

Oh, Wondrous Star



Low Country Emmaus

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

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Calendar of Events (Gatherings)

December 18th/7:30 pm

New Hope UMC

January 15th/7:30 pm
John Wesley UMC

February 19th/7:30 pm
Mt. Moriah Baptist

Directions to New Hope
From Charleston, take I-26
exit 194(Jedburg/Pinopolis)

Turn Rt. On Hwy 16.
Church is exactly two miles
on right.

From Columbia, etc on I-26
Take exit 194. Go left on
Hwy 16 over interstate,
Church is two miles on
right.

Gatherings are on the 3rd
Friday of each month.

Board meetings are on 2nd
Tuesday of each month.



From the Lay Director...

Got Pilgrims?

Folks, the “proceed ahead” dates for the men’s and women’s spring 2010 Walks are February 15th and March 1st, respectively. These dates, 60 days in advance of the actual start dates of April 15th (men’s Walk) and April 29th (women’s Walk), are rapidly approaching. The Board will use these milestone dates to determine whether to proceed or postpone the men’s and/or women’s Walks for another 6 months.

Your Board has prayed and promoted these Walks since the last set of Walks was held in spring 2009, but at last count the number of confirmed Pilgrims is far short of the 25 needed to proceed. In the meanwhile, the Lay Directors for the men’s and women’s walks have been asked to complete the teams, while “treading water” waiting the February 15th and March 1st Board decisions. It’s a tricky balancing act!

But ever the optimists, your Board is always on the lookout for ways to stir interest. One suggestion made recently by a Board member is to extend a “challenge” to everyone in the Community. I’ve prayed about that suggestion and have to say that although at first it seemed to be too “numbers-driven”, I’ve finally concluded that there are plenty of scriptural references to support a “challenge” strategy. (David and Goliath come to mind.)

The gist of the “challenge” is that each member of the Community would take the initiative (or maybe I should say the imperative) to reach out to friends and family, coworkers and co worshippers, and ask them, nay, “challenge” them, to accept the invitation to be a pilgrim on these Walks, to move beyond being a “pew dweller” to become a “doer”.



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From the Spiritual Director...

Amendments to the Bylaws

Over a period of time, the Board of Directors has been working to update and improve the bylaws of the community. The procedure for amendment requires that, once the Board has approved changes, those changes be published in the newsletter. Unless an objection signed by at least 25 members of the community is received within sixty days, the amendments will be final.

Below are the changes approved by the Board. In each case, the words struck through are being removed, and those underlined are being inserted.

Some of the changes are editorial: The list in III.1 omitted some recognized Fourth-Day groups. The name of the community was not specified correctly in VI.2. And “majority or plurality” in III.3 and VII does not make sense: A majority *is* a plurality.

The limitation in III.2 on members of the same family serving on the board is there as guidance for those preparing nominations for the annual ballot. The exception for the Community Spiritual Director was added because it is not known at the time nominations are being prepared who the Community Spiritual Director for the next year will be.

Sometimes we are not able to recruit enough clergy to have an assistant spiritual director, so we acknowledge in IV.9 that this is a goal rather than something we will always achieve.

The change to 5.1 moves the list of committees from the bylaws to the standing rules. This allows the board to make adjustments in the way responsibilities are divided up from time to time without having to go through the bylaw amendment process each time.



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I would simply add that the one making the “challenge” and those to whom it was tendered (in love); to pray unceasingly for God’s will to be done and to touch their hearts so these Walks come to fruition.

Give Thanks!

A great big thank you to the folks at Silas UMC for hosting the November Gathering! Over 90 members of the Community and a good number from Silas UMC enjoyed good fellowship, worship, food, and singing. Robert Johnson led us while Vincent Ferguson provided a stirring 4th Day talk and Rev. Joyce Chiles provided a moving clergy response.

Remember the December 18th Gathering at New Hope UMC off the Jedberg I-26 exit! Merry Christmas and Blessings for a Happy New Year to each and everyone of you!

De Colores!

Dudley Patrick

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Article III. Membership

Section 1. All persons who have completed a Walk to Emmaus, Cursillo, Via de Christo, Kairos, Chrysalis, Tres Dias walk or other Fourth Day groups recognized by the National Emmaus Movement may become members by participating in the activities of the Lowcountry Emmaus Community.

Article IV. Board of Director

Section 2. Composition

The Board will consist of fifteen (15) elected members of the Board of Directors. The elected members may be laity or clergy with no more than five (5) being elected clergy to assure the movement is laity led. The Spiritual Director of the Community shall also serve on the Board of Directors with voting rights. No two members of the same family may serve on the Board simultaneously except when one is the Community Spiritual Director.

Section 3. Terms of Office

A) Laypersons on the Board shall be elected by the Community members in three (3) year terms. The Board will prescribe nominations procedures in writing as a standing rule. Election shall be determined by a majority or plurality of votes actually cast.

Section 9. Spiritual Director

The Spiritual Director of the Community shall be elected by the Board of Directors at the March meeting and will take office with the new Board on May 1 of each year. An assistant will may be elected to serve for one year. They will have Voice, but no vote at Board meetings.

Article V. Committees

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall name Board members to chair the following Committees such standing committees as the standing rules shall specify, upon recommendation of the Lay Director:

Article VI. Walk To Emmaus

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall have general oversight in all matters relating to the Lowcountry Walk to Emmaus Community.

Article VII. Amendments

Proposed amendments may be presented to the Board by any member of the Board one (1) month in advance of consideration by the Board. If the amendments are voted in the affirmative by a three-fourths (3/4) vote they will be circulated to the membership by the Community Newsletter and if no petitions signed by at least twenty-five (25) Community members objecting to the new amendments are received, the amendments will be considered adopted. Any objections must be received within sixty (60) days of the mailing of the notification. If an objection petition is received the amendment will be considered voided. If the Board then wishes to submit the amendment to the entire Community for a vote it may do so. A majority or plurality of votes cast by the membership will decide the matter.

DeColores!

David Lupo

Merry Christmas To All...



The Gift That Never Stops Giving...

'Tis the season' for many things...decorating, baking, hanging stockings, spending time with friends and family, and trying to find the perfect gift for all of those on your list. While shopping we always look for something that shows how much we care and remains meaningful for years to come.

This year share the gift of God's grace and love by sponsoring that friend you know would like to go on the Walk to Emmaus. And it's so easy. Just fill out the application, send it in with a \$30 deposit, and we'll take care of getting them registered. Then, in April, you'll hear about their experience of three days filled with joy, learning, songs, fun, fellowship and worship.

Don't delay in sending in your request...if you have questions or need more information, get in touch with any of your local friendly Lowcountry Emmaus Board Members, or you can drop me a line at lpeigler@comcast.net, or give me a call at 843-814-0181.

DeColores!

Leigh

New Song Books in works

The music committee has diligently been praying over, playing over, and discussing the Songbook songs and music, for final selections.

Their prayer is, it will bring new "life" to our Emmaus music and keep our focus on God. Presentation will take place at the Board of Directors meeting on Dec. 18th before the Gathering for vote and printing.

Decolores!

Elaine Walter

2010 Spring Walk

Spring 2010 (confirmed)

Men's Walk— April 15—18

Women's Walk —April 29th—May 2nd

Don't delay— Please submit applications to Registrar. Proceed dates for 25 Pilgrims are:

60 Days prior

Men's—February 15th

Women's—March 1st

TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking.....\$2375.07
Savings\$2619.54
Total\$4994.61



Christmas Greetings

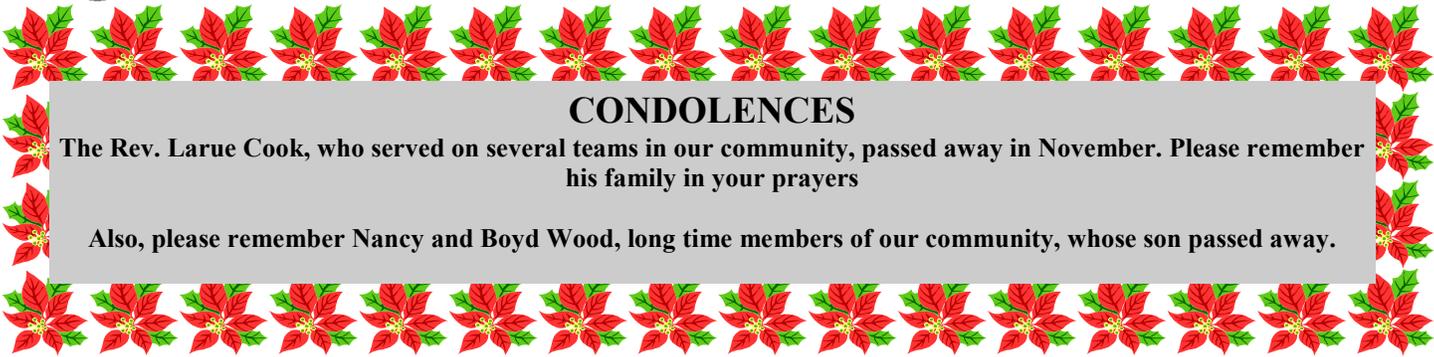
On behalf of your Lowcountry Emmaus Board, we wish you all "Merry Christmas" and a prosperous "Happy New Year"!

May God's love, peace, and joy be with you and your family!

CONDOLENCES

The Rev. Larue Cook, who served on several teams in our community, passed away in November. Please remember his family in your prayers

Also, please remember Nancy and Boyd Wood, long time members of our community, whose son passed away.



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