



Lowcountry Emmaus Community

And their eyes
were opened.
And they knew
Him.

-Luke 24:31

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November Gathering

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

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FROM CHARLESTON: Take the Moncks Corner/Goose Creek exit off of I-26 onto Hwy. 52. Stay on Hwy. 52 until you pass the "Welcome" sign. Turn left at the first light onto "Old" 52. At second stoplight, take another left onto Hwy. 6 (Main St.). Pass Berkeley High School and bear right at the fork. This will bring you into Pinopolis. The church will be on the left.

FROM COLUMBIA: Take the Pinopolis exit off of I-26 and turn left. Cross Hwy. 176 and Hwy. 6. Once you enter the town of Pinopolis, the church will be on your left.

Upcoming Walks

Men's Walk—April 4th—7th, 2013

Women's Walk—April 11th—14th, 2013

Do you know somebody else? You know, "Oh, Somebody else will volunteer," or "Somebody else will teach Sunday School," or "Somebody else will sponsor the number of Pilgrims needed for the walks." Well, YOU are Somebody else. I have received some reservations for the walks, but not enough. I have even delivered some reservation forms and given a one-on-one sponsorship training. Remember, God is counting on us. "Us" is all of us, and we need to get busy!

DeColores,

Lynn Gaines
Registrar

UPCOMING GATHERINGS

December 21st, 7:30 p.m.	Stallville UMC, Summerville
January 18th, 7:30 p.m.	Cokesbury UMC, N. Chas.
February 15th, 7:30 p.m.	Calvary UMC, Swansea
March 15th, 7:30 p.m.	Indian Field UMC, St. George
May 17th, 6:30 p.m.	Bethany UMC, Summerville

Many, many thanks to Hibben UMC for hosting our October gathering and our Hallelujah time together. The food was plentiful and so very good. We missed everyone who was not able to attend and hope to see you in November. We had a great time of sharing in groups after our meal together – trying to place ourselves with others that we don't always get a chance to talk with. It was a short time for each of us to share our 4th days in our groups, and was an encouragement for us to seek to share with one another more often. It was a time of “table talk” as one person put it, sharing our lives as a part of God's family. Our time in the beautiful sanctuary was filled with wonderful music and with us being asked to place something we wanted to get rid of in a basket that sat at the foot of a cross, and not come back and get it. Some of our clergy were there to pray with us if we wished. It truly was a special time in His presence with a very special community of people. It has reminded me over and over again throughout the month of how wonderful the Walk to Emmaus experience has been and continues to be and how much the experience helps me to continue to grow.

In life, we get so busy and caught up in the everyday demands — or at least I do — that I find days a blur. I need the Lowcountry Emmaus Community; each person in it for their love, their friendship, their encouragement, and for just being a part of my life. I heard a young man recently use the phrase, “rolodex of memories” and thought what a neat phrase. I added not only the recent Hallelujah! Gathering to my “rolodex of memories” but all the ones before and all the wonderful walks, and I can go back for the wonderful memories time and time again. At the same time, I have asked myself, “Have I done enough to share the wonderful experience with someone else so that they might add it to their rolodex and their desire to be a part of such a special community?”

I can never repay my sponsor for the gift of my Walk to Emmaus and all I have received, but I can “pay it forward” and hopefully make sure others have the same amazing experience.

When I look at the date, I wonder... “Where does time get and how do the months go by so quickly?” The majority of the year has passed with lots of memories. Once again, as we are growing closer to a new set of walks, we can share the gift we have been given in the Walk to Emmaus. Continue to pray for the person you are to sponsor and let's fill up our spring walks and share this amazing experience. The dates are listed in this newsletter and the Spring Lay Directors are ready to begin. Our task is to share and “pay it forward”.

May God continue to bless each one of you and fill your lives with His Love.

DeColores,

Linda



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the
Lay
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Gatherings

I would like to thank those from Hibben UMC for hosting our "October Hallelujah! Gathering". A lot of work goes into hosting a gathering such as manning the kitchen, setting up tables and chairs, having all of the supplies and drinks, setting up for the children's' caregivers, and the job no one likes — the clean up afterwards. So a job "well done" to those from Hibben that took the time to make this happen.

I received several comments on the "Hallelujah! Gathering" and they were all positive. From all reports, the discussions at the tables about our "4th days" went well. Hopefully it gave us an opportunity to think of our "4th days" — What are we doing in our churches?, What are we doing to support our brother's and sister's in Christ?, What are we doing to spread Christianity through service, and What are we doing to spread "The Good News" of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ? Thanks for your participation in the table discussions.

The prayer service was powerful. Many burdens were left at the Cross and our prayer is that is exactly what happened — That they were left at the Cross.

It was an enjoyable evening!! Good food, Good fellowship, Good music, Good worship. It doesn't get any better!! To God be the Glory!!!

Hope to see you all at the Pinopolis Gathering. Be sure to bring a guest.

DeColores,

Ronnie Brewer
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