

*And they said to one another, "Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?" Luke 24:32*

# SVEC NEWSLETTER

June 2011

## Shenandoah Valley Emmaus Leadership

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## Upcoming Events

**Board Meeting**—June 9 @ Asbury UMC  
 Fellowship starts at 6:30—Meeting @ 7:00

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**Monthly Community Gathering**—June 24 @ Asbury UMC Harrisonburg, VA  
 Fellowship starts at 6:30—Music @ 7:00

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## Upcoming

### Walks to Emmaus

*Camp Overlook, Keezletown, VA*  
 October 6-9, 2011..... Men's Walk 75  
**Kevin Poeckert, Lay Director**  
 October 13-16, 2011...Women's Walk 76  
**Beth Smith, Lay Director**

## New Team Applications Needed!

In the transition to our new database everyone who has filled out a team application prior to March 2011 is requested to submit a new Christian Action Form and a new Team Application **asap**. These forms may be found on our website at [www.sveconline.org](http://www.sveconline.org) under forms.







Our God is such an awesome God. The Spring Walks were filled with Him in every way. I want to take this opportunity to thank all those who made agape gifts for the pilgrims and team in the spring walks. I also want to thank all of those who volunteered and worked behind the scenes in the agape room.

If you like to sew, we will need **130** agape bags for the Fall Walks. Also, if you like to color in your spare time, see me for place mats. I will have them available at the Gatherings until a couple of weeks before the walks. We need lots and lots of those colored for the Fall Walks. And last but not least, we will need lots of agape for both the Men's and Women's Walk. We need **65 pieces of agape for each of the walks.**

Let me remind sponsors: Please don't give us personal agape to give to your pilgrims. If you have personal agape for your pilgrims, let me suggest that you give it to them on the way home from the walks.

If you have questions or want to sew or volunteer, please email me at [shelbyh@ntelos.net](mailto:shelbyh@ntelos.net).

### What is Agape?

aga-pe

**Pronunciation:** \ā-'gā(,)pā,  
'ā-gs-pā\

**Function:** noun

**Definition:** The highest and purest form of love

Many Blessings,

Shelby Haley, Agape

## WANTED: PILGRIMS

*One of the most important parts of our Emmaus Community is sharing your mountain top experience with others. It's that time of the year when we as members of the Shenandoah Valley Emmaus Community need to extend an invitation to attend a most wonderful 72 hour experience with our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Please take time to pray for those people God is calling to the mountain. Pilgrim applications can be found on the website [www.sveconline.org](http://www.sveconline.org) under forms. Please explain to each potential pilgrim what the Walk to Emmaus meant to you and be open to answer any and all questions they may have. Remember there are no secrets and if you do not know an answer to a question contact any board member for further information. Also keep in mind when extending the invitation do not leave out their spouse.*

*As registrar I am looking forward to hearing from many of you and know that this fall walks #75 and #76 will be full (30 pilgrims!!!).*

In His Service,

Dianna Wallen, Registrar



## Refreshments

WOW!! Summer is about to be in full swing. The fall walks will be coming quicker than we think. I am honored and humbled to serve the Shenandoah valley Emmaus Community as the Refreshments Representative to the Board of Directors.

Think back to your own walk... Do you remember that awesome candlelight walk on Saturday night? And then the wonderful time afterward with the ice cream and socializing. Now you have an opportunity to serve, as you were served. The refreshments committee needs two small groups to serve the after-candlelight socials, often referred to as the "ice cream social". Fruit, nuts, cookies, etc. are usually included with the ice cream.

I have a special request... I am looking for someone, or a group of people, maybe even a reunion group to take on the **Fall Men's walk** Oct 6-9, and become the refreshments coordinator for the weekend. This would include setting up for send-off, coordinating the making of sandwiches and setting up for closing. All materials and food will be provided. We just need some good help with preparing and serving the pilgrims. Also a few people are needed to help make sandwiches for closing on Sunday afternoon from 2-3PM in the Agape Hill kitchen. Help is also needed to clean up and pack after the weekend. This is an important job that doesn't take long at all if we have enough help. Many hands make light work.

Remember the snack table outside the talk room? A few suggestions for those treats that are so important for each weekend. If you bring a treat in a container that you want returned, please mark it with your name and phone number so that the weekend coordinators and clean-up crew will know how to get a hold of you. Many folks are using the disposable plastic containers with lids, they work well.

If you can help with any of the refreshment activities this fall, please call Sherri Poeckert at 540-908-1729 or via e-mail at [kcpspp@msn.com](mailto:kcpspp@msn.com). There is always good fellowship and fun on an Emmaus Weekend.

DeColores,

~Sherri Poeckert, Supplies

(SVEC Walk #60 Table of Esther)

We plan - God laughs.

*James 4: 15 you ought to say, "If the Lord wishes, we will live and do this or that."*

I am a planner. Perhaps this has to do with the fact that I was a school teacher for twenty three years prior to going into ministry. I always had those lesson plans done and ready if the principal walked into the room and asked for them. Now as a pastor, I plan ahead. We had a meeting several months ago to do long range planning for the church calendar. (you are all invited to our revival in September!) I continually look ahead to choose sermon texts. Bulletin drafts for several weeks down the road are in my computer.

However.....God at times changes the plan. I was settled into that teaching career when I began to discern a call to ministry. There have been times when meetings and events need to be rescheduled and times when God has given me the message that I've gotten the sermon text wrong and need to start over. Years ago when I served this community as registrar, I was at a Pilgrim selection committee meeting where someone had placed a magnet on the table that said "We plan- God laughs."

So where is this taking us? Is planning a bad thing? We plan at church, we plan for Emmaus Walks, we plan our personal lives. Admittedly, I've wrestled with this question. I have learned a few things I'd like to share. First of all, planning is necessary. **Prayerful** planning needs to take place at the beginning. Making plans and then asking God to bless them is getting it backwards. Secondly, listen. Be open if the plans change. Be willing to submit the **entire** process to God and trust. Be flexible. Don't get all "bent out of shape" if the plan changes. God may have something much better in store than you had originally thought!

De Colores,  
Peggy Packard, Assistant SD  
SVEW # 30 Table of Anna



## Walk Events

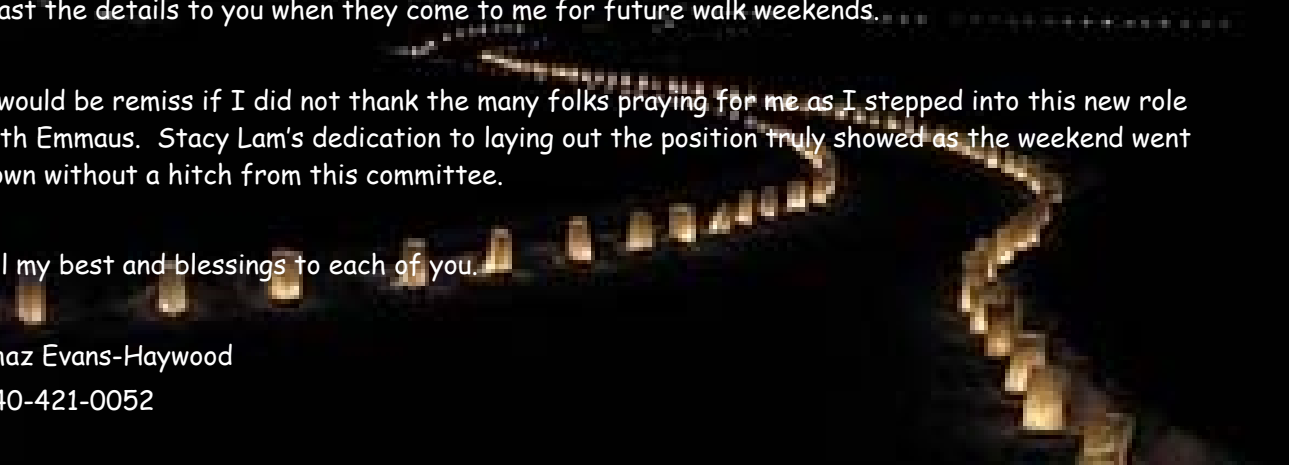
The Walk Events Committee is so very grateful to the many individuals that stepped up and out this year and participated during the two weekends on the mountain. Whether setting up lights, serving dinner on Saturday night, entertaining or just being there with the smile of Christ's love on your face....you are all amazing.

Please continue to actively update your email addresses on the new database. This will allow me to blast the details to you when they come to me for future walk weekends.

I would be remiss if I did not thank the many folks praying for me as I stepped into this new role with Emmaus. Stacy Lam's dedication to laying out the position truly showed as the weekend went down without a hitch from this committee.

All my best and blessings to each of you.

Chaz Evans-Haywood  
540-421-0052



## Supplies

As the fall walks approach I will be using a lot of supplies that can be bought locally. If you see deals on ink pens we use them. folks have would make yards for the my supply is so let me have some



notebooks or can always Also some said they some lan-crosses and getting low know if you to donate.

Thanks again for your support and contact me if you have something you want to give. May your fourth days be special and may God bless you in all you do. I look forward to seeing you at gatherings and at the walks. You can reach me by email: [gary.fishel@verizon.net](mailto:gary.fishel@verizon.net) or by phone at 540/269-2372 home, or 540/421-9299 cell.

Blessings,

Gary Fishel, Supplies

## Treasurer

I pray everyone's summer is going well. As the summer begins, the falls walks look to be in the distant future. They are closer than you think. I want to remind everyone to get your pilgrim applications in as soon as possible. And 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 fund please feel free to do so and write "Scholarship" in the memo part of your checks. Either mail them 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



## PRAYER COORDINATOR

As the prayer vigil coordinator, I would like for each of you to keep the upcoming teams in your prayers. It is time for the teams to be selected and pray that God will have His way with people's hearts.

I'd also like for you to prayerfully consider who you might sponsor for the upcoming walks. God does have a way of leading those to the walk that He wants there, but perhaps He can lead us to ask those who might benefit the most from walks 75 and 76.

Please practice getting up early for a summer sunrise to spend time with God. You may find that your communication with Him is special at that time of day. When I became prayer coordinator I learned to get up to have that special time with Him. I found that it is not as hard nor terrible as I first thought. If you try it for a sunrise you might find it is the perfect time to have that quiet time with God you've been looking for.

We will begin to fill time slots at the August picnic for the 72 hour prayer vigil. Let me know if you are interested in helping to "run down" those last few time slots the week of the walks.

Esther L Malloy, Prayer Coordinator



## CHILDCARE SECTION



We now have paid child care available at every gathering and at walk closings. The community pays for this as a service to our members. We have the expense whether we have any children in attendance or not. I strongly urge the Emmaus community to take advantage of this opportunity. The Gathering each month is a vital part of our community as it gives us an opportunity to renew relationships and to meet other members in the community.

There is also important information as well opportunities to serve that are presented and explained at these meetings. There is singing, praising, and of course food. So, if you have not been to a Gathering or have not been in some time, please give it a try. And for those with young children, do not worry about getting a baby sitter. We have you covered with trained child care providers. **GIVE US A TRY!** I think you will be pleasantly surprised and uplifted by the experience.

**Buddy Fitzpatrick, Childcare**

## Plug-in

Looking for a place to "plug in" with the SVEC community? Fill out a Christian Action form found on our website [www.sveconline.org](http://www.sveconline.org). We are always looking for volunteers to help on committees, help prepare for gatherings, behind the scenes on walk weekends, make agape, etc. What's your special gift that you'd like to share with the community?

## Reminder

It's not too soon to be making AGAPE for the upcoming fall walks. 65 pieces are requested for both the men and women's weekends. Don't forget to put your reunion group name on the agape. Need some ideas? Check out <http://www.niemmaus.com/agape/> for 101 agape ideas, search agape ideas on the internet or check out [www.orientaltrading.com](http://www.orientaltrading.com)

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Men's Fall Walk #75

Gentlemen...

Do you remember your walk, and how wonderful and spiritual a time you had?? Do you remember seeing the face of Christ in someone, or during a special chapel service, or maybe even during a creative response? Well... there is a wonderful opportunity to be a part of that time again. Watch another pilgrim be transformed. You can be a part of the team!! I am looking for a few good Christian men. I am in the process of building God's team for the Fall men's walk. If you would like to be a part of this walk, or maybe another walk in the future. Fill out the "teaming" application and "Christian action" application and get them into the registrar as soon as possible. Teaming is a wonderful way to experience the walk anew.

DeColores.

Joyfully serving Him,

Kevin Poeckert, Lay Director SVEC Walk #75

Happy summer Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

**N**ow that summer is in full swing and our thoughts are filled with holidays, picnics, vacations and other summer “stuff”, I would ask you to keep in mind (and prayer) the teams for the upcoming fall walks. Team selection is going on as this newsletter comes to you. Please remember to take the time to include the leadership and the team members in your daily prayers. I also ask each of you to ask God to lead you to the Pilgrim He wants you to sponsor. They are out there! We just need to follow God’s direction (not ours) in the process of seeking those whom He wants to be there. We all know what a beautiful experience awaits those who say yes. Don’t miss the opportunity to bless someone with the gift of the Walk To Emmaus!

Blessings and Peace to all,

*Doug Purdham, Community Lay Director*

Many hands lighten the load for all! Calling all reunion groups! Looking for a way to serve the community behind the scenes? As always, we will need help with setup and cleanup for the upcoming fall walks. We are looking for groups of 2 to 4 persons each to help on the following dates: 4 groups on Tuesday, October 4th to help setup camp before the men's walk. 2 groups on Sunday, October 9th to help clean up the chapel and cabins after the men's closing. 5 groups on Sunday, October 16th to help clean up and break down camp after the women's closing. Oh - almost forgot - we will need one gorilla to help pound signs on Tuesday, October 4th as well.

If you are available to help on any of these dates, please email me at [rcaver@gmail.com](mailto:rcaver@gmail.com) or call me at 540-810-2692.

Blessings!

*Randy Robinson, Set up/Clean up/supplies*



## SPONSORSHIP IS SERVANTHOOD

*“I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May it be to me as you have said.”*

*-Luke 1:38*

In speaking these words, Mary stated her desire to serve her God, but she knew it could cost her a great deal – a broken engagement, banishment from her home and family, and even death. We may never be called upon to take such serious risks in order to serve God or others, however, it may cost us to a certain extent.

All of us who have had the privilege of experiencing the Walk to Emmaus are called to serve our Community and future Pilgrims in some way....first and foremost, through sponsoring others on ‘the Walk’. Just what does that cost us? Some time in helping an individual through the process of application and preparation, time to make phone calls to arrange for Agape Letters, a little more time in bringing your Pilgrim to Camp, praying at Sponsors’ Hour, dedicating time to attend Candlelight and Closing, and then safely delivering the new Community Member back at home. You might think that this is all that is required of you as a Sponsor. Please believe me when I say that Sponsorship DOES NOT end at this point. Being a *great* Sponsor means making arrangements to attend the Evening of Greater Vision Event, and perhaps a few Gatherings as well, with your former Pilgrim. It means spending time one-on-one doing a little “follow-up” work, i.e., providing guidance on how, when, and where a new Community Member can also become a servant.

Often we “old timers” consider a Walk a success if we see and hear a lot of Pilgrims get up and speak at Closing. That is absolutely not an indication as to whether or not a Walk was successful. Success is found in the fruit that is born out through the New Community Members...it’s what they do after they get back home that bears out the success of their Walk to Emmaus.

What will it cost you to be a part of that success? Some of your *time*. Time is precious, but it can be the best of all Agape gifts you will ever give. Be like Mary, make a commitment, give some time and do not worry about the cost...as we say on the mountain, “God is in control!”

Decolores,

Rev. Carrie Talbott

Assistant Spiritual Director

### "BORED" OF DIRECTORS

### God's Word

"You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance."

~Psalm 32:7

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