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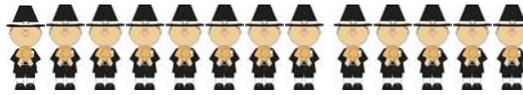
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Lowcountry Emmaus Community

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And their eyes were opened, and they knew Him ~ Luke 24:31



need 7 more



need 10 more

April walks: 13 men and 10 women confirmed.

Deadline for Pilgrims is January 10 so the board can decide about moving forward with the walks.

January Gathering on Friday,

January 20th @ 7 pm

North Charleston UMC

1126 East Montague Ave

North Charleston, SC 29405

Social time will start at 6 PM and

the "Gathering" to follow at 7 PM

Bring your favorite finger food to share.

Men's Walk #86

March 16, 2023 through March 19, 2023

Women's Walk #87

March 23, 2023 through March 26, 2023

From our Community Lay Director: Helen Cash

Hello Emmaus Family!

On December 16, the St. Andrews Parish UMC welcomed the Lowcountry Emmaus Community. We shared a happy social time and tasty food. Thanks for hosting our gathering! Becky Shedd was the board member in charge. The St. Andrews praise band provided the lively music. Cindy Curtis gave the 4th day talk, and David Lupo provided the clergy response.

Our 4th day speaker, Cindy Curtis, LCE Walk #33, Table of Mary, shared that she did not want to go on the Walk to Emmaus, and now she is celebrating 25 years of 4th day living. Her takeaways from the weekend were that God loves her, He teaches her, and He re-teaches her. Her role was to listen. She embraced the attitude that together we can change things. She conquered fears including a ropes course over water and a zip-line ride. She quit telling herself she was afraid and that she couldn't do it. She reminded herself that "God is with me". He accepts me where I am and just as I am. I will trust him in all things. She shared stories of her trip to Israel. Cindy is an accomplished writer and has 2 books published. A 3rd book was ready but according to her - it was awful. She didn't publish it and hit the delete button and erased 10 years of work. But with God's help, she completed a rewrite in 2 weeks. The book, written for youth, is based on the "I am" sayings, and she ordered 100 copies. She was scheduled to distribute them at a conference but did not get to go. God told her to go to churches and talk about her book. She is spending her 4th days with a deep gratitude for God. God loves us. God is with us. God never gives up on us. Thank you, Cindy, for your message.

Welcome to 2023! It's a brand-new year! I don't make "resolutions", but I do set some goals for myself. I have started my to-do list. If you have one, I hope that sponsoring a pilgrim is at the top of the list! Find your pilgrim and please pray for the Walks.

It's been a 3-year delay for Lowcountry Emmaus walks. The pandemic took its toll. We've had teams trained and previews completed and have pilgrims ready to go! Postponing the walks for 3 years means that there are some vacancies on the

teams. We are working to identify people to fill them, and we sincerely hope that anyone who is asked will give it prayerful consideration.

We still need Emmaus Members to step up and fill some roles for the upcoming walks, specifically Luggage and Transportation. The walks will take all of our efforts.

Hope to see you at the next gathering on January 20, 2023, at North Charleston UMC.

Decolores,
Helen Cash, Lay Director LCE

From Gatherings: Ronnie Brewer



Our December Gathering was held on 16 December 2022 at St. Andrews Parish UMC. Social time began at 6:00 PM (finger foods were delicious and plentiful) and the Gathering was held at 7:00 PM. A special thanks to St. Andrews Parish UMC for hosting and for also providing the praise band. Attendance was good with 41 in attendance. There was a Christmas atmosphere with a lot of people dressed in their red Christmas attire and the praise band sounded great.

Our next Gathering will be held on 20 January 2023 at North Charleston UMC, located at 1126 East Montague Ave., North Charleston. Social time with finger

foods, will start at 6:00 PM with the service being in the Sanctuary starting at 7:00 PM.

We are in a New Year and as I look back on the past years of 2021 and 2022, I will say that we have come a long way. Emmaus was pretty much shutdown due to the pandemic and here we are at the beginning of 2023 having “Walks” scheduled for March of 2023. At times the few people that were left on the “Board”, scratched our heads wondering and praying that we would make it back to this point, in the reviving of the Low Country Emmaus Community. Well, we are here and to God be the Glory!!!

The Community is still in need of host churches for Gatherings. As it stands right now, the month of February will be at Knightsville UMC; there will be no Gathering in March, because of “The Walks” and the April Gathering will be held at Bethany UMC in Summerville. We need to find hosts for the remaining Gatherings of 2023. Remember that Gatherings are always on the third Friday of each month with social time starting at 6:00 PM. If you have any questions concerning hosting a Gathering, please call me at 843 754 9257.

Look forward to seeing you at North Charleston UMC on 20 January 2023. !!

Decolores

Ronald L. Brewer, Low Country Walk #50/Table of John

Board Member in Charge of Gatherings



From the Registrar: Karen Ayers



Dear Lowcountry Community!

It is not too late to get pilgrim applications in for the planned March walks, but we do need to have them in hand by the board meeting on Tuesday, January 10. We are short 7 men and 10 women to have enough pilgrims to proceed with the walks. The quickest way to get them in would be to hand deliver them to Peggy Ridgeway or Helen Cash in Summerville. Alternatively, you can mail them to the PO Box, to either Peggy or Helen, or to me, and mailing addresses are available by contacting any of us. It would be helpful if you would let us know by phone call, text, or email that the application and deposit are on the way. Phone and email contacts are on the front page of the newsletter. We are all praying for these walks to happen, but our prayers need to be backed up by action.

DeColores,

Karen Ayers,

Acting Registrar



From Agape: Peggy Lawton

The time has come.....to sign up to help with refreshments and the prayer vigil for Men's Walk #86 (March 16 - 19, 2023) and Women's Walk #87 (March 23 - 26, 2023). Sign-up sheets were available at the Gathering in December, and we had a good number of helpers to sign-up. But we need more! Sign-up sheets will be available at both the January and February Gatherings. If you cannot make it to a Gathering and still want to sign-up, please contact me (lawtonp@comcast.net) and I will help to get you added to whichever list you want to be on. As we have heard so many times lately, we cannot hold a walk without a board or without pilgrims and the thought of a walk without agape is just unimaginable! Just think how different your walk would have been with no bed, table or wall agape. Agape holds a very special place in the hearts of those who both know and understand what agape means to an Emmaus Walk.

If your reunion group has the time and ability to make more than one kind of agape, please do it! The more we get, the more we can pass on, with love, to our pilgrims. Please remember that no personal names are to be put on agape. Only the reunion group/church name and city/state. Get creative! Make something new! Think outside the box! Also, if you are able to bring your agape to the January or February Gathering that would be a big help to me.

DeColores,

Peggy Lawton

Lowcountry Agape Board Member

Please be in prayer for the following communities who will be having walks in the New Year. A number of the Walks will be held at the same time as our men's walk. Also hold in prayer the pilgrims and team of Lowcountry Walk #86 Men (March 16-19) and Women #87 (March 23 - 26).

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West Tennessee Chrysalis

January 14 - 16

Alamo, TN

Men's Walk #173

Missouri East Emmaus

March 16 - 19

Fredericktown, MO

Women's Walk #174

Missouri East Emmaus

March 30 - April 4

Fredericktown, MO

Men's Walk # 204

North Georgia Walk to Emmaus

March 16 - 19

Woodstock, GA

Women's Walk # 237

North Georgia Walk to Emmaus

March 23 - 26

Smyrna, GA

EOTR Women's Walk #185

Emmaus of the Rockies

April 27 - April 30

Flagler, CO

Men's Walk #257

Big Country Emmaus

Sept 20 -23

Big Country Baptist Assembly

Abilene, TX

Women's Walk # 258

Big Country Emmaus

October 18 - 21

Big Country Baptist Assembly

Abilene, TX

From the Lowcountry Data Administrator: David Wiley

At our last Gathering, I requested current community members to sign into our Ministry Manager Web system and to make sure all their information is correct; however, some have not yet done so. Let me elaborate on why keeping your data updated is so important to the community. Here are five examples:

First, this system is our contact list for Lowcountry Emmaus Members. Often there is a need to contact members to announce Emmaus activities such as upcoming walk details or community volunteer needs for agape and campground cabin support as well as to serve as community assistants to Board members. We need accurate street addresses, email addresses, and phone numbers for this.

The second and most immediate need is having up to date history on what team and servant roles community members have performed in the past. This helps in the selection of team members, talk assignments, and other community support roles. Keeping your service history updated and accurate is key to the team selection process. This process is now taking place.

Third, Pilgrim, Sponsor, Team Participant, Reunion Group, and Church contacts are needed frequently in walk preparation times like this. Over the next three months, the Registrar team will need to send over 100 postal letters to new pilgrims and their sponsors to complete the registration and weekend arrangement processes. Team leaders and team members must also contact each other numerous times during their walk preparations.

Name, Contact, Church, or Sponsor inaccuracies create needs for phone calls and rework that can overload our registration team.

Next, having up to date Reunion Group and Church affiliation information helps both new pilgrims and community members find and join active reunion groups. In addition to being active in a reunion group for 4th day accountability and spiritual growth, those wishing to serve on future walks must be actively participating in a reunion group. This computer system is where this data is recorded.

And last, but as we all know not least, the Ministry Manager system aids in recording community commitments for prayer vigils during the walks. The weekend walks float on an outpouring of prayer.

To access Ministry Manager, enter "<https://ministrymanager.upperroom.org/>" in your internet browser, enter your name and email address, and follow instructions. I realize some may be uncomfortable with using computer technologies – that is what I am here for! If you experience any difficulty accessing the system to review your data or would rather just call me and review it over the phone (843-767-8521), it will give me great pleasure to serve you.

De Colores,

David Wiley

We will meet for a board meeting, January 10th @ 7pm via Zoom.