

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 Aldersgate UMC for hosting this months gathering and though we were small in numbers we were large in the spirit. I would like to thank Liz Wild for her fourth day testimony.

The new board members have been elected and I am proud to say you have good selections though all of the candidates would have been good. The new board members are Billy Gaines, Cliff Simpson Norman Murdaugh, Theresa Strickland Annie Edwards, and Carol Cash. Some were on the board before because they were filling a vacant position but you have elected them to their three year term.

For those who are leaving the board I would like to thank them for dedication and hard work. Those are Betty Vannoy, Lindsey Mack, and Bob Lee. I too will be going off the board and I will miss it but it is time for others to step up to GOD's calling and help this community be what God wants it to be, a tool to inspire other Christians in hearing god's word and Christianizing the environment.

As we prepare for walks we need to keep the pilgrims, team, and the community in our prayers. Start thinking of potential pilgrims NOW so we are not left with a last minute rush to get more Pilgrims. If you have someone who is thinking about going on the walks it would be a great opportunity to bring them to our next gathering at the camp on Saturday May 12th.

On a more serious note with what has happened this past month at Virginia Tech and what is happening around the world, we need to be in prayer for all God's people everywhere. We should realize that our children are not as safe as we think they are. The only place we can truly feel safe is in the presence of the lord and I pray for those who don't have that security, but need it to get through each day.

As our new board organizes and elect new officers, keep the board in prayer as the officers are elected but also the

process of job placement as the Lay Director along with the board will make those assignments. I will step down as Lay Director knowing there are some great leaders on the board to take over, and I would like to thank all those on the board who have worked diligently doing their respective jobs well. It will be hard to figure out what to do with my second Tuesday's of the month but I will try (Ha, Ha). I thank the community again for it's support and giving me this opportunity to serve the LORD.

DECOLORES,
Dan Hare

FROM THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR



My grandmother told me many times, "Robert treat people the way you want them to treat you."

The story is told of a visitor to the Holy City who was impressed by the courtesy of the bus driver toward the passengers on the bus he was riding. After the crowd thinned he spoke to the driver and thanked him for being courteous.

The driver responded, "Well, about five years ago I read in the newspaper about a man who included in his will a person who was courteous to him every day. So I thought that could happen to me! I treat passengers the way I want them to treat me with courtesy. And it makes me feel so good that now I don't care if I never inherit a million dollars."

Loving people like you want to be loved seems a good way for our world.

DE COLORES

ROBERT

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.

THIS MONTHS GATHERING **SPECIAL GATHERING INFORMATION**

Our May gathering will be held at Camp Summers and Manget on Saturday, May 12, 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.

What should you bring?

- * Whatever meat you want grilled
- * Other picnic foods and drinks to share
- * Friends who might be interested in Emmaus
- * Lawn chairs
- * Frisbees and such for recreation
- * Musical instruments

After lunch, we will split up for some short workshop/discussion times to share knowledge, experiences, and "this worked for me" ideas. The topics will include sponsorship, agape, reunion groups, and music.

(Guests can join in on the music.)

We will conclude with worship, a Fourth-Day speaker, and Communion

De Colores,
David Lupo

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP SUMMERS **AND MANGET**

Exit I-26 at the Orangeburg/Cameron Exit (SC Rd 33). Turn right at the end of the exit ramp toward Cameron. After entering Cameron, you will see some large storage towers on your right (also in view from several miles outside Cameron.) When these towers are on your right, there will be a road on your left which will take you to the Summers and Manget Camp. There is a white sign with the name of the camp on your left at that intersection. Approximately 1.4 miles down this road will bring you to the entrance to the camp, on your right.

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can save approximately forty five cents for each on added to our e mail community.

SPONSORSHIP-FROM THE REGISTRAR

Sponsorship #2

When you've discerned that the time is right, make an appointment with or just talk to the person or couple to discuss participation in Emmaus. Share what the walk meant to you as well as some of the aspects of the week-end. Extend an invitation to attend. Prepare the pilgrim for an experience with Christ, not just a week-end trip. Let the pilgrim(s) know that this is a wonderful gift not just something he or she needs to do. Give the person(s) an application and talk them through it. Make sure to explain everything on it and to answer any and all questions they might have. Remember that if the person is married you should talk to both people and encourage a commitment by both. As a sponsor you are to check for completeness of the application remembering the importance of the "special diets" and "special medications" I can't stress the importance of these two areas. Several times in the past we've had to contact a sponsor or spouse to help in getting forgotten medication to the pilgrim. You are their link to the outside during their week-end. Once you have the completed application, submit it with the appropriate deposit to the registrar. Once again, remind the pilgrim to reserve the listed dates for the 72 hour experience. Continue to pray

DeColores Jim Roth Registrar.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED

Last month the community voted on new members for the Board of Directors and from your votes, the following members were elected:

Lay Members

Billy Gaines	bilyngains@aol.com	2010
Cliff Simpson	Csimpson3@sc.rr.com	2010
Norman Murdaugh	stumpbump@aol.com	2010
Theresa Strickland	jstdhs@yahoo.com	2010

Clergy

Annie Edwards	aewards20@knology.net	2010
Carol Cash	cashbilly143@aol.com	2008
Spiritual Director		
Robert Nix	Cokesburyumc@knology.net	2008

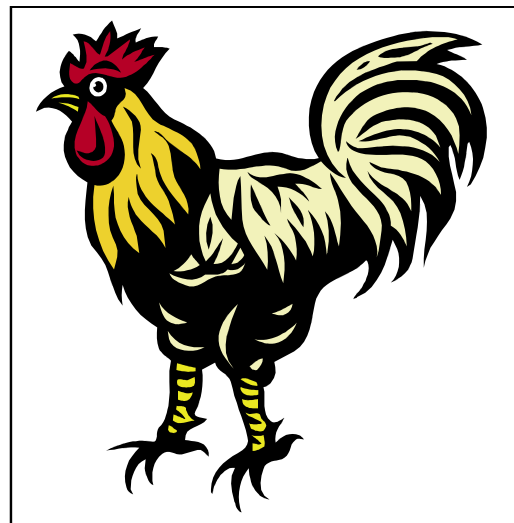
Board of Directors

Position	Name	Phone	E-mail address	Class
Lay Director	To Be Elected			2007
Spiritual Director	Robert Nix	843-552-4061	cokesburyumc@knology.net	2008
Vice Chair/Treasurer`	Karen Ayers	843-525-0882	gwayers@islc.net	2009
Secretary/Team Selection	Barbara Bilton	843-563-8444	biltonts@bellsouth.net	2009
Kitchen	Randy Woods	343-873-7061	randall.woods@att.net	2009
Literature/Letters/Supplies	Cindy Weatherford	843-563-2163		2008
Agape	Annie Edwards	843-568-1320	aedwards20@comcast.net	2007
Registrar	Jim Roth	843-846-0459	jaxon05@earthlink.net	2008
Gatherings	David Lupo	843-856-9246	david@lupofamily.org	2009
Luggage/Transportation	TBA		.	2007
Fourth Day	TBA			2007
Music/Entertainment	Jennie Goodman	843-766-9597		2008
Prayer Vigil/Refreshments	TBA			2008
Newsletter	Joel Hand	803-245-2395	joelwhand@bellsouth.net	2008
Housing	Billy Gaines	843-766-2066	bilyngains@aol.com	2007
Sendoff/Candlelight/Clos'g	Perry Buchanan	843-525-6166	twostep2@charter.net	2009

Lowcountry Emmaus Treasurer's Report

April 26, 2007

Beginning Balance - checking	\$2890.72
Deposits	+ 627.65
Camp S&M Repair	142.65
Gathering	205.00
Walk Fees	280.00
Disbursements	254.09
May newsletter	214.09
Babysitting	40.00
Ending Balance - checking	\$3264.28
Savings Balance	+3032.95
Total on Hand	\$6297.23



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Calendar of Events

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

Gatherings-3rd Friday, monthly

Board meets on 2nd 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 **25th** of each month