



Low Country Emmaus

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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Gatherings)

**September 18th / 7:30
PM / Bamberg UMC**

October 17th/ 10AM-4PM
Gathering at the camp

November 20th / 7:30
Silas UMC

DIRECTIONS TO BAMBERG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

From Chas/Summerville areas:

Take Hwy 78 or I26 to Branchville, take Hwy 78 West into Bamberg. In City limits, Trinity UMC will be 1st large red brick Church on left.

From Orangeburg:

Take Hwy 301 south to Bamberg. Continue on 301 South to intersection of 78. Take left on 78 towards Chas. Trinity is second large Church on right.

*Gatherings are on the 3rd
Friday of each month.*

*Board meetings are on the
2nd Tuesday of each month at
7PM. This month it will be held
at Carroll Cash's home.*

From the Lay Director...

Safe Sanctuary Policy

Since March 2008, many churches in SC including the United Methodist Church, have been implementing policies for the “prevention of abuse of children, youth, and vulnerable adults” in the church. These so-called “Safe Sanctuary” policies demonstrate an “absolute and unwavering commitment to the physical safety and spiritual growth” of our most precious assets.

Many, if not all, of our host churches and spiritual retreat centers have embraced and implemented Safe Sanctuary policies over the past few years. Safe Sanctuary policies have a few “core” standards: 1) persons serving as child-care workers or volunteers must be at least 21 years of age, 2) training is mandatory, 3) background checks are mandatory, 4) the 2-adult rule applies; that is, no matter the size of the group, there will always be (at least) 2 unrelated adults present, 5) if boys and girls are present, then workers or volunteers shall include both men and women, and 6) rooms and spaces are to be left open (in plain view). (*Policy for the Prevention of Abuse of Children, Youth, and Vulnerable Adults, South Carolina Annual Conference, The United Methodist Church*)

The Low Country Emmaus Board has also affirmed its commitment to Safe Sanctuary policies in general and to the youth and children of our Community members in particular. The Board is taking several steps to ensure that host church Safe Sanctuary policies are complied with in full during Gatherings and other Community-wide events where youth and children are expected to be present. First, the Board is currently soliciting-



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From the Spiritual Director...

Do you know anyone who would be interested in attending a Walk to Emmaus? If I asked you to name a specific person you know who would be interested, you might be unsure. But it's almost certain that *someone* you know would be interested. It may not even be someone who would make the top twenty in your list of potential pilgrims.

When Jesus talked about the kingdom of God, one of the images he used was of a person sowing seed: scattering it over the ground without worrying that some would land on the path or in the rocks and weeds. It's time for us to do some seed-scattering about Emmaus. Tell people you know what attending the Walk to Emmaus has meant to you and—even more important—what you are doing about it. Let people know that the reason you volunteered to teach that class or signed up for the Bible study or offered to lead your class in prayer is because of your experience on an Emmaus weekend.

When Paul talked about sowing seed, he made another point: Sometimes the person who plants is not the same one who harvests. Some people you tell about the Walk to Emmaus now may not attend until years later. But if you don't tell them now, how will the seed of the idea start to grow?

It's time to do some talking!

De Colores,

David Lupo





GATHERING AT THE CAMP

Saturday, October 17th 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Camp Summers & Manget, Cameron, SC

Spend the day under the trees at the Camp, enjoying a variety of music groups, having chance to find out about Sponsorship or signing up for several Volunteer opportunities, and visiting with old friends and making new ones.

*Bring your Reunion Group,
invite prospective Pilgrims,
call folks from your walk to come to the
biggest Gathering ever!*

*Pack up your lawn chairs and blankets and meet at the
Camp around 10:00 am. Lunch will begin at noon—bbq
and drinks will be provided—all you bring is your favorite
side dish or dessert to share.*

*Then we'll congregate that afternoon in the Chapel
for the Service.*

RSVP by October 14th...either sign up at the August or September
Gatherings, or email the number in your group to
bilyngains@aol.com

Please...no smoking, no alcohol, no pets.

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP SUMMERS & MANGET

Exit I-26 at the
Orangeburg/
Cameron Exit (SC Rd
33). Turn left at the
end of the exit ramp
toward Cameron.

After entering Cam-
eron, you will see
some large storage
towers on your right
(also in view from
several miles outside
of Cameron). When
these towers are on
your right, there will
be a road on your left
which will take you to
the Camp. (There is a
white sign with the
name of the camp on
your left at that inter-
section.) Go approxi-
mately 1.5 miles down
that road and you will
see the entrance to
the Camp at the white
gate on the right.
(Please use the main
entrance to the Camp
and not the kitchen
entrance.)

*If the weather looks iffy on the 16th, just go to our website at
www.umcsc.net/communities/lowcountryemmausto to see if the Gathering
will happen on the 17th. If not, the rain date is Saturday, October 24th.*

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volunteers from the Low Country Emmaus Community who are Safe Sanctuary certified. The Board will then compile a list from which volunteers will be contacted to serve. It is expected that Emmaus volunteers will be called from host churches (and supplemented by the Community membership at large) for Gatherings and other such events. The Board will require that volunteers provide proof of Safe Sanctuary certification from their home church.

I encourage you to learn more about Safe Sanctuary policies in effect at your home church. A good source of information is located at the following SC United Methodist Church website: <http://www.umcsc.org/safesanctuaries>.

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes a child . . . welcomes me" (Matthew 18:5). As Christians, we are called to offer both hospitality and protection to those who look to us to provide it. I hope you will seriously consider and respond to this need as you are willing and able.

If you are Safe Sanctuary certified (or plan to be in the near future) and would like to serve the Emmaus Community in this very special way, please send an email to Carroll Cash (Board member in charge of Gatherings) at cashbilly143@aol.com, or call him at 843-873-1037.

On behalf of the community, I would like to thank St. Andrews Parish for hosting our August gathering. Steve Waterhouse led. Jeff Hollman from John Wesley UMC reminded us of our Love, Sacrifice and servanthood in his 4th Day Talk.

Carroll Cash gave a great 4th Day Response. The music was led by Kristin Cole, Elise Barrett, Randy Wood and Dan Broomall.

DeColores,

Dudley Patrick

Attention . . .

All Musicians and Vocalists!

A Musicians meeting will be held on Saturday, October 3rd, from 9AM-1PM at Knightsville UMC. A light lunch will be provided.

We will be covering Emmaus recommendations and requirements, as well as discussing new songs to add to/replace current songs in our songbooks. If you have suggestions for new music, remember to bring the sheet music with chords to the meeting, along with your instruments and voices!

Please be in prayer for the Lord to guide us as we consider these changes in music for Him.

Yours in Christ,

Elaine Walter

Board member for Music
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803-245-5386

Sponsorship. . .

Its not a sometime thing

Members of the Lowcountry Emmaus Community can be advocates to sponsor Pilgrims all year long. Don't wait until a deadline looms to talk to others about attending the Walk to Emmaus. If you have someone who is interested, take the time leading up to the Walks to encourage them to attend. Take them to several Gatherings so they become familiar with the atmosphere (the music, the fellowship...the food). Invite them to spend time with your re-union group; this gives them the opportunity to get to know others and to experience Emmaus movement on a more personal level. As your potential Pilgrims become more comfortable with all aspects of Emmaus, the more excited they will be to go on the Walk!

As always, I am available to answer questions about applications and sponsorship...just give me a call at 843-814-0181, or contact me at lpeigler@comcast.net.

DeColores,

Leigh

Treasurer's Report

Checking	\$2958.94
Savings.....	\$2569.64
Total.....	\$5528.58

Make plans now to attend

Gathering at the Camp

**October 17th,
10 AM 'til 4 PM**

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