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Lowcountry Emmaus Community

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

**October Gathering on Saturday,
October 21 @ 6 pm
Carteret UMC**

408 Carteret Street, Beaufort, SC

Directions from Charleston: Take US Hwy 17 south toward Beaufort; take the right ramp onto US 21, go to the second exit in the traffic circle; continue on US 21/Boundary Street for 12 miles; Church will be on the right.

Directions from I-95: Take exit 33 to merge onto US Hwy 17s N toward Beaufort; use the right lane to merge onto US 21; continue on US 21/Boundary Street for 12 miles; Church will be on the right.

Please note: The Saturday Gatherings begin at 6 pm with fellowship. Please bring a snack or finger food to share with the Community. As always, the church will provide drinks. Worship will follow at 7 pm.

From the September Gathering

Sally Martin, member of Wesley Memorial UMC, shared her 4th Day story about attending the Midlands Walk to Emmaus last fall. Sally shared that she really stepped out of her comfort zone those three days because she didn't know anyone else on the weekend. But she later realized that this gave her the opportunity to really focus on her relationship with Christ, not only for the weekend but for all of her 4th Days. Sally still continues to listen for God's plan in all aspects of her life; with her family, her church and her community.

Thanks again to member of Wesley Memorial and Edisto Island UMC for providing great music and warm hospitality. We look forward to seeing everyone at the October 21st Gathering at Church of the Palms in Okatie.



From our Lay Director: Evyonne Thurman

When I sat down to write my article to you, this was not what I intended to write about, but I was so moved by this weekend and the memories it brought back to me of my Walk to Emmaus that I felt called to share. The time frame is different, but there are so many similarities. I'm sure that you have many memories of moments, hours, days when you feel especially close to Christ. This is one of those for me.

I'm leaving Asbury Hills, the United Methodist Camp in Cleveland SC in Upstate SC. The weather is cool, and the sun is shining brightly. So beautiful here.

Our Sunday School Class had a retreat here this weekend, The Walkin' and Rockin' Retreat, so named because there was going to be a whole lot of walking going on, and a whole lot of rocking chairs "rocking". The focus of our retreat was to keep God as our creator, always at the center of everything we do. After all, he created us, right? In His image no less. His creation is majestic. We are fortunate to be a part of God's universe.

Colossians 1:16 says "For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him." As we walked the paths of Asbury Hills this weekend, and had our devotions, we looked for the visible signs of our invisible God...the splendor of the trees towering above us, the billowing clouds in the baby blue sky, and the brilliant sunshine. We experienced breakfast, lunch, and dinner together, and oh my, the snacks. Where did they all come from?

We had heartfelt devotions from different members of the class relating to God's glory and majesty in His environment. We were sharply focused to be on the look-out for His creatures and His wild beauty as we traveled the paths up and down the hilly terrain. We experienced the cross by the lake and in the wilderness, and by the creek where we threw stones into the creek, symbolic of giving God our cares and troubles. We sang old songs, and even recited one before singing it to look closely at the words. We prayed and meditated in the labyrinth. We sat around the campfire and listened to scripture about following God's pillow of fire, and where He might lead us if we're willing to follow the flame. We painted rocks as agape and hid them for others to find our little gifts of love. Our faith was renewed and the Spirit refreshed us. We connected with one another, and we shared moments of deep love for God and one another. We left Asbury Hills thinking we didn't want to leave, but knowing we must. We didn't want to go back to "the real world". Does this sound familiar?

The Emmaus Walk is similar to the weekend we just spent on our Walkin' and Rockin' Retreat, but it is so much more. Emmaus gives us that "peace that passes all understanding". It's a time for giving up control, and letting God be God. Giving our

baggage to him....and letting him keep it. It is a time of humility and grace, of love, of forgiveness. The Walk defies all explanation, and it seems that words can never truly explain it.

I would challenge you to pray intentionally for God to put Pilgrims in your path....servants that would like to experience the Holy Spirit's presence, God's grace, and the love of Jesus. Pray for God to harvest the seeds you have sown through your actions, words, and deeds. He will do it!

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From Our Agape Chair: David Lupo

Agape Connection

Last month's list of walks for which we sent agape letters included Quad-Cities Emmaus. It happened that my wife, Terry, and I had plans to be in the Quad Cities area during the Men's Walk weekend, and Terry suggested, "Let's see where they're having their Candlelight service." It was half an hour from where we were staying, so we were able to attend the community service and support the pilgrims on their walk. We got to be some of the "people from far away who may not even know you" that the Spiritual Director tells the pilgrims about. We also enjoyed meeting members of another Emmaus community.

If you'll be traveling and want to visit another community for Candlelight, the Upper Room Emmaus website has a community finder that will let you locate a community in the area where you will be. Go to <http://emmaus.upperroom.org/finder> and select "Weekends" and the region you're interested in. If you click on a community name, you'll usually find a website and email address where you can get directions.

We are sending letters to the following walks scheduled over the next month. Please pray for these walks—now and during the weekends:

- Central Carolinas Emmaus (Charlotte, NC)
 - Men's Walk #134 Oct 12 - Oct 15, 2017
 - Women's Walk #135 Oct 26 - Oct 29, 2017
- North Georgia Walk to Emmaus (Lawrenceville, GA)
 - Men's Walk #185 Oct 12 - Oct 15, 2017
 - Women's Walk #217 Oct 19 - Oct 22, 2017
- Heart of Carolina Emmaus (Southern Pines, NC)
 - Women's Walk #136 Oct 12 - Oct 15, 2017
- Western New York Emmaus (Attica, NY)
 - Men's Walk #53 Oct 12- Oct 15, 2017
 - Women's Walk #53 Nov 2 - Nov 5, 2017

From Our Facilities Chair: Ed Hickey

If you or your reunion group want to assist with spring walks set up (March 7,2018), spruce up(March 11and/or12,2018)and/or take down (march 19,2018, contact Ed Hickey at hckybug91@sc.rr.com or call [843 864 6723](tel:8438646723).

DeColores and Peace!

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