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... Strengthening the Local Church

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SONRise Calendar

January Gathering
Salem United Methodist Church
6:30 PM, Saturday
January 9, 2010

Men's Walk #84
March 4-7, 2010

Women's Walk #85
March 18-21, 2010

Listen... God is Speaking!

In the middle of this busy Christmas season, don't forget that God speaks to us in many ways. Our heart is touched by those who are suffering because they don't have enough to eat or by the child who will not wake up to a toy on Christmas morning. God nudges us as we hear the ringing of bells or as we drink a warm cup of cider and realize that many others just wish they had a warm blanket to guard against the cold. God speaks to us through all those around us, but we are often too busy to take the time to listen. We should listen as He nudges and then we must ask ourselves just what action God is calling us to take!

In this season, we should also remember that God continues to speak to us through the reminder that one day over 2000 years ago, Jesus came as a baby. But the story did not end in the manger. That baby had a much bigger purpose and we have Peace and Joy in our lives today because Jesus carried out the purpose God had for him. If you just take the time to listen, God will continue to speak this most important message of all time. And then, I believe God calls us to be his instruments in spreading that message. We don't know if others will "listen" as we "speak" God's message through our (His) joy, our (His) love and our (His) actions, but remember that we cannot make others listen, we are just called to be faithful.

But never forget that the biggest message of all is "God Loves You!". So many of us heard that very message on our Emmaus Walk in a way we had never heard before. That message penetrated to a depth of our soul that many of us did not know existed. "God Loves You"! No matter what you have done. No matter how bad you think you are. "GOD LOVES YOU!!" You just have to accept that Love. And even though we have heard that message before, sometimes life puts us into situations where we need to be reminded. We need to listen!

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Winston

Time to Start Thinking About Being a Sponsor on the Spring Walks?

Men's Walk #84 and Women's Walk #85 are just around the corner. March will be here before you know it. As you go through this Christmas season, think about a great Christmas gift - sponsor someone on their Emmaus Walk. It will be one of the best gifts you can ever give them! And it will be a great blessing in your own life as you watch God's love spread through this community.