

LowCountry Emmaus

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

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October 2008

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Gatherings)

October 17	Bethany UMC
November 21	St. James UMC
December 19	Stallsville UMC

Directions to Bethany UMC

Bethany United Methodist Church is located at 118 West 3rd Street South in Summerville, SC.

From I-26:

Take exit 199 onto US-17A South towards Summerville. After you pass through the center of town, turn right on West 3rd Street South. Bethany UMC will be on your left.

From south via SC 165:

Turn right when you reach US 17-A. Then turn left onto West 3rd Street South. Bethany UMC will be 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

In September, I had the opportunity to attend and to help with the Lowcountry Graham Festival. Each evening, following a concert of Christian music and a message by Franklin Graham, several hundred persons would come to the front of the arena to make or renew their commitment to Christ.

Why do people come down? Franklin Graham talked about God's love and forgiveness. But preachers across the Lowcountry speak on these subjects each week, and what Franklin Graham preached was not extraordinarily different. More was at work than his words.

First, many people had prayed about the weekend for months

FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR

Thanks to Cokesbury UMC for hosting the September Gathering. Francis Harter was the Board Member in Charge (BMIC). A group of six people led the music for us. It was very good. Sonny Hogg gave the 4th day witness that blessed us all. Bob Lee provided a very good 4th day response.



The October Gathering will be at Bethany UMC in Summerville. We are not having the Fall Walks so we are going to have the pot luck dinner any way. Please invite prospective pilgrims to join us. We are going to have the Emmaus presentation during the Gathering. (See page 2- Ed.)

Mr. Tom Howard provided Emmaus training on September 20th at Cokesbury UMC. It was very informative and reaffirmed that we are, for the most part, presenting our

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2009 WALKS

Spring 2009 (Confirmed 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 to the Registrar now for
Pilgrims you would like to sponsor on
upcoming Walks.***

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Sendoff/Candlelight/Closing	Lynn Dukes	843-270-5004	ldukes@sc.rr.com	2011

Treasurer's Report

(as of September 30, 2008)

Beginning Balance – checking	\$1,709.27
Deposits - Gathering	+ 417.00
Disbursements	- 390.60
Newsletter	\$290.60
Camp shed	100.00
Ending Balance – checking	\$1,735.67
Savings Balance	\$2,558.86
Total on Hand	\$4,294.53

De Colores,

Karen Ayers

Cushions Needed

If you or your Reunion Group would like to help furnish seat cushions for the Conference Room (Walks), please contact Billy Gaines, Housing.

De Colores,

Billy Gaines

Low Country Emmaus Participation

The "Low Country Emmaus Participation" committee will present during the October 17th Gathering at Bethany UMC. Please attend this informative presentation! And, bring a friend or prospective pilgrim. Finally, don't forget to bring a covered dish!

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weekends in accordance with the Emmaus Model. We need to tie ribbon around the letter packets for the women.

Mr. Howard left nine booklets to share with the community. These booklets can be purchased from Barbara Bilton, our Literature, Letters and Supplies board member. The booklets are titled; Coming Down from the Mountain, Board of Directors, Spiritual Growth through Team Experience, What Is Emmaus, Spiritual Directors, The Early History, The Group Reunion, Walking Side by Side, Fourth Day, The Pilgrims Continued Journey and Sponsorship. He also gave me some revised manuals we already have plus the Coordinators' Manual. Barbara buys these items plus specific Emmaus supplies from the Upper Room Web site. If there are any booklets you would like to have please contact Barbara. If you ask to borrow one from me I may be able to loan you the ones he gave me.

My next articles will be to glean through some of the booklets and put some of the information in the news letter. I am going to start with Sponsorship. Most of everything I have read about Emmaus points to sponsorship as the most important task we perform in the Emmaus community. It is important prior to selecting someone to invite. It is important during the weekends and it is important following the weekends. I hope to be able to enhance our community's sponsorship abilities and inform every one of the specific responsibilities of the sponsor. When I have gone through the sponsorship booklet I will start the second booklet, The Group Reunion.

Continue to be in prayer for Terry Lupo and Ron Bycroft. They have to wait until the spring and begin the process of team selection again. Be in prayer for Beth Pregnall and Joel Strickland as ALD's in training. Be in prayer for pilgrims. Be in prayer for sponsorship. Be in prayer for the presentation at Bethany UMC.

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Randy Woods

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ahead of the event. Beyond making time to pray, many lay persons also took time to be trained to counsel with those who responded to the invitation.

Second, the structure of the evening made space and time for a response. Some of the clergy who helped were responsible to make sure there was someone to talk with every person who came down. Others helped see that those who did respond were not interrupted by other people who were leaving. Many lay persons had taken the time to be trained to counsel with those who came forward.

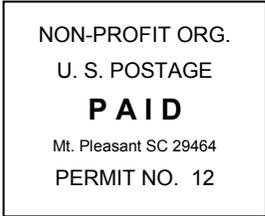
Third, many people came to the event expecting to respond. Yes, some may have come not knowing what to expect, but many came because they were looking for something, or because they were invited by friends who knew that they might benefit from what was being offered.

What can the Emmaus community learn from this? Our Walk weekends provide a space and time for persons to meet God—much more time than is possible at a two-hour festival event. Our team formation process prepares those who will work the weekend to guide and support the pilgrims on their journey. But have we been faithful in praying for the walks? And have we been faithful in offering the invitation to those who may benefit from this three-day Walk so that they may come expecting to meet Christ anew?

De Colores,

David Lupo

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