



Monthly Newsletter of  
THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY EMMAUS COMMUNITY

August, September, 2010

**UPCOMING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

***PLEASE JOIN US!***

**AUGUST, 2010**

- Board Meeting – Thurs, Aug 12, 7pm, Asbury UMC
- Chrysalis Flight: CANCELLED
- Family Picnic: Sunday, August 29th at Blessings Lodge

**SEPTEMBER, 2010**

- Board Meeting – Thurs, Sep 9, 7pm, Asbury UMC
- Gathering – Fri, Sep 24, 7pm, Asbury UMC

**OCTOBER, 2010**

- Board Meeting – TBD
- No Gathering – Join us for Candlelight and Walk Events!
- DODU/FollowUp – Sat, Oct 30, 9am-12noon, Asbury UMC

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

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***Upper Room Walk to Emmaus of the Shenandoah Valley***

PO Box 282, Fishersville, VA 22939

## **From Our Community Lay Director:**

### Summertime Greetings!

It's hard to believe that summer is here in full force. But, I'm sure each of you has experienced some of the sizzling days we have been having. After giving it much thought, I have decided that my contribution to this edition will be a "hodge-podge" of stuff I want to share with you. I choose that method for several reasons. First, it's harder now to remember and keep my focus on one subject (some of you may be able to relate to this). Secondly, there are so many things that I want to discuss that I might miss one. This way I can just throw it in whenever I think of it.

### Christian Action Forms

These were a wonderful idea. However, it has come to light recently that we may not be doing such a great job of following up when we receive them. If you have completed one and have never been contacted by a Walk Lay Director or a member of the Board, I apologize for that. We have recently found a large "black hole" in the process of how we distribute those forms to the people who should have that information. I pledge to do a better job at that. We are going to be sure that we have the forms at Gatherings so that you have the opportunity to complete a new one. We never want to miss giving someone the opportunity to serve their Community.

### Where is Everybody?

I realize that not everyone signed on to become an "Emmaus Junkie" like some of us. However, there ought to be more members visible at any given event. We do a beautiful job of supporting the Walks. There are few things more beautiful and touching than our Community at Candlelight. I'm not referring to those times. I'm more interested in the times we have 30 people at Gatherings. I know it means something to those 30 and they are blessed by it. But, you know what I have found out. They miss you! There are so many people that I would love to see and catch up with. I know that I am free to contact them at any time but it would just be so much easier if we "rekindled" at an Emmaus event. We hope that all of you plan to attend the picnic in August. It is a great time to sit and share with your Community Brothers and Sisters.

## Where is Everybody (Part 2)?

I've had another realization. This Community has conducted 70+ walks. Based on the fact that we used to have 3 Women's walks a year, we should have more than 2000 members in the community. With that many members, it should take little effort to have 30 pilgrims on each walk. But, we don't. The fact remains that our application file has continued to shrink. It remains a challenge to get a pool of applications built up. As you know, we must have at least 15 committed for each walk. To date there are less than 10 of either men or women's applications. Do we not want to share that experience with anyone? Have we (certainly myself included) decided that it's just no use? People just keep telling us no. Well, it occurred to me that there is one group who will not tell me no. That group is the people that God desires to be on those designated walks. It's just my task to keep asking until I come into contact with those chosen people. Don't give up. Keep searching and God will lead you to the "yeses"! Let's all commit to building up that application file. How could we possibly tell a Walk Lay Director and their team that we will have to skip their walk because we don't have enough pilgrims? Pray for God to lead you to those He desires for the walks.

### Reminders:

Don't forget the annual picnic at the Blessings Lodge on Sunday August 29. If you are unable to attend the picnic, remember to cast your absentee ballot for the Board elections.

Please pray for the teams and upcoming walks. Find the pilgrim that God desires you to sponsor and decide what you want to do during the fall walks and offer your assistance in whatever area you are led. Keep your Board of Directors in your prayers.

And lastly, attend an upcoming Emmaus event because there is someone who misses you greatly and needs to spend some time in your presence. Call your sponsor or someone you have sponsored and ride together. It just may be the blessing that you have been needing!

Have a safe and happy summer and fall. God's blessings upon you all!

Dear Emmaus Family,

It is with much sadness that we have to report the untimely passing of Jeannie Bosserman. As some of you know, Jeannie was a member of your Board of Directors.

She loved this Community and she was very dedicated and committed to serving and seeing that we all had plenty of food when we met. Please lift her family up in prayer. She will be missed by those closest to her and those who served with her.

### Opportunities Abound!

As you read this, God is in the process of training the teams He has selected to serve on the fall walks. Please keep Bobby Ford and Michelle Bacon and their teams in your prayers. I know from keeping in touch with them during the process that the attacks are there and they need your prayers. They also need your support in any way you can offer it. Just to remind you, there are opportunities to:

- Help set-up for the weekend
- Sign up for the Prayer Vigil
- Provide Agape
- Provide Food
- Attend Send-Off, Candlelight and Closing
- Volunteer to lead Send-Off or Candlelight
- Help set up Candlelight
- Show up anytime during the weekend and help the Weekend Coordinators
- Bake Communion bread
- Help with Worship setups
- Help with Agape
- Serve meals
- Provide music support
- Etc, Etc, Etc,...

The list is endless. There are so many opportunities to be part of the “invisible team” during the weekends. Some of them only require a small amount of your time but can be so meaningful to those who experience your gift of service. Pray about where you might offer your gifts and talents to the weekends.

*Peace,  
Doug Purdham, CLD*

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

- Family Picnic: Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at Blessings Lodge
- Fall Walks: Please attend walk events! Thur, Sat, & Sun!
  - Men's: October 7-10
  - Women's: October 14-17
  - Day of Understanding: October 30th

## **Greetings from Walk #72**

God is so good. He has assembled and hand-picked each team member and arranged them as He saw fit. We had our first team training on June 26th and I think everyone is bonding quite well and working together for God's glory. We will be having our second team training this Saturday, July 24th and we ask for continued prayers as we face the challenge of losing our dear friend and sister in Christ, Jeannie Bosserman. We appreciate so many people praying for this Walk, Team and future Pilgrims to come. The team selection process was such an awesome experience. I am so excited to see God blending us all together for His purposes. I am so thankful for each person who said YES to God's call—one person while she was on a hospital bed waiting to go into surgery. Yes, folks...God works in mysterious ways and it is such a privilege and blessing to be a part of His master plan. Please continue to pray for us as we continue our teaming journey for SVEC Women's Walk #72. Thank you.

Blessings always,

*Michelle Bacon, LD Walk #72*

## **Worship**

Are you looking for a special way to take part in the upcoming Emmaus walks? Well, look no further! We are looking for volunteers to set-up the altar for worship during the walks. What a great way to serve God and the Walks through setting the stage for worship. We are also looking for individuals to make communion bread for worship during the walks. (See recipe below). If you are interested in serving in either way, please contact Mary Jane Tester on 540-778-3934 or email at 1lkygma@embarqmail.com.

*Blessings,  
Mary Jane Tester*

## Emmaus Communion Bread

7 cups plain flour  
2/3 stick of butter  
1 ½ cups sugar  
1 ½ pints of heavy whipping cream

Melt butter and stir in sugar. Add cream. Knead in flour. Roll out (about ½ inch) and cut with a bowl (cereal bowl size). Bake at 350 for about 12 minutes.

This bread freezes well. Wrap individually and store in freezer bags.

### **Treasurer**

I pray everyone's summer is going well. As the summer ends, the fall walks will be quickly arriving. I want to remind everyone 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 the 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. As a team member you can also make payments for your teaming fees if you need to. This can help lessen the financial burden.

We currently have a small scholarship fund. The scholarship fund is available to assist with fees required for walk weekends. The scholarship will cover up to 50% of your fees. 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 to me or bring the donations to our next gathering.

*Decolores,  
Kevin Poeckert, Treasurer  
11 Norwick Ct., Weyers Cave, VA 24486  
SVEC walk #59, Table of Mark*

## Set Up/Clean Up

From carrying boxes and putting chairs up/down to sweeping floors and ensuring windows are closed and trash is out...There are 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. May I call on you??

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

## LOST AND FOUND:

We are still trying to find the owners of the following items left behind after last year's walks. If anyone you know may be missing these items, **PLEASE** contact Nancy Goulart or any board member! If NOT claimed before our next walks, these items will be donated to the local thrift store.

- 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

## August Gathering

Please join us for our annual family picnic at Camp Overlook's Blessings Lodge on Sunday, August 29th. Bring the family, a covered dish to share and your appetite. We'll begin gathering at 4:00 and plan to eat at 5:00. There will be music, entertainment and lots of hugs. We will also celebrate the Lord's Supper. PLEASE join us! We've missed you!

## Board of Directors: Nominations

Following is the ballot for the 2011 Board of Directors. Voting will take place at the picnic in August. **We are electing five (5) laity and one (1) clergy.**

If you cannot attend the annual picnic on Sun Aug 29th, but wish to cast an absentee ballot in the upcoming election, please complete the following.

Nominees: Laity

- Randy Bryant
- Buddy Fitzpatrick
- Chaz Evans Haywood
- Liz McCammon
- Roy Nelson
- Doug Purdham
- Mil Wallen
- Jim Worley

Nominee: Clergy

- Doug Martin

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please print

Member's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

You may return your ballot via a member of the current board of directors, or by faxing to 540-932-2632, or email Tim Armentrout at [svec@ntelos.net](mailto:svec@ntelos.net) or USPS mail to P.O. Box 282, Fishersville, VA 22939-0282.

## 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:

Fall 2010	October 7-10 & 14-17
Spring 2011	April TBA

Day of Deeper Understanding: October 30th

#### Chrysalis:

Chrysalis Flight	TBA
Journey	TBA

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**Upper Room Emmaus of the Shenandoah Valley**

c/o SVEC Treasurer,

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