

FOOTHILLS EMMAUS COMMUNITY

Newsletter/May 2017

Upcoming Events

May 19th Gathering Zion UMC at 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm 5708 Hwy 187 N Anderson SC 29625

Please remember that just like your walk we will have plenty of Agape snacks. So don't forget to bring some snacks to the gatherings to share with the community

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This is by far the most beautiful time of the year. There is nothing quite like the azaleas and the other flowers blooming and the sun bright in the sky. This brings a smile to our faces and we need to make sure we are giving God the credit for the beauty. But at the same time our schedules get busy with vacations and other activities and forget or ignore our chances to serve God through Emmaus.

The summertime is the time when we struggle getting people to the gatherings. It seems to me that during the summer we get doing so many things that we push Emmaus to the side.

Let's not do that this year.

When you make your summer schedule don't forget about all God has blessed you with and put Emmaus on your calendar.

Hope to see you there!

Decolores Steve Keck



Agape

Hello everyone!! I want to encourage you in the "agape" giving for the next walks!! Please brainstorm with others in your reunion group, accountability group or even Sunday school class!! Remember it can be simple as purchasing and adding stickers to something or making unique items to share. Think of the agape you received on your walk and what items will bless other pilgrims. If you have any questions please feel free to call or email me!!

> We do have some simple guidelines about letters for pilgrims, 1) Please address letters with full name of pilgrim.

- 2). Please write who letter is from: such as husband, wife, pastor, sponsor etc. on envelope.
- 3) Letters only, no books no photo albums. Anything other then letters will be given to sponsors after closing.

Blessings to you! (a) Christine Maston



2017 Gathering Schedule

Literature

May 19	Zion UMC, Anderson, SC
June	No Gathering
July 21	Immanuel UMC, Wellford, SC
August 18	First UMC Laurens, Laurens, SC
September 15	Buncombe Street UMC, Greenville, SC
October 20	Maudlin UMC, Maudlin,SC
November 17	Covenant UMC, Greer, SC
December 9	UMC Covenant, Spartanburg,SC

The literature committee is collecting gently used and new books for the book table during the Fall Walk. If you have any books that you'd like to contribute, please bring them to the April Gathering at Lyman UMC. Thank you!

DeColores, Mandi Cox

Directory Update

We need your directory information up to date. In order for you to be contacted to help on walks in some capacity, it is crucial we can communicate with you. The Directory is only as good as the last information entered so if you moved or if you changed your email address.

April of 2016 we moved our directory database, which had previously been in Microsoft Excel to the FEC website. This is located at http://fec.inetmember.com/Default CMS.aspx (*read the next line before visiting)

*There is two Big issues with our new Directory site that make it hard for users to use. 1)The Site only works with Internet Explorer 2)It only works if Internet Explorer is running with "Compatibility Mode" set for the fec site. If you are using Internet Explorer and the site doesn't work correctly, you will need to set compatibility mode. See this link for how to do that.

http://www.inetmember.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/IMS-Compatibility-Assistance.pdf

Currently there are 834 members with email addresses in the Official Foothills Emmaus directory. There are 1711 members in our directory. That means there are at least 877 members who do not have email addresses in our system, which means they do not get the newsletters, which currently only go out via email or are posted to the Foothillsemmaus.org website.

We would like to get this addressed as many of you miss out on helping with the Weekend. If you visit the site and see the login page, your username is your email address or if we didn't have your email address, it is your firstname.lastname.

Username: (either your Email address or your firstname.lastname) Password: (the first time) faefae

If you have not logged into the Directory site, your password is "faefae" without the quotation marks. Give it a try and if it doesn't work, please send an email to newsletter@foothillsemmaus.org and we will get it fixed.

On first login for FIRST TIME USERS: When you log in for the first time please follow these steps:

Hover the cursor over "You" in the top menu and click on "All about you"

Hover the cursor over "Information" and click on "Name / contact"

Update any wrong or missing contact information (click "update information" to save the changes)

You don't have to fill out all of the information fields but remember that email and phone numbers are *very* important come time for team selection.

Click on "verification" in the menu bar and verify that your information is correct

In the top menu, hover over "You" and click on "Change your sign in info"

Choose a new user ID and password if you wish, or you may leave it as is.

(be sure to click "change user ID" and/or "change password" in order to save the changes)

Thanks for your help in keeping things up to date.

-Newsletter Chair

Foothills Emmaus Community

Our goal is to strengthen Church Leaders through a Christ led Pilgrimage know as "Walk to Emmaus"

Visit our website below for more information and upcoming events.

www.foothillsemmaus.org

Share the Gift

Thinking about who you can sponsor on the next walk?

The Upper Room has released a great video with testimonies that explain what happens before, during and after an Emmaus weekend. You can view this video online, and share the link with anyone you would like to sponsor.

Click on the link or copy and paste: http://vimeo.com/8697255

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