

LowCountry Emmaus

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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Services, Gatherings)

April 16	6:30 PM	Men's Walk Sendoff & Sponsorship Hour
April 18	8:00 PM	Candlelight Service
April 19	4:30 PM	Men's Walk Closing
April 30	6:30 PM	Women's Walk Sendoff & Sponsorship Hour
May 2	8:00 PM	Candlelight Service
May 3	4:30 PM	Women's Walk Closing
May 15	6:30 PM	Meal & Gathering at Hibben UMC
June 19	7:30 PM	Gathering at Bethel UMC (Walterboro)

Directions to Send-Off & Sponsorship Hour and Closing Services at Jericho United Methodist Church

Take I-26 to Exit 149 (Hwy 33N) towards Cameron. Go to the stop sign at the filling station in Cameron at Hwy 176. Turn right onto Hwy 176 and go 2.5 miles (past the Flea Bite Creek bridge) and turn left. The church is about 1.6 miles on the right.

Directions to Candlelight Service at Providence United Methodist Church

Take I-26 to I-95. Turn north on I-95 (stay south if coming from Sumter area). Go to the exit for Hwy 176 at mile marker 90. Turn west toward Cameron. The church is about 2 miles on the right.

Gatherings are on the 3rd Friday of each month, beginning at 7:30 PM (except for the May 15th Gathering which will be preceded by a covered dish meal beginning at 6:30 PM). Board meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, at 7:00 PM at Cokesbury UMC.

FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR



The March Gathering was at Pinopolis UMC. Perry Buchanan led the Gathering. Mike Folden gave an inspiring 4th day talk. Judson King gave a great 4th day response, The music was led by Keith Yates, Anthony Leopper, Gerald Dukes and Dick Broomall.

Mike's 4th day talk was his witness to what his 4th day has been following his walk. He gets no argument from me. Having Christ love in our hearts is what we all must have to call ourselves Christians. That is the agape love we all must have to continue sharing the gift God has given for the pilgrims on the weekends. This authentic love must be shown not only by the team members but all the servants of God in the background as well.

Following a walk one of the sponsor's responsibilities is to get their pilgrim to the follow up weekend. Another responsibility is to bring their pilgrims to gatherings and introduce them to the com-

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FROM THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR



At closing, the Weekend Lay Director tells those who have just completed the Walk to Emmaus, "You already know that prayer has been the spiritual foundation for this entire weekend." Before the weekend began, the community was in prayer for those who would be attending and for those who would be asked to serve on the team. During the 72 hours of the weekend, the prayer vigil poster was a reminder that, at every moment of the day or night, someone was praying for those making that Walk. During talks, still other members of the community prayed in the chapel or in the kitchen as they worked to prepare meals.

At our monthly Gatherings, we have time to lift up our concerns—our own needs and the needs of others in the community—

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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

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.

Low Country Emmaus Community Board

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Lay Director	Randy Woods	843-873-7061	randallwoods3@bellsouth.net	2009
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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

What's Cookin' in the Kitchen

Hello from the kitchen! It's getting closer to the Walks and the kitchen team is getting geared up to feed all of those awesome pilgrims. Thanks to all who signed up to work in the kitchen and bake pound cakes. Remember if you signed up for breakfast, be at the *Camp by 6:30 AM, for lunch by 10:30 AM, and for dinner by 2:30 PM.

Thank you - Cliff Simpson (Kitchen)

Spring Cleaning

The Walks are just around the corner and we need to get the *Camp ready! Please come out and help set up and clean up while getting to know others in the community. 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)

*Directions to Camp Summers & Manget

Exit I-26 at the Orangeburg/Cameron Exit (SC Rd 33). Turn left at the end of the exit ramp toward Cameron. After entering Cameron, you will see some large storage towers on your right. There will be a road on your left which will take you to the Camp. Look for the white Camp Summers & Manget sign at the intersection. Go approximately 1.3 miles down that road and you will see a sign on your right for the kitchen. This road is a single lane dirt road. Take that road and park behind the Kitchen/Dining Hall Building.

Thanks for the Cushions

The LCE Board would like to thank those individuals and reunion groups who donated new cushions for the conference room tables. Please get your cushions to Billy Gaines, Board member for Housing, prior to Sendoff, or you can bring them to Clean up Day on Saturday, April 11th, at the Camp.

Application Deadlines

The deadline for registering for Men's Walk #66 is Wednesday, April 1st. The deadline for registering for Women's Walk #67 is Wednesday, April 15th. As sponsors, please remember your responsibility to your Pilgrims and their families.

Thank you - Teresa Strickland (Registrar)

Luggage and Transportation Help Needed

The transportation committee is in need of volunteers to help out with luggage and transportation at Sendoff for both the Men's and Women's Walks. Due to a full walk there are going to be fewer volunteers to choose from as many of us will be tending to sponsorship duties. We will be able to manage returning the luggage on Sunday. However we need help for the Thursday night delivery. So if you can help please give me a call or send me an email.

Thank you - Norman Murdaugh (Luggage & Transportation)

Table Agape Needed

Table agape is needed for the Men's & Women's Walks. Sixty-five (65) pieces are needed for each Walk. Bring agape to the Camp Cleanup Day or to Sendoff at Jericho UMC.

Thank you - Gerald Murray (Agape)

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munity members. The next Gathering (following the walk) will be at Hibben UMC. It will be a pot luck dinner. The order of worship is going to be different at this gathering. It will be focused on training the new pilgrims. We will have sponsorship training, reunion group training and progressive servanthood training provided by the board member chairpersons for these areas.

The community spiritual director has been elected for the upcoming year. David Lupo has been elected to perform this task beginning in May. An additional prayer to add to your prayer list is to pray for more clergy to take more active roles in the community.

The election of new board members has taken place but the ballots will not be counted until the April board meeting. Be in prayer for the new board members. Pray that they might perform community business with God's will at the center. Pray they will do the job that needs to be done.

Being a community that is based on prayer continue to pray for the entire community. Place God at the front of all prayers. Pray for the pilgrims. Pray the sponsors have done their jobs well. Pray for Ron Bycroft (men's lay director, Walk 66) and Terry Lupo (women's lay director, Walk 67). Be at peace with what they have accomplished with their teams. Pray for all the team members. Be in prayer for Joel Strickland (Walk 68) and Beth Pregnall (Walk 69) as Lay directors in training. Pray for the upcoming team selection committee.

De Colores,

Randy Woods

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and to share our celebrations as well. You may not be aware, however, that we have a community email list for prayer concerns that allows us to share those concerns and to pray for one another during the weeks between Gatherings.

You can find a link on the community's web site that will allow you to subscribe to the prayer list. Once your subscription is approved, you will be able to send prayer requests to the list. Please remember that email stays around forever, so don't include more details than you are sure the person would want shared. And when you receive a message, please take a moment to lift up the request in prayer.

De Colores,

David Lupo

Did You Know That . . .

The LowCountry Emmaus website can keep you connected to what's going on in the Community. Check it out!

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

- Application for the Walk
- The most current monthly newsletter
- Newsletter archives
- Dates and times for upcoming events
- Directions to the Camp, Gatherings, Sendoff, Candlelight, & Closing
- Sign-up to receive the newsletter via email
- Sign-up to receive the community concerns & prayer list
- Bylaws and standing rules of the LCE Board
- Link to the International Walk to Emmaus web site

Men's Walk #66 - Team Roster

Ron	Bycroft	Jon	Provost
David	Lupo	Sammy	Fogle
Arch	Yeager	Rolland	Fitch
Tommy	Massalon	Charles	Reeves
Charlie	Bellamy	Jon	Stroud
Wendell	Bailey	Stewart	Hulett
David	Cunha	Anthony	Hodge
Joel	Hand	Richard	Hogue
Trey	Ginn	Peter	Belec
Steve	Bilton	Judson	King
David	Smith	Randy	Woods
Ed	Hickey	Joel	Strickland
Shawn	Boykin		

The Team Roster for Women's Walk #67 will be posted at the LowCountry Emmaus website prior to the Walk.

Serving God

"We serve God by serving others. The world defines greatness in terms of power, possessions, prestige, and position. If you can demand service from others, you've arrived. In our self-serving culture with its "me first" mentality, acting like a servant is not a popular concept. Jesus, however, measured greatness in terms of service, not status. God determines your greatness by how many people you serve, not how many people serve you. Jesus said 'You can tell what they are by what they do' (Matthew 7:16 CEV)."

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Prayer Vigil and Snack Agape Needs

We need help in filling the Prayer Vigil and Snack Agape servant roles for the Men's and Women's Walks. All responses should be sent directly to Carroll Cash, Board member for Prayer Vigil & Refreshments, at cashbilly143@aol.com or call. All Snack Agape will need to be delivered to Jericho UMC on the Thursday at Sendoff. And everyone should record their prayer times once they have been confirmed by me. Thanks!

Men's Walk (April 16-19, 2009) Snack Agape: (each line is a servant item)

5 bottles of 2 Liter drinks
 2 containers of 1/2 gal. juice
 2 dozen homemade goodies
 14 pears or plumbs
 7 pounds of grapes
 3 bags chips
 3 bags chips
 1 cheese ball
 1 cheese ball

Men's Walk Prayer Vigil (for 30 minute increments)

Friday, April 17: (AM hours) 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, & 3:30
 Friday, April 17: (PM hours) 2:00
 Saturday, April 18 (AM hours) 2:30, 3:30, & 11:30
 Saturday, April 18 (PM hours) 4:30, 8:00, & 8:30
 Sunday, April 19 (AM hours) 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 10:00,
 10:30, 11:00, & 12:00 noon
 Sunday, April 19 (PM hours) 3:00, 4:00, 4:30, & 5:00

Women's Walk (April 30-May 03, 2009) Snack Agape: (each line is a servant item)

2 dozen homemade goodies
 14 pears or plumbs
 7 pounds of grapes
 3 bags chips
 1 cheese ball
 3 boxes of crackers

Women's Walk Prayer Vigil (For 30 minute increments)

Friday, May 1: (AM hours) 2:00, 2:30, 3:30, & 4:00
 Friday, May 1: (PM hours) 2:30
 Saturday, May 2: (AM hours) 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:00,
 & 11:30
 Saturday, May 2: (PM hours) 2:00, 2:30, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30,
 8:00, 9:00, & 10:30
 Sunday, May 3: (AM hours) 12:30, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30,
 4:00, 6:30, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30, & 12:00 noon
 Sunday, May 3: (PM hours) 12:30, 1:30, 2:00, 3:00, 3:30,
 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, & 5:30