

FOOTPRINTS— IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST

BUILDING LEADERS IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2009

Why the Walk to Emmaus?

Something struck me last Sunday when I was attending Worship Service that made me do some investigative work.

As I was watching and listening to the choir I started to count the members who had attended the Walk to Emmaus. Of the 27 people in Choir that day, 14 had been on the walk! Then I counted up the rest of those who participated in the service which included our ministers; Smoke and George Scott, and me since I gave the children's sermon. I included the Pianist, Organist and Choir Director in the total. The bottom line is that of the 33 people who participated in Worship Service that Sunday morning, 17, over half, had been on a Walk.

I took this a step farther which included looking into the different committees in the church to see what the make-up of Emmaus members were. The results were astonishing!

On the Administrative Board, the current Chair had attended as well as the two previous Chairpersons. In addition there were several on the Board. Then there was SPRC, Outreach, Discipleship, Evangelism, all populated with church members who had been on the walk! On every committee in the church, there were people who had been on the walk!

In addition, the Chairpersons of the UMM and UMW, The Director of Children's Ministry, our Lay Leader, Church Administrative Assistant, all three of our Ministers, Wednesday night Children's Program leader, and many of the Sunday School teachers and Bible Study leaders had walked. And two new ministries that are starting up in the church this fall were both started and will be lead by participants of Emmaus.

As you know, the purpose of Emmaus is for each of us to go back to our churches and contribute to the church and work in the name of Jesus Christ.

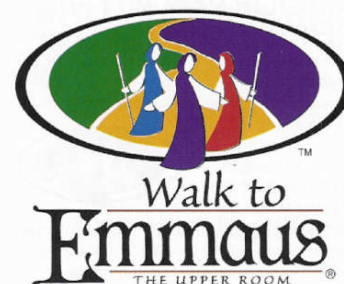
The people from Mauldin have done just that! With close to 100 members having attended the Walk over the years, most are involved in the church in one way or another!

I look at the various churches represented in our community; big churches and small, and see how they too have members who are so vital to the community. In Greenwood, Abbeville, Spartanburg, Greer Greenville all throughout the Districts. Think of the number of people in your church who have not attended the walk and what it could do for them and your church! Think of the number of churches that have not sent people on the walk. Think what it could do for them!

I urge you to reach out to your pastor and let them know how vital Emmaus is to the growth of the person, church and The Body of Christ. Suggest to them, if they have not already attended a walk to attend. I assure you they will become advocates of the Walk. For all the Pastors that have attended, I encourage you to promote Emmaus to those in your church and especially to the members you feel are leaders and potential leaders. It's not too late to sponsor someone for the Fall Walk! So Why the Walk to Emmaus? Because Christ is Counting on us!

In His Service

John MacKeil
Community Lay
Director



The Walk to Emmaus Trains Active Local Church Leaders!

United Methodist Lay Speaking Ministries News

There are many lay speakers in the Foothills Emmaus community so we thought it would be a good idea to occasionally put notes in our newsletter regarding lay speaking activities. The Foothills community has 2 district directors and 2 assistant district directors as members: Beth Lewis is the district director for Spartanburg and Ray McCoy is the district director for Greenwood. Marilyn Bowyer is the assistant director for Greenville and Chris Dawson is the assistant director in Greenwood. You can find the most up to date information on the conference web site: www.sclayspeaking.org and we encourage you to check occasionally to see what is coming up in your district. On the topic of lay speaking schools, we know it is hard to find a time when everyone can make it. If you need to take a class, you are not required to take one only in your district. If there is another district that offers a school at a more convenient time, by all means sign up. The coming fall schools are;

Greenville: October 4, 18, 25 at Sharon UMC in Greer

Greenwood: October 18, 25 at St. Mark UMC in Greenwood

Spartanburg: Refresher Only on August 30, fall school September 20, 27,
October 4 at St. Luke UMC

If you are interested in becoming a United Methodist lay speaker, talk to one of the directors or assistant directors in our community or one of the United Methodist clergy. We would be happy to tell you more about the program.

DeColores!

Ray McCoy

Walk 32 Table of Peter



The Colors of God's Love



Grace upon Grace flowing down from heaven
into the eyes, the hearts of the believers
from the hands, the hearts of our brothers, our sisters
the colors of God's love
a cascade, living waters,
washing over our trembling hearts
pouring down, a libation, like anointing oils
feeling the joy, the hope, the love
shared with us each day
active means of grace
the living vibrant colors of God's love.

by **Raymond A. Foss**

April 26, 2009
Walk to Emmaus



Interested in Becoming a Board Member?

Nominations are now being accepted for the Board! Elections will be held in October to fill positions starting January 2010. Nominees must be active members of the Community, have served in the Conference Room at least once, and be a member of a reunion group. Candidates must have a servant's heart and a willingness to serve the Emmaus Community.

If interested please contact John MacKeil at jmackeil@bellsouth.net or Leah O'Neal at bloneal1@bellsouth.net.



FALL WALK UPDATE AND AGAPE!

Sponsorship is one of the most rewarding acts of agape you can experience. The dates of the Fall Walks are: Men- Oct. 1-4 and Ladies- Oct. 8-11. At this time we have 2 men and 12 ladies registered for the fall walks. There are no openings for single ladies at this time. We have 2 single ladies on the waiting list. We need a minimum of 20 men and 20 ladies for the fall walks. We have a long way to go. The deadline for turning in applications is September 18. All applications received after that September 18 will be placed on the list for the spring walks.



Get Those Applications In!!!

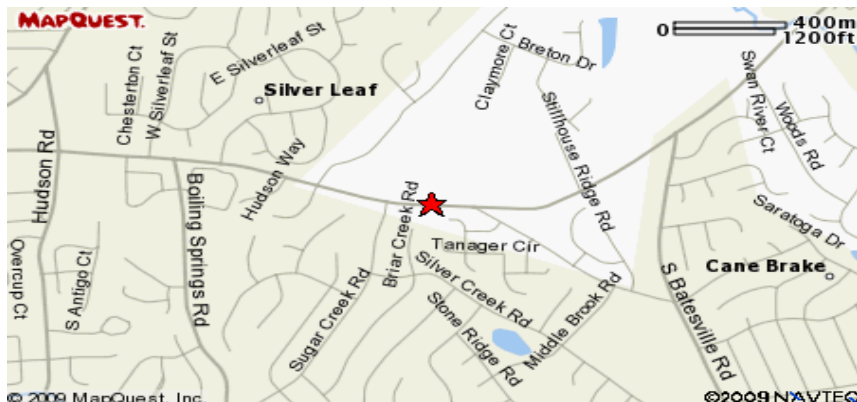
When talking with to a perspective pilgrim please let them know ahead of time that they will not be able to use any electronic devices (including cell phone, laptop, ipod, beeper, blackberry, digital camera, etc.) for the duration of the Walk. Please help your potential pilgrim fill out the registration forms. Please make sure that they are aware of our health policy. Make sure that the form is complete before sending it in to me. This includes a pastor's signature. If an application is incomplete it will be returned to you and will be reviewed when complete.

Please do not call me or email me to "save a spot" for your potential pilgrim. The list is comprised of those who have turned in completed applications with the \$25 non refundable deposit.

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September Gathering

Covenant UMC
1310 Old Spartanburg Rd.
Greer, SC 29650



Barbara Rambo
Foothills Emmaus News Chairperson
103 Brookwood Lane
Greenwood, SC 29646
864-223-0285

Future Gatherings

October 16th

Mauldin UMC
(Follow-Up—No Visitors, please)

November 20th

Fall Walks #39

Men's Oct. 1-4
Women's Oct. 8-11

FALL WALK UPDATE AND AGAPE! (CONTINUED)

As you start mailing out requests for agape letters please keep in mind that it isn't the quantity of letters but the quality of each letter that counts. Sponsors are responsible for collecting 8 to 12 well-chosen for each pilgrim. Please make note of the relationship to the pilgrim on the outside of the envelope. If more than 12 letters are received, the sponsor includes family letters and close friends in the 12 and saves the rest for a "Fourth Day surprise".

Deliver the agape letters to the agape person prior to the weekend, at send-off (very discretely) or at Candlelight. **NO INDIVIDUAL ACTS OF AGAPE FOR ANY PILGRIM - LETTERS ONLY!**

You can download an application on the website -www.foothillsemmaus.org.

You can mail the application to my home (147 Stoddard Mill Rd., Gray Court, SC 29645) or to the address on the application. Please do not attempt to turn in an application at team training or to any other board member. Decolores! Laura Keck, Registrar

