

Lowcountry Emmaus

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

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TO THE COMMUNITY

I would like to thank Pinopolis United Methodist Church for hosting our August gathering. It was good to see a large crowd, especially in my home church. For those of you who weren't there, you missed a wonderful 4th day given by my son, D. J. Hare. I hope I don't sound over proud, but I get excited when a child of God has responded so well to God's call. I can feel a little bit of what God feels when his children do his will, and it makes the father proud.

For those of you who were not at the gathering, I told them our October gathering will be a picnic/gathering, Saturday, October 15th at the camp in Cameron from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. If you want to come early and set up feel free to, or just come and enjoy the camp. This will be a covered dish so bring your favorites and mine too. The board will provide paper products, plastic utensils, drinks and the ice. This will be an opportunity for us to be at the camp since we missed the walks, but also a time for us to get excited again for Christ and bring new pilgrims, prospective pilgrims, or just family and friends. Remember all gatherings are open, and we hope to see some new faces. We will have music, fellowship, maybe some games, fishing, and pecans. We will probably eat around 12:30. The gathering will begin around 2:00 PM. We will not be doing board business at this gathering, so we can enjoy the atmosphere and our 4th day speaker. There will be more information about

the picnic/gathering at our September gathering. If you have any questions contact me or any board member.

As we approach fall and we begin thinking about our spring walks, we must pray, listen, and act on what God calls us to do about sponsorship. December 16th will be here before we know it. This is not a deadline but a date to know whether we have enough pilgrims for a spring walk. Once we meet the minimum required, we can continue to send in applications up until 3 weeks prior to the walks, so don't wait until the last minute.

I just want to say a few words about prayer and how it affects all our lives. For those of you who were at the gathering in Pinopolis when my son spoke about their child and how she was truly a miracle: The community has been praying for this child for 2 years because we lifted her up during gatherings. Those of you who saw this miracle in church at Pinopolis can truly see that prayer works. The community has had some trouble in the past getting enough pilgrims, so we had postponed walks before, but we began praying and the walks began again. Let's not wait until we have troubles to be praying for the walks, pilgrims and our community. God wants us to pray always.

Hope everyone has got their kids or grandkids back in school, and I hope and pray everything is well with you. Most of all I pray God's will be done in your life.

*De Colores,
Dan Hare*

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.

FROM THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

All my friends in the Low Country Emmaus Community,

I would again like to share with you some thoughts from the Lectionary readings for the month of August, which, I believe, can help us on our fourth day walks. In Matthew, the sixteenth chapter, Jesus is telling his disciples that he would soon be going to Jerusalem to be humiliated, tortured, and killed. Peter in his impetuosity told Jesus that this would never happen to him. The next thing that happened in the story is quite startling. Read what Jesus says to Peter at this juncture, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men.” Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.” (Matthew I 6:23b-24, NIV)

Can you imagine? Jesus is calling one of his best friends on earth Satan. Why would he do such a thing? Jesus is calling Peter satan, which in this context could be translated more accurately as adversary. Peter in his short-sightedness and human understanding is actually going against the plan of God. He didn’t want Jesus to suffer and die; he didn’t want his understanding of Jesus’ life to be utterly devastated. We need to ask ourselves, if Peter could fall into this trap, isn’t it conceivable that we could as well? Let’s consider this concept for a minute. Have you ever acted out of an impulse just to find later that it was not the wisest of actions? Have you ever done something that was not well thought out only to have it “blow up” in your face? I think it would be safe to say that we all have.

There is an element of redemption in this story, however. It is found in the next sentence. After his rebuke of Peter, Jesus invites him to a fuller understanding of his

mission. By saying that if you would be my disciple Jesus is in effect saying to Peter, follow me, but you can’t follow if you’re trying to lead. You are hindering my efforts so you must do as I say, take up your cross and go in the direction I am taking you.

This lesson is important for us today as well. Sometimes when things don’t work out the way we think they should maybe it’s because we’re trying lead instead of follow. When we venture out in faith we need to make sure that we ask Jesus to lead us. As we prepare to ask folks to go on the Walk to Emmaus let’s ensure we have prayed and meditated and invoked Jesus’ guidance.

May God bless all of you in your efforts to support and grow our community, but remember we must ask that God set his divine order in place in these efforts.

*De Colores,
Steve Gaither*

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS

To all of you who have musical talent and are interested in performing at Gatherings: Please contact Jennie Goodman at (843) 766-9597 or write to me at 17 Kilmarnok Way, Charleston, SC 29414.

*De Colores,
Jennie Goodman*

TREASURER’S REPORT

Beginning Balance	\$4,462.57
Deposits	433.00
Disbursements	664.74
Ending Balance	\$4230.83
Savings	\$2,993.36

*De Colores,
Babs Patrick*

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THIS MONTH'S GATHERING

Friday, September 16, 2005
7:30 P.M.

Bethel United Methodist Church
1163 Beidler Forest Road
Harleyville, SC 29448

**DIRECTIONS TO BETHEL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
HARLEYVILLE**

From I-95:

- Take I-95 to Exit 82.
- Follow US 178 toward Harleyville for 14.5 miles.
- Just past Limestone Baptist Church (on the right) turn left onto Beidler Forest Road.
- Go 3.9 miles. Bethel Church will be on your left.

From Orangeburg/Columbia:

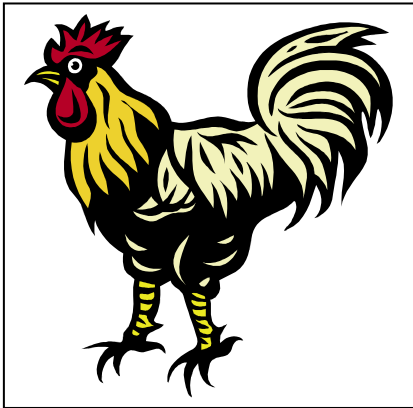
- Take I-26 to Exit 177 (Harleyville).
- Turn right and go until you reach US 178.
- Turn left onto US 178.
- Just past Limestone Baptist Church (on the right) turn left onto Beidler Forest Road.
- Go 3.9 miles. Bethel Church will be on your left.

From Charleston:

- Take I-26 to Exit 187 (Hwy 27).
- Turn left and follow that road to US 78.
- Turn right on US 78 and go 2.7 miles until you come to a fork in the road.
- Take the right fork (US 178).
- Follow US 178 for 0.7 miles to Beidler Forest Road. Turn right and go 3.9 miles. Bethel Church will be on your left.

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Lowcountry Emmaus Calendar of Events

- Sep. 13** Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
Sep. 16 Gathering (7:30 PM)
Bethel United Methodist
Church in Harleyville
Oct. 11 Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
Oct. 15 Picnic Gathering at the
Southern Methodist Camp in
Cameron – covered dish
(11:00 AM - 3:00 PM)
Nov. 18 Gathering (7:30 PM)
Location TBA
Dec. 16 Gathering (7:30 PM)
Stallville United Methodist
Church

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