

Lowcountry Emmaus

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

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TO THE COMMUNITY

I want to thank Knightsville for hosting this past gathering. For those who were not there our 4th Day speaker, Claudia Mims, did a wonderful job.

I would like to remind everyone as the summer comes to a close we need to be in prayer for spring walks because before we know it the deadline for having a minimum of 20 applications in hand will be here in December. I don't want to sound like a broken record but it is never too early to pray, plan and act on sponsorship. Sometimes we feel uncomfortable about asking people or too busy to think about it now.

On the thought of being uncomfortable I have been thinking a lot lately. The business problems I have been having with the water have been finally corrected due to a lot of prayers and God working in my life to do his will in his time. I have been dealing with a lot of uncomfortability but I think about those "Footprints in the Sand" that carried me. During our last gathering we became a little uncomfortable when the air conditioner did not seem to be cooling like we wanted, then I thought about our comfort compared to what Christ did for us. Sometimes when I feel moments in my life that are not the way I want them, I pray that I am still doing God's will. We will all suffer some

trials and tribulations and things will not always be the way we want them to be but we must remember that whether we have fall walks or not we must do God's will. We must reach out to others in these times of discomfort as God reaches out to us.

Continue to lift our Emmaus Board in prayer and the entire community as we move forward in doing what God has called us to do.

*De Colores,
Dan Hare*

FUTURE GATHERINGS

If your church is interested in hosting a gathering, please contact Michael Arant, the board member responsible for scheduling gatherings. His e-mail address is jmarant@umcsc.org. You can also contact him at his office Tuesdays through Thursdays 9:00-1:00 at (843) 889-2200.

The requirements are simple: enough space to accommodate the worship time and refreshment time, space for child care, some reunion group members to help with set-up and clean-up, and, of course, the pastor's approval.

*De Colores,
Michael Arant*

Need an application? You can download one on the web at
<http://www.umcsc.net/communities/lowcountryemmaus/application.pdf>

THIS MONTH'S GATHERING

Friday, August 19, 2005
7:30 P.M.

Pinopolis United Methodist Church
1833 Pinopolis Rd
Pinopolis, SC 29469
(843) 761-8477

**DIRECTIONS TO PINOPOLIS
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

From Charleston: Take the Moncks Corner /Goose Creek exit off I-26 and head up Hwy 52. Stay on US 52 until you pass the welcome sign in Moncks Corner. **Turn left** at the **first** light onto "old" 52. Then, at the **second** stop light take another **left** onto Hwy 6 (Main St.). Pass Berkeley High School and **bear right** at the fork. This will bring you into Pinopolis. The church will be on the **left**.

From Columbia: Take the Pinopolis exit off of I-26 and go **left**. Cross US highway 176 and SC highway 6. You will enter Pinopolis and the church will be on the **left**.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balance	\$4,296.14
Deposits	390.57
Disbursements	557.00
Ending Balance	\$4,462.57
Savings	\$2,993.36

*De Colores,
Babs Patrick*

NEWSLETTER CHANGES

Over the years, our newsletter mailing list has accumulated a number of errors. We don't know how many, because the Post Office does not return newsletters that are incorrectly addressed unless we pay extra for that service. Sometime this fall, we plan to send out a mailing with address correction requested in order to help us clean up the list.

This will help us avoid the waste of printing and mailing newsletters that are not going to reach their destination. In most cases, however, the Post Office will not be able to give us an updated address.

For this, we need the community's help. If you know members of your reunion group, your church, or your community who have been on the Walk but are not receiving the newsletter, ask them to send their address (or offer to send it for them).

If they can receive the newsletter by email, that will save the community the 4 to 5 dollars per year it costs to print and mail the paper version, but if they don't have access to email, we will be glad to add them to the list for the printed version.

Email or postal address corrections and additions can be sent to the Lowcountry Emmaus Post Office box shown on the back of the newsletter or emailed to the newsletter editor at emmaus-newsletter@lupofamily.org.

If you send an email address to be added, please include the real name of the person as well. It's hard to guess who "smk12345" or "decolores1962" might be if there is no real name included.

Over the next few months, we plan to move newsletter distribution to a yahoo-based group similar to that used for the prayer list. We also hope to have the newsletter available on our community web page.

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Sendoff/Candlelight/Closing	Cindy Weatherford	843-563-2163		2008

FROM THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

All my friends in the Low Country Emmaus Community,

I'd like to share some thoughts with you concerning the readings from the Lectionary for this month. The gospel readings have been dealing with Jesus' teachings concerning the kingdom of heaven. In these teachings Jesus uses everyday items and practices to teach his disciples about life within the kingdom. The reading for July 24 is Matthew 13:31-33, which says, "He put before them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nest in its branches.'" (NIV)

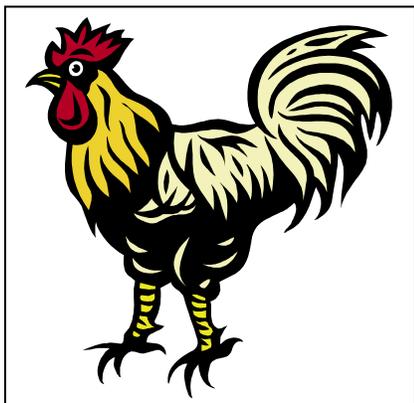
Have you ever felt as if the efforts you are making to help at your church or home or even within the Emmaus community were small and insignificant? That no one will ever know or even care about your efforts? I think I can safely say that we have all felt this way at one time or another. If so, then this parable is for you and me. This parable comes with the promise that the things we do now may seem small but in the end will have eternal consequences.

We have many things to do within our community, some of them seem to be small and insignificant, and yet they are vitally important. Helping set up the camp, making agape, serving behind the scenes, cleaning the cabins, all of these may seem unimportant and certainly unglamorous. But without people to help in these areas a walk would just not be able to happen. I would like to thank all of you who have and will serve our community in these areas. When asked to serve, please prayerfully consider helping. You are planting mustard seeds of faith that will produce fruit that none of us may ever see, and yet will be given glory in the kingdom of heaven. May God continue to bless us in our efforts to please God and help bring forth the kingdom.

*De Colores,
Steve Gaither*

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Lowcountry Emmaus Calendar of Events

- Aug. 9** Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
Aug. 19 Gathering (7:30 PM)
Pinopolis United Methodist
Church in Pinopolis
Sep. 13 Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
Sep. 16 Gathering (7:30 PM)
Bethel United Methodist
Church in Harleyville

Future Walk Dates

Men: March 16-19, 2006

Women: March 30 – April 2, 2006

*20 applications for each walk must be
received by December 16, 2005*

Men: October 12-15, 2006

Women: October 26-29, 2006

*20 applications for each walk must be
received by July 12, 2006*

Remember: All dates are tentative until we have
enough pilgrims registered for that weekend.

Deadline for newsletter is the 25th of each month