

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 Indian Fields UMC for hosting our gathering this month and a special thanks to Leigh Piegler for a very moving 4th day .I have known Leigh a good while in this community and she exemplifies the 4th day pilgrim that we are all called to do.

Hope all the pilgrims of walks 58 & 59 are doing well and I would like to welcome you into the community again. Please be sure to get involved in a reunion group as soon as possible if you haven't already done so.

Please be in prayer for our new board as we elect new officers and job positions .Our community has always prided itself in allowing the HOLY SPIRIT to guide us in decision making .We are part of a larger Emmaus community which has guidelines to go by .Keep in mind when decisions are made they not necessarily what we want but remember if we believe that GOD inspired the work of Emmaus for his glory then who are we to disagree.

I was very pleased to see such a large crowd at the gathering this month because I feel we have been falling off on our attendance at gatherings .If everyone has been involved in there church or something else God has called them to then I am glad Emmaus has helped inspire you to do God's calling. Sponsorship was good this time for the walks because I witnessed it at the closings of the men and the women's. If you did not come, you missed some powerful testimonies.

There will be a "Celebrations 2006" at Virginia

Beach, VA and Houston, TX for celebrating Emmaus and Chrysalis sponsored by "THE UPPER ROOM WALK TO EMMAUS & CHRYSALIS" .The dates for both events is (June 9 - 10 at Virginia Beach and November 3-4 at Houston). If you are interested in attending please give me a call or E-mail me so can give you the information. My E-mail and phone number are in the newsletter ,also my cellphone is (843)729-5650.

Remember NOW is the time to think about sponsoring for the next set of walks. We are required by our standing rules to have at lease 20 applications in hand by July 16th to have a set of walks because we have teams being selected and other commitments. God calls each one of us to serve and this is one of the many ways to do so.

Thanks again for your support to the community and doing God's will. Please keep all those in mind who are suffering or who are in harms way and especially those who are seeking God's will.

DECOLORES,
DAN HARE

Can we change you to our e mail newsletter?

The community is currently sending out nearly 600 hard copies of our newsletter, each month. The cost of printing and mailing is just over \$200. If we could change most of these to e mail, we'd be able to pay for a pair of walks with the savings.

If you have e mail available and would like to change, e mail me at: joelwhand@bellsouth.net.

Please include your e mail, of course, as well as the former mail address, to which we were sending your newsletter. De Colores, Joel Hand

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.

FROM THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR



To all my friends in the Low Country Emmaus Community,

It is with mixed emotions that I announce to you that I am leaving the Charleston area to assume an appointment in the Rock Hill District. My wife, Sara White, has been appointed as the District Superintendent and I will be taking an appointment there as well.

As I reflect upon my association with the LCE community I have many fond memories--my walk in 1994 where my call to ministry was confirmed, my baptism under fire as a Music team member, and my many opportunities to serve as either a walk Spiritual Director or Assistant Spiritual Director. I will hold all these memories with a special place in my heart. I will also hold each of you dear to me.

I will especially remember the last year when I have served as your Community Spiritual Director. The loving and gracious attitude you have displayed to me will never be forgotten. I am most appreciative to the community and the Board of Directors for this opportunity. Thanks to Dan Hare for putting up with my quirks and supporting my decisions.

As I leave, I place you in good hands. The Rev. Robert Nix has been elected and has agreed to be your new SD. Robert loves you all and will do a fantastic job in this capacity. As I say farewell, please think of me kindly and remember me in your prayers as Sara and I take on new responsibilities in Rock Hill. Always remember who you are and whose you are as you continue in the service of the Lord. And always remember that Emmaus is about service to others, the local church, and the community in which we live.

DeColores,

Steve

New Board Members Elected

The results of balloting are in. Elected were- Lay Members: Randy Woods, Karen Ayers, Barbara Bilton and Perry Buchanan.

New Clergy Members: David Lupo and Annie Edwards. These members will be assigned their respective responsibilities at the board meeting, this month. Their phone numbers and emails will be added to the board list in next month's newsletter.

TO THE EMMAUS COMMUNITY: I am in the process of updating the list of Emmaus Reunion Groups in our Community. This is such an important part of our Fourth Day experience, please take time to give me the information..

Please send the following information as soon as possible, so there will be a central listing of the Reunion Groups that are active in our Low Country Community.

(1) NAME OF YOUR GROUP (2) CONTACT PERSON and THOSE IN YOUR GROUP - (Name, phone number, address and/or e-mail address) (3) CHURCH (4)WHERE AND WHEN YOU MEET. You may e-mail me the information (mandbvannoy@yahoo.com) or mail the information to: **Betty Vannoy, Fourth Day, 2401 Valleybrook Rd, Sumter SC 29154.**

The Gathering this month: Wesley Memorial UMC, Hollywood. 7:30PM May 19th

Directions to Wesley Memorial UMC

From Charleston take Hwy 17 towards Ravenel. In Ravenel turn left at the red light onto 165. The church will be aprox. 2 miles on the left on Hwy 165 just inside the Hollywood town limits sign.

From Summerville take hwy 165 to Ravenel. Once in Ravenel continue on 165 towards Hollywood. The church is aprox. 2 miles on left from the red light just past the town limits sign.

From Southern areas, take 17 into Ravenel and then turn right onto hwy 165 at the red light. The church is aprox. 2 miles on left from the red light just past the town limits sign.

Church address is 5412 Hwy 165, Hollywood, SC 29449.

Board of Directors

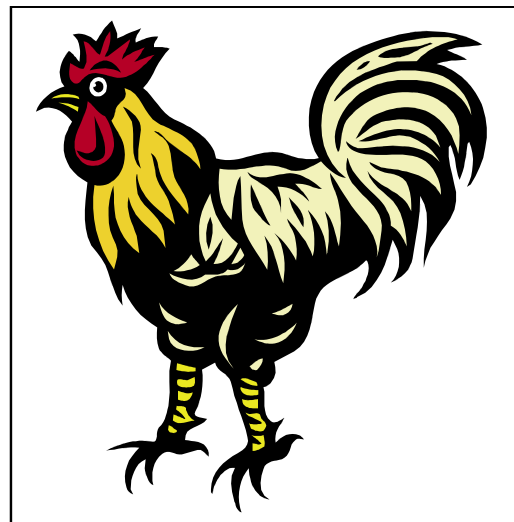
Position	Name	Phone	E-mail address	Class
Lay Director	Dan Hare	843-899-6626	danhare52@homeexpressway.net	2007
Spiritual Director	Robert Nix	843-552-4061	cokeburyumc@knology.net	2006
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Secretary/Team Selection				2006
Kitchen				2006
Literature/Letters/Supplies				2006
Agape	Lisa Hawkins	843-577-7719	Chaswesfdn@bellsouth.net	2006
Registrar				2006
Gatherings				2007
Luggage/Transportation	Lindsey Mack	803-796-0982	LMack50109@aol.com	2007
Fourth Day	Betty Vannoy	803-499-3635	Mandbvannoy@yahoo.com	2007
Music/Entertainment	Jennie Goodman	843-766-9597		2008
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Newsletter	Joel Hand	803-245-2395	joelwhand@bellsouth.net	2008
Housing	Jim Roth	843-846-0459	mandj@islc.net	2008
Sendoff/Candlelight/Clos'g	Cindy Weatherford	843-563-2163		2008

TREASURER'S REPORT

Thanks to all of you who contributed a little extra at the last Gathering. We appreciate your dedication to the Emmaus Community.

Beginning Balance	\$2387.61
Deposits	2255.00
Disbursements	1772.83
Ending Balance	\$3083.78
Savings	\$2,993.36

De Colores,
Babs Patrick, Vice President/Treasurer



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Calendar of Events

May- Wesley Memorial UMC, 5412

Hwy165 Hollywood

June-Church of the Palms, 1425 Okatie

Hwy, Okatie

July-Knightsville UMC, Knightsville

Aug-Trinity UMC, Bamberg

Sept.-Pineopolis UMC-Pineopolis

Nov-

Dec-Stallsville UMC, Summerville

Gatherings-3rd Friday, monthly

Board meets on 2nd Tues. monthly

2006 Walk Dates

Men: October 12-15, 2006

Women: October 26-29, 2006

*20 applications for Fall walks must be
received by July 12, 2006*

Remember: All dates are tentative until we have
enough pilgrims registered for that weekend.

Deadline for newsletter is the 25th of each month