

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

**Lay Director:**

**Helen Cash**

htc143@aol.com

(843) 696-9853

**Asst. Lay Director:**

**NEEDS FILLED**

**Spiritual Director:**

David Lupo

david@lupofamily.org

(843)200-3758

**Asst. Spiritual Director:**

Steve Gaither

sdgaither@umcscorg

803-542-1184

**Secretary/Treasurer:**

Mary Kay Wrenn

[marykay.wrenn@yahoo.com](mailto:marykay.wrenn@yahoo.com)

843-323-2130

**Music/Entertainment:**

Dominica Harrell

Dominicasmal@gmail.com

(817)308-1987

**Kitchen:** David Beal

[jaxwildwingcafe@yahoo.com](mailto:jaxwildwingcafe@yahoo.com)

(843) 209-5242

**Fourth Day:** John Lyons

lyon\_john\_j@yahoo.com

(843)708-9837

**Luggage/Transportation:**

**NEEDS FILLED**

**Agape:** Peggy Lawton

Lawtonp.@comcast.net

(843)813-6160

**Facilities:**

**NEEDS FILLED**

**Gatherings:**

Ronnie Brewer

[rlbrewer@homesc.com](mailto:rlbrewer@homesc.com)

843-754-9257

**Newsletter:** Becky Stacey

rebecca\_stacey1969@yahoo.com

(843) 697-0156

**Registrar:** Karen Ayers

Klayers49@yahoo.com

(843) 812-8644

**Records:**

David Wiley

[wileynest@aol.com](mailto:wileynest@aol.com)

843-767-8521

**Literature/Supplies:**

Marlene Harter

mharter10@yahoo.com

843-452-8175

**Send off/Candlelight:**

**NEEDS FILLED**

**Member at Large:**

Sue Runnerstrum

jandsrunner@gmail.com

843-870- 2254

# Lowcountry Emmaus Community

Volume 31 Number 5 May 2022

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

**May Gathering on **Friday**,  
May 20th @ 7 pm  
St. Mark UMC  
413 Geddes Avenue  
Charleston, SC 29407**

**Social time will start at 6 PM and  
the “Gathering” to follow at 7 PM  
Please bring your favorite finger food to  
share with others**



**Please consider serving on the Board. We cannot continue as a community without a Board and we cannot have walks! There are still positions on the board to fill.**

## Important Message from the Board:

In addition to the two amendments presented to the community last month, the Board of Directors has approved two additional amendments to the Lowcountry Emmaus Community Bylaws. The first updates one more date from May to January. (We missed that one the first time around.) The second removes the restriction on successive terms for board members. (We're not getting enough new volunteers for board positions at the moment.) Once again, our procedure for amendments states that unless 25 or more members of the community raise an objection, the changes will go into effect 60 days after publication in the newsletter.

### Article IV. Board of Directors

#### Section 5. Election of Officers

Officers shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors at the beginning of the ~~May~~ January meeting for a one year term of office effectively immediately.

### Article IV. Board of Directors

#### Section 3. Terms of Office

B) ~~Board members cannot succeed themselves in consecutive terms. (deleted)~~

## From our Community Lay Director: Helen Cash

Hello Emmaus Family,

How fantastic it was to gather again after a three-month hiatus. Thanks to Bethany UMC for hosting our April gathering. John Lyon was the board member in charge. A group of 5 people led the music for us. Beverly Brockman gave the 4<sup>th</sup> day witness that blessed us all. David Lupo provided a thoughtful response.

There's just something so special about an Emmaus gathering. We share social time and catch up with old and new friends, enjoy tasty food and delicious desserts, assemble to praise God in word and song, hear a 4<sup>th</sup> day testimony, and partake in Holy Communion. I look forward to our gatherings for many reasons. When it's time to leave to go home, I celebrate that my spirit has been fed.

Our 4<sup>th</sup> day speaker, Beverly Brockman, Walk #85, Table of Naomi, shared her stories of many opportunities and decisions she has made during her career and her walk of faith. Her talk emphasized that during her decisions, "God was tapping me on the shoulder and leading the way". She was thankful for her encouragement from two grandmothers who planted seeds along her journey, and praised her Emmaus sponsor, Linda Field, for her amazing example and support. Thank you Beverly.

We still need to fill some board positions. Please be in prayer that "God will tap some community members on the shoulder".

Hope to see more Emmaus family at the next gathering on May 20 at St. Marks UMC, Charleston.

Decolores,

Helen



## **From Gatherings: Ronnie Brewer**

The Low Country Emmaus Community held its April 2022 Gathering at Bethany UMC in Summerville on 22 April. A “Special Thanks” goes out to the Bethany Church for hosting the Gathering. A good time was had by all in attendance for the social time with plenty of snacks being devoured along with catching up/visiting with fellow Pilgrims. The actual Gathering took place in Spell Chapel with great music being provided by the ‘Community Music Praise Team’. Board updates followed up with a wonderful 4<sup>th</sup> Day talk and Holy Communion.

Our May Gathering will be on 20 May 2022 at St. Mark UMC located in Charleston. Social time will begin at 6:00 PM with the Gathering being held at 7:00 PM. Masks are optional with social distancing as needed if required.

The Community is still in need of host churches for Gatherings. The June 2022 Gathering is scheduled for Grace UMC. We currently do not have a host for the July Gathering and have a tentative host scheduled for August at Aldersgate UMC in Hanahan. If you have any questions concerning hosting a Gathering, please call me at 843 754 9257.

Look forward to seeing you at St. Marks UMC on 20 May!!

Decolores

Ronald L. Brewer, Low Country Walk #50/Table of John

Board Member in charge of Gatherings



**From Facilities: John Lyons**



The clean-up and the food at Camp Summer-Manget was a great success. Approximately 50 people from various organizations participated in the effort. Special shout out to the 8 folks from our Emmaus community that represented us so well. Connie and Ellison Kelly, Marlene and Francis Harter, Jerry Harris and I all worked on the grounds clean-up while Becky Shedd and Lisa Crosby worked on cabin clean-up.



## From Records: David Wiley

As your new community data manager, I have been learning our Ministry Management Computer System. It has strong potential to streamline many of our walk preparation processes, help with tracking reunion groups, and supplement our newsletter communications. Unfortunately, its value will only be as good as the data it contains, and that clearly needs a refresh.

Would each of you please log into <https://ministrymanager.upperroom.org/> using your email address as your username. Click the person icon at the top right corner of your screen and your data should be listed. Review it for accuracy, update as needed, scroll to the bottom and click the SAVE button, and exit your browser. Then email me at [wileynest@aol.com](mailto:wileynest@aol.com) listing your current church congregation and let me know that you have updated the system.

If you have trouble getting into Ministry Manager or if you would prefer me to do the computer update for you, please email me and list your current phone number and email address. Over the next month I will call you back and update your data over the phone.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

David Wiley

## **From Literature and Supplies: Marlene Harter**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.

Ephesians 1:3

El Shaddai, the Hebrew word for God Almighty, signifies that He is the God who is all sufficient. He is more than enough.

Jesus Christ nailed your sin to the Cross. He nailed your past to the Cross. You are not a patched -up, somewhat-improved version of your old self. All the old things passed away, and He made all things brand new. You are a new creation!

He made a public spectacle of rejection at the Cross. The enemy attempts to use the past to bring guilt and condemnation. He sticks his finger in old wounds to resurrect the pain and shame. But El Shaddai is more than enough! The Cross represents our total triumph!

Satan believed that the Cross was the end, but Jesus was just getting started. When He declared, "it is finished," Satan soon discovered that those words of finality ushered in a new beginning for us.

Shackles fell powerless. Addictions were broken. Ruined lives were redeemed. Shattered hearts were restored. Broken dreams were revived.

Every promise that He made, He has kept. Through every trial, He has been a Friend Who sticks close. He has never abandoned us in the difficult hours. He has met every deficiency. No need to ever wonder....He is more than enough.

Tomorrow presents new opportunities that cannot be stained by yesterday's choices. He has set you free indeed. Because God is with you, nothing can defeat you.

DeColores,

Marlene Harter

We will meet for a board meeting, May 10th @ 7pm via Zoom.