1025@gmail.com

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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