



# Lowcountry Emmaus Community

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

## October Gathering on Friday, October 21 @ 7:30

### Pinopolis UMC

1833 Pinopolis Rd  
Pinopolis, SC 29469

**Directions: From Charleston,** take the Moncks Corner/Goose Creek exit off I26 and head up 52. Stay on 52 until you pass the welcome sign in Moncks Corner. Turn Left at the first light onto 'old' 52. At second stop light take another left onto Hwy 6 (Main St.). Pass Berkely High School and bear right at the fork. This will bring you into Pinopolis. The church will be on the left.

**From Columbia:** Take Pinopolis exit off I26, go left. Cross Hwy. 176 and 6. You will enter Pinopolis and the church will be on the left.

### Upcoming Gatherings:

November 18: Hibben UMC, Mount Pleasant

December 16: Stallville UMC, Summerville

The October Emmaus Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, 10/11 at 7pm at the New Hope Community Building in Jedburg right beside New Hope UMC.

## From Our Lay Director, Jimmy Hinson

### Time to Pray!!!!

How many of us take time each day to stop and pray; or do you just pray when the need arises or when someone asks you to. I catch myself falling into the later. I sort of compare it to eating. We have three set or there about times each day that we eat, breakfast, lunch and dinner. What if we did that with prayer, morning prayer, afternoon prayer and evening prayer. Do you think we would have a better relationship with GOD???? I know we all try to eat right and watch what we eat and not overeat but we do. Do you think we ought to do that with prayer??? With prayer we could have all the between prayer "snacks" that we want, the more the better. We could have a late night prayer, an on the go prayer, and two or three extra "helpings" that we want and it would not mess up our "diet". This month try over indulging in prayer and it might help you build a stronger relationship with God' and it won't affect you "waistline". As you finish reading this article, join me in prayer for our community, our country, our world. We need it now more than ever!!!!

# From our Registrar: Rolland Fitch

Hello Lowcountry Emmaus Community.

Now that the beginning of Fall is here we are entering a very busy time of year for all of us.

As you know we had to reschedule Walks 82 and 83 to the Spring. These things just happen. We have not attempted a set of Fall walks in a number of years and thought maybe there would be some interest in doing some. There was, but not quite enough. As we say in the community everything happens in God's time and this October was apparently not God's time for us. Truthfully, for me it was a blessing as I needed more time learn this job and recruit some help.

Walks 82 and 83 have been rescheduled to February 23-26 (Men's Walk 82) and March 2-5 (Women's Walk 83). This means that our clock for inviting Pilgrims has been reset and we have some time to really increase our Pilgrim count.

As of the date of this newsletter we have XX Men and XX Women signed up for the next walks.

Historically, the cutoff date for have the required 20 Pilgrims is the December Gathering. This year that is December 16 at Stallville UMC. However, we all know that once Thanksgiving arrives we are all tied up with activities at our home churches. Things like Hanging of the Greens, Advent Activities, Choir and Children's programs (activities that all of us in the community should be supporting in our local church) start competing for our attention.

Keeping this hectic period that starts after Thanksgiving in mind, I would encourage you all to be inviting Pilgrims now so that we can reach our required number by the November Gathering on November 18 at Hibben UMC.

If you have not sponsored a Pilgrim previously, it is not a complicated process and is really all about Agape for your Pilgrim. I will hold Sponsor training at the next gathering or if your reunion group would like I will come to you to provide it.

As you give some thoughts about who you might want to invite here are some pointers about who would enjoy the Walk:

1. People who are somewhat mature in their faith. This is not to say



*Christ and his Disciples on the Road to Emmaus, by Jan Wildens*

## *The Fall*

*Regional Leadership*

*Training workshop will*

*be held for*

*Clergy, Friday,*

*November*

*18th from 1pm to*

*5pm and for*

*laypersons Saturday,*

*November*

*19th from 8:30am to*

*4pm, both at Hibben*

*UMC in Mt Pleasant.*

*Mark your calendar!!!!!!*

that brand new Christians should not be invited but they may need some seasoning before they can fully enjoy the experience;

2. People who may need a re-charge. We all know that person who has been working hard at the church and is getting tired. Those folks will get renewed on the walk. I personally know one person who said that the Walk gave them the re-charge they needed; and

3. People who want to learn more about their faith. I recommend two activities to those who want to gain more knowledge; Lay Servant courses and the Walk.

I would also highly recommend that you approach your Pastor if he or she has not been on the Walk. While Emmaus is a Lay Person driven program, the more Clergy who have experienced the Walk, the more beneficial it is for your Congregation. If the Pastor understands what members of the community have learned and experienced it will strengthen the Lay Leadership in your church.

In the Boy Scouts we have a training program called Wood Badge. This is a specialized event spanning 6 days over two weekends. Wood Badge offers all types of Adult Scouters a total immersion experience in the details of the Scouting program. It is intended to prepare those Scouters to go back to their units and be more effective in building young lives. I have often mentally compared my Walk to my Wood Badge experience both of which made me more effective as a leader.

Finally, I would like to close by saying that we all experienced something wonderful on our Walks. It was different for everybody but it was always positive. Isn't this an experience worth sharing with your fellow Christian?

Remember, Christ is counting on you.

Rolland Fitch  
Registrar

Sponsor Applications: A copy of the application for the Walks can be downloaded from the Lowcountry Emmaus Community website at:

<http://www.umcsc.net/communities/lowcountryemmaus/>



## HURRICANE MATTHEW

Please let us know if you have been affected adversely by the hurricane. We are brothers and sisters in Christ and will do what we can to assist. You may contact any Board member or simply reply to this email.