



### Snacks and Ice Cream

Women's Walk-Help for ice cream party at the camp on Saturday night after candlelight...

Men and Women's walks-Need popcorn already popped in large bags, fruit, veggies & dip, and salty snacks such as chips, nuts, etc.

Please call or e-mail Renee Reid @ 864-463-6446 or

[usscowpens@charter.net](mailto:usscowpens@charter.net)

### Becoming Involved

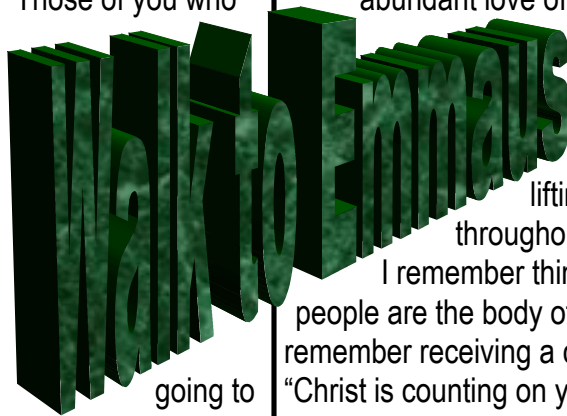
- Attend monthly Gatherings
- Join a Reunion Group
- Provide Table Agape
- Volunteer for Kitchen
- Sign up for the 72 Hour Prayer Vigil
- Attend Candlelight
- Make refreshments and snacks
- Help with camp set-up/clean-up and/or transportation

## Lay Director's Message Lay Director's Message

I grew up in the church, so it was no big surprise when I first set out on my own in my 20s that attending church continued to be an important part of my life. While sometimes intimidating, I would visit churches in hopes of finding that place that felt like home. Then it happened one Sunday during the benediction. I remember it as though it were yesterday. These are the words that the preacher shared, "Well it's Sunday, and it's 12:00. Some of you probably think that church is over for the week. But is it? Those of you who profess to be Christians profess to be the body of Christ. If God is going to travel anywhere this week, he is going to use your feet. If he is going to speak to anyone this week, he is going to use your lips. If he is going to touch anyone this week, he is going to use your hands. Oh yes. It's Sunday, and it's 12:00. But church isn't over for the week. It has just begun."

We are only days away from our Spring walks. It takes numerous people serving in a variety of roles to fulfill the responsibilities of the weekend – setting up the camp, attending sendoff, transporting luggage, providing snacks, preparing meals, supporting the prayer vigil, providing agape, etc. I remember being touched on my walk by how many people acted in servant's roles that weekend in order to ensure that my every need was met so that I could focus on simply absorbing the abundant love of God. I was overwhelmed to discover how many people were lifting us in prayer throughout the weekend. I remember thinking that these people are the body of Christ. I also remember receiving a cross that said, "Christ is counting on you!"

I ask that you lift the pilgrims, the team, the volunteers, and the community in prayer. I hope to see you around over the next few weeks. We are indeed the body of Christ, and Christ is counting on all of us!



## The Christian Community

Our Spring Walks for the Emmaus community are beginning. What an exciting time for everyone involved. As I sit and listen to all of the plans I am truly amazed at just how many volunteers are needed to make this happen. So many giving so much time in order to prepare a place where the Community of Christ can be expanded; what a way to serve our Lord.

In pondering the concept of 'community' I have been drawn to dwell on what community means to us. For many, when we think of the word community, our minds tend to focus on the neighborhoods where we live. Others might respond with the larger community like the side of town we are from or the city in general. Still others might think of their work place as a community. On and on we could identify special places where we belong and call them our community.

Community seems to be an idea of belonging, identifying with, being a vital part of something. And each of us longs to belong to someone or something. Being alone is usually not our choice in life; we much prefer being in community with others.

*"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"* (Psalm 133:1). Although we have the freedom and choice to be a part of a community of Believers, we also have the opportunity to be among unbelievers. Our physical presence with everyone, both Christian and non-Christian, should be a source of incomparable joy, love, and strength. That is our witness! As part of this community of believers, we understand Christianity to mean community through Jesus Christ and in Jesus Christ. Our number one goal as a member of the Christian community is that we offer the message of salvation to all.

The community of Christ has Jesus Christ as the center, the director, the designer, the leader. We are invited to join His community and then invited to extend His invitation to others. "Jesus Christ alone is our unity. He is our peace. Through Him alone do we have access to one another, joy in one another, and fellowship with one another." (Dietrich Bonhoeffer)

As we plan, support, and minister with the new pilgrims, we have a fantastic opportunity to share in the expansion of The Kingdom of God and the Emmaus community. God's call for all of us is to work within His plan to build up and expand the His kingdom.. Do we really embrace this privilege of service? If so, I encourage us to rededicate ourselves to praying, volunteering, supporting, and welcoming all involved in this exciting Emmaus ministry. This is a perfect place to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with others.

De Colores!

Peggy Garland

Spiritual Director





## Agape

I want to take a moment to say "thank you" to those who have already turned in their table agape, and to remind our community and reunion groups that it is still not too late to get your agape together for the spring walks. If your table agape is linked to a particular talk, please label it accordingly so that I can make certain it is placed on the tables at the appropriate time. I will be at send off and will be happy to accept table agape at that time. For all "last minute" table agape, I will be at the camp early on Friday morning.

I also need to remind all sponsors of the recent changes to our letter agape guidelines. To remain compliant with Upper Room direction, all letters need to have senders name and relationship to the pilgrim on the envelope. For example, letters from a pilgrim's pastor, spouse, sponsor, child, brother/sister, or friend should be clearly written on the outside of the envelope. Additionally, each pilgrim will receive 12 letters on Sunday afternoon, so I will need to ensure that the most important letters make it to the table. It would be a shame for husbands and wives to miss each others' letters. All letter agape beyond 12 will be bundled together and available for the sponsor to pick up from me prior to Sunday night's closing. I will have a table set up at the back of the main room for this purpose. I will also have a basket at the candle light services to receive agape letters.

Please feel free contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you for all your efforts!

George Yoder  
(Agape Chairperson)

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## Kitchen

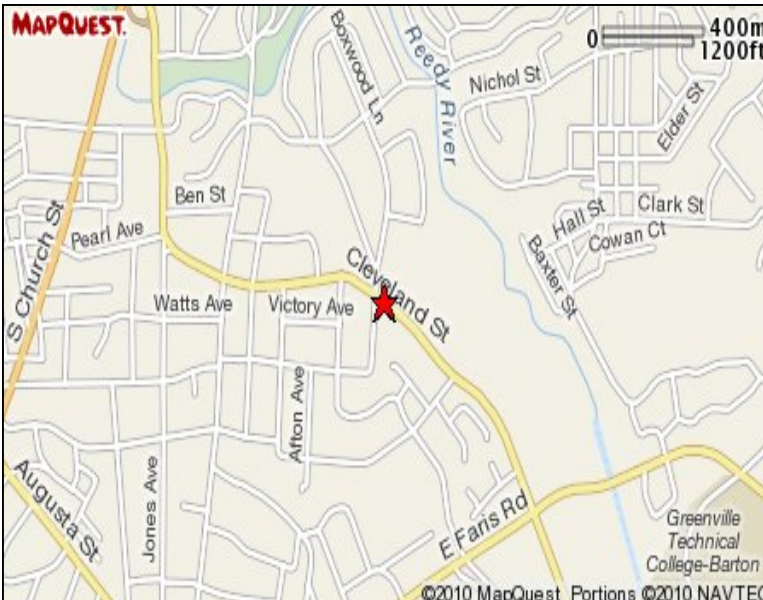
On behalf of all the hard working kitchen angels, I would like to welcome our newest members to the Foothills Emmaus Community. I'm sure you all can appreciate the many people it takes to have a successful walk. In the kitchen, we require over 75 people each weekend to prepare and serve the food.

There are many different areas that you can serve to help make the fall walks successful. The great thing about the kitchen is the opportunity to meet other members of the community. Your responsibilities include preparing and serving the meals, praying for the speakers, and cleaning dishes and resetting the tables for the next meal. You will be given opportunities to sign up for the kitchen beginning in August for the fall walks.

You've never been much of a cook? Don't let that stop you. We will have an experienced weekend captain and an experienced day captain both of whom will instruct you in the fine art of the Emmaus kitchen.

Decolores,  
Lydia Beck,  
Walk#13, Table of Elizabeth





## March “Follow Up” Gathering

**March 19th; 7:30pm**

**St. Matthews UMC  
701 Cleveland St.  
Greenville, SC 29601**

Closed Gathering

**Welcoming/Informational Gathering for  
the new pilgrims;**

**Sponsors be sure to bring yours!**

### **Lay Speaking Ministries Update**

Spring lay speaking ministries schools are being announced in several districts. For those of us who are United Methodist Lay Speakers, remember we have to take a class at least every 3 years. Schools for the Spring are:

Greenville: April 10, 24

Greenwood: May 2, 16

Spartanburg: April 11, 18, 25

The most up to date information for most districts is on the conference lay speaking web site:

[www.sclayspeaking.org](http://www.sclayspeaking.org).

If you have questions or would like to become a lay speaker you can talk to several members of our community:

Beth Lewis - Spartanburg district director

Ray McCoy - Greenwood district director

Marilyn Boyer – Greenville associate director

Chris Dawson – Greenwood associate director

Ray McCoy

Walk 32

Table of Peter



### **How Can I Sponsor a Pilgrim?**

Sponsorship is the most important job that any member of an Emmaus Community can perform. It is the most important form of agape. Sponsorship is a gift and a responsibility. The aim of a sponsor is to build up the body of Christ. If you are considering sponsoring someone for a walk please begin by praying for those you feel God is leading you to sponsor. Make an appointment with the person or couple to discuss his or her participation in Emmaus. Have them fill out the forms completely and legibly. You can download a form from the website [www.foothillsemmaus.org](http://www.foothillsemmaus.org) or at any gathering.

An application must be accompanied by a \$25 non-refundable deposit and a completed Sponsor's form. Any form that is incomplete or illegible will be returned to the sponsor. The balance of the cost is due at Send-Off.

Please read the Sponsor's Responsibilities section of the application. The responsibilities are updated periodically so be sure to read them carefully!

A full walk consists of 36 pilgrims. We can only accept 6 pilgrims per church. There are 10 single men and 10 single ladies accepted per Walk. More information is to come.

May God Bless you in your Fourth Days!

DeColores,

Laura Keck “Registrar”