

Lowcountry Emmaus Community

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

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March Gathering on Friday,

March 15 @ 6 pm

Bethel UMC Harleyville (Dorchester)
1163 Beidler Forest Rd, Harleyville, SC



Directions: From Charleston, I-26 West to Exit 187 (Harleyville, St George), turn left onto Hwy 27 S for 1 mile, turn right onto Hwy 78 W for 2.7 miles, bear right onto Hwy 178 W for 0.8 miles, turn right onto Beidler Forest for 4 miles to church on the left.

From Sumter, Beaufort, other points south or west, take I-95 or other route to I-26 East to Exit 177 (Holly Hill, Harleyville), turn right on SC 453 for 1 mile, turn left onto Hwy 178 E for 7 miles, left onto Beidler Forest as above. (Not the shortest or most direct route, but the easiest unless you use GPS)

Please note: The Friday Gatherings begin at 6 pm with fellowship. Please bring a snack or finger food to share with the Community. As always, the church will provide drinks. **Worship will follow at 7 pm.**

****There will be NO gathering in April due to Good Friday****

From the February Gathering:

Inspiring Gathering held at St George UMC – February 15, 2019

A good crowd enjoyed food, fellowship and worship together at St George UMC at the February gathering. We were doubly blessed by Jesse Cockcroft, minister of music at the church, who accompanied members of the choir with his wonderful piano artistry and gave the 4th day talk. Jesse's theme was the Afro-American Spiritual "Nobody

Knows the Trouble I See” (UMH 520), reminding us that we will all have trials in our lives which we can welcome as opportunities for growth and maturity. Contrary to the common interpretation of this anthem that no one else could possibly have it as bad as I (or you) do, each person’s troubles are unique to themselves, not necessarily more or worse than anyone else and make up part of our life story. Karen Ayers, BMIC

From our Lay Director: Dan Hare

To the Lowcountry Emmaus community,

It is that time of the year we elect new Board members for the year, so I ask you to participate in voting. The Emmaus community does not exist without a board of directors. We also need the community to reach out to find Pilgrims for the fall walks. God calls us to strengthen the church by building up disciples for God’s kingdom here on earth.

In all the years I have been involved in Emmaus, I believe it is a great tool to strengthen the local churches. In this letter is also another means to reach out and help others. It is called Kairos Outside Lowcountry and they are having their first weekend in March. Go to the link and find out more about it and where you can help.

As we approach the Easter season we must remember what God has done for us when we don’t deserve it. God’s plan was “All About Love” from the creation of the world to when he gave his son for us. I can appreciate what he has done for me in my life, because without him I could not deal with day to day. Emmaus is a way for me to see him in my daily life as those disciples did on the road to Emmaus. There are a lot of people who are waiting for their eyes to be opened and their hearts to burn for him.



We had a wonderful Gathering at St. George and we missed those of you who could not make it, but we hope to see you at the next gathering.

May God Bless and Keep You,

Decolores from Your Community Lay Director

Dan Hare

From our Assistant Lay Director: Cliff Simpson

The Community holds elections every year to fill the seats of the board members that will be rotating off. We have 5 positions to fill. Listed below you will find the names of the people that will be running for the board positions. Please vote for 5 people to be elected for a seat on the board. You can bring the ballots to the March Gathering to give to me or you can give it to anyone on the board. You can also mail or email it to me (address listed below). We would like to have the ballots back before our April 9th board meeting. We will announce the newly elected board members via e-blast due to we will not be having an April Gathering.

- _____ John Lyons
- _____ Gary Fellers
- _____ Carla Utsey
- _____ Wayne Murdaugh
- _____ Peggy Lawton
- _____ Diane Edwins

My address is:
Cliff Simpson
3818 Fault Line Dr.
Ladson, SC 29456



From Agape: Karen Ayers

It's not too soon to start working on your agape projects for the September walks. Remember you need 65 pieces of each item for each walk. If you need ideas, or want to make sure your group isn't duplicating what someone else is doing, or just to let me know your plans, please contact me at klayers49@yahoo.com or 843-812-8644.

From Literature: Karen Ayers

I'm still working on an album, a historical record, of photos and rosters for each of our walks. I have a number of photos I have not been able to identify and I'd like your help. I also need photos and rosters from some of our past walks. I will have a display during fellowship time at each of the gatherings and you can check them out. I can also make replacement nametags, and we have extra reunion group cards and other materials. Contact me at klayers49@yahoo.com or 843-812-8644.

From Facilities: Ed Hickey

As announced in our Feb. gathering in St. George, our LCE board is planning a gathering at Camp S&M June 1, 2019. Specific details will be forthcoming such as starting time, music, food and events. Hopefully many families in our community will set aside this day and plan to attend. We should have more information at the March gathering and our April newsletter.

DeColores and Peace,

Ed Hickey

From Music/Entertainment: Dominica Harrell

We continue to have a need for musicians at gatherings. If you harbor any interest, contact me. Dominica dominicasmail@gmail.com.

Prayers, love and peace.

From a member of our Emmaus Community:

Parallel Lives

When I was just 11 years old, I suffered a terrible loss in my young life. As a child, I didn't know how to deal with the pain, so I buried it deep down in my heart. As time passed, I soon found myself an adult, with the pain still buried. No one would know my story, I vowed. No one would care. The longer I kept the secret, the easier it was to pretend that the loss never happened. Many other losses and heartaches have occurred in my life since I was 11, but none of them had as significant an impact on my life as that one event.

One day a friend shared with me how Jesus' crucifixion often parallels the pain and loss in all of our lives. Here is what she said. "His crucifixion hurt deeply. He was helpless. It was terrifying. There was no quick fix from what had happened. It was wrong. It was hard for Him to see beyond it. It affected His close family members. It altered the course of His life. His willingness to forgive did not take away the pain. There were many who don't, and never will, understand."

I was stunned by the words my friend spoke and wondered how I could have missed these parallels all my life. I guess I just couldn't see beyond my own anger enough to realize that God's only son experienced all the same feelings I had. I would never compare my suffering with what Jesus experienced on the cross. Never. I only compared the feelings. And His feelings were exactly what I was feeling. Exactly.

The losses in our lives are tremendous opportunities for spiritual growth on our part. With help from a friend, a tiny step towards healing happened on a cold February night, early in the Lenten season of that year. Over time, I finally began to open up enough to begin to identify with the loss and pain Jesus felt. He experienced the fullness of His crucifixion. His world was coming to an end. And although my world was not coming to an end, it often felt that way to me. I realized then that there would be no quick fix for me either. I would have to swim through the muck in order to make my way to the other side.

I have heard it said that you are healing the most when you are hurting the most. I suppose those words really are true. I am no longer afraid, as I once was, of the pain that comes with the hard work of healing. I work on healing every single day of my life. The years have not always been easy, but as I continually strive to be my best self, every Lenten season encourages me to remember that we are all new creatures in Christ.

Peggy Lawton

North Alabama Emmaus Walk #181

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Outside Opportunities:

KAIROS OUTSIDE LOWCOUNTRY

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Calling all Angels ... Day Angels that is ...

Kairos Outside Lowcountry Weekend #1 will be held from **Friday, March 29 through Sunday, March 31, 2019.**

As Day Angel Coordinator for KOL#1, I am asking you to put on your servant garments and consider becoming a vital ingredient of this heart-changing weekend by serving our Guests, from behind the scenes. There is opportunity to serve for several hours, a full or partial day, several or all the days beginning Friday through Sunday. No previous experience is needed - just a servant's heart and a willingness to lend a hand in making this ministry weekend a blessing to our special Guests. ***If you are onsite during meals, we would love to feed you and will gladly accept donations. If you are female and coming from out of town, we may be able to offer you a bed, space permitting, but you must arrange in advance.***

The meals during the weekend are a main focus, and several kitchen Angels are needed, but there are many other areas where you can serve, such as preparing gifts for the Guests, decorating the dining hall and community room, keeping the retreat center areas in order, and setting up the chapel. The Day Angel application has many ideas for your review.

Perhaps if you are gifted in fundraising, you may aid the ministry and Team prior to the weekend by participating in our Meal Ticket Fundraiser, a copy of which is included. The average cost to hold each weekend is approximately \$10,000.00, which is around \$250.00 per person attending. The Meal Ticket Fundraiser has proven to be a simple and effective way to offset weekend costs.

Each weekend starts for guests on Friday evening, but preparations begin for Team and Day Angels on Friday morning around 9:00am and ends on Sunday afternoon after Closing, around 6:00pm.

Yep, you'll be tired ... and you will be tremendously blessed and refreshed, and so will the Guests that you serve.

Please pray about committing your time and talents to this weekend and return the application as soon as you can to the address above, or directly to my email address for faster response. By mail, please send to the attention of "Angel Coordinator" on the envelope, as it will aid in me getting your application more quickly. Please feel free to share this letter and opportunity with friends and family that you believe may also be interested in serving others.

A completed Angel Application is needed for each KOL weekend to keep our contact information up to date.

With sincere gratitude & love ...

Your sister in Christ,

Tabby Shelton

Angel Coordinator - Kairos Outside Lowcountry # 1

Ph.: 843-254-8168 (call or text) Email: fosteringhopeinc@aol.com

*****If this is something you are interested in, I (Becky Stacey) will have more information at the gathering in March or feel free to email me and I can forward you the rest of the packet.*****



The next board meeting will be held March 12, 2019 at the Cabinet Shop 9475 US-78, Ladson, SC 29456 at 7:00pm.