

# LowCountry Emmaus

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

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Gatherings)

May 15	6:30 PM	Meal & Gathering at Hibben UMC
June 19	7:30 PM	Gathering at Bethel UMC (Walterboro)
July 17	7:30 PM	Gathering at Knightsville UMC

Directions to Hibben United Methodist Church, located at 690 Coleman Blvd in Mt. Pleasant, SC.

From the Mark Clark Expressway (I-526): Go all the way to the east end of the expressway. Bear right onto Coleman Blvd. Turn right at the first stop light (at the OOPs store), then turn left behind OOPs. Hibben UMC is immediately on the left.

From Charleston: Go over the new Ravenel Bridge and bear right at the bottom onto Coleman Blvd. Pass over Shem Creek. Turn left at the fourth stop light after crossing Shem Creek (at the OOPs Store). Turn left behind OOPs, and Hibben UMC is immediately on the left.

There is parking in front, behind, along the street (church side only), and to the west side of the church. A nursery will be provided.

***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.***

## 2009 FALL WALKS

(Tentative Dates)

**Men's Walk—September 24-27**

**Women's Walk—October 8-11**

***Please be in prayer for Pilgrims that you would like to sponsor on upcoming Walks. The Registrar is now accepting applications for the 2009 Fall Walks. Applications will be accepted up to two weeks prior to each Walk.***

## FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR

This is my last newsletter article as the Community Lay Director. It has been as experience I shall never forget. I have been blessed to serve you, the Low Country Emmaus community. With every thing there are good things and not so good things. But by practicing my faith I have made it through three years on the board a stronger Christian than I thought I could ever be.



James 1:2-6 says: "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into diverse temptations; Knowing *this*, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have *her* perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all *men* liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed."

We must all practice and maintain our faith the best we can in all we say and do. James says to find joy in the hard times. That is a very big challenge especially when the world of the flesh breaths upon our necks with reckless abandon. We as Christians must be one body that demonstrates to the world our faith. We should not fall into the ways of the world with quick decisions but start with

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## FROM THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

A little over a year ago, my parents were getting ready to move from the house they had lived in since retirement into an apartment. Part of the preparation for the move involved giving us children



some of the things they had collected over the years that were not going to fit into the smaller space they would have. On one of my trips up to visit, I came home with, among other things, a package of letters that I had written to them while I was in college. It was fun to look back over what I had written about my experiences, plans, and hopes. All that was in those letters, because letters were the way to communicate back then, before e-mail and before unlimited nights and weekends. In fact, after I read through them, I remembered that I had another package of letters stored away: the letters that my parents had written to me during those same years.

Telephone conversations are good, and I'm glad they are a lot cheaper than they used to be, when making a "long distance" call was a carefully thought-out decision. But the sound of the voice on the other end is gone as soon as it is heard. E-mail is fast, inexpensive, and a great way to keep in touch with a lot of people. But I

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**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
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Sendoff/Candlelight/Closing	Lynn Dukes	843-270-5004	ldukes@sc.rr.com	2011

**Treasurer's Report**

(as of April 13, 2009)

Beginning Balance (2/28/09) – checking	\$3,746.02
Income	+2,310.64
March Gathering	520.64
Walk fees	1760.00
Donation (cushions)	30.00
Disbursements	- 586.66
March Newsletter	301.99
April Newsletter	214.67
PO Box rental	70.00
Ending Balance – checking	\$5,470.00
Savings Balance	\$2,562.69
Total on Hand	\$8,032.69

De Colores - Karen Ayers (Vice Chair/Treasurer)

**Books to be Available at the Gathering**

At the May 15th Gathering at Hibben UMC, I will have the books from the Walk Book Table with the 15 Talk books recommended by the Upper Room available for purchase, and some of the booklets from the Emmaus Suggested Reading List. (Bring your check-books, please!)

De Colores - Barbara Bilton (Literature)

**Thanks to the Community**

Thanks to the many people who helped set up the camp before the Men's Walk, cleaned up after the Men' Walk and before the Women's Walk, and tore down and put away the Emmaus items. This was true silent servant hood and was appreciated by everyone.

Thank you - Billy Gaines (Housing)

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Thanks to all the fine help we had with luggage on the walk this time. You made luggage handling an easy job. A special thanks to the bus and van drivers, especially those drivers and passengers who stepped up to the plate on Saturday night of the Women's Walk. You kept the "Walk To Emmaus" from truly becoming a "**Walk**" To Emmaus.

De Colores - Norman Murdaugh (Luggage & Transportation)

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I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of the new pilgrims from Walk # 66 and 67. I hope your weekends were Spirit filled and that you enjoyed the outpouring of Agape love that you experienced. I wanted to extend a great big **THANK YOU** to the entire community for all of the help and support you have given me during the last set of walks. Special thanks to Steve, Leigh and my wife Julie for being the assistants. This job could never be done by just one person (or 2 or 3, for that matter); it takes willing souls like **ALL** of you to give of your time and energy to help out.

The kitchen is just one of the great opportunities to serve while a walk is happening. The fellowship and fun that we share there creates bonds that last a lifetime. I have no doubt that you will continue to support every aspect of the Walks, just as you have done for so many years. I look forward to seeing all of you again in the kitchen. May God's peace be with each and every one of you now and forever.

De Colores - Cliff Simpson (Kitchen)

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prayer by asking God for the path by His will.

Gatherings are a great place to come together as the body of Christ for prayer, worship, and fellowship. This strengthens our faith with one another. My prayer is that community members from the past that get this newsletter join the community at Hibben UMC to meet and greet the new members of our Low Country Emmaus body of Christ Walks 66 & 67. It would be great to see you at other Gatherings during the year as well. It's always great to see someone you have not seen in a while.

Be in prayer for Joel Strickland (Walk 68) and Beth Pregnall (Walk 69) as Lay Directors for the next walks. Pray for the team selection committee. Pray for sponsors to continue performing their responsibilities with the new pilgrims.

Be in prayer for the new board members starting in May: Greta Bridges, Robert Johnson, Leigh Peigler, Elaine Walter, and Steve Waterhouse. And many thanks to the others who are rotating off the board: Karen Ayers, Barbara Bilton, and Perry Buchanan.

De Colores,

Randy Woods

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can't picture my sons, twenty or thirty years from now, paging through a CD full of old e-mail messages with the same feeling I got from rereading those letters.

You don't have to wait to be asked to write someone a letter. A letter can be an act of agape any time. Why not pick up a clean sheet of paper and, pen in hand, let someone know why it's important to you to have known them, or offer some words of appreciation and encouragement?

De Colores,

David Lupo

### **More Thanks to the Community**

As my term on the board comes to an end, I can truly say that this has been a learning experience. My two years as secretary/team selection chairman gave me a chance to get to know so many people in the community and work closely with so many wonderful Christian men and women. I was able to see first hand the time, prayers, love and perseverance that are needed in making a walk come together.

This last year as literature chairman gave a different dimension in seeing what goes on behind the scene in organizing a successful set of walks. Manuals, supplies, and agape letters filled my den as well as my heart. I thank all of you who were patient while I was learning and to all of those who helped me in getting the job done by the deadline.

I will always be grateful to the community for giving me the opportunity to serve in such a rewarding capacity. I will carry you in my hearts for all time and will always be ready to help you, as you so willing and generously helped me.

Blessings to you all!

De Colores - Barbara Bilton (Literature/Letters/Supplies)

### **Welcome to our Newest Community Members from Men's Walk 66**

Jack Baker	Johnnie Baxley
Mike Bouis	Harry Lee Brow
Allan Burden	Scott Butler
Ron Chinnes	Linzay Davis
Bill Halbritter	Jeff Karns
Michael Knotts	Dan Mabey
Larry McCormick	Victor Menagarcia
Bobby Nix	Bill Powell
Tony Ramirez	Wiley Stephens
Larry Stockton	Lynn Weiss
George Windish	

### **Thank You to the Team Members from Men's Walk 66**

Ron Bycroft	Lay Director	Trey Ginn	Table Leader
David Lupo	Spiritual Director	Steve Bilton	Table Leader
Arch Yeager	Asst. Lay Director	David Smith	Table Leader
Tommy Massalon	Asst. Lay Director	Ed Hickey	Asst. Table Leader
Charlie Bellamy	Asst. Lay Director	Shawn Boykin	Asst. Table Leader
Anthony Hodge	Asst. Spirit. Direct.	Jon Provost	Asst. Table Leader
Richard Hogue	Asst. Spirit. Direct.	Charlie Reeves	Asst. Table Leader
Peter Belec	Asst. Spirit. Direct.	Sammy Fogle	Asst. Table Leader
Judson King	Asst. Spirit. Direct	Rolland Fitch	Asst. Table Leader
Wendell Bailey	Table Leader	Jon Stroud	Music
David Cunha	Table Leader	Stewart Hulett	Music
Joel Hand	Table Leader	Randy Woods	Board Representative
		Joel Strickland	Lay Director in-training

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**Welcome to our Newest Community  
Members from Women's Walk 67**

Jewel Weatherford	Patty Meeks
Dee Dee Rackleff	Hazel Moorer
Patty Baxley	Margie Hamrick
Janice Mabey	Ella Johnson
Debbie Yadon	Angie Nix
Carolyn Baker	Karen Butler
Linda Windish	Helen Geiger
Eleanor Powell	Judy Roumillat
Beverly Raso	Mary Watson
Wendy Hollman	Laura Knotts
Mary Alice Hardee	Christine Freeman
Cindy Walden	Sharon Ramirez
Betty Brooks	Judy Owens
Wanda Stockton	Karen Williams
Jackie Weiss	Libby Chinnes
Deborah Hunter	Jackie Simonin
Melissa Harrelson	Carrie Karns

**Thank You to the Team Members from Women's Walk 67**

Terry Lupo	Lay Director	Claire Ginn	Table Leader
Bob Lee	Spiritual Director	Angela Bailey	Table Leader
Lynn Gaines	Asst. Lay Director	Cindy Murdaugh	Table Leader
Dianne Boykin	Asst. Lay Director	Frances Fogle	Asst. TL
Pat Massalon	Asst. Lay Director	Jackie Geiger	Asst. TL
Lisa Hawkins	Asst. Spirit. Direct.	Marcia Roth	Asst. TL
Judy Hames	Asst. Spirit. Direct.	Diane Edwins	Asst. TL
Ed Reynolds	Asst. Spirit. Direct.	Sue Runnerstrom	Asst. TL
Carolyn Matthews	Asst. Spirit. Direct	Kathryn Scarborough	Asst. TL
Pat Goss	Table Leader (TL)	Simmie Benenhaley	Music
Cherie Buchanan	Table Leader	Karen Ayers	Music
Marlene Harter	Table Leader	Teresa Strickland	Board Rep.
		Beth Pregnall	Lay Director in-training

**Stay connected to what's going on in the Community!**  
It's the Low Country Emmaus Community web site! Check it out!

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