



Lowcountry Emmaus Community

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

Upcoming Gatherings

March 18th Bethany UMC @ 6:30

April 15th Moncks Corner UMC @ 7:30

(Please see Important March Gathering information on Page 4)



“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”
~1 Peter 1:3

March Gathering
 Friday, March 18, 2015
 7:30 p.m.
 Bethany United Methodist Church
 118 W. 3rd Street
 Summerville, S.C. 29483

Directions: From I26: Take Exit 199 onto US-17A South. After you pass through the center of town, turn right on W. 3rd South Street. Bethany UMC will be on your left.
From South via SC165: Turn right when you reach US 17A. Then turn left onto W. South 3rd Street. Bethany UMC will be on your left.

The next Board Meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 12, at 7 pm at the Cash guest house - 1285 Wildgame Road, Summerville.

From Our Spiritual Director

WALKING TO EMMAUS

And driving to the Emmaus weekends to a very special place.

As the Low Country Community Spiritual Director I made five (5) trips to Camp Summers and Manget this year. I attended Team formation and training, camp setup, camp closing, and Helen and I worked in the Kitchen one Saturday night and again Sunday morning. We were at Thursday Sendoff, at the Saturday Candlelight and at the Closing services for both the Men's and Women's Walks.

I write this not to point out some special personal commitment but as a lead in to share with you what a very special place the Camp is and how important it is to the two Walks we hold there each year. A few years ago some of us thought there might be a better facility for our yearly Walks. Several people researched other possibilities only to find that no other location seemed a better fit for our Emmaus Walks and other locations were much more costly for us.

This year, as I listened to words spoken at Closing by the Pilgrims and to comments made personally to me by Team members, it is clear that "this was a Spirit filled weekend and a deeply spiritual time for both Pilgrims and Team members." Surely the presence of the Lord was in this place.

This day and every day following, the new Pilgrims, and all in the Low Country Emmaus community are on our Fourth Day. These are the days when we put into practice the new spiritual insights and growth we gained on the Walks. These are the days and the time we truly continue on our Walk to Emmaus where our eyes will continue to be opened more and more to the love and joy of service to Christ and our fellowship with our faith filled brothers and sisters in Christ. These are the days when we strengthen our commitment as Christ's servants in our local churches. These are the days we explore the possibility of what greater servants Fourth Day Pilgrims can be.

Please consider a few of these suggestions and add a few of yours to them.

1. Develop a more active and deeper prayer and study life. Set aside a time each day for prayer and study. Begin now and read the Bible from beginning to end. And when you have finished, read it through again.
2. We might ask a friend or our pastor to suggest some other books that we can read to deepen our understanding of God's call to us.
3. Talk with your pastor and ask for guidance about ways you can serve more faithfully in your church and community.
4. If you are like some and are over-committed and over-busy doing things, even at church, look for ways to spend more loving time with family and friends without having to be involved in everything.
5. And, rethink the meaning of Church. This will require deeper thought and conversation, but let's not just think of "church" as a place or a building where we go one day or more a week but begin to think and speak of church as "who I am", "who we are together wherever we are", and "how we live out our lives at home, at the shopping centers, and as we drive in crowded traffic."
6. Schedule some of the Emmaus Community Gatherings held the third (3rd) Friday of each month at some Church in the Charleston area for worship, singing and fellowship. Please attend the Post Walks Gathering at Bethany UMC in Summerville at 6:30 PM as we host and honor the new pilgrims with a covered dish dinner.
7. Finally, remember that it was on a causal walk toward home that Christ met with the two men on the way to Emmaus where their eyes were opened. It might happen to us the same way.

De Colores,
Carroll Cash

Welcome...

to the Community!

Mens Walk # 80

Jesse Cockcroft
Scott Denny
Craig Denny
David Duffy
Quell Graham
Jay Humphreys
Alan Hydrick
Ken Janis
Mark Kahn
Spike Kammerer
John Lyons
Mike Mitas
Chet Park
Michael Parris
Carlos Ramos
Rick Reule
Robert Rogers
Kevin Stroop
Rex Swatzyna
Bill Taylor
Jerry Vaughn
Rick Vaughn
David Voyles
David Whaley
James Williams

Womens Walk # 81

Mary Allison
Denise Berbigler
Selina Denny
Dawn Graham
Marsha Harrison
Marsha Humphreys
Debra Hydrick
Shawn Kahn
Patricia Ledbetter
Sharon Lumadue
Jan McCaw
Dolores Ody
Angie Parris
Karyn Phillips
Jo Rodriguez
Janet Rogers
Dawn Stroop
A.C. Utsey
Karen Wells
Patricia Whaley

NOTE FROM REGISTRAR: The Board is pursuing the possibility of holding a set of Walks this fall, sometime in October or early November. We are now trying to confirm available dates at the camp. Be looking for more information in the next newsletter - and start praying about who God wants you to invite. It's not too soon.

DeColores,
Sue Runnerstrom

As We Gather Together....A Word on Gatherings

The Gathering on March 18th will be the “Gathering After the Walks”, where we will welcome the newest members of the Lowcountry Emmaus Community, the Men and Women of Walks 80 and 81. The evening will begin with a **covered dish** meal at 6:30pm in Bethany’s Fellowship Hall followed by worship in Bethany’s Sanctuary. Sponsors, please remind your Pilgrims that they are not to bring a covered dish.

Also, if your Reunion Group/Church is interested in hosting a future Gathering, please contact me for further information. My email is thurmanevy@gmail.com. There are several openings available. This is such a fun way to serve our Lord!

As a reminder, a Reunion Group/Church hosting a Gathering would be responsible for:

- Providing the place for worship and fellowship for about 100-125 people, including set up and clean up;
- Providing ice, drinks of choice (coffee, tea, water, soda, etc), and paper products (cups, plates, napkins, etc) for fellowship for the Community after worship services;
- Securing adult babysitters for the evening (usually 2, and are paid from the Gathering collection)

The host church is **not** responsible for providing food for the Community. Everyone in the Lowcountry Emmaus Community brings a **finger type snack** food (brownies, cookies, cake, wings, little sandwiches, chips, dips, veggies, fruit, etc) to share at Fellowship time after worship. The Lowcountry Emmaus Board takes care of everything else...worship service, music, Holy Communion, etc.

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Facility Roundup...

Thanks to all community members who helped out on set up, clean up, & teared down/packing up of the camp. Your help was appreciated by all. Our yearly "work day" is on April 9th. This "work day" is our contribution to helping the Southern Methodist church, Camp S & M owners, with the maintaining & improvement of the facility. All help would be appreciated. Don't know what our work assignment will be but normally we bring shovels, leaf rakes, a couple of wheel barrows & that works. We wrap up by picking up branches, limbs, & such in the large field to the North of the camp. Hours are 8:30am to 2 pm.

Lunch is provided by the members of the Southern Methodist Church around 11:30 am.

DeColores,

Gary Carter



Music and Entertainment

If you are interested in learning more about music and Emmaus, be in touch with Betsy Fanning:

betsy.a.fanning@gmail.com

*I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him
with thanksgiving.*
~Psalm 69:30

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A Request for Records Updates:

If your contact information (name, address, phone, email) has changed recently, please let David Lupo know by email or a phone call. You may also update the information directly through the Lowcountry Emmaus IMS website at <http://lce.inetmember.com/>. These updates are critical to our ability to maintain effective communications with each community member.

Sponsor Applications:

A copy of the application for the Walks can be downloaded from the Lowcountry Emmaus Community website at:
<http://www.umcsc.net/communities/lowcountryemmaus/>



ATTACHED YOU WILL FIND THE BALLOT FOR ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS FOR THE CLASS OF 2019. EACH LOWCOUNTRY EMMAUS MEMBER SHOULD SUBMIT A BALLOT WITH THEIR VOTES. WE ARE FILLING FIVE (5) FULL TERM POSITIONS CLASS OF 2019 AND ONE (1) TWO YEAR TERM POSITION FOR THE CLASS OF 2018 THEREFORE EACH MEMBER WILL CAST A BALLOT FOR SIX (6) NAMES. BALLOT COLLECTION BOXES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE MARCH GATHERING AT BETHANY OR YOU CAN SUBMIT YOUR BALLOT VIA EMAIL TO JIMMY HINSON AT J14HINSON@LIVE.COM OR GARY FELLARS AT DUDEFELLERS@YAHOO.COM. OR YOU CAN MAIL YOUR BALLOT TO THE LOWCOUNTRY EMMAUS COMMUNITY, PO BOX 51828, SUMMERVILLE, SC 29485-1828. BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE THE APRIL BOARD MEETING. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!

DECOLORES, JIMMIE

*Low Country Emmaus
Board Election Ballot for 2016-2017*

Name	<u>Church</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Rolland Fitch	Stallsville United Methodist
<input type="checkbox"/> David Beal	Stallsville United Methodist
<input type="checkbox"/> Aaron Edwins	Stallsville United Methodist
<input type="checkbox"/> Angela Bailey	Bethany United Methodist
<input type="checkbox"/> Wilhemina Hearne	Bethany United Methodist
<input type="checkbox"/> DeeDee Radcliffe	Bethany United Methodist
<input type="checkbox"/> Lynne DeHay	Friendship United Methodist

How blessed is the one whom You choose and bring near to You To dwell in
Your courts We will be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, Your holy temple.

~Psalm 65:4