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Low Country Emmaus Community

And their eyes were opened. And they knew Him.

-Luke 24:31

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Hallelujah! Gathering

Friday, October 19th
6:30 p.m.
Hibben UMC, Mt. Pleasant

Please allow extra time due to Friday night traffic conditions and our earlier start.

FROM I-526: Go all the way to the end of the expressway (after it becomes a regular street). Bear right onto Coleman Blvd. Turn right at the first stop light (at the OOPS), then turn left behind the OOPS. Hibben UMC is immediately on the left.

FROM Charleston: Go over the Pearman bridge and bear left at the bottom onto Coleman Blvd. Pass over Shem Creek. Turn left at the fourth stop light after crossing Shem Creek, at the OOPS. Turn left behind the OOPS and Hibben UMC is immediately on the left.

There is parking in front of and behind the church as well as along the side of the building. Please do not park in the neighbors' yards.

UPCOMING GATHERINGS

November 16th, 7:30 p.m.
Pinopolis UMC, Pinopolis

December 21st, 7:30 p.m.
Stallsville UMC

Upcoming Walks

Men's Walk—April 4th—7th, 2013

Women's Walk—April 11th—14th, 2013

Wow! Fall is here and so are football games, school activities, church activities and many other things. If you are like me, you have lots to do and, heaven knows, the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays are right around the corner and we will be busier!!!! My goodness, right after that Easter will be here. By then it will be tooooooo late for that Pilgrim to attend the spring walks if you haven't sent in an application. So, call up that person or those persons NOW and pray and talk with them about the Walk to Emmaus. Get those applications in ASAP in order for your board to plan early and effectively for the spring walks.

DeColores,

Lynn Gaines

Registrar

Dear Sponsors:

*If you sponsored a Pilgrim for the last set of walks and they were **NOT** able to attend, I need you to contact me ASAP. I have left several messages for some of you and have not heard back. Please contact me so that I will know whether or not to hold their reservation. You may reach me at 843-709-9653 or via email at **vlbgaines@aol.com**.*

Thanks,

Lynn Gaines

Registrar

from the Lay Director

I recently attended a Women's Retreat at the beautiful Epworth by the Sea. It was not only a time of being with a great group of ladies, but also a time away from the "hustle and bustle" of everyday. As I have reflected and thought of the weekend, there were so many special moments; seeing an amazing sunset over the water, awed at the beauty of the trees, hearing a group of young people singing as they practiced for a presentation at a local church, laughing, crying, and sharing some very special times with friends, praying and walking… One of the highlights was the walking/praying of a labyrinth. The setting was so beautiful and even so quiet (even with a large group of ladies). As I have thought back on the experience and how we walked the labyrinth with the pattern going in a circle and around bends and curves and eventually ending up in the center with a big tree pointing to the heavens, I have thought – Wow, that is what our lives are like. We go around, we come to a bend in the road and sometimes just have to stop for a moment as we seek and try to understand what might be going on. Then, we can pick up and go further along the path and soon we come to the center. Here at the center, we look up and know that God has been and is with us all the way – drawing us.

As usual, as I write this article for the newsletter, I seem to relate this labyrinth walking/praying experience to Lowcountry Emmaus. I see that as we experience a weekend, how we are taken from the "hustle and bustle" of everyday and are placed in a beautiful place – not just the beauty of the surroundings, but the beauty of those who walk with us – even in the quietness. I think of how we can reflect on our lives through a weekend experience and how we acknowledge where we have been and where we are going – even though sometimes it has great bends and curves and makes us stop. When we keep going, we do come to the Center.

Going into the labyrinth is somewhat like entering an Emmaus Weekend, and as we start out we head into our Fourth Days. There was such a refreshing feeling to being in the center of that labyrinth; and on walking/praying on the way in and the way out, there was so much encouragement and joy. And as in relating it to Lowcountry Emmaus, there is a new challenge to share the Emmaus Walk and to continue to pray that God leads me to the person I am to sponsor.

So, again, a challenge – Let's fill up the upcoming Lowcountry Spring Walks and share the beauty and love that we have been given.

DeColores,

Linda

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Gatherings

It's finally just around the corner---"The October Hallelujah! Gathering"---is right here on top of us and we are making plans to have good food, fellowship, singing and most of all, worship. Please make every effort to attend on the 3rd Friday (10/19/2012) at Hibben UMC in Mt. Pleasant for this special celebration. Remember to bring a guest — or two — or three or more and a covered dish or two as well. We will be starting our meal at 6:30 PM and for those of us who do not live in Mt. Pleasant, we need to give ourselves some extra time because of the traffic. Any questions please call me at (843) 688-6161.

Ronnie Brewer, Gatherings

Facilities

Two Reunion Groups have stepped up and adopted cabins for our 2013 Walks! More good news — That leaves six cabins available for adoption! Please consider having your Reunion Group adopt a cabin for clean -up, refurbishment, etc. If you are not in a Reunion Group, this is an excellent way to become involved in one. Feel free to contact me for more information.

There will be more information forthcoming regarding set-up, refurbishment, and take-down. Since Easter is on March 31, 2013, the tentative plan includes set-up on Monday and/or Tuesday, April 1-2, 2013. Refur-bishment will be on April 7th, with clean-up the week of April 8-12.

De Colores,

Ed Hickey, Facilities