

LowCountry Emmaus

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

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August 2008

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Gatherings)

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

Directions to St. Andrews Parish UMC

St. Andrews Parish UMC is located at 3225 Ashley River Rd in Charleston.

From Interstate 26

Take exit 212B to merge onto I-526 (Mark Clark Expressway) towards Airport/Savannah. Go 5.6 miles and take exit 11B towards SC-61 N/Ashley River Rd. Merge onto Paul Cantrell Blvd and turn right onto Frontage Rd. Go 0.7 miles and turn left at Ashley River Rd/SC-61. The church is 3.7 miles on your left.

From Highway 17 South

Turn onto Bees Ferry Rd and go 4.6 miles. Turn left onto Ashley River Rd/SC-61. The church is 1.2 miles on your left.

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

FROM THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

Prayer is the foundation of the Walk to Emmaus. During the Sponsors Hour and Candlelight services, we pray for each pilgrim and each team member by name. At Closing, we tell those who have just completed their Walk how the community began praying for the Walk and for those who would be pilgrims even before we knew their names. During the weekend itself, there are opportunities and invitations to pray individually, during special chapel times, and at tables. Before and after meals, we sing our prayers.

Prayer continues to be a part of our life together in the Fourth Day. The recommended order for the weekly reunion group meeting begins with the Prayer to the Holy Spirit and includes prayers for special needs as well. At the monthly Gathering, we have time to share concerns and joys and to pray for one another. The spiritual director also leads the gathered community in the Great Thanksgiving prayer as we join in the celebration of Holy Communion.

FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR

Thanks to Knightsville UMC for hosting the July gathering. Theresa Strickland led the gathering and I led the music even though I returned from Hawaii with a terrible cold. She chose Robert Nix to give the 4th day talk. He reminded us of what magnificent power God has in His love. David Lupo gave a good 4th day response.



The Upper Room Emmaus provides annual training for the Emmaus communities throughout the US. Mr. Tom Howard is the South Carolina Certified Emmaus Trainer. The training for the community (not just the board members, community members too) is set for 20 September at Cokesbury UMC. Mr. Howard will be sending me an agenda for the training and it will be placed in the September newsletter.

Prayer needed---- The board has decided to present The Walk to Emmaus at various churches. Norman Murdaugh has volunteered to set up the project. Thanks Norm! He needs the communities help. He has gotten a great response from people he

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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

*Don't wait! Please submit
applications for Pilgrims you
would like to sponsor on
upcoming Walks.
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Secretary/Team Selection	Diane Edwins	843-688-5461	lauralfarms@hotmail.com	2011
Kitchen	Cliff Simpson	843-875-5342	csimpson3@sc.rr.com	2010
Literature/Letters/Supplies	Barbara Bilton	843-563-8444	biltons@bellsouth.net	2009
Agape	Gerald Murray	843-737-4550	gcmurray2@comcast.net	2011
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Gatherings	Robert Nix	843-970-2724	nix2724@bellsouth.net	2008
Luggage/Transportation	Norman Murdaugh	843-871-6392	stumpbump@aol.com	2010
Fourth Day	Perry Buchanan	843-525-6166	twostep2@charter.net	2009
Music/Entertainment	Francis Harter	843-308-9160	fharterjr@yahoo.com	2011
Prayer Vigil/Refreshments	Carroll Cash	843-873-1037	cashbilly143@aol.com	2008
Newsletter	Dudley Patrick	843-881-0857	jdpatrick@bellsouth.net	2011
Housing	Billy Gaines	843-766-2066	bilyngains@aol.com	2010
Sendoff/Candlelight/Closing	Lynn Dukes	843-270-5004	ldukes@sc.rr.com	2011

Treasurer's Report

(As of July 28, 2008)

Beginning balance (Checking)	\$ 968.80
Deposits (Gathering)	+ 452.00
Disbursements	- 357.19
Babysitting	40.00
Newsletter/	317.19
Postage	
Ending Balance (Checking)	1063.41
Savings balance	2558.86
Total in hand	\$ 3622.27

Karen Ayers, Treasurer

Q: What was the Upper Room *Walk to Emmaus* called before 1981?

A: It was called the Upper Room *Cursillo*, after the Catholic Church's movement of the same name.

(from *What Is Emmaus?* by Stephen D. Bryant.
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Applications Needed

We must have 20 applications for the Men's Walk and 20 applications for the Women's Walk by August 12th. We aren't there yet! Please mail them, call me (Teresa Strickland) at (843)871-1406, or send them to me via email at jstdhs@yahoo.com. Time is short so let's get busy!

Teresa Strickland, Registrar

Important Information Regarding Newsletters

Due to rising costs associated with mailing the newsletters (e.g., printing, postage, etc.), and after much discussion and prayer, the Board has found it necessary to ask for a \$6 per year contribution for each member/family wishing to continue receiving a mailed copy. There will be no charge for those receiving an email copy of the newsletter. For those wishing to start receiving a copy via email in lieu of a mailed copy, send your name and email address to the Editor at jdpatrick@bellsouth.net. The \$6 per year charge will begin in 2009.

An Important Message from the Kitchen

The volunteer sign up posters for the kitchen will be put out at the next gathering on August 15th. Please give everyone a chance to serve by limiting how many meals you volunteer to work. We look forward to seeing you in the kitchen!

Cliff Simpson, Kitchen

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has asked to help with the presentation. Please ask him if there is any way you can help him.

If the Walk to Emmaus is presented at a church, there could be a request from Norman to community members to help sponsor someone you do not know. That would be a great asset for Norman to know. That he has people to help support sponsorship. Also if you would like to have the presentation at your church, let a board member know and arrange a time for the presentation. If you know of other churches you think would benefit from the presentation find out if they would like to know more about The Walk to Emmaus.

I have been praying about this for a long while. I am sure Norm has too. I think God is going to do His work on this task. This project needs all of our prayers. The prayers need to start by asking God to grant His will on the project and for His guidance. For it is by His will that it will succeed. This task is for Him. He gets the praises. We all benefit though. This is not only for the LowCountry Emmaus Community but for the community in which we all live. We can change the world through His works, even if it is a little change or a big change.

Well I am still thinking about the morals and technology stuff. The more I ponder the topic it just amazes me where my thoughts go and what I assess. Does the Walk to Emmaus help establish or re-establish morals in people's lives? The Upper Room Daily Devotional for July 25, 2008 says it well. It is what I have been trying to tell people.

"The joy we may find in possessions never last. Our tastes change; technology becomes outdated, and splendid new objects become worn with use. Only our relationship with God endures and can satisfy all our needs."

With God's love in our hearts we can change the world. By His will we shall succeed in sharing His love.

Be in prayer for the up coming walks. Be in prayer for Terry Lupo and Ron Bycroft. They have their teams selected and the team events leading to a walk have begun. Be in prayer for Beth Pregnall and Joel Strickland as LD's in training. Be in prayer for the pilgrims. Be in prayer for sponsorship. But begin the prayers with praises to God and that His will be done.

May God's love, peace and joy be with us all.

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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Praying for one another is one of the ways we can support each other in the Christian life. Praying for others can help us grow, too. Often, when we are asked to pray for someone, we can offer a prayer and know that we have done what we needed to do. Occasionally, however, the Spirit will lead us to understand that a particular concern is one we are called to hold in prayer repeatedly. We may not know why that is so, but we will know when it is so, if we are willing to listen to the prompting of the Holy Spirit.

Those who are newer to the community may not know that, in addition to the newsletter email list, the Lowcountry Emmaus Community also has an email prayer request list. Anyone who is a member of this list can send prayer requests, which will be distributed to the other members of the list. (Please be careful not to send more information than the person involved would be comfortable sharing.)

To join the prayer list, request to join the Yahoo group "lowcountryemmausprayer" or send an email to lowcountryemmausprayer-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

De Colores,

David Lupo

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