



Low Country Emmaus Community

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER GATHERING

Friday, September 16th

7:30 pm

Cokesbury UMC
4990 Dorchester Rd.
North Charleston

FROM I-26 (Charleston): Take I-26 and exit onto Dorchester Rd. (642). Continue on Dorchester to church on the right.

FROM SUMMERVILLE: I-26 East to I-526 toward Savannah. Exit on Dorchester and turn right. Church is 1½ blocks on the right.

October 22nd, 10-4
Hallelujah!Gathering

(See articles in this newsletter)
Camp Summers & Manget, Cameron

November 18th, 7:30 p.m.
St. George UMC, St. George

December 16th, 7:30 p.m.
Stallsville UMC, Summerville

SAVE THE DATES

FOR THE 2012 WALKS!

Men's Walk—March 15th—18th

Women's Walk—March 22nd—25th

Hallelujah!Gathering

Saturday, October 22, 2011

10 am to 4 pm

Camp Summers & Manget
Cameron SC

Plan to spend the day on the camp grounds enjoying fellowship and fun. We'll have booths where you can find out more about participating in the Emmaus Community, and where you can try your skills at games of Pin the Wings on the Angel, Knocking Down the Walls of Jericho, and Tossing Jonah in the Whale.

Around noon we will gather in the Dining Hall for lunch. Please bring your favorite pot-luck dish to share, and the Board will provide BBQ chicken and pork for everyone.

Later in the afternoon, we will gather in the Chapel for our **Hallelujah!Gathering** service of worship, music, sharing, and celebrating Communion.

Invite your family and friends to join us on the 22nd. This is a great opportunity to bring those interested in attending an Emmaus Walk, so ask them along too.

We would like to get an idea of how many folks will be at the Gathering, and also are looking for helpers with set-up and clean-up, running booths, playing music, and helping in the kitchen. You can sign up at the September Gathering, contact a Board Member, or send an email to octgathering@comcast.net to let us know how many in your group will be attending, and if you'll be able to help with the festivities.

Look for more information at the September Gathering and in the October newsletter. We hope to see all of you on the 22nd!

BULLETINS from the BOARD

RECORDS . . . RECORDS . . .

Low Country Emmaus Privacy Policy for Integrated Management System (IMS) Database

Low Country Emmaus collects information from community members when you when you register on our site or sign up for Emmaus activities.

When registering on our site, as appropriate, you may be asked to enter your name, e-mail address, and personal information such as date of birth (optional), church, phone numbers, street address, and reunion group. This information is used exclusively for Low Country Emmaus to track your participation while teaming, or for volunteer service for weekend pilgrim walks and gatherings. When registering on our site you will be asked for a User ID and Password which protects you from others looking at your information.

Your information will not be sold, exchanged, transferred or given to any other outside group without your consent. Your information will be used for: sending newsletters, requesting help for planned activities, team selection, and board elections. All e-mails sent through the IMS are Blind E-mails which means that your e-mail address cannot be seen by other recipients.

Personal information relating to dietary and medical needs for weekends will only be given (as needed) to the Board Representative, Assistant Lay Director, and Kitchen Coordinator.

This policy was modified on September 1, 2011 and approved by all current Board Members.

If you need help updating your information call me at (843) 695-0913.

DeColores-

Dave Cunha, Records

HELP WANTED: SPONSORS

Yes, this means you! Please give prayerful consideration to discern whom YOU will sponsor, and invite them to the upcoming spring walks. Don't know how? Sponsorship training will be given at both the September and October gatherings.

Spring Walk Dates:

Men's Walk—March 15th—18th

Women's Walk—March 22nd—25th

De Colores,

David Wiley, Registrar

Calling All Musicians!

The October gathering to be held at Camp Summers and Manget is a great opportunity for you to serve our community and showcase your music to the board and team selection committee for future consideration on walk music teams! We'll be meeting on Saturday, October 22 from 10 am until 4 pm with lots of activity and we want continuous music, so we'll need quite a few groups taking half hour shifts with music to listen or sing to: solo singers or guitarists, choirs, bands, you name it. I'll need to know if you have amplification needs and/or capability, or have equipment to share. I've heard from a couple of folks who are interested, so get in touch with me soon to reserve your preferred times.

Klayers49@yahoo.com or 843-812-8644.

DeColores, Karen Ayers

Thanks to St. Andrews Parish for hosting our August Gathering. We were each met and welcomed warmly by members of the church. It was good to see such a large crowd and we missed those of you who were unable to attend. Wonderful music was provided by the St. Andrews Parish Praise Band along with Betsy Fanning. The leader of the praise band described the music as a prayer language and that it truly was. Dave Cunha gave the 4th Day Talk. He shared how special his own Walk To Emmaus had been as he sat at the table of “Fishers of Men”. He told us how he had come to know through a difficult time that God had a plan for him and he shared how God’s plan has unfolded in his life in many different ways. Dave mentioned several people he had met since moving to South Carolina and how they had welcomed him into their church (which is now his home church), welcomed him into their homes and at their tables, and welcomed him into their lives. JoAnn Garrett gave a wonderful Clergy Response affirming that God does have a plan for all of us and how He knows each of us. Sometimes that plan does come about through times that are difficult for us as human beings, but we get through those because He is with us – we just have to follow. She pointed out how in Dave’s life that he was and is still being a “Fisher of Men” through the many ways he serves.

As I write this, I think wow...how God is so wonderful and how He does have a plan for each of us, whether we are part of an Emmaus Community or not. But by being a part of such a great community we have a special blessing. We have the opportunity to make new friends and are new friends who can share our homes, share our tables sometimes with just a cup of coffee, and share our lives. We all are “Fishers of Men”.

Our October Hallelujah!Gathering will be a time when we can once again share ourselves with one another and share our community with others that we have invited for a day of fun and fellowship. This will be a great way to introduce The Walk to Emmaus to someone who may want to experience that journey. There is more information on the Hallelujah Gathering in the newsletter and there will be more to come. Put it on your calendar, October 22, 2011.

I hope to see you at Cokesbury UMC for this month’s gathering as we continue to share with one another. May God’s love and many blessings continue to fill your lives.

DeColores,

Linda

Missing that Walk-weekend challenge to wake up and pray at 3:00AM? There are Emmaus communities around the world holding walks almost every weekend of the year. A number of Emmaus and other Fourth-Day communities post prayer vigil sign-ups at the web site www.3DayOL.org. You can sign up to pray for a walk in the next state, across the ocean, or on the other side of the world. (And of course, if you sign up for the 3AM slot in England, that’s only 10PM here.)

Why would you sign up to pray for people you don’t know who live half a world away? In part, for their benefit: It’s one thing to see on the wall an agape letter saying, “Our community is praying for you.” It’s something entirely more memorable to see on the prayer vigil poster the name of a person in a particular country who has promised to pray for your walk at a particular time tonight.

Praying for another community may also benefit the one who prays. We may be busy or tired that day, but if we know we’ve promised to pray, we’re less likely to skip our prayer time. And who knows? As you pray for those unnamed pilgrims thousands of miles away, God may speak to you about our own community or lead your thoughts to someone just down the street who is waiting for an invitation to join the walk.

DeColores,

David Lupu



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Hallelujah! Gathering



The Records and Outreach Committee will have a table at the October gathering to include:

David Wiley, Registrar—Bring your pilgrim applications with you. Sponsorship training will be held.

Robert Johnson, 4th Day—Reunion group information and contacts.

Dave Cunha, Records—Update information for IMS database.

Janice Mabey, Newsletter—Future article ideas. Sign up for the newsletter by e-mail to save us printing and postage costs.



FACILITIES

Looking forward to our gathering on October 22nd. As with all events, there are necessary preparations, which I call opportunities to serve the Community, and thus, our Lord. I'm asking for set-up help from approximately 8:30 AM-10:00 AM on the 22nd. Set-up includes placing tables and chairs around the grounds of the camp and setting up chairs in the Chapel. I'm also asking for take down and clean-up help of approximately one hour, from 4:00 PM—5:00 PM, which will be the reverse of the set-up. You can sign up on-line by sending an e-mail to: octgathering@comcast.net

You may also sign up on the sheets that will be available at the September gathering, or you can call me at (843) 871-6987. As always, the more the merrier.

De Colores and Peace!

Ed Hickey, Facilities