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Lowcountry Emmaus Community

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And their eyes were opened, and they knew Him ~ Luke 24:31

May Gathering on Friday,

May 18 @ 6 pm

Trinity UMC Bamberg

11761 Heritage Hwy, Bamberg, SC

Directions: FROM I-26: Take exit 165 toward. Bowman on SC-210. Follow SC-210 to Branchville. Turn left onto Freedom Rd, US 21. Turn right onto US 78, Edward St. Drive approximately 14 miles. The church will be on the left.

FROM I-95: Take exit 68 to Hwy 61 W. Continue on 61 and US 78 for approx. 30 miles. Church will be on the left.

Please note: The **Friday** Gatherings begin at 6 pm with fellowship. Please bring a snack or finger food to share with the Community. As always, the church will provide drinks.

Worship will follow at 7 pm.

From the April Gathering

If you missed the April Gathering you missed a very stirring 4th Day talk by Rick Ruele. He challenged each of us to see Jesus in the most unexpected places and way. When he took his walk he was expecting an AH HA! moment and Jesus completely surprised him by showing up in a very unexpected encounter with an earthly human. When Jesus wants your attention He sometimes uses the most unusual people and places to get your attention. The Holy Spirit moves all of us even when we least expect to be moved or witness.

Rick is an articulate speaker, a Stephen Minister and is active at Bethany-UMC.

Thank you, Rick for such an inspiring 4th Day Talk.

DeColores!
Wilhemina Hearne





From our Lay Director: Evyonne Thurman

As I prepare to turn over the leadership of the Lowcountry Emmaus Board to a new Community Lay Director, I would like to thank the Board and the Community for their support and prayers this last year. I have felt your love and support.

As the new Members transition into place this month, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome them onto the Board. Many new and exciting opportunities await them. A Big Welcome to Dominica, Dan, Jimmy, Karen, Helen, and Tom! You will be energized as you start your tenure and renewed as you start learning your area of responsibility. You will wonder at the end of your three years where the time went! My, how time flies when you're having so much fun!

And, a huge Thank You for to the current Board Members still serving. Forward march.....You're the best!

And to the Class of Board Members who are leaving with me, I appreciate you for what you've done. Thank you. Now, we go back out into the Community and work some more supporting the Board!

As I close, I would like to encourage everyone to think about YOUR Walk. What it has meant to you over the years... Wouldn't you like to share that with someone? Let's get busy doing just that!

My challenge to you: Talk to 5 people about the Walk to Emmaus and ask them if they would like to take the Walk of a lifetime. If that's too hard to do on your own, pair up with someone and do it together. Just do it!

I have loved being your CLD!
DeColores and many hugs, et

From our Spiritual Director: Kevin Stroop

Hosea 6:1-2 (NIV) *“Come, let us return to the LORD. He has torn us to pieces but he will heal us; he has injured us, but he will bind up our wounds. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will restore us, that we may live in his presence.”*

In the last few weeks I have been reminding my Churches about the importance of letting God be in control. Easter reminds us that Jesus has the power over sin and death. He gives us this power through the Holy Spirit, but we too often think our circumstances are so beyond the Holy Spirit’s grasp that we fail to offer Him the opportunity to intercede.

Ultimately, the words of Hosea fix our attitude. Like a wall or a room without a door, we are locked into a very familiar recognition of God – “He has torn us to pieces!” Here is where we stay: Locked in, no way forward, no future, No hope. Our lives become so clouded by our current circumstance and because we spend so much time picking up the pieces – we never have time or inclination to read the next line, we are overwhelmed,

“He has torn us to pieces *but he will heal us...*” Preacher, F. B. Meyer states it clearly: “Abraham shall take Isaac from off the altar and lead him home; Joseph shall weep tears of joy on his Father’s neck after being sold into bondage; Job shall have more prosperity than before his trials; Daniel’s friends shall emerge from the fire without their bonds; and where the body was buried in the grave amid tears of hopeless sorrow, there is the joy of resurrection!”

Giving the next moment, the next line to God, in the power of the Holy Spirit – changes the circumstances altogether. Wall’s crumble, doors are opened and events that blind us, tear us apart, and injure us, defining our pain are transformed. These situations in God’s hands become the very strength that gets us beyond the problems and directly to the solutions.

“We shall live again.” Meyer’s reminds us, “We shall know the Lord as never before, we must wait to see the end with the Lord.” Hosea centuries before Christ, in the next line opens the eyes: “on the third day he will restore us, that we may live in his presence.” Wait on the Lord my friends, your circumstances can be resurrected! You can be restored!

DeColores,

Kevin

From our Literature and Supplies Chair: Wilhemina Hearne

Literature: We should have an overflow of Pilgrims with the number of pamphlets I have given out to various community members. I will be out of town for a few days but still have more pamphlets that I can share when I return.

If any of the Reunion Groups need Reunion Cards, I have those also. Just make a request.

DeColores!
Wilhemina



From our Facilities Chair: Ed Hickey

A big thank you to the following willing servants assisting with Camp Cleanup/Spruce up!

I was notified by camp board director how pleased they were with our efforts. If I missed someone let me know!!

JC and Peggy Ridgeway
Tom and Evyonne Thurman
Brian Owens
Jay Humphries
Francis Harter
Dan Hare
Thomas and Monica Dukes
Janet Rogers
Lester Eckert
Ed Hickey

DeColores and Peace!

Ed



From our Agape Chair: David Lupo

AGAPE OPPORTUNITIES

Those who attended the April Gathering had the opportunity to vote for a new community agape letter. Thank you to all who voted and added their names to the new letters. The top choice was "Breath of God," with "Rest in the Son" close behind. I've sent copies of our letter to the following communities; please pray for their events:

- May 08 - May 16 North Georgia Face To Face #8, Atlanta
- May 10 - May 13 Port Elizabeth Emmaus Men's Walk #71, South Africa
- May 10 - May 13 Three Rivers Walk to Emmaus Men's Walk #103, Pennsylvania
- May 10 - May 13 Tres Dias Denmark Women #13
- May 16 - May 19 Bolivia Walk to Emmaus Women's Walk #2
- May 17 - May 20 Perth Emmaus Community Men's Walk #63, Australia
- May 17 - May 20 Blue Ridge Emmaus Men's Walk #84, North Carolina
- May 17 - May 20 Central Carolinas Emmaus Women's Walk #135
- May 17 - May 20 Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia Emmaus Women's Walk #138
- May 17 - May 20 Oregon Trails Emmaus Women's Walk #83
- May 17 - May 20 Port Elizabeth Emmaus Women's Walk #72, South Africa
- May 17 - May 20 Three Rivers Walk to Emmaus Women's Walk #104, Pennsylvania
- May 18 - May 21 North Indiana Chrysalis Community Boy's Flight #88
- May 24 - May 27 Perth Emmaus Community Women's Walk #64, Australia
- May 31 - June 3 Southern California Emmaus Men's Walk #213

DeColores,

David Lupo



A scenic view of a beach with tall grasses in the foreground and the ocean in the background. The sky is a clear, light blue, and the water is a calm, light blue. The sand is a light beige color. The grasses are thin and tall, some with small green flowers.

De Colores! May you

Rest in the Son

on your weekend!

***Lowcountry Emmaus Community of South
Carolina, USA***

**Holy Spirit, Breath of
God,
breathe on your
pilgrims
and empower them,
we pray.**

*Lowcountry Emmaus Community of South
Carolina, USA*