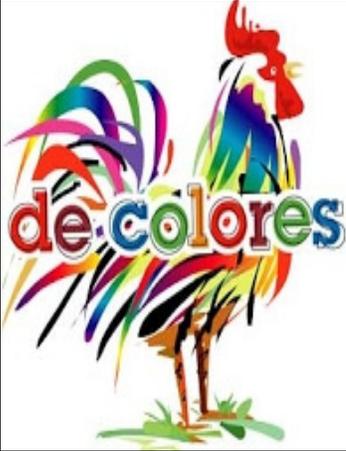


The Rooster Crows



Seaside Emmaus Fall Walks
Men' Walk -
Sept. 23 – 26, 2021
Lay Director: Rick Dusenbury
Spiritual Director: Pam Muise

Women's Walk – 148
Sept. 30 – Oct. 3, 2021
Lay Director: Garvin Gilley
Spiritual Director: Mike Henderson



Seaside Emmaus Community www.seasideemmaus.com
March 2021

It's GATHERING Time!!!!

**We're getting together at
Socastee United Methodist Church**

Hosted by Remnants Church

Friday April 16th, 2021 ~ 7 PM

We look forward to seeing you all there!

For directions please go to the Gatherings page on www.SeasideEmmaus.com

HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN?

How long has it been since you hosted a gathering? Have you missed seeing your old friends? We have missed you!

I realize that last year was a difficult year for all our churches; however, this year is becoming better and better! Praise God!! Our last gathering was in December 2020 at Socastee UMC. We all NEED to get back together! I am asking if there is any church willing to host the May Gathering? We have moved the gathering to the 9th because of Easter. PLEASE consider this request.

If you have not had a gathering in 2, 3 or more years, please give it some prayerful You may reach me at cjsing222@gmail.com or 843-450-5854. I can't wait to hear from you!! Have a very Happy Easter and may God's love shine down upon you.

God Bless,

Harriet Witten ~ Gatherings Coordinator

Message from Community Lay Director

LOADED WITH LOVE

*....Praise the Lord, I tell myself, and never forget the good things he does for me.
He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases.
He ransoms me from death and surrounds me with love and tender mercies.
He fills my life with good things.
Psalm 103:2-5*

It's time to let God's love cover all things in your life. All secrets. All hurts. All hours of evil, minutes of worry.

The mornings you awoke in the bed of a stranger?? His love will cover that. The years you peddled prejudice and pride? His love will cover that. Every promise broken, drug taken, penny stolen. Every cross word, cuss word, and harsh word. His love covers all things.

Let it. Discover along with the psalmist: "He... loads me with love and mercy." Picture a giant dump truck full of love. There you are behind it. God lifts the bed until the love starts to slide. Slowly at first, then down, down, down until you are hidden, buried, covered in His love. "Hey, where are you?" someone asks. "In here, COVERED IN LOVE."

Max Lucado

Max Lucado may have said it, but it is my wish for the Seaside Emmaus Community.

I wish you all the love it takes to heal whatever is keeping you in chains. All we have to do is ask with a sincere heart and God will do the rest. We can help start the healing--- come back and join us for a Gathering.....we are waiting----and most of all God is waiting, with more love than you can imagine!!!! **DeColores, Jim Witten**

AGAPE LOVE GIFTS NEEDED FOR WALKS

I hope everyone is staying warm and well. Spring is just around the corner as well as the fall walks. My job as Agape Coordinator is to be responsible for various forms of Agape distribution during the walks. Let's please remember our pilgrims by showing our love with various Agape for the walks. We all remember how important those gifts were to our walks. If there are any new reunion groups that would like to donate Agape, we would certainly welcome it. If you have any questions give me a call. Mandi Hewitt 843-333-7031

HOUSING

Attention to all able and willing bodies in Seaside Emmaus. We all know that the past year has been challenging for all of us because of COVID19. As a board member of our community is our responsibility to try and maintain a positive attitude for our future. Both personal and the Seaside Community as well. Our prayer is that we will be able to have walks in the fall of this year. Therefore we need to start now in making those plans. We have a slight problem in making this happen. Our board is short on members in some positions. One of those positions is Housing.

What does housing do? Well, we set up the facility for the walks. and take down the setup. it also includes removing from storage all of our needed materials and placing them back into storage after the walks have been completed. This requires help and two board members. We currently only have one board member and that is me (Bob Elwood). I am requesting some able willing body to step up to the plate and take this open position. It will be for three years. Most of all **PRAY HARD FOR COMMUNITY AND THE WALKS.**

Thank you again and may God Bless! Bob Elwood

A WORD FROM THE TREASURER

Brothers and Sisters

What a year it has been for our community, our churches, and our great country.

I am writing to make everyone aware of what is going on with the treasury. The community is required to maintain insurance coverage by the Upper Room. This past year we experienced a substantial increase in our General Liability premiums. This had to do with the way the company computes our exposure. Also, we have had two price increases for our storage unit in Surfside. Due to the COVID-19 we had to cancel both walks last year and have had only four gatherings resulting in little or no income. Bottom line is the Community still has expenses and needs your help. Soon we may be able to accept donations through our website, but until then I would encourage you to send your donations to Post Office Box 1084, Conway, S.C. 29528. DeColores, Jack McKinnon, your Treasurer

NEEDED – SOMEONE TO BE THE MUSIC BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Music responsibilities: (you don't have to be able to play an instrument or sing for this Board Position – just be willing to get people who can fulfill these roles)

*Check with gathering church to see if they have musicians (if not provide music)

*For walks:

- make sure someone is there for send-off to help lead song
- provide music for communion
- provide music for community service on Sunday before celebration
- provide music for celebration

FROM THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR.....

“What’s the most important talk of the weekend?” Some folks have asked me this question from time to time. I tell them it all depends on where your life is at the moment. Sometimes that first talk, the one on Priorities, needs to be reviewed. We need to check on what our priorities are (because they can change without us even thinking about it). By the way, did you know that originally, the word “priority” had no plural. Something was either prior, or it was not. I like to remember that. What’s my priority- the one thing that takes precedence over everything else?

I think for many of us, and for our community as a whole, right now, the most important talk would be the last one. The one the weekend lay director gives. It is Perseverance. We have been going through this pandemic (and so many other things) for over a year now, and most of us are tired of it and ready to move on. But we are not through the wilderness yet. Can you imagine if the children of Israel had complained after a year of being in the wilderness? Well.....actually, they did. And because they complained, because they wanted to go back to the way things were, they were not yet ready to enter the Promised Land. It took another 39 years for God to mold them into the people he wanted them to be.

The wilderness does that. It either molds us into a new stronger people, or it turns us against one another and destroys us. And the truth is, either way is up to us. If we persevere, we come out on the other side stronger, more united, and dedicated to being God’s people. If we give up, complain, try to short-cut the things God is doing to us, then we end up angry, bitter, and divided.

What does it take to persevere? I would tell you, but I don’t need to. Go back to your notes from your weekend. Look at your notes from the last talk. That will tell you what you need to know.

De Colores-

Mike Henderson

