Newsletter

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

Lowcountry Emmaus Community

Pilgrims Confirmed for the Next Walks:

20 Min. Req'd

26 Women
17 Men

We are still in need of a few good men!!

Scheduled Walks (Spring 2014):

Men's: March 27th – 30th

Women's: April 3rd – 6th

Camp Summers & Manget

November Gathering

Friday, November 15th
7:30 p.m.
Pinopolis UMC

1833 Pinopolis Rd.
Pinopolis, SC 29469
(843) 761-8477

Directions:

FROM Charleston: Take the Moncks Corner/Goose Creek exit off of I-26 onto Hwy 52. Stay on Hwy 52 until you pass the ñWelcomeò sign. Turn left at the first light onto ñOldò 52. At second stoplight, take another left onto Hwy 6 (Main St.). Pass Berley 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 town of Pinopolis, the church will be on the left.

UPCOMING GATHERINGS

December 20th	Stallsville UMC Summerville
January 17th	Trinity UMC Bamberg
February 21st	St. George UMC St. George
March 21st	St. Mark UMC Charleston
April 18th	WALKS (No Gathering!)
May 16th	Hibben UMC Mount Pleasant

Sponsorship Training

For those sponsoring a pilgrim, hoping to sponsor a pilgrim, or would just like some information on sponsorship, David Wiley will be conducting sponsorship training at the November Gathering at Pinopolis UNC. The training takes only a few minutes and will be conducted following the service.

The View From 9700'

from the Community Lay Director

As many of you may know, Iôve spent a lot of time in the Salt Lake City, Utah area over the last few months. During my time there, I was able to experience a landscape that is vastly different from that of the Lowcountry. During my first few weeks there, I was constantly in awe as I experienced the vistas of this beautiful section of our country. However, over time I noticed and enjoyed the scenery less and less. It became part of the daily grind of get-up, go to work, head home (or to the hotel), and sleep. I was no longer in awe. Then, I took the opportunity to go on a day trip with some co-workers to Willardôs Peak a couple of weekends ago. This nearly 2 hour ascent to the peak of the mountain -- topping out above 9700ô -- was a collection of breath-taking experiences. Each turn and switch-back revealed a different view of these beautiful landscapes. Whether looking back across the rolling peaks and valleys of the mountain range or out over the expansive salt flats covered with beautiful lakes, rivers, and streams reflecting a cloudless, blue sky, each view was an experience. It was a unique, new way to experience an area that I had come to know pretty well.

How many of us need a new perspective in our daily lives? Personally? Spiritually? What could a new perspective help you with? How many people do you know that may need to climb the mountain to experience life in a new way? How many of them need the Walk to Emmaus? Faith requires active participation. We have to be willing to climb the mountain to deepen our faith and understanding. Those of us that have experienced the Walk to Emmaus understand that, but often get so caught up in our day-to-day lives that we easily forget. Those that have not been on the Walk may not understand that at all. How can you help them to have that experience? How can you rekindle your own?

DeColores,

Dan Broomall

Hearts Burning within Us

from the Community Spiritual Director

The core narrative on which the Emmaus movement is built is of course, the two disciples walking to Emmaus on Easter Sunday and their encounter with the risen Lord. This story never runs out of ways to inspire us with new insights, or to renew the excitement of our faith and our love for our Lord. In one of my favorite parts of the story, verse 32 reads:

They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"

One of the ways, I believe, that the Emmaus experience continues to have its impact on Christians is that each person who attends the weekend has the opportunity for the living Word of God to set fire to their hearts, as we experience the love of God very personally. When I reflect on my ñWalkò, when I share a role on a team, when we share our love and concern for each other at reunion groups and gatherings, I catch a little of that warmth again. I am grateful for the Low Country Emmaus Community and the ways in which we keep that ñwarm heartò experience alive.

I encourage everyone to make this busy fall season a time when we welcome many new pilgrims to experience this holy heartburn. I know that God has in mind some people who need to make this journey, if we are faithful to invite them. Letôs make the spring 2014 walks so successful that we all catch fire again.

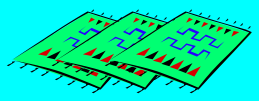
DeColores,

Dick Broomall

Notes from the Emmaus Board

BOARD MEETING - The next Lowcountry Emmaus Board Meeting be held on Tuesday, November 12th at Stallsville UMC. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. Any interested members of the community are welcome to attend. Contact David Smith at dnsmith@aol.com or (843) 870-4108 if you need directions.

An Important Note from Facilities…



Rugs! Rugs! Rugs!

We are still looking to replace rugs in the cabins for the upcoming walks. We have two reunion groups that have volunteered to replace the rugs in the cabins that they have adopted. Please be let me know if you or your reunion group are willing to help supply new rugs.

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Gary Shealy
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