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The July Gathering is July 19 at 7:30 pm at New Beginnings United Methodist Church [210 Rainbow Lake Rd, Boiling Springs, SC 29316](#) for an evening of fellowship and worship. Bring your favorite snacks to share.

**July 2019 Edition**



**“God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.” Genesis 2:3**

**School’s out. Summer is here. If you are like most people, Summer is a time to kick back and relax. Often people find their summers to be anything but relaxing. Summer ends up speeding by with the blink of an eye. There’s chores, packing and unpacking for vacations, travel ball, etc. In between all this busyness, it’d be nice to have time to stop and smell the roses.**

**Genesis 2 points out the importance of rest by telling us that God Himself rested after six days of creating the universe. God instituted the Sabbath because He knew it was important for His people. He knew that no one can work without taking a break along the way. During Salkehatchie, everyone works out in the heat at some point during the week...it’s South Carolina in the Summer, so it’s miserably hot and humid. We require our workers to take breaks throughout the days and week...the rest is important in order to get the job done. Some people insist on pushing through. It’s important to realize that everything doesn’t need to be done, or it doesn’t need to be done right then. Sometimes, sitting back with a bottle of water under the shade of a tree is what’s important. In taking a breather, it’s a time of fellowship, a time to taken all that is going on around us. It’s a time to reflect on all that God makes possible.**

**So take time out to take it easy in the days and weeks to come. The work will be there when you get back. Find time...make time...set aside a special time to refresh your heart and soul with blessedness rather than busyness through our God who is faithful, merciful, and loving.**

**De Colores,**

**Mandi Cox**

**Community Lay Director**

## Reunion Groups

**Remember the Fourth Day Talk on your walk that Sunday afternoon? We all received our Reunion Group card and were encouraged to be accountable and participate in a reunion group. Are you currently participating in one? Would you like to? Would you like to start a new one?**

**Contact Janet Sandifer at 864.979.6713 or email [sandiferjanet@gmail.com](mailto:sandiferjanet@gmail.com) for more information.**



Do you know what the most important function in the any Emmaus Community is?

Maybe you thought it was the Lay Directors for the upcoming Walks? Or perhaps the Spiritual Director of the community? Could it be tithing, we cannot operate the community without funds, or maybe even the Chairperson of the community?

But that's not the case, Sponsorship is the most important function in the Emmaus community. When you stop to think about it, it really does make sense.

Without Sponsorship where would our community be? Where children and young adults are the lifeblood of a church, Sponsorship is the lifeblood of any Emmaus Community.

As we prepare for the upcoming fall walks, please prayerfully consider sponsoring someone this year. I'm not going to tell you Sponsorship is the easiest thing to do. It takes a commitment from the Sponsor just like it takes a commitment from the Pilgrim.

Don't forget about co-sponsoring pilgrims, too. You can always pair up with someone else or another couple and divide the sponsorship responsibilities. But as in all cases where Christ is the focal point, the blessings are plentiful! Christ wants us all to get out of our comfort zone.

He promises us that he will be with us and not forsake us so we have nothing to fear. So what are you waiting for?

DeColores!

Michael Galloway

Walk #32 Table of Mark

Literature Chair





Men's Fall Walk #56 October 3-6, 2019  
Women's Fall Walk #56 October 10-13, 2019

**Fall 2019 Walk Dates**



**Upcoming Events**

Gathering dates and locations for the rest of the year are:

- July 19 New Beginnings UMC, Boiling Springs
- August 16 First UMC, Laurens
- September 20 Trinity Campus of Buncombe Street UMC
- October 18 Mauldin UMC
- November 15 Hopewell UMC

**December 14 UMC of the Covenant** **Note: Saturday 6:30 covered dish dinner followed by worship**

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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