

Messenger

A monthly newsletter of the Emmaus of the Midlands Community

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Upcoming Events:

Board Meeting:

June 8, 7:00 pm via Zoom

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.

Board Meeting:

October 12, 7:00 pm to be determined.

October Gathering:

October 23, at 7:00 pm at to be determined.

Spiritual Director's Message

These are turbulent times they are times that can divide people. We have been isolated by social distancing due to the Covid-19 virus and many of us have experienced the impact of the loss and/or illness of loved ones and feel lonely. This has been further exasperated by the civil unrest due to demonstration protesting racial issues and the deaths of Ahmaud Avery and George Floyd. I think this is a time for us all to remember that we are all God's children. And as the song we learned as children still holds true. "Jesus loves the little children. ALL the children of the world, red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in his sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world.

I am reminded of the passage in Acts 10 where Simon Peter is given a vision that told him that what God has created is good. This opened the door for us Gentiles to become part of this new Christian movement. It is now we are part of the same body of Christ and as part of that body we should obey his commandment. Love one another. As the song says, "They will know that we are Christians by our love". That love is "agape" love which is unconditional. Freely given to us and should be freely given from us to others.

Just musing....

DeColores,
David Anderson

The Chairman's Corner

Due to the Covid-19 virus our newsletter is very minimal. Since we haven't been meeting, we don't have a lot of information to share. Once we begin meeting again and get back to our normal status, we should have an expanded newsletter. But, until then, stay safe and pray for our country.

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land".

2 Chronicles 7:14

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.
- Praise for Sid Hawkins good medical report
- Pray for the pastors who will be moving
- Pray for Kathy Robinson's mother who is recovering from a broken foot
- Pray for David Anderson's healing after surgery
- Pray for Gary Hooker's upcoming surgery
- Pray for Ida Corl upcoming procedure

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.
Batesburg, SC 29006
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.

DeColores!

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