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Lowcountry Emmaus Community

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

Pilgrim Count (confirmed):

6 Men

9 Women



**November Gathering on Friday,
November 20th @ 6 pm**

Stallsville UMC

225 Stallsville Road, Summerville, SC

From I26: Take exit 199, take US 17A South. About ½ mile turn onto Berlin G. Myers Parkway. Follow the parkway until it ends. Turn left and you will be at the fork of Trolley Road and Bacons Bridge Road. The next light will be Stallsville Road. Turn right and the church will be on your left.

From Summerville on US 78: Go south on Berlin G. Myers Parkway and follow the rest of the directions above.

From SC 165: That is Bacon's Bridge Road. Stallsville Road turns off to the right just before you reach the junction of Trolley Road.

Please note: The **Friday** 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 October's gathering:

To the community from the BMIC of the gathering at Pinopolis UMC. I would like to first thank Pinopolis for hosting the gathering. For those who missed it, we had a good turn out with about 60 people. We had plenty of food and great fellowship along with great music by Keith Yates, Del Collins and Jerry Peterson. One of the big highlights of each gathering is the 4th day speaker and how the Emmaus walk has impacted their walk with God. Revonda Hardesty gave the 4th day talk at Pinopolis and it restored her "Trust" in others and depending on God to help her. We all have 4th day experiences that maybe because of our walks, we can deal with the challenges of life.

Dan Hare (BMIC)

From our Community Lay Director: Dan Hare

To the Lowcountry Emmaus Community,

It is getting that time for remembering our Lord and Savior's birth and what this means in our life and how he came to earth to show us the way and died for us then was resurrected to show us his power over death. So as you remember Jesus's Birth remember what his sacrifice was for OUR SINS. We are being called by him to continue his ministry here on earth so we need to step up and lead others to his calling.

We are on the finish line toward making a decision to go through with the walks, we have Teams selected and dates for training and previews, let us not let down the Pilgrims that have already registered. The hardest job I have as Community Lay Director is having to have to postpone walks, because I remember how much the Walk meant to me. The Board is going to have to make a decision at our January 14th meeting and that is before

team training and preview. Let us not procrastinate and once we make a commitment we can always add others to the walks. Please be in prayer for those Pilgrims who are waiting to be asked and sponsored. I know it is a busy time of the year so let's get the Applications in now so we can move forward the walks.

Keep in mind as the New Year approaches there are things we can do to help the walk to Emmaus. Please keep in mind there will be elections of new board members, future team selections, and ways to reach other Churches in the Lowcountry area to offer this tool to strengthen Jesus's message to go and make Disciples in the world.

Hope you have a blessed Holiday season remembering what the season is truly about and that is JESUS.

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Dan Hare

From Music: Dominica Harrell

Hello from Dominica!!! As the Board member in charge of music, it's my job to gather musicians and singers for Gatherings and Walks. If you have felt the Lord speak to you about music, to get involved in our ministry ...let me know! If you are available to help with the walk weekends...let me know! (Yep, there's a theme here) We need more folks to help with music. You don't have to lead or do it alone. My email address is dominicasmail@gmail.com and I would love to hear from you.



Board Member Spotlight:

Meet: Cliff Simpson



Cliff attended Lowcountry Emmaus Walk #20 in 1995 and sat at the table of Matthew. He worships at Stallville UMC in Summerville, SC. Cliff and his wife, Julie, have two children, Morgan and Sam. In his spare time, Cliff likes to work on old cars and he is a cabinet builder and the owner of the Cabinet Shop in Ladson. Cliff's position on the board this year is that of Luggage and Transportation. This includes getting all of the luggage to camp and back again to closing. Part of his job is also to be sure pilgrims get to camp/candlelight/closing. He continues to be involved with Emmaus because of the fellowship with other Christians. His favorite "Emmaus moment" is like that of many of us – Candlelight on Saturday night. But some of his favorite moments also come from working in the kitchen. For Cliff, the biggest impact Emmaus has had on his spiritual life is that he feels Emmaus has made him a better husband, father and Christian. In his words, "my walk to Emmaus was a great weekend, but working on a team was even better!" Please say hello to Cliff at our next gathering and thank him for his years of service to Lowcountry Emmaus.



From Facilities: Ed Hickey

Preview weekend setup for men's and women's preview.

Sat 9:00 AM Feb 21-setup.

Sunday 2-23-20 noon cleanup

Would recommend reunion groups adopt a cabin for set up and cleanup etc.

Small reunion groups can team up with others to spread out work load.

Contact Ed Hickey 8438646723 so I can anticipate available workforce.

Remember, the more the merrier.

I WILL BE SENDING OUT SIMILAR REQUEST FOR WALK SETUP AND CLEANUPS

Following the Star

~ Max Lucado

Suppose you could give a gift to Christ, what would it be? How could you possible select a gift for the ONE who not only has everything, but who made everything?

The Wise Men did. They can be an example to us. In addition to the gold, frankincense, and myrrh, they gave the Savior some gifts we can give Him today: their hope, their time, and their worship.

The wandering wise men gave Jesus hope. When everyone else saw a night sky, this small band of men saw the light. The sight of the star sparked a desire in their hearts that send them packing. They went, seeking Jesus.

When night comes to your world, what do you see: The darkness or the stars? Hopelessness or hopefulness? Sometimes, just as He did so long ago, God uses the darkness to reveal His stars. "The light shines in the darkness." (John 1:5) Give God your hope for Christmas.

While you're giving, give God your time. The wise men did. Before they gave God their presents, they gave their presence. It's likely that these men traveled as long as two years before locating the prince of heaven. Before that one incredible moment when they knelt before Jesus, the wise men spent many moments, months, perhaps years, searching, in anticipation of that meeting. Just as the wise men devoted themselves to seeking the Savior, so can you: "You will seek Him and find Him when you seek Him with all your heart." (Deuteronomy 2:11)

And when they did find Him, the wise men gave Jesus another gift: their worship. Men of wealth, influence, and intellect: what did they do when they saw Jesus? "They fell down and worshiped Him." (Matthew 2:11)

Worship. It's a gift that extends to the giver as well. Through worship, we come to see God more clearly. God invites us, through worship, to see His face so He can change ours. In worship, we simply stand before God with a prepared and willing heart and let God do His work. And He does. He wipes away the tears. He mops away the perspiration. He softens our furrowed brows. He touches our cheeks. He changes our faces as we worship. The wise men sought the child of God, just as God seeks His children. "The Father is actively seeking such people to worship Him." (John 4:23)

The gifts of hope, time, and worship. Three gifts the wise still give.

From "One Incredible Moment: Celebrating the Majesty of the Manger."

Max Lucado 2006



The next board meeting will be held November 10th, 2019 at The Cabinet Shop 9475 US-78, Ladson, SC 29456 at 7:00pm.