

LowCountry Emmaus

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

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July 2008

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Gatherings)

July	Knightsville UMC
August	St. Andrews Parish UMC
September	Cokesbury UMC
October	Bethany UMC

Directions to Knightsville UMC

Knightsville UMC is located at 1505 Central Avenue in Summerville, SC.

From Interstate 26

Take exit 199 to US-17A South. After you pass through the center of Summerville, 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 directions.

*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

I hope that all went well at the June gathering at John Wesley UMC. I could not be there due to job related travel. Thanks to John Wesley UMC. I hope you all were inspired by the fourth day witness. Thanks to Billy Gaines for being the board representative in charge. Note that the next Gathering is at Knightsville UMC.

The continuation of the morals discussion centers on visiting one of our Sunday school classes: 7 and 8 years old. Their Sunday school lesson was on Paul and Silas. I was asked to come in and share what we do in the prisons during a Kairos weekend. I proceeded to tell them that we bring God's love into the prison and share it with the inmates. Before I knew it we were talking about prayer being one of the first things to do and to pray about every thing.

This sparked prayer requests from the children. One wanted prayer for him, his mom and his dad. He said his mom does want him talking to his dad. The second was from a little girl saying she wanted to pray for one of her Tee ball teammates' mom and dad. They don't live together but they both show up at the Tee ball games. The third request was for a little girl's dad. He was going on a 6 month deployment on his Coast Guard Cutter. I learned a lot from them in that 15 minute period.

I began to think about the morals that are taught to these children and

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FROM THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

On Sunday morning of the most recent men's weekend, as we walked through the cabins singing to awaken the pilgrims, I noticed several cell-phone chargers in use in various cabins. That prompted me to think that it may be time to rerun, with a couple of updates, some thoughts I shared on the subject four years ago:

One of the things I remember about retreats and mission trips in the pre-cell-phone era is that you got to know the people who were there with you. Maybe your best friend didn't get to come. Maybe the person in the next bunk went to a different school and wasn't someone you knew that well. That didn't matter: By the end of the trip you would know the people you went with better than you did before, because you had time—without distractions—to get to know them.

These days, when I see a young person at a retreat or conference spending every moment of free time on the phone with a friend back home, I realize that he or she is missing out on one of the reasons for having come in the first place.

It's for something of the same reason that the Emmaus community asks

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Treasurer's Report

As of June 30, 2008

Beginning balance (Checking)	\$ 998.35
Deposits (Gathering)	+ 346.25
Disbursements	- 376.00
Babysitting	80.00
Newsletter	254.00
Postage	42.00
Ending Balance (Checking)	968.60
Savings balance	2541.12
Total in hand	\$ 3509.72
<u>Financial Details from Spring 2008 Walks</u>	
Fees Paid	\$ 6610.00
Total Expenses	- 7873.80
Net	- 1263.80

**WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN YOUR NEWSLETTER?
SEND YOUR IDEAS TO THE EDITOR AT:
JDPATRICK@BELLSOUTH.NET**

Important News Regarding Walk Fees

The first LowCountry Emmaus Walks were held in the winter of 1991. We have not had to raise the cost (\$80) of the weekends for 17 years. Due to rising costs (mailings, camp fee, food, etc.), and after much discussion and prayer, the Board has found it necessary to increase the weekend fee from \$80 to \$100 per person. This cost increase will begin in the Spring of 2009.

Pilgrims Needed

Schools need students! Churches need members! And Emmaus Walks need Pilgrims! In fact we cannot Walk without them. I recently had an application left in my door and I received a telephone call about someone wanting to be a pilgrim. That's two down and only 70 left to go! If they were all that easy everyone would want to be registrar! Don't you know someone you'd like to experience "the Walk?" Get the application, fill it out, and get it to me. Waiting to hear from you!

Teresa H. Strickland
Registrar

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other children not being taught any morals at all. Is this where our society has lead us? Do we substitute teaching God's love with social driven desires? Do we swap moral values for technological enhancements?

Pam and I were down town at the market place. I saw a young girl with a cell phone in her mouth. She was possibly 12 or 13. I said to Pam, "Is this a way to pacify children?" How many pacifiers do we substitute in our own lives? The pacifiers seem to draw us away from our focus – our focus on the Holy Spirit. Our focus should be to share His love. If God's love is the focus, we will witness a more positive out look in our lives and observe it in others.

Please keep praying for the teams. Ron and Terry would appreciate the prayers for the teams. Pray for Beth and Joel and the ALDs in training. Pray for the pilgrims.

De Colores,

Randy Woods

VISIT THE LOWCOUNTRY EMMAUS WEBSITE:

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

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pilgrims to leave cell phones and pagers at home. Emmaus is not merely a private walk with Jesus. Although there are certainly times for individual prayer and examination of conscience, this three-day journey is a journey made in community. If part of your brain is back home, looking after things there, you're not completely present with your fellow pilgrims.

Sponsors take on the obligation of caring for pilgrims' responsibilities at home during their walk, and of knowing how to contact the camp in case of a real emergency. The Board also needs to make certain that pilgrims can be confident that they can be reached in an emergency, even in the middle of the night when the kitchen is closed.

If we are faithful to these responsibilities, we can encourage those we sponsor to leave at home anything that might tempt them to miss any part of the experience of life in community that the three days of the Walk to Emmaus has to offer.

De Colores,

David Lupo

MISCELLANY

Many of you have asked if there was anyway possible to get the recipe for Leigh Peigler's famous Chicken Enchiladas and she has graciously provided it to us for publishing. Leigh credits the "Miss Daisy Celebrates Tennessee" cookbook for this recipe. She has prepared it for several Preview Weekend events. Bon appétit!

4 cups cooked and chopped chicken breasts
 16 oz sour cream, divided
 1 can cream of chicken soup
 ¼ cup chopped onion
 8 oz shredded Monterey Jack cheese
 1 small can chopped green chilies, drained
 12 soft flour tortillas
 1 can cheddar cheese soup
 1 cup salsa

Combine chicken, half of sour cream, cream of chicken soup, onion, chilies and cheese. Divide mixture evenly among the 12 tortillas. Roll the tortillas tightly. Place in a 13x9x2 inch baking dish. Pour cheddar cheese over all. Bake in a 350 degree oven for 25-30 minutes or until bubbly. Top with remaining sour cream and salsa. Serves 6 (two tortillas each).

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