



Monthly Newsletter of
THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY EMMAUS COMMUNITY
April, 2010

UPCOMING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

PLEASE JOIN US!

MAY, 2010

- DODU/FollowUp – Sat, May 8, 9am-12noon, Asbury UMC
- Board Meeting – Thurs, May 13, 7pm, Asbury UMC
- Gathering – Fri, May 28, 7pm, Asbury UMC

JUNE, 2010

- Board Meeting – Thurs, Jun 10, 7pm, Asbury UMC
- Gathering – Fri, Jun 25, 7pm, Asbury UMC

JULY, 2010

- Board Meeting – Thurs, Jul 8, 7pm, Asbury UMC
- Gathering – Fri, Jul 23, 7pm, Asbury UMC

AUGUST, 2010

- Chrysalis Flight: August 12-15 (boys & girls)
- Family Picnic: Sunday, August 29th at Blessings Lodge

Monthly Gatherings are held on the last Friday of each month at **Asbury United Methodist Church**, located at 205 S. Main Street (Route 11 North), at the corner of Main and Bruce Streets in downtown Harrisonburg. Travel north on Main Street past the church to Water Street. Turn left on Water Street then another left onto Liberty Street. Turn left into the lot behind the church.

Walk through the gate and enter the building through the door on the lower level. Once inside, go up to the 3rd floor and follow the "joyful noise" to the group in Slaven Hall. See you there! ☺

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP OVERLOOK:

From Washington/Baltimore: I-95 Beltway & Rt.55 to I-81 South to Exit 257 South on Rt.11, Left on Rt.806, Right on Rt.620, Left on Rt.722

From Richmond/Tidewater: I-64 West to I-81, then North to Exit 251, follow Harrisonburg instructions below

From Harrisonburg: I-81 North to Exit 251, Rt.11 North, right on Rt.721, left on Rt.717, right on Rt.811, right on Rt.722

Visit our local community online at: sveconline.org

Community Lay Director:

Spring Greetings to all!

Ah yes, the sweet smell of spring and all its' happenings. The birds return in full song. The plants and grass begin to show signs of life. And - The Walk To Emmaus happens. These are just a few of the things that make springtime wonderful. Let's talk about the last one. By now the walks are over and the Pilgrims have become the newest members of the Community. At least I pray that they have. This, my Brothers and Sisters depends on each of you and what kind of sponsor you have been. I know that somewhere in the training process it is stated that we should never have a walk just to "have a walk". I would like to include something else. We should never sponsor a Pilgrim just to "sponsor a Pilgrim". This is not to say that this Community doesn't have its share of dedicated sponsors who do what sponsors should. My concern is with sponsors (like me) who don't follow through on their commitment to get that new member into a reunion group and take them to DODU and to the first Gathering after their walk. This is so very important to the growth of that person and the continued follow-up that makes Emmaus different from all other spiritual events. We stress this at every opportunity. Some of the talks contain those very words. I know that we tell the new members at DODU that if they never attend another Emmaus event but instead go back to their local churches and get involved, Emmaus has served its' purpose. That's true, but we also want them to become a part of our Community. Or at least know enough about the Community to decide for themselves if they want to be active. If we don't offer the people we sponsor an introduction to the Community, we may be cheating them of untold opportunities of fellowship and service. I have recently seen some applications from other Communities and I saw one I really like. There was an application for the sponsor to complete. It asked questions like, "Will you take your Pilgrim to the event?" "Will you attend Sponsor's Hour?" "Will you attend candlelight?" "Will you attend Closing?" (So far they haven't been that tough.) "Will you introduce your Pilgrim to your Reunion Group or help them find one?" "Will you bring your Pilgrim to the follow-up meeting (DODU)?" "Will you bring your Pilgrim to the first Gathering?" These are very important questions that we need to ponder. If you sponsored a Pilgrim for the Spring Walks, did you do these things? At the next Emmaus event you attend, look around and

answer these questions. Are the people you have sponsored still active in the Community? If they aren't, do we know why? How about your Sponsor? Are they still active? If not, call them and tell them you miss them and want to take them to the next event. Are you still active? If you aren't, we miss you and would love to see you at the next event. Please take some time and prayerfully consider how we sponsor and support those who we have introduced to this wonderful vehicle of God's grace, called the Walk To Emmaus. Better yet, come out and tell us how you have been doing. We can always use speakers for Fourth Day talks.

*DeColores,
Doug Purdham, Community Lay Director*

E-Union

Do you remember all the prayer that went into your walk weekend and that continues throughout your forth days?

The eunion_prayer is a web/email based part of the Shenandoah Valley Emmaus Community. Our purpose is to lift ourselves and others in the Shenandoah Valley Emmaus Community and beyond in prayer to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

I would like to explore if there is interest in starting online reunion groups. Please contact me at roygnelson@hotmail.com and indicate if you are interested in the prayer line, the online reunion group, or both.

Roy Nelson, SVEC #29

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

DODU/FollowUp Saturday, May 8th

Chrysalis Flight: August 12-15 (boys & girls)

Family Picnic: Sunday, August 29th at Blessings Lodge

Fall Walks: October 7-10 Men's / October 14-17 Women's

Keep in Touch...

Please notify us of any change in e-mail address, snail mail address and telephone numbers! We want to keep our records as current as possible. Also, if you are currently receiving a hard copy by USPS bulkmail, and would like to receive it electronically, please inform us with current email and send your request to Tim Armentrout at svec@ntelos.net.

Welcome to the Community!

Join us in welcoming our most recent members!

Come out on Saturday, May 8th to Asbury UMC in Harrisonburg to meet and greet each one of our newest community members at our special follow-up reunion celebration!

Todd Bowman	Laura Baker
Chuckie Brogen	Jeanne Barker
Terry Campbell	Sara Barnett
Dubby Combs	Jenny Berkebile
David Dean, Jr	Brandy Clanton
Terry Denton	Kathy Clements
Charlie Higgs	Priscilla Cottman
Ken Hoffman	Caryn Covell
Tom Keithley	Lynne Cox
Mardy Marston	Shirley Daddario
John Massengill	Linda Day
Brian McNulty	Missie Diebert
Dave Naser	Dawn Fanella
Kermit Orndorff	Kay Gillispie
John Pirkey, Sr	Linda Goodson
Bob Reed, Sr	Doretta Kern
David Ribet	Pat Lang
Randy Robinson	Sue Lipscomb
Justin Smith	Gina Massengill
Scott Snead	Beverly Mongold
Bruce Yahner	Monnie Reed
Philip Zirk	Linda Rhodes
	Crystal Shanholtz
	Mary Shull
	JoAnna Smith
	Amanda Snead
	Linda Stoneburner
	Yvonne Washington
	Jane Zimmerman
	Jane Zimmerman

Emmaus Pilgrim Applications

Applications will be made available at monthly gatherings as well as available online at: sveconline.org (click on “forms” at left).

If you have trouble locating an application, please speak with your pastor or sponsor. It is never too soon to begin inviting others! *(Please remember: NEVER promise a walk date!)*

If you are a new member of our community, please complete a “Christian Action” form and let us know your interests and how you’d like to share your talents with God’s people!

Greetings from Walk #70

God has a plan for this walk and we have given ourselves to Him. God definitely put this walk together and everyone is excited about getting together again.

I would like to thank all the willing servants that offered to serve. It has really been a blessing. God is good all the time, and all the time God is good! Great things are happening and will continue to happen when God is in control – yet we still are amazed.

Blessings to all of you!

Mary Jane Tester, LD Walk #70

Music

I am continuing to update the community music list, so we will be prepared for this year’s events. If you play an instrument I would love to hear from you. There are many opportunities to share the talent God has given you. Gatherings are a wonderful place to spread your wings with other musicians. Keep playing and singing. Christ’s love to all.

*Steve Garner, Community Music Representative
540-241-0278 or pastorstevegarner@gmail.com*

Prayer Vigil

Thank you all so much for filling all the prayer slots on our 72-hour prayer vigil! Continue to keep our most recent pilgrims in prayer for their fourth days.

Pray for our upcoming Chrysalis Flights and Fall Walks as team members are selected and begin preparations AND for pilgrims and caterpillars as applications come in.

Come, let us worship and bow down. Psalm 95:6a

Thank you to all who served God by setting up the altar for worship and/or baking bread for communion for walks 69 and 70. Welcome new members to SVEC, are you looking for a special way to take part in our next Emmaus walks? What better way than to set the stage for meaningful worship? If you are interested in serving in this way, please contact Lisa Garner @ 540-294-5472 or e-mail lisa.hopeforthefuture@gmail.com.

Set Up/Clean Up

A HUGE THANK YOU... to everyone who came together to help with set-up and clean-up for our spring walks! The community really came together to make light of a lot of needed tasks. From carrying boxes and putting chairs up/down to sweeping floors and ensuring windows are closed and trash is out... all of your help is greatly appreciated! Special thanks to all the camp staff!

There is always plenty of ways that each of YOU can help behind the scenes and we will be needing you for our walks in October! Please be sure to let me know how you'd like to be the hands and feet of Christ during our next walks. DeColores!

*Paul Goulart, SetUp/CleanUp Coordinator
goulartpaul@hotmail.com, 540-405-9035, 540-298-1779*

LOST AND FOUND:

After our Oct, 2009 walks, the following items remain unclaimed:

If these items belong to someone you know, please contact Nancy Goulart or any board member!

- black wrist brace
- blue sleeping bag
- white bed pillow
- blue sleeping mat
- black umbrella
- blue flip flops
- blue windbreaker jacket
- blue pullover sweatshirt
- black zippered fleece
- white towel and facecloth and soup saver

Agape

I want to thank all that helped give to the Emmaus experience. I am sure that all of us whether we were pilgrims, team, or behind the scenes felt and saw the great things only God can supply. I am always humbled and thankful for the hard work of the Emmaus community at these walks. I do pray that you had a great time up on the mountain learning about, listening to or helping Christ. The experience is different for everyone. Just take the knowledge you have acquired, mull it over and enjoy it.

*Tracey Calderon
Agape Chairperson*

HELP WANTED!

The Shenandoah Valley Emmaus Community is seeking a person or persons that have been blessed with talents in the field of Web Design. Please visit our site www.sveconline.org for a preview of the current site and contact Tim Armentrout at svec@ntelos.net if you are interested in participating in our web page design.

Treasurer

We are working to set up a scholarship fund for SVEC and Chrysalis. The scholarship fund will be made available to assist with fees required for walk weekends, both pilgrim and teaming. If you would like to make donations to this new fund please feel free to do so and write "Scholarship" in the memo part of your checks. Either mail them or bring the donations to our next gathering.

Just a quick note to let everyone know, that when you sponsor a pilgrim, the walk weekend fees do not have to be paid by one individual. We have many pilgrims who are sponsored by reunion groups or multiple individuals. This helps to take the total financial burden off of a single person. Also, because of our current economic times it is OK to make payments for the pilgrim fees if needed. Just make sure that when you do pay in payments that you mark on the check the pilgrim's name in the memo section.

*Decolores,
Kevin Poeckert, Treasurer
SVEC walk #59, Table of Mark*

Refreshments

Did you like the refreshments that you had at the chapel on Thursday evening and at the closing on Sunday? I am new to this position and I need your input. Let me know what you really liked so that I continue to have it available. I have some idea of the favorites by what I had left and by which bowls were empty. I will see you at Day of Deeper Understanding {DODU}, yes we eat there also.

Welcome to our new members and I hope to see you the last Friday of each month for the Gatherings. It is a time to renew your feeling from the mountain and join with friends and meet new ones. I am truly blessed to be a part of this Emmaus family and I hope to see you soon. You'll find me where the refreshments are.

DeColores, Jeannie Bosserman
Board Representative-Refreshments
jbosserman@stellarone.com

New Officers – Our 2010 Board of Directors:

Community Lay Director: Doug Purdham

Assistant Community Lay Director: Marlene Chandler

Community Spiritual Director: Doug Martin

Treasurer: Kevin Poeckert

Secretary: Shelby Haley

Registrar: Lora Buracker

Walk Events: Stacy Lam

Supplies: Gary Fishel

Set-up/Clean-up: Paul Goulart

Prayer Vigil: Esther Malloy

Agape: Tracey Calderon

Worship: Lisa Garner

Music: Steve Garner

Refreshments: Jeannie Bosserman

Childcare: *vacancy*

Communications: Nancy Goulart

Kairos Rep./Liaison: Tim Armentrout

How Can I Help??

Please complete and tear off this volunteer sheet and get it to one of our board members today! Thank you for giving to the Lord!

You are invited to participate in our Emmaus community in the following ways:

- Music: what instrument? _____
- Support Walks Events by helping with:
 - set-up/clean-up, food preparation, serving meals, agape, 72-hour prayer vigil, candlelight set-up, assist weekend coordinator childcare, worship, refreshments, music, other
- Serve on a Team (*please complete a team application*)
- Serve on a Committee:
- Entertainment: sing, dance, comedy, other _____

If you are interested in more information about any of these volunteer positions, please contact any board member. We'd love to help you get connected! God bless!

Upper Room Walk to Emmaus of the Shenandoah Valley

PO Box 282, Fishersville, VA 22939

Board of Directors: Second Thur each month

Monthly Gatherings:

Augusta mini gathering	First Friday each month
Front Royal mini gathering	Third Friday each month
Harrisonburg main gathering	Last Friday each month

Emmaus Walks:

Spring 2010	Apr 15-18 & 22-25
Fall 2010	Oct 7-10 & 14-17

Day of Deeper Understanding: May 8

Chrysalis:

2009 Chrysalis Flight #4	August 12-15
Journey	TBA

Visit SVECONLINE.ORG for directions, calendar, & information.

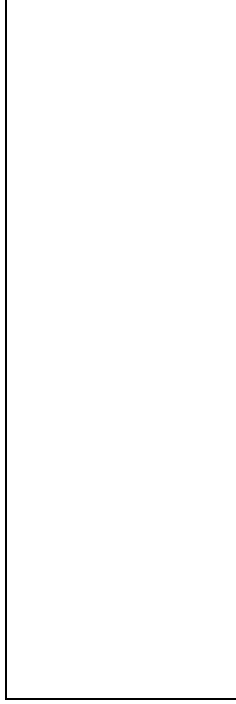
Upper Room Emmaus of the Shenandoah Valley

c/o SVEC Treasurer,

PO Box 282

Fishersville, VA 22939

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