



Monthly Newsletter of
THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY EMMAUS COMMUNITY
March, 2010

UPCOMING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

PLEASE JOIN US!

MARCH, 2010

- Board Meeting – Thurs, Mar 11, 7pm, Asbury UMC
- Gathering – Fri, Mar 26, 7pm, Asbury UMC

APRIL, 2010

- Board Meeting – Thurs, Apr 8, 7pm, Asbury UMC
- No Gathering – Please attend candlelight on 17th & 24th!
- Spring Walks: April 15-18 Men's / April 22-25 Women's

MAY, 2010

- Board Meeting – Thurs, May 13, 7pm, Asbury UMC
- Gathering – Fri, May 28, 7pm, Asbury UMC

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:

I should probably take this opportunity to introduce myself to those of you who may not know me. I walked on Shenandoah Valley Emmaus Community Walk #27 and was at the Table of Paul. And, like many of you, my life was forever changed! I must confess, I am hooked. I love this Community and this wonderful vehicle of God's grace we call The Walk to Emmaus. I wish everyone would come and have a life-changing experience but I also realize the walk is not for everyone. I just pray that God puts me in the path of those who will come and helps me to quit pestering those who have no desire to attend.

I know there are people in my church who wish I would just give the Emmaus "stuff" a rest. Enough already! So, knowing that, your Board is in the process of forming a team of interested people who are willing to visit local churches and speak to Men's and Women's groups about The Walk To Emmaus and their experiences. We have found that in some cases "outsiders" are more likely to gain the attention of those who might be interested but want to hear about it from unrelated sources. If you feel led to become a member of this team or if you want a visit to your local church, please contact me or any other member of the Board.

I would also like to remind each of you of the countless opportunities to serve in the upcoming spring walks. In many cases, people are willing to serve but they don't because they haven't been asked. Well, consider yourself asked! I ask that each of you discover what you can offer of yourself to Walks #69 and #70. Please prayerfully consider where God can use you before, during and after the weekends.

I thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Community Lay Director and ask that you keep me and the rest of your Board in your prayers.

*Blessings and DeColores,
Doug Purdham, Community Lay Director*

Gatherings

Our next Gathering is Friday, March 26! Come on out to Asbury UMC in Harrisonburg for fellowship & communion, food & fun, as we gather as one body of Christ. We look forward to seeing you

Emmaus Pilgrim Applications

Emmaus Community – we are gearing up for our Spring Walks! Remember to get your pilgrim applications in ASAP - at present, there are 30 apps for the ladies and 10 for the gentlemen. That being said, these are probably the lowest numbers I have had. Pray, pray and pray - then get your applications in.

Forms are available online at: www.sveconline.org (click on forms, click pilgrim). Also available are requests for anyone who is interested in "teaming" or other volunteering (Christian Action). See any board member for more details.

*Blessings, Lora Buracker
SVEC Registrar*

Greetings from Walk #70

After getting off to a late start, the team for Walk #70 is well under way. God has a plan for this team and we have given ourselves to Him. We had our first teaming in February and the bonding was awesome. God definitely put this team together. Our overnight teaming with Walk #69 was on March 5th-6th.

I would like to thank all the willing servants who offered to serve lunches with the team. It has really been a blessing. I also want to thank the reunion group that has already volunteered to serve our Agape Feast on Saturday night of the Walk.

God is good all the time, and all the time God is good!

Letters have gone out to prospective pilgrims; however we still need more pilgrim applications, especially men. If you know of and would like to sponsor a pilgrim, please encourage them to get an application in as soon as possible.

As we continue to persevere during the teaming process, I would like to ask the community to continue to lift the team and prospective pilgrims up in prayer. 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

Making Music with Friends

Calling all musicians! I am continuing to update the community music list, so we will be prepared for this year's events. If you play an instrument, including your vocal chords, I would love to hear from you. There are many of 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

If you were one of the lucky ones to sign up for the 72 hour prayer vigils for the upcoming walks #69 and #70 then you probably got the pick of the time and day to sign up! Don't worry though! There are still many spaces left to serve by giving the special gift of prayer for people you know, and maybe some you do not know! Remember how much those lists meant to you on your walk. The lists will be available again at the March gathering and you can now sign up on the web site as well! Please be a special blessing to somebody on walk #69 or #70.

Esther Malloy, Prayer Vigil Coordinator

Refreshments

Oh, how we love those refreshments, lots to eat and lots to drink, especially the bottled water and peanut m&m's. But I need your help to keep the goodies coming.

I have received information that the Ice Cream social after Candlelight is being taken care of for the Women's walk. But we still need a group to volunteer to do the Ice Cream Social for the Men's walk. Please speak with your reunion group and see if this is a form of Agape that you can help with. It doesn't take a lot of time, but the rewards are wonderful.

Also, anyone who can help with refreshments during Sponsor's Hour or at the closing for either of the upcoming walks, please let me know! Thank you.

*DeColores, Jeannie Bosserman
jbosserman@stellarone.com, 540-255-5425*

Set Up/Clean Up

We all remember our own walk weekend with such great awe and wonder. Those who have had the privilege of teaming know how many people are involved to make it happen. Another weekend of walks is fast approaching and with it many opportunities for YOU to be the hands and feet of Christ.

If you have not yet experienced the joy of working behind the scenes, this is your time! I am Paul Goulart, and on our new 2010 Board, I will be working in the area of "SetUp/CleanUp" for our walk weekends.

There are so many opportunities for each of you in our Emmaus community to support the walk weekends behind the scenes! God has given each of us different gifts. What is YOUR gift? How can YOU show His love to the pilgrims He has called to camp? PLEASE talk with your fellow community members to find out how YOU can become involved.

I am in need of volunteers to help with setting up our camp to welcome our pilgrims on Thursday April 15th (men's walk) and April 22nd (woman's walk); as well as to help clean up and pack things up after the closing on April 18th (men's walk) and April 22nd (women's walk). "*Many hands make light work*" has proven very true when it comes to accomplishing this task!

I have recently been able to free up my evenings and weekends so I can focus more on my task as "Set Up / Clean Up" for the Emmaus Community. However, I am very much in need of some additional help for the closing of the women's walk on April 25th as our daughter has requested our presence at her wedding.

Our spring walks will be here before we know it! We've much to do! Christ is counting on you! Please contact me today!

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

Walk Events:

Greetings and God bless. The walks are coming up and I need volunteers for sponsors hour (Thur. night) and candle light and to serve dinner (Sat. night) on the walks.

If you are interested, please contact me and I will give you all the info you will need to complete the task. Please pray and step out of your comfort zone. Look forward to hearing from you.

Stacy Lam sjdlam@yahoo.com

Hello to the hands and feet of Christ,

The next set of walks are closing in and preparations for them have been underway for weeks. It is also time for you to volunteer to help with the different duties at camp on those weekends. Sign up to help in Agape Land and I am sure you will be welcomed. If you can give an hour or even more that will be great! I promise you will always have something to do. While you are at camp you could help in the following areas: worship always needs people to arrange a worship setting (it is easy as pie), on Saturday help with setting up candlelight, prayer vigil needs slots filled and after the event clean up is easier with more people there. What I am saying is I want more people to be able to experience the joy of working behind the scenes. The word should not even be "working"; it should be "giving" or "being the hands and feet of Jesus Christ"! May you always walk in sunshine,

*Tracey Calderon
Agape Chairperson*

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

Are you looking for a special way to take part in the upcoming 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.

Request to the Emmaus Community.

Since the inception of this Emmaus Community, I have tried to keep a record by picture and list of all the walks of this Emmaus Community. Somewhere I have failed to do this job to the best of my ability. I do not have pictures as well as outlines with names for several walks.

I am asking this Community to help me out. I am looking for picture outline with names for walks #21 and #23. I need pictures and outline with names for walks #28B thru walk #41. (These would be walks in the years 1999 thru 2001).

If anyone is willing to share their pictures and outlines, I would appreciate it greatly. I will also make sure that each picture and list will be returned.

I can be reached by phone at 540-564-0184, or e-mail at either of these addresses: bldhdisle1@juno.com or bldhdisle@verizon.net or by mail at 66 Rex Road Harrisonburg, VA 22801.

Thanks so much for allowing me the honor to be a part of this community and serving each and every one of you.

*God Bless,
Bruce Ballengee*

Treasurer

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.

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.

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

HELP WANTED!

The Shenandoah Valley Emmaus Community is seeking a person or persons blessed with talents in the field of Web Design. If you are interested please visit our site www.sveconline.org for a preview of the current site and then contact Tim Armentrout at svec@ntelos.net. P.S. God knows who you are.....

LOST AND FOUND:

On our Walk to Emmaus weekend, many of us felt lost and were "found" ; however, there are also always many physical items also "lost and found" at camp after any given Emmaus weekend! After our most recent Fall walks, the following items remain unclaimed:

If these items belong to someone you know, please contact a board member! They will be made available at our next gathering!

- box of books
- 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

Emmaus Worship Book -- Notification of Changes!!!

"Please take out your "purple" worship books..."

Substantial changes have been made to our worship books by Emmaus Headquarters. The updated books will now be used at community events. It is important that each community member have an updated book that they bring to community events.

So you may be wondering, how do I get an updated book? An initial supply will be available at all gatherings. We ask you only take one per family from this initial supply. Once the initial supply is gone, additional books are available for \$1.50 which is our cost.

We ask that you help us make this transition as smooth as possible. We thank you in advance for your assistance.

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

FOR YOUR 2010 CALENDARS!

Spring Walks: April 15-18 Men's / April 22-25 Women's

DODU's Saturday, May 8th / Saturday, October 30th

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

New Officers – Our 2010 Board of Directors:

Community Lay Director: Doug Purdham

Assistant Community Lay Director: Marlene Chandler

Treasurer: Kevin Peockert

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: Sharon Benson

Communications: Nancy Goulart

Kairos Rep./Liaison: Tim Armentrout

Emmaus Newsletter

The Emmaus newsletter belongs to you the community. The newsletter is not just for board members but for our whole community to use as well. We invite you to share a God moment, a 4th day moment, etc.

To submit articles, contact our editor, Nancy Goulart at : Singingsecretary2006@yahoo.com.

Many thanks and many blessings,

*In His Joyful Service,
Nancy Goulart, Emmaus news editor*

How Can I Help??

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

- Music: what instrument? _____
- Entertainment: sing, dance, comedy, other _____
- Serve on a Team (*please complete a team application*)
- Serve on a Committee:
 - childcare, worship, refreshments, music, other
- 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

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!

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!

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 & Oct 30

Chrysalis:

2009 Chrysalis Flight #4	August 12-15
Journey	TBA

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

Emmaus is also featured on the Camp Overlook website at
WWW.GBGM-UMC.ORG/CAMPOVERLOOK/

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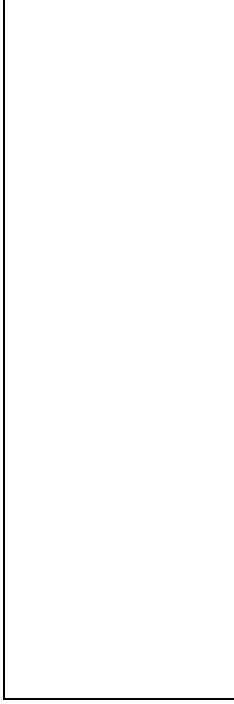
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