

LowCountry Emmaus

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

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FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR



Thanks to the Church of the Palms for sharing their church with the community for the gathering. Paula Willingham gave a heart warming 4th day talk. And thank Karen Ayers, Paula and David Willingham for leading the music. There seems to be a growth of a small Emmaus community within the church. Several of the Emmaus pilgrims present were from other areas of the country, different communities. They do not know the rest of you exist. I made sure to invite them to the gathering at Knightsville in July.

The newsletter will soon have a 4th Day Corner section. This section will be a place for 4th day pilgrims to share their encounters with the Lord following their 4th day. Where has God been working in your life? Has the Holy Spirit been using you? Do you experience it working in and around you? Share your continuous love of Jesus with the community. Contact any board member for information or any articles you would like to go into the corner.

I have been around two community members from different churches discussing a little pamphlet; The ABCs of Natural Church Development. One of the churches has already initiated the program and performed their profiles. The second church was in the process of voting on initiating the program. It seems like this could apply to our community as well.

The ABCs of Natural Church Development describes why we have such a hard time with church growth. It describes what growing churches do differently. There are eight quality characteristics of growing churches. They are: empowering leadership, gift-

based ministry, passionate spirituality, effective structures, inspiring worship services, holistic small groups, need-oriented evangelism, and loving relationships. Over my next news articles I intend to describe what the author says about the eight qualities.

Please do not forget to leave your calendar open for the Celebration of the Emmaus and Chrysalis. The annual Celebration of the Emmaus and Chrysalis movement is going to be held in Columbia, SC in the fall of this year. I will inform the community as soon as I get the date of the event.

Recently two community pilgrims shared issues about their employment. One was finishing a job and was praying for God to get him to the next one. The other was losing all he had been doing for years and was praying for guidance (or maybe retirement). It became evident to the first pilgrim that he was praying for the wrong reason. He said he should be praising God and let God take care of the next job. I liked that answer. The second pilgrim said I don't know what God has in store for me so all I do is pray and He will take care of it. Well his prayer was answered sooner than he thought (things came together within 2 weeks of when he told me of his problem). We were both in awe of Gods work. I talked to a third pilgrim about what we should pray to God. He replied, "Pray for every thing. Pray for every thing down to the last detail of a job, or event. Pray for safety on the battle field. Pray for the sun coming up tomorrow."

I know we in the community have more than the Walk to Emmaus in common. We have the Holy Spirit empowering us daily. Use that power daily by praying to God for everything, about anything and make sure you give Him praise for all He has done and will do.

Have faith in the Lord and pray for the sponsors, pilgrims and servants for the fall walks.

DeColores Randy Woods

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

This month's gathering will be held at Knightsville, in Summerville. Gathering will begin at 7:30 PM

DIRECTIONS TO KNIGHTSVILLE UMC

Knightsville United Methodist Church
1505 Central Ave
Summerville, SC 29483
(843) 871-3036
From I-26: Take exit 199 onto US-17A South. After you pass through the center of town, turn right on West 3rd South Street. Pass Bethany UMC, then turn left on Central Ave. Travel about three miles, and Knightsville UMC will be on your left. From south via SC 165: Turn left onto West 3rd South Street, then follow the above.

SPONSORSHIP-FROM THE REGISTRAR***Sponsorship Training # 4***

While you are turning names over in your mind for candidates to take the walk to EMMAUS there are some things to keep in mind. There are some do's and don'ts to sponsorship. How do you know "whom to sponsor". There is "wise" sponsorship as well as "unwise" sponsorship. Unwise sponsorship comes from unbridled enthusiasm that wants everyone to have the same experience you had. This type of unbridled enthusiasm has the sponsor approaching everybody and anybody with the admonition that "you need to go on the walk", and this is the primary invitation. This is not the case. One does not "need to go on the walk". This is unwise sponsorship. A few examples of those who fall into the category of unwise sponsorship are as follows:

1) Those persons who are not a member of a church

2) Those persons who are in emotional situations such as the death of a loved one, divorce proceedings, work related problems (lay-off, new job, possible company re-organization etc.).

3) Those persons with health problems such as facing surgery, recovering from surgery or those with health restrictions that wouldn't allow them to stay seated all day.

4) Those persons who fall into the category of a church-hopper.

5) And those persons who you know differ doctrinally from the basic doctrine of the walk to EMMAUS.

Don't let the list of unwise sponsorship scare you off, just use it to help you in finding the right person to sponsor..

De Colores Jim Roth Registrar

FROM AGAPE COMMITTEE

Reunion Groups: Now is the time to begin creating agape items for the Men's and Women's Fall Walks. You will need to provide 65 items for each of the walks. Two note of caution, first, do not use copyrighted materials on your agape and secondly, no personal names are to be used, only the name of your Reunion Group may appear on agape items.

De Colores—Annie



New Board Members: left to right, front row Teresa Strickland, Jim Roth, Cindy Weatherford, Annie Edwards, Jennie Goodman.

Standing, David Lupo, Billy Gaines, Perry Buchanan, Cliff Simpson, Randy Woods, Barbara Bilton and Joel Hand

WE NEED PILGRIMS. Share the joy of Christ through a Walk to Emmaus.

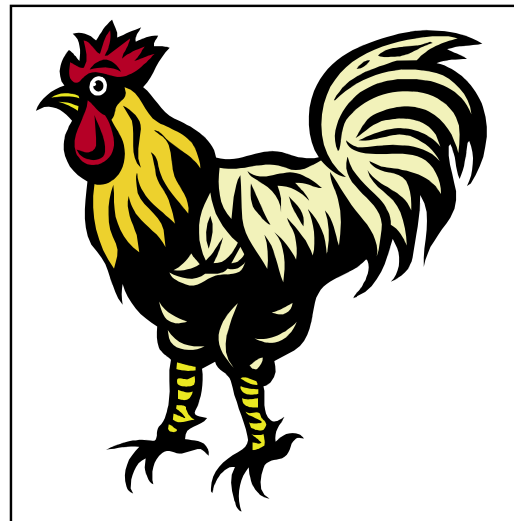
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Lowcountry Emmaus Treasurer's Report

June 25, 2007

Beginning Balance - checking	\$2266.61
Deposits	+ 220.00
Gathering	75.00
Walk Fees	145.00
Disbursements	- 310.79
July newsletter	238.66
June newsletter	24.57
Upper Room	6.56
Stamps-Registrar	41.00
Ending Balance - checking	\$2175.82
Savings Balance	+4032.95
Total on Hand	\$6208.77
De Colores, Karen	



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Calendar of Events

July 20 - Knightsville UMC, Summerville
August 17 - Pinopolis UMC, Pinopolis
Sept. 21-John Wesley UMC, Charleston
Nov. 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

SPRING 2008

Men's walk March 13-16

Women's walk March 27-30

Tentative walk dates, pending board approval.

FALL 2008

Men's walk October 9-12

Women's walk October 23-26

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