

# LowCountry Emmaus

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

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## FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR



To the Community,

I would like to thank Hibben UMC for hosting this month's gathering and special thanks to Charlie Peigler for a very powerful 4th day. The point was made that God never leaves us, only we push him away or block him out in our lives with things of this world. We learn the hard way but God is waiting to pick up the pieces and Love us.

As daylight savings time has changed and Spring is in the air. I can't help but think about the love of Christ and all his creation. It seems like everyone gets very festive during Christmas and the reason for the season, but I think of this time of year as a very festive time of year because of our Savior Jesus Christ and what his death and resurrection means to us. This time of year brings the reality of Christ and what he did for mankind that all who believe will have Salvation and a place with him.

The election of new board members is in the works, so please vote if you have not. The deadline is listed as the first of April, but if you can get your ballots to a board member by the next board meeting on the 10th of April we count them then.

At the gathering last Friday night I gave several people some pamphlets to pass out to prospective pilgrims so help in getting pilgrims for the walks. If you need some please contact me or another board member to get some. The board has also got a short film on VHS that can be shown to help explain the Emmaus experience. There are many tools to help us in Sponsoring but the tool that works the is YOU. We must step out and present ourselves to prospective pilgrims before anything can happen.

My time as Lay Director is getting short but I am so glad and thankful for the opportunity this community has given me to serve the lord.

DECOLORES DAN HARE

## FROM THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR



Did you see the documentary "The Lost Tomb of Jesus" on TV, Sunday March 4<sup>th</sup>?

Imagine! The lost Tomb of Jesus

In Israel I visited the Garden Tomb. Tradition says this is the place where Jesus was buried. The tomb belonged to a wealthy man, Joseph of Arimathea. The tomb was elaborately constructed.

I was reminded of the burial customs I studied in seminary. During the time of Jesus, a wealthy family had a tomb or sepulcher constructed. When a family member died the departed was placed in the sepulcher. After about a year the deceased's bones were removed from the sepulcher, crushed, and put into a stone box called an ossuary. The ossuary was usually placed in a niche cut out of the wall next to the sepulcher. This left the tomb empty for the next family member.

This documentary claimed the producers had found the ossuaries or bone boxes of Jesus, Mary Magdalene, and a son of Mary and Jesus named Judah or Judas.

So their proposal is that Jesus never died on the cross, married Mary of Magdalea and had a son named Judah or Judas.

Consider this: In the time of Jesus the names Mary, Jesus, and Judas were very common names. Imagine Jesus naming a son Judas! I thought Judas betrayed Jesus. Seems like shades of "The Davinci Code" to me. Oh, by the way, where did they get the DNA?

I have another proposal: Jesus was raised from the dead. Later He ascended into heaven. One day He will return.

Christians believe in the resurrection. Resurrection of Jesus is fundamental to our faith and doctrine.

Hebrews 11:1 reads, "*Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*" Our belief is a matter of faith. Not of reason or historical validity.

Happy Easter! He is risen!

ROBERT

## COOKIES NEEDED FOR KAIROS, ALLENDALE

If you can make some cookies, contact Billy Gaines @ 843-766-2066. Cookies are needed by **April 30<sup>th</sup>**.

Need an application? You can download one on the web at  
<http://www.umcsc.net/communities/lowcountryemmaus/application.pdf>  
don't forget to check the important dates on the back page.

**SPECIAL GATHERING INFORMATION****Special May Gathering**

The May Gathering will have a different format: a Saturday picnic.

Please plan to join us on Saturday afternoon, May 12, at Camp Summers

and Manget in Cameron, from 1:30 until 5:00.

Music and entertainment will be provided by the Kerygma Praise Band. (You'll recognize the musicians, even if you never knew them by this name.)

Dennis Folden and family will provide grill services. Families should bring whatever they want cooked on the grill, other picnic food, water, tea, and sodas.

You'll also want to bring lawn chairs, Frisbees, balls, and the like, and maybe a canopy for shade. De Colores,  
David Lupo

**THIS MONTHS GATHERING**

The Gathering this month will be held at **Aldersgate UMC, Sumter at 7:30 PM, Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**.

**DIRECTIONS TO ALDERSGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Aldersgate United Methodist Church  
211 Alice Drive  
Sumter, SC 29150  
(803) 755-1602

- From I-26, take I-95 North to Summerton (Exit 108).
- Make a left (across the Interstate), and follow this road to a stop sign at Hwy 15.
- Turn right onto Highway 15 North and go through Summerton to Sumter, approximately 17 miles.
- At the edge of Sumter, turn left on Guignard Drive, Hwy 521. There will be a traffic light at the turn and a Piggly Wiggly on your left.
- At the fifth traffic light, Liberty Street,

make another left.

- Make a right onto state Hwy 120, which is Alice Drive.
- The church will be on your right, approximately 1/2 mile.

**SPONSORSHIP-FROM THE REGISTRAR**

What is sponsorship? I

Sponsorship is the act of revisiting the Walk to Emmaus experience, but through the eyes of another. The person whom God laid on your heart. Sponsorship is not to be taken lightly. Think about your walk. How did you feel about your sponsor? Did he/she willingly and with great enthusiasm sponsor you? Sponsorship is an honor, a privilege that allows you to give that same gift to someone else. If the Walk was meaningful to you, encourage someone else to enjoy that same blessing. Start with PRAYER. There is someone at work, church, or the grocery store that is ready to make the walk. PRAYER will help you find that person. PRAYER will help you know if this is the one God has put before you? Is this the one who God has been holding in reserve just for this occasion? PRAY. Once you have discerned God's will about the person to approach, pray about it. Pray for the person's openness to accept God's call to discipleship. Remember some will say no, but don't be disappointed. If it is God's time they will say yes. Let God talk to you and through you. Continue to pray.

More tips on sponsoring coming in the months to come.

**DeColores Jim Roth Registrar.**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP**

The following members have moved without leaving forwarding addresses. If you have any information, we'd like to keep them on our mailing list, if possible: Denise Beres; Charlie Price; Bill & Mary Ekbreth; Mike & Charlotte Phillips; Lee & Beth Jacobs; Carol Altman; Teresa Pennington; Pamela Mack; Faye Elledge; Tim Lack; Milton Finch; David & Kay Phillips; Betty Menke; Robert & Debbie Wagenbrenner; Laura Bantens; Joseph James; John & Carolyn Reedy; Robert Gerber.

**Board of Directors**

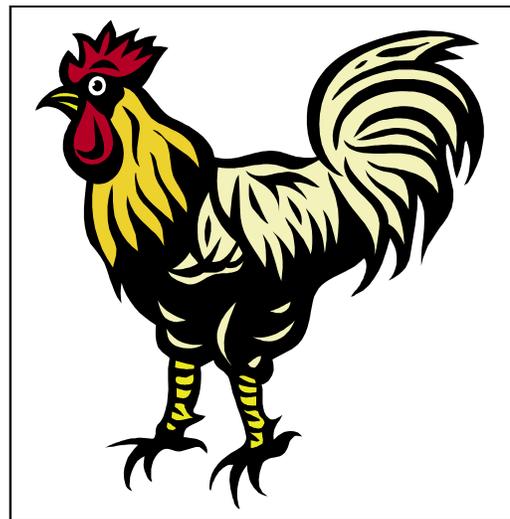
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**Lowcountry Emmaus Treasurer's Report**

**March 24, 2007**

Beginning Balance - checking	\$2200.57
Deposits	+1075.74
Donation	634.42
Gathering	325.32
District event	116.00
Disbursements	385.59
April newsletter	214.09
Returned mail	19.50
PO Box	72.00
Babysitting	80.00
Ending Balance - checking	\$2890.72
Savings Balance	+3032.95
Total on Hand	\$5923.67

***De Colores, Karen***



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**Lowcountry Emmaus**  
**Calendar of Events**

April 20 - Aldersgate UMC, Sumter  
May 16- \*Saturday Picnic-Camp in Cameron  
June 15 - Church of the Palms UMC, Okatie  
July 20 - Knightsville UMC, Summerville  
August 17 - Pinopolis UMC, Pinopolis  
November 16-Bethany UMC, Summerville

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**Gatherings-3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, monthly**

**Board meets on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. monthly**

**2007 Walk Dates**

**Men: October 11-14**

**Women: October 25-28**

**Please begin NOW to submit applications for pilgrims you would like to sponsor on these walks.**  
**DON'T WAIT**

Deadline for newsletter submissions is the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month