



Monthly Newsletter of THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY EMMAUS COMMUNITY

October, 2010

UPCOMING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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!
Fall Men's Walk: October 7-10
Fall Women's Walk: October 14-17
DODU/FollowUp – Sat, Oct 30, 9am-12noon, Asbury UMC

NOVEMBER, 2010

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

From Our Community Lay Director:

Isn't our God an awesome God to allow us the blessing of living in an area where we can experience the changing of the seasons? With fall, not only do we have the beauty of the changing seasons, we have the added opportunity of being able to experience the fall walks. We have the blessing of being able to share that with others. Have you given enough thought and prayer to the upcoming walks? Even if we can't be there any time during the weekends, we can still lift the weekend up in prayer and thanksgiving wherever we are. If you can come to the Camp anytime during the weekends, you are more than welcome to drop by and offer any assistance you can. You can also plan on being there for Send-Off, Sponsor's Hour, Candlelight and Closing. If you just take one minute to reflect on what that weekend meant to you, I hope you will make every effort to be sure that someone else gets an opportunity to have that same experience. Our Community does an excellent job of supporting Candlelight and I pray that support for the entire weekend continues to grow.

You are also invited to attend DODU/Follow-up. If you have never attended (or it has been a long time since you did), plan to come out and welcome the newest members of our community family. We will fellowship, sing, eat and celebrate the Lord's Supper and get updated on the newest information about Teaming and Sponsoring. This event will be held at Asbury UMC on Saturday, October 30 at 9:00AM on the third floor where we usually have our gatherings. These upcoming Walks offer so many opportunities to get re-involved with your Community. Plus, I can guarantee that someone misses you and looks forward to seeing you again.

I ask that you keep the fall Walks in your prayers. Lift Bobby Ford, Steve Garner, Michelle Bacon and Judy Vetter up because they have been under attack since they said yes to God for the leadership roles of these walks. Lift up the Pilgrims who will be coming. Lift up the Talk Room Teams and the "invisible" Team who support them from behind the scenes. Cover every aspect of these Walks with your prayers continuously and your presence whenever you can. I thank you for all you do for your Emmaus Community and pray for your continued perseverance in whatever ministry God lays upon your hearts.

May God continue to use each of you in many powerful ways!

Doug Purdham, Community Lay Director

Opportunities Abound!

As you read this, God is in the process of preparing the teams and pilgrims He has selected for 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.

The teams and pilgrims need your support in many ways. There are numerous opportunities to volunteer including:

- Help to set-up or clean-up for the weekend
- Sign up for the Prayer Vigil
- Provide Agape Gifts or Help in Agape Room
- Provide Food, Snacks, or Ice Cream Social
- Attend Send-Off, Candlelight and Closing
- Volunteer to lead Send-Off or Candlelight
- Help set up or clean up Candlelight
- Offer to assist the Weekend Coordinators
- Bake Communion bread
- Help set up chapel for Worship
- Serve meals
- Provide music support

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. And be sure to contact any board member or team member to offer your help.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Fall Walks: Please attend walk events! Thur, Sat, & Sun!

- Thurs send off: in Glovier chapel at 7pm
- Sat candlelight: community gathers at 8pm
- Sun closing: in Glovier chapel at 4pm
- Anytime: prayer chapel and agape room always open for volunteers to assist. Located in Ritchie
- Day of Understanding: Sat Oct 30, 9am, AsburyUMC

God's Time: God's Team

That's the phrase that I've held onto for the months we've spent preparing for Walk 71. God's Team for the fall men's walk is a terrific group of men and women I'm so blessed to serve with. God's Time is coming soon, Oct. 7-10. Those 72 hours will indeed be God's Time with the pilgrims. God's Team will be ready to bring the pilgrims to the road, then get out of the way. We might even have a snack (or five or six) as we sit back and watch His grace flow and the pilgrims experience that agape love.

I can't begin to tell you how much I appreciate the prayers, suggestions, and efforts of all who've been involved. I know I have seen the face of Jesus again through all of you.

We'd love to see you during any or all of the walk events and, please, continue to pray for Walk 71. Pray for those pilgrims who have said "Yes" and those waiting to find out if it's God's Time. God's Team will be waiting.

DeColores, Bobby Ford, LD Walk #71

Pilgrims:

Tim Baker	Charlie Carpenter
Mark Fulcher	Chris Geving
Mike Graham	Gene Lang
Lynn McCoy	Dennis Merski
Ken Moura	Willie Ortiz
Matthew Patterson	Lee Simpson
Elvin Smythers	

Team:

Walt Surratt	Tim Armentrout	Steve Garner
Scott Dillard	Ron Robey	Rob Cairns
Rob Berkebile	Rick Robertson	Paige Purdham
Lisa Garner	Kevin Poeckert	John Stone
John Crawford	Joe Hagenlocker	Jim Maddox
Jim Dillard	Jeff Robb	James Hinton
Eric Ryan	Doug Purdham	Doug Martin
Dave Leatherwood	Bruce Ballengee	Bobby Ford
Bob Throckmorton	Bill Reid	Bill Bearden

Greetings from Walk #72

1 Kings 8:28 says...*"Graciously consider the prayer and supplication of your servant, O Lord my God, hearken to the cry and prayer which he prays before You today."*

What a privilege it is to pray. And this team is so grateful for all the prayers from the saints. Through our difficult challenges there were prayers to strengthen and guide us.. This team that God has assembled has been such an example of what it means to pray without ceasing and of keeping our eyes on Jesus.

We ask your continued prayers as we approach the fall walks. Please pray for the Pilgrims God has chosen for these Walks. After facing the challenges that have come our way, I am CONVINCED that your prayers are what have kept these Walks strong. Christ is victorious over any and all circumstances. We Praise His name for His strength, patience, guidance, bonding in love, peace and joy. Praise Him that in the midst of trouble, He shows up and lets you know that it is He who is carrying you...us...everyone. Keep on prayin' brothers and sisters. May you be truly blessed for your sacrifice of prayer and of spending time with Christ interceding for these Fall Walks

Blessings always, Michelle Bacon, LD Walk #72

Pilgrims:

Cheryl Anderson	Jeanne Arnold	Sharanda Brown
Tammy Diggs	Michelle Evans	Yvette Hill
Judith Kissinger	Heidi Klinko	Cheryl Merski
Brenda Michael	Sheila Morris	Robin Nicholas
Crystal Ortiz	Danielle Patterson	Becky Reeves
Kimberley Rowley	Cindy Rubenstein	Doris Sipe
Andrea Smythers	Lisa Steele	Melissa Vann-Combs

Team:

Michelle Bacon	Penny Buracker	Lisa Coffelt
Mary Fitzpatrick	Mike Funkhouser	Shelby Haley
Linda Hudgins	Gail Keith	Sherry Marchand
Sharon Masincup	Becky Miller	Allison Morris
Sherri Poeckert	Tracey Ramey	Judy Reddle
Steve Rhodes	Donna Roberston	Tancy Seal
Allyson Shaner	Crystal Shanholtz	Lorraine Shelton
Fuzzy Sims	Melanie Stull	Mary Jane Tester
Dianna Wallen	Mil Wallen	Deb Washer
Judy Vetter		

Emmaus friends,

Agape is a great gift that is given by the community and received by the people on the walks and I want to make sure everyone is able to be granted these gifts in a fair way.

Just a reminder of the requirements for agape:

Walks need 65 pieces of each item per walk put name of church or reunion group on bag or agape to let everyone know what group gave it (no personal names), agape needs to be at the camp before Friday of the walk (it is sorted Friday morning and ready to go out after that time), and NO personal agape for members of the walk. This is becoming a problem in the agape room. Every pilgrim needs to be treated the same with agape. If one person gets something, all of the people have to get it (boy does that sound like my mother's voice). We do not want any hurt feelings. (There she goes again). Anyway, it is nice to save it for the ride home. That is a perfect time to give that last piece of agape to someone and to let them know how much it meant to you that they went on the walk.

Agape letters are one of the most important types of agape given on the weekends. Please make sure the pilgrims or team members first and last names are on the envelope. There are many mom's and dad's on these walks and without first and last names on them, the people who sort letters are not sure who should receive these letters. As a sponsor, if someone puts mom/dad on an envelope just add the persons first and last name to it.

Ok, now that the "laws of agapeland" have been issued; ask questions! Look for me or anyone that has worked in "agapeland" and ask why it has to be this way or better yet on the next set of walks come see for yourself why these so called "laws" are important. Volunteer an hour or more of your time to help with the Emmaus experience!

Thank you all for the help given to "agapeland",

Tracey Calderon

Prayer Vigil News

Brothers and Sisters in Christ! We will only have one opportunity to come together to sign up for the prayer vigil for the upcoming fall walks! Please do your best to attend the Gathering on September 24th to personally sign up. Think back to your own walk, and remember the awesome feeling that list of all those people you did not know who were praying for you. If you are not able to attend gathering, remember you can also go to the Emmaus web site and sign up for the prayer vigil. The sooner you sign up the more choices you have to choose from. I have learned that those middle of the night times are very powerful. If you have never done one before you may want to try one. Please make an effort to sign up before the first walk, the mens, October 7th begins.

It is such a blessing to the Pilgrims and to you as well.

*Love and blessings,
Esther Malloy*

Treasurer

I pray everyone's summer is going well. The falls walks are upon us. I want to remind everyone that sponsorship and teaming fees are due prior to the walks. 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*

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 1lkyma@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.

Chrysalis

As you probably know we were unable to have the set of flights in August because of not getting enough caterpillars to sign up. The Chrysalis board will be meeting in October to try to decide if we try again and if so when. I ask that you pray for the Chrysalis program and that God will supply the answer so we can determine what our next move will be. Thanks for your continued support.

*Flying with Christ,
Gary Fishel*

Supplies

As the walks approach I will be using a lot of supplies that can be bought locally. If you see deals on notebooks or ink pens we can always use them. Also some folks have said they would make some lanyards for the crosses and my supply is getting low so let me know if you have some 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 or by phone at 540/269-2372 home, or 540/421-9299 cell.

Blessings, Gary

Gathering

Hope to see you at walk events! But whether you get there or not, be sure to attend our next gathering. We meet at Asbury United Methodist Church in Harrisonburg on the last Friday night of each month (but NOT on walk weekends). PLEASE join us!

LOST AND FOUND:

ONE LAST TRY! If these items are not claimed, they will be discarded! 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

Board of Directors:

Results of voting at our summer picnic in August are in and our 2011 Board of Directors has been announced. Please welcome the following newly elected members to the board. They are:

- Doug Purdham
- Mil Wallen
- Chaz Evans-Haywood
- Buddy Fitzgerald
- Liz McCammon
- Doug Martin, clergy

Eunion_prayer_group has changed our group name. This means that both the group's email address and the group home page location have changed. The group email address: Shenandoah_Valley_Emmaus_prayer@yahoo.com.

The group home page location can be found at: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Shenandoah_Valley_Emmaus_prayer

If you have previous links which point to this group or an address book entry for the group, you should update them, as the old addresses will no longer work. For more complete details about Eunion, contact Roy Nelson or speak with any board member!

Shenandoah Valley Emmaus Prayer Group

If you did not notice the name change of the eunion email prayer line you must not be signed up as a prayer warrior in the Shenandoah Valley Emmaus Community. We need you to join us in praying prayers of adoration, forgiveness, petition, thanksgiving and intercession. The name has been changed to make clear our mission to be faithful in prayer. To join, simply send an email to roynelson@hotmail.com and you will be sent a link to join. Christ is counting on us!

*Roy Nelson
Walk #29,
Table of Matthew*

How Can YOU 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: Sat, October 30th, 9am

Chrysalis:

Chrysalis Flight	TBA
Journey	TBA

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

Upper Room Emmaus of the Shenandoah Valley

c/o SVEC Treasurer,

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-Return Service-