

LowCountry Emmaus

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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Gatherings)

June	John Wesley UMC
July	Knightsville UMC
August	TBD
Sept	TBD

Directions to John Wesley UMC

John Wesley UMC is located at 626 Savannah Hwy in Charleston. (Savannah Hwy is also known as Hwy 17 South.)

From Charleston (Hwy 17 South)

On Hwy 17 S from downtown Charleston, the church is approximately 1.3 miles on the right after you cross the Ashley River Bridge.

From the Mark Clark Expressway (Interstate 526 West)

At Hwy 17 South, turn left towards Charleston, and the church is approximately 3.1 miles on your left.

*Gatherings are on the 3rd
Friday of each month
Board meetings are on the 2nd
Tuesday of each month*

2008 –2009 WALKS

Fall 2008 (Confirmed Dates)

Men's Walk—September 25-28

Women's Walk—October 9-12

Spring 2009 (Tentative Dates)

Men's Walk—April 16-19

Women's Walk—April 30-May 3

Fall 2009 (Tentative Dates)

Men's Walk—September 24-27

Women's Walk—October 8-11

*Please begin NOW to submit
applications for Pilgrims you
would like to sponsor on
upcoming Walks.*

FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR

Thanks to Trinity UMC in Bamberg for hosting the May Gathering. Beulah Hand gave the 4th day witness and David Lupo provided the response. The music was lead by Elaine and Rob Walter and Pam and Randy Woods.

We now have new board members from the March election. We also have five board members rotating off the board. The members rotating off are: Joel Hand, Jim Roth (served 4 years), Cindy Weatherford, Annie Edwards, and Jenny Goodman. Don't forget to thank them for their servant hood to the community. New members joining the board are Francis Harter, Dianne Edwins, Lynn Dukes, Gerald Murray and Dudley Patrick. Some of the board members may be asking for help with their task so please be a faithful servant and help out when asked. Pray for all the new members and the entire board to keep the Holy Spirit with us as we continue to perform our jobs in the community.

The June Gathering is at John Wesley UMC in Charleston. A special guest that has been working in Africa will provide our 4th day witness. I think the music will be provided by a special group as well.

Ethics and Morals: Ethics is the branch of philosophy that addresses the theory of right conduct and good life. Morality dictates a code of conduct, or proper behavior. Wow! There is a lot of information on the subject. I found one

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FROM THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

"The Walk to Emmaus is a well-constructed experience in which every part is important, no matter how insignificant it may seem at the time." These words are part of the introduction to Emmaus given by the Lay Director of each walk as the pilgrims are gathered in the conference room on Thursday evening.

One of the most important parts is not a specific event, but the cloistered community itself. What do we mean by "cloistered community"? The Emmaus Handbook describes it this way: "Just as if the participants had withdrawn to a distant monastery for a weekend of prayer and reflection, they are asked to stay on-site for the entire three days under the spiritual direction of the Emmaus team, to make no contact by phone or otherwise with the outside world, and to have no expectation of getting some homework done in the spare time."

Our modern "connected" and "multi-tasking" society finds this hard. We are accustomed to dividing our attention. People talk while the television runs in the background, or they watch television while making eating or being with family a background activity. While driving, they talk on the phone or

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Seated l to r: Lynn Dukes, Teresa Strickland, Randy Woods, Barbara Bilton

Standing l to r: Francis Harter, Norman Murdaugh, Diane Edwins, Billy Gaines, David Lupo, Cliff Simpson, Karen Ayers, Carroll Cash, Perry Buchanan

Not present for photo: Gerald Murray, Robert Nix, Dudley Patrick

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document that asked these questions about progress. What is progress? How does it happen? How is it corrupted? What is the relationship between technological and moral progress?

Lord Byron gave a speech in the early nineteenth century to the House of Commons. He saw technical advance as a bargain--- economic growth on one hand and the loss of self-respect and community vitality on the other.

Advances in technology are for solving a problem. All too many times the problem is satisfied but multiple new problems evolve. Hence more technical resolution is required. Do manufacturers of technology look at both sides of the fence? Do they ask what problems might be created because we have solved a problem? Technology seems to produce winners and losers. The winners are the ones that can use the technology. The losers are the ones that pay for the technology.

What has the invention of cars solved? We can get somewhere faster but the downside to this is the pollution we must now pay to stop. Who is the winner? Television is an invention that keeps us informed. Statistics show by the age of twenty a person has been exposed to 600,000 commercials. What is television used for?

I had to lay out my thoughts behind this article above. I am mostly concerned about the effects of technology on Christian morals. What effect does technical advance have on Christian morals? Is spiritual degradation brought by industrial progress? There is a moral bridge that seems to be degrading in our churches, communities and country.

In the next newsletter I will describe what happened when I visited the six to eight year old Sunday school class at church. God's love is needed. It has to be taught and made real especially to our children.

Be in prayer for the upcoming walks. Be in prayer for Terry Lupo and Ron Bycroft. They have been given their team selection list and will proceed to form their teams. Be in prayer for the pilgrims that we do not have yet. Be in prayer for sponsorship.

De Colores,

Randy Woods

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[HTTP://WWW.UMCSC.NET/COMMUNITIES/LOWCOUNTRYEMMAUS](http://www.umcsc.net/communities/lowcountryemmaus)

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(this is really frightening) type and read text messages.

On the Emmaus weekend, we ask pilgrims to do something that goes against the culture: to devote all their attention to one thing, their walk in community with Jesus. The only way this is possible is through the work of sponsors. Only because pilgrims trust the promise of their sponsors to take care of everything at home can those pilgrims devote their entire attention to God.

Some pilgrims have a more difficult time with this than others. Parents sometimes find it especially hard: "You want me to be completely out of touch with my child for three whole days?" Business-people and pastors often resist the idea: "You want me to spend three days without checking in to make sure everything is okay with my office or my congregation?"

Yes, to put it plainly. If you want to experience the Walk to Emmaus, that's what you need to do. If you can't do that right now, it doesn't mean you're a bad person. But it does mean this probably is not the right time to attend the Walk to Emmaus.

The fall walk dates are approaching. It's important that we, members of the community, sponsor pilgrims on the walk. It's even more important that we sponsor wisely, being sure the pilgrim is willing and able to count on us to handle things at home and to devote herself or himself fully to the experience of the three days.

De Colores,

David Lupo

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