

The Rooster Crows

Seaside Emmaus Fall Walk Dates
Men's Walk - #143 9/27/18 thru 9/30/18

Lay Director
Jeff Davis

Women's Walk - #144 10/04/18 thru 10/07/18

Lay Director
Fran Singleton

Please consider these dates. We will need volunteers to work in the kitchen. A signup sheet will be available soon.



Seaside Emmaus Community www.seasideemmaus.com
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MESSAGE FROM YOUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

FINE

How are you? I'm fine. We have all answered this way, when we were nowhere near being fine. Fine is defined by the English Oxford Dictionary as: (adjective) of high quality, (noun), very small particles found in mining, (adverb), most satisfactory or pleasing, (verb), to clarify by causing precipitation of sediment during production. The Urban Dictionary has just about as many definitions. One of them being beautiful, very attractive or gorgeous. My favorite

definition of fine is as an acronym. Feelings I'm Not Expressing. I think this is what most people are really saying when they say I'm fine. We don't have to pretend to be fine. According to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States, claiming 44,965 lives a year. Why is it, then, that we only talk about this when a celebrity has fallen victim? On average, there are 123 suicides per day. Just this week I was reading about another teenager taking their own life. It doesn't have to be this way.

People need to know they are loved. Don't wait-do it today. Share the love of Jesus with EVERYONE you meet. A smile, a kind word from YOU, may be all someone needs to know that they are loved.

If you are struggling with suicidal thoughts, don't just say you are fine. Reach out to someone.

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is 1-800-273-TALK (8255),
or text the Crisis line by texting TALK to 741741. DeColores, Mary Kathryn Alford



MESSAGE FROM YOUR COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

July- the month we celebrate freedom. On the 4th, there will be fireworks, parades, cook-outs, and speeches. We celebrate our political freedom that day. But there's another kind of freedom, one that is better, and even more costly than what we celebrate on the Fourth.

Kris Kristopherson, a singer from my youth, wrote a song, later made famous by Janis Joplin. In it she sings (as only Janis could wail) "Freedom's just another word for nothing left to lose...." That's the freedom Christ offers us. But it is the most costly. We have to give everything....everything...to him. All our possessions, all our dreams, all our hopes, all our fears, all our relationships, everything. And when we give it to him, we find ourselves truly free. We are not held back by anything. We have nothing left to lose. And if Jesus, in his wisdom and grace, gives something back to us, it is still his, not ours. I have so many things that are "mine"- my house, my car, my relationship with Cathy, my ministry, my friends, my desires, my life. And when I give them to Jesus, I have nothing left to lose. I am completely free to follow Jesus, to be who he wants me to be, without fear.

Jesus showed us that when he hung on the cross. He gave up everything. So he was free. Free to love, free to forgive without any prerequisite. He didn't even say forgive those who ask for it, just "forgive them." Free to be who God created him to be.

So, what's keeping you from being free? Whatever it is, give it to Jesus. All of it. "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." De Colores, Michael Henderson Highland Park UMC, Florence

Directions To July 13, 2018 Gathering

Centenary United Methodist Church 1527 Hwy. 544, Conway, SC.

Contact: Bob Elwood - rfelwood@gmail.com - 843-446-8006

Contact: Patty Hendrick -hendrickflowers@gmail.com - 843-907-1541

Board Meeting 6:00, Gathering and Fellowship 6:30, Worship 7:30

From Florence/Manning/Conway: Take 378 to Conway. Take 501 toward Myrtle Beach.

Turn right onto Highway 544. The church will be just past the McDonald's on the left.

From South Strand Area: Take Hwy 544 toward Conway. The church will be just past BB&T on the right.

From Myrtle Beach: Take Hwy 501 toward Conway. Turn Rt. on Singleton Ridge Road (driving by Conway Medical Center) to the end, where it meets Hwy 544. The church is at the intersection of Singleton Ridge Road and Hwy 544.

From Little River: Take Highway 31 to 501 North and take Singleton Ridge Road (where Conway Hospital is) to where it dead ends at 544. On your right is McDonalds and on your left is Centenary.

From the Assistant Community Lay Director

UPCOMING WALKS

Team Selection for Walks 143 (men Sept) and 144 (women Oct) have begun.

If you are called to serve, PLEASE prayerfully consider your decision. It is a learning experience for everyone, so hopefully you will say yes to God's gentle nudge.

DeColores, Jim Witten

Community Gatherings Director

We still have openings on September 7 (before the Walks) and November 2nd (after the Walks) for churches to host a monthly gathering. Please contact Nancy Tindall at 843/251-9792 if you are interested in hosting.

Thank you! Nancy

From the Community Music Director

Have you ever wondered why God desires for his people to sing? What role should singing play in the life of a Christian? What is it about worshiping through song that is so important to God?

You may not know it, but God has already answered these questions in the Bible. For the next few months I would like for us to look at some reasons why God wants us to sing!

1. When you sing, you obey.

Singing isn't an option in Scripture. It's a command:

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God." (Colossians 3:16)

"And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart"... (Ephesians 5:18-19)

God's people are more than just invited to sing; we are commanded to sing. When we sing, we're doing what God asks of us! So my fellow brothers and sisters - LET'S SING!

DeColores, Lynn Tyler