

LowCountry Emmaus

And their eyes were opened, and they knew him. Luke 24:31

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Gatherings)

March 20	Pinopolis UMC
April	No Gathering - Walks!
May 15	Hibben UMC

Directions to Pinopolis United Methodist Church
Pinopolis UMC is located at 1833 Pinopolis Rd in Pinopolis, SC.

From Charleston: Take the Moncks Corner/Goose Creek exit off I-26 and head up Hwy 52. Stay on Hwy 52 until you pass the welcome sign in Moncks Corner. Turn left at the first light onto "old" 52. At second stop light take another left onto Hwy 6 (Main St.). Pass Berkeley High School and bear right at the fork. This will bring you into Pinopolis and the church will be on the left.

From Columbia: Take the Pinopolis exit off I-26 and go left. Cross Hwy 176 and Hwy 6. You will enter Pinopolis and the church will be on the left.

Gatherings are on the 3rd Friday of each month, beginning at 7:30 PM.

Board meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 7:00 PM at Cokesbury UMC.

FROM THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

The season of Lent began on February 25 this year with the church's observance of Ash Wednesday. From the early days of the church, Christians have marked out a time of preparation before the great celebration of Easter. In part because Jesus spent forty days in the wilderness in preparation for his ministry, forty days became the length of this time of preparation. (Because every Sunday is a celebration of the Resurrection, we don't count Sundays as part of the forty days.)

The name "Lent" itself is not quite as old as the observance. It comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencten*, which refers to the season of spring

FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR

The February Gathering was at St. George UMC. Billy Gaines gave a wonderful 4th day talk about being God's servant. Bob Lee gave the 4th day response. Barbara Bilton was the board member in charge. The music was wonderful thanks to David Berry, Steve Stone, Keith Gillard and Samuel Stephens. Just as a personal observation - we have had a delightful array of different people playing music at gatherings this past year.

Billy's 4th day talk was mostly filled by the things he has done and currently does. It sounds like a repetitive topic at first. But God wants us all to be His servant, to be what Billy is, a true servant. James 2:22 says "Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?" Billy is a FAITH full servant.

I have been trying to understand more about the relationship of faith and works lately. I keep thinking that the works

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Have you heard the news? - The Spring 2009 Walks are on!



2009 WALKS

Spring 2009 (Confirmed Dates)

Men's Walk—April 16-19

Women's Walk—April 30-May 3

Fall 2009 (Tentative Dates)

Men's Walk—September 24-27

Women's Walk—October 8-11

Don't wait! Please submit applications to the Registrar now for Pilgrims you would like to sponsor on upcoming Walks. Applications will be accepted up to two weeks prior to the Walk.

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Low Country Emmaus Community Board				
Position	Name	Phone	E-mail address	Class
Lay Director	Randy Woods	843-873-7061	randallwoods3@bellsouth.net	2009
Spiritual Director	David Lupo	843-856-9246	david@lupofamily.org	2009
Vice Chair/Treasurer	Karen Ayers	843-525-0882	gwayers@islc.net	2009
Secretary/Team Selection	Agnes Stewart	843-769-5387	agnesstew@aol.com	2011
Kitchen	Cliff Simpson	843-875-5342	csimpson3@sc.rr.com	2010
Literature/Letters/Supplies	Barbara Bilton	843-563-8444	biltons@bellsouth.net	2009
Agape	Gerald Murray	843-737-4550	gcmurray2@comcast.net	2010
Registrar	Teresa Strickland	843-871-1406	jstdhs@yahoo.com	2010
Gatherings	Billy Gaines	843-766-2066	bilyngains@aol.com	2010
Luggage/Transportation	Norman Murdaugh	843-871-6392	stumpbump@aol.com	2010
Fourth Day	Perry Buchanan	843-525-6166	twostep2@charter.net	2009
Music/Entertainment	Francis Harter	843-688-4483	fharterjr@yahoo.com	2011
Prayer Vigil/Refreshments	Carroll Cash	843-873-1037	cashbilly143@aol.com	2011
Newsletter	Dudley Patrick	843-881-0857	jdpatrick@bellsouth.net	2011
Housing	Billy Gaines	843-766-2066	bilyngains@aol.com	2010
Sendoff/Candlelight/Closing	Lynn Dukes	843-270-5004	ldukes@sc.rr.com	2011

Treasurer's Report

(as of February 27, 2009)

Beginning Balance – checking	\$3,147.32
Income	+ 1,763.00
Deposits	453.00
Walk fees	1,310.00
Disbursements	- 1,164.30
Newsletter	263.30
Liability ins.	901.00
Ending Balance – checking	\$3,746.02
Savings Balance	\$2,562.69
Total on Hand	\$6,308.71

De Colores - Karen Ayer

Spring Cleaning

The Walks are coming and we need to have the Camp ready. Please come out and help set up and clean, then tear down the Camp while getting to know others in the community. Be a silent servant! You will need to bring your own cleaning supplies (e.g., cleaners, brooms, mops, shop-vacs, etc.)

- Set Up/Clean Camp - Saturday, April 11th, 9:00 am
- Touch up/Cleaning for Women's Walk - Saturday, April 25th, 9:00 am
- Tear Down Camp/Store Away Emmaus - Saturday, May 9th, 9:00 am

Thank you - Billy Gaines (Housing)

Soft Seats for Walks

Remember your Walk.....It's Friday morning....you are awakened by the melodious bell....you meet in the chapel for morning service....after the service everyone heads to breakfast and then everyone is off to the conference room. Those first couple talks may have made you feel uncomfortable, everyone is still feeling a bit anxious and the chairs are so hard! Your sponsor told you all your needs would be met - but these chairs aren't exactly comfortable. After lunch - what appears - but nice soft cushions for those hard, cold, uncomfortable chairs. Things begin to look up!

Unfortunately the cushions we have been using have seen much better days. They are coming apart, soiled and need to be replaced. The Board, at the request of the Housing Committee, has been researching the cost of new cushions for the conference room and chapel. Prices range from \$10-\$30 each. Each table needs 8 matching cushions (for a full Walk). That's a minimum of \$80 for a table.

Five reunion groups have already stepped forward to provide new cushions for the conference room. What about your reunion group? Would your reunion group be willing to purchase a set of 8 cushions? Or, donate towards the purchase of cushions? Wouldn't it be great to see all new cushions at the upcoming Spring Walks? Wouldn't it be great if we could provide cushions for the chapel, too?

Contact Board members Billy Gaines or Lynn Dukes if you can help.

Drivers, Buses, and Luggage Handlers Needed

The Walks are on and the Transportation "chairman" has the privilege of offering opportunities to serve. For more information, please contact Norman Murdaugh (Luggage/Transportation).

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we perform should start by stating that it is by God's will we perform the works. The Holy Spirit guides us in our works. The different fruit of the Spirit are the properties we should exhibit not only when we do works but continuously as we live our lives daily. By allowing the Spirit to work through us we develop stronger faith.

God is allowing us to participate in another set of Walks. It is God's gift - not ours - but we get to share in the blessings. We are His servants doing His will. We perform the weekends in the charitable fruit of His love. We are a servant of God who loves us and by our works we share His love with new pilgrims. The Walks develop a stronger relationship with God for all that attend. Even people behind the scenes are blessed.

We go into the Walk weekends with anticipated excitement. Titus 2:14 says "Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." The Holy Spirit will do the work if we are faithful servants. We just need to exhibit the fruit of the Spirit. The same agape love He sacrificed for us, our Lord Jesus Christ. John 13:35 says "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

Pray that God's will be done. Pray for the teams and the pilgrims. Pray the sponsors have done their jobs well. Pray for Terry Lupo (women's lay director) and Ron Bycroft (men's lay director) as they continue to prepare for the upcoming Walks. Be in prayer for Beth Pregnall and Joel Strickland as Lay Directors in training following this set of walks.

De Colores,

Randy Woods

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(when the days "lengthen"). Those who are musicians may be reminded of another related word, *lento*, which means "slow" (that is, "make the notes longer").

Perhaps that's what "giving up" something for Lent is really about: Not so much about doing without this or that food, but about slowing down, stretching out our time to make more space for God. We may have to give up some of our busyness in order to do that.

It doesn't matter whether you started on Ash Wednesday: It's not too late whenever we start to make enough time to spend with God.

De Colores,

David Lupo

Applications Currently Being Accepted

Applications for the Men's and Women's Walks can be downloaded directly from the Low Country Emmaus website at

<http://www.umcsc.net/communities/lowcountryemmaus>

or you can contact any Board member for a copy. Turn in completed applications to the Community Registrar, Teresa Strickland, or to any Board member. Or, you can mail them to: LowCountry Emmaus, PO Box 51828, Summerville, SC 29485-1828.

Applications will be accepted up to two weeks prior to the Walk.

**Low Country Emmaus – mailed from
Hibben United Methodist Church
690 Coleman Blvd
Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464**

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Ballot for the Low Country Emmaus Board Class of 2012

A ballot with the slate of nominees for the Low Country Emmaus Community Board of Directors Class of 2012 is provided below. Please vote for 4 lay persons and 1 clergy. Each family member who is also a member of the Emmaus Community is eligible to vote. (Use columns labeled Voter #1 - #4.) Newly elected Board members will begin their service in May 2009 and will serve a 3 year term. Results will be announced in the May newsletter. Mail your completed ballot (or turn it in to a Board member) **by April 7th** to: LowCountry Emmaus, PO Box 51828, Summerville, SC 29485-1828.

Lay persons (vote for 4)

Check box to vote

Name	Church	Voter #1	Voter #2	Voter #3	Voter #4
Robert Johnson	Emmanuel				
Leigh Peigler	Hibben UMC				
Jim Runnerstrom	St. Andrews Parish UMC				
Elaine Walter	Trinity UMC				
George Wardlaw	Monumental Baptist				
Steve Waterhouse	St. Andrews Parish UMC				

Clergy (vote for 1)

Greta Bridges	Cokesbury UMC				
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Important Reminder

Please indicate on the envelope in which you place the ballot the names of the community members voting on that ballot. We will separate the ballots from the envelopes before counting.