

Upper Room Emmaus

Of the Greater Fredericksburg Area

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The next Gatherings (Second Saturday of each month)

June 9th..... Fairview Baptist
July 14th..... Fairview Baptist

Gathering at 6:15 pm
Fellowship Time at 5:30 pm
Chrysalis Steering Committee at 4:45 pm
Board will meet at 3:30 pm

**Please bring snack food to share during
fellowship time**



UPCOMING EMMAUS WEEKENDS

<u>Walk #</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Lay Director</u>
Emmaus 68 (M)	Oct 18 - 21, 2007	Mike Cook
Emmaus 69 (W)	Nov 15 - 18, 2007	Debbie Devine
Emmaus 70 (M)	April 3 - 6, 2008	TBD
Emmaus 71 (F)	May 1 - 4, 2008	TBD

If you think you want to team any time in the next two years, we want to hear from you. Please submit your application now. You will no longer need to submit your application after each walk, but you need to give us a fresh application NOW or whenever you are ready to be considered for a team. You can download a new application off the web site at www.fredwalk.org or see Mark Lawrence at the next gathering.

New Walk fees to take affect with the 2007 Fall Walks:

Teaming & Pilgrim Sponsorship
\$175.00
Pilgrim Application
\$25.00

The new fees are due to price increases from Camp Happyland and the 10% deposit required to hold facilities for all scheduled Walk dates.

From the Lay Director...

Spring has sprung, and summer is just around the corner. The children are looking forward to being out of school and the college students are already looking for their summer jobs. The Greater Fredericksburg Emmaus Community has had its elections and new board members will be taking their seats this July first.

I would like to thank all those members that served on the board. Jane Carwell and Richard Warner served three years as lay members. Mark Dunn served as a Spiritual director and Monica Warne as our Treasurer. Dave Olds served a one-year term and Jody Lewandowski filled in for Vonda LiCalzi. My heartfelt thanks goes to all of these members of our community that stepped up to serve. I also want to recognize Vonda LiCalzi and Terry Cook that served on the board but were unable to finish their terms. We teach that family and home church need to come first. I am sure that sometimes it takes more courage and integrity to acknowledge that and step away from service to the Emmaus Community than it does to stay with it. My thanks and prayers go to these ladies as well. I hope they are able to continue to support the community in other ways.

I also want to welcome the new members coming on. Tony Fortune, Wilfred Usher, Bill Walker, Sandra Coney, Marcy Liepelt, Donna Devericks and Becky Thode. To these I say thank you for your willingness to serve and welcome aboard. Please keep these people and all of the board members in your prayers. With the growth of the community there are many complicated issues to deal with.

From many of the testimonies I hear I would say this community is an effective tool, which God uses to strengthen His church in this area. Because of that you know we will continue to be tried and opposed as we continue God's work. Thanks to all of you that voted and support your community. Pray hard and often.

Mark Lawrence

Board News...

The Board of directors met at Hillcrest UMC just prior to the gathering on May 12, 2007. There was a quorum present.

The board acted on the 4th day ministry's most recent recommendation to the team selection committee. The board passed a motion that set forth a guideline for the Team selection committee and the team cadre to work together cooperatively to make team assignments.

We accepted a resignation from Terry Cook, who sighted personal issues as a need to terminate her service on the board. It is with deep regret and understanding that we accept this resignation.

At this point there was discussion and election of the Community Lay Director and Assistant Community Lay Director for 2007-2008. Ralph Williams was elected by ballot to be the next Assistant Community Lay Director and Mark Lawrence was not opposed to serve as Community Lay Director for a second term. Jim Muhlenkamp was selected as Community Spiritual Director 2007-2008.

There were brief reports from the team critiques of E-66 and E-67. One of the things that was discussed was the hazards of having candle light at the Pavilion. Several people have voiced concern and even reports of tripping while crossing the bridge and the ditch. It was decided that we would encourage future Weekend leadership to steer away from the use of the pavilion for night time activities. We don't want anyone to get injured or have an insurance claim against the community.

Community Focus:

Training for the Emmaus Community Lay members from the Upper Room Regional Representative will be scheduled for October 13th. Mark Lawrence read a letter concerning the beginning of Emmaus Communities in several African countries. He will announce at the Gatherings that if desired, our members can make donations during Gatherings to aid in this endeavor.

Meeting was adjourned about 5:30 PM.

Mark Lawrence

From the Team Selection Committee..

The Greater Fredericksburg Emmaus Team Selection Committee had their first monthly meeting under the new guidelines on Friday May 11, 2007.

This was primarily an organizational meeting. I feel that it was very productive and encouraging. The committee respectfully asks that we change the way we apply to team. Instead of submitting an application for each walk, they ask that we submit an application now or as soon as you feel you are ready, if you want to be considered for a team anytime in the next two years. The idea being that we would have a larger pool of people to pull from that are interested in teaming. If you are contacted and you can't do it this time you may decline and we move on to the next application and you may be considered again for the next team. You also would then be responsible for updating that application in the event that you move, change your phone number or other personal contact information.

People will be contacted based on guidelines from the Upper room Emmaus manual and handbook. First, there will be a lot of prayer. Second, a team should be composed by thirds: one-third from new team members, one-third with moderate experience and one-third with considerable experience.

As this is an ecumenical community, we will try to get a representative mix of denominations. We would also look at certain talents like musicians and take into account the wishes of the Weekend Lay Director and the Lead Walk Spiritual Director.

One of the things that we saw in the manual was a progression of servant hood. The national model suggests that a new team member should be someone who is active in the community, has attended a Day of Deeper Understanding and several gatherings. Also, that they participate in other activities to show support of the community, such as attending a candle light service and providing agape to pilgrims. New team members should also take advantage of an early opportunity to work as a community cha or provide some other background support of a walk before their being on their first team. These are not rules set in concrete, but suggested guidelines.

A similar progression was seen concerning leadership in teams. Service first in the talk room and then background service, then Assistant Lay director, and finally considered for Weekend Lay Director. Spiritual Directors and Musicians should also have experience as a table leader or assistant table leader before progressing on to their respective positions.

From Greg Engroff our Upper Room Regional Representative

While we were in Nashville at the Advisory Committee meeting, we heard from the people of Africa; South Africa to be exact and part of the report was about the new communities trying to form in Ghana and Zimbabwe. The problem is that inflation is running wild and there aren't enough funds to start; they're really just no funds. Now there were about 30 people in the room at the time and one of them asked how much they need to get started. While they needed a lot, she said that to get it going they'd need about \$5000 now but more later. So we passed the hat, literally, and discovered that we raised, right there, \$4750. While we thought that was pretty cool, someone pointed out that she asked for \$5000 so we passed the hat again and ended up with \$5090. Here's the thing, they need more; money is the only thing stopping them. So the 5 Regional Reps. agreed that we could each raise \$5000 in our region for a total of \$25,000 (plus the \$5000 that we already raised). So I'm asking you, please get this message out to your Community. All dollars will go to these 2 countries!

Please consider supporting this cause. We will be taking a special offering at the next gathering to support these new communities. Mark Lawrence/CLD 2006-2007

FREDERICKSBURG EMMAUS Expense Budget

JULY 1, 2006 TO JUNE 30, 2007

Inflow	Budget	Actual - YTD	Difference (\$)	Difference (%)
Income: Offerings	\$6,900	\$10,918	\$4,018	58.2%
Income: Camp fees	\$38,000	\$35,310	\$(2,690)	-7.1%
Income: Application Fees	3,200	2,470	(730)	-22.8%
Income: Other	50	270	220	440.0%
	48,150	48,968	818	1.7%
Operating	Budget	Actual	Difference (\$)	Difference (%)
Bulletin-Closings	\$100	\$-	\$(100)	0.0%
Camp Facility Fees	38,000	35,318	(2,682)	-7.1%
Copyright License	170	170	-	0.0%
Corporation Fee	25	-	(25)	0.0%
Insurance	1,400	1,378	(22)	-1.6%
Photos (Weekend)	100	12	(88)	-88.0%
Manuals	150	560	410	273.5%
Music Equipment	1,000	710	(290)	-29.0%
Nashville Fees	1,600	1,165	(435)	-27.2%
Newsletter	600	196	(404)	-67.4%
Placemats	100	106	6	5.8%
Post Office Bulk Rate Permit	170	170	-	0.0%
Postage	1,800	1,743	(57)	-3.2%
Printing (Newsletter+Directories)	1,600	1,640	40	2.5%
Weekend Supplies	1,200	1,441	241	20.1%
Total Expenses	Budget	Actual	Difference (\$)	Difference (%)
	\$48,015	\$44,609	\$(3,406)	-7.1%

From the Board Treasurer:

IRS Changes for 2007

Starting in January, to claim a deduction on your itemized tax return, the IRS is making it complicated. Taxpayers will need to provide backup in order to claim a deduction on their tax return; no more "lists" will be accepted. The taxpayer must provide a canceled check(s), bank record or a receipt from the charity listing the organization's name, the date of the donation and the amount. Beginning January 2007, we began tracking and recording all checks received as donations to the General and Scholarship funds. Please consult with your accountant or tax preparer on the deductibility of your Team and Sponsorship fees for charitable contributions. Monthly letters or annual statements will be mailed regardless of the donation amount.

If you would like credit for your cash donations made at Gatherings, Candlelight, Sponsors Hour, and Closings, please place the cash in an envelope marked with your name, address and amount.

Please pray for:

Jessica	Bethel UMC	Tornado victims in Kansas
Pastors	Andy and family	My church during transition
Gerri	My son, Charles	My sister, who rejects the Lord
Johnny B.	All of the unchurched	Health of unborn grandchild
Larry D.	Formation of FE-68	Family relationships and healing
Me, a sinner	Emmaus community	Salvation for all family members
Jill and Lynn	My wife's grandfather	Revival in the Fredericksburg area
Grace and Drew	For my wife to get a job	Epiphany #15 team and Stars Our churches
Richard and	My carotid Doppler test	Sara's recovery from surgery on her eye
Sandra	Epiphany #15 Hanover	That Carl may have God's vision for his life
Our 4 th Day	For unborn baby – Jeremiah	For funds for a roof and siding for my house
Mary's health	Healing for Josh, Bill and Pat	Barry and Mark Lawrence Derek and Mickey
Family finances	Sophia's continued healing	For guidance in starting a reunion group
My health	Chrysalis – continued strength	That God will show me how to best serve Him
Soldiers in Iraq	Discernment for Andrea	Safety for people going on mission trips
Charlotte	Irene and Dot – health issues	Geoff, Jehovah Witness brother, and his family
Cowart family	Guidance for business decisions	New board – that they may walk in God's will
Nancy G.	For my brother and his family	Guidance for business Healing of attitudes at work
Uzel family	Family from a broken home	Couples who need to find their way to each other
My son's salvation	Healing for Randy's mom	North Central WV Chrysalis Flight #17 June 8-10, 2007

The strength to get through each day with God's love
 Divine intervention from God in the area of my finances
 Guidance as we sell our house and purchase another
 Our daughter Karen, as she enters a new relationship
 Our daughter Amy, in her professional and personal life
 Our daughter Tracey, for her health and personal life
 Guidance and wisdom for Lindsey and Sequoyah
 Ethen and Braedon to get through our family changing
 That my wellness business will continue to grow & prosper
 My mother – for clarity in important decisions she has to make
 For several families in our church who need to forgive & "let go"

That all my family members may accept Jesus as
 Lord and Savior
 To find delight in spending time with God through
 prayer and study
 For Cija and Ashley as they embark on a new
 chapter in their lives
 For my daughter and her husband in Memphis to
 attend Emmaus
 Epiphany – Hanover and Culpeper under attack
 and need prayer

My daughter in Florida who is dealing with stress, to turn to God even more
 That Aaron and M.J. are safe while serving their country in the Middle East
 For Don, my atheist brother, who recently divorced his wife and 6 children
 For Patrick, Edward and Megan - that they be safe and easily adjust to the separation of their parents
 Appalachian Project for backpacks through Promised Land Praise & Worship
 My brother, Glenn, that God will continue to bless him as he goes through difficult times
 That God will show himself in a mighty way to our children and their husbands and that they would seek to have needs met
 through dependence on our Lord

Please give praises for:

For a wonderful husband
 To God for all of my blessings
 Awesome E-67 weekend
 The wonderful women of E-67

For Sarah – cancer free following surgery
 For my mother and father after 60+ years
 That Willie is back in the Fredericksburg community
 For God's divine favor in my life and the life of my family

Sons who have shown great maturity by helping while their dad is hurt
 I thank the Lord for my recent 5-way bypass surgery. He loves me and continues to care for me daily. God is good!

Community Volunteers & Board of Directors

Community Lay Director.....Mark Lawrence*

Lead Gatherings & Candlelight
 Host Weekend Sponsors' Hour/Closing
 Chair Emmaus Board
 Chair Pilgrim/Team Selection Committee
 Assign Nominating Committee Coordinator

Assistant Community Lay DirectorRalph Williams*

Gathering Location Coordinator

Community Spiritual DirectorJim Muhlenkamp*

Board Spiritual DirectorRick Dillard*
 Board Spiritual DirectorRalph Thomas*

Treasurer Vacant*

SecretarySandie Makely*

Manuals CoordinatorGene Philipp
 Records/By-Laws Historian.....Sandie Makely

Communications Coordinator Vacant

NewsletterBrooke Ferguson
 Database CoordinatorJohn Mann
 Team RegistrarBarbara Simpson
 Pilgrim RegistrarsPat & Dick Barnett

Gathering Support CoordinatorJane Carwell

Community Music DirectorLola McDonald
 Community Baker.....Kitti Mann
 Childcare Coordinator Vacant
 Music Coordinator for Gatherings.....Steve Makely*

Weekend Support CoordinatorBrian Lewis

Comm. Cha Coordinator.....Richard Warner
 General Agape Coordinator.....Monica Warne
 Prayer Vigil Coordinators.....Jane Carwell
 Placemat CoordinatorMargaret Filler
 Snack Agape Coordinator.....Mike Shiflett
 Agape Bag CoordinatorDiana Farrar
 Transportation CoordinatorMo Moses
 Supplies CoordinatorMike & Terry Cook
 Name Badge CoordinatorDave Olds
 Fourth Day Packets.....Rick and Susan Dillard
 Fourth Day Coordinator.....Dick Barnett
 Reunion Group CoordinatorSandy Crossley

***Board Members (Serving on the Board: July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008)**

Sharon Smith*	Sandra Coney*	Donna Devericks*	Marcy Liepelt*
Becky Thode*	Tony Fortune*	Wilfred Usher*	Bill Walker*

Help Wanted

The Fredericksburg Emmaus Community is looking for a volunteer to fill the Childcare Coordinator position. If you are interested, please contact the Gathering Support Coordinator, Jane Carwell, at 703-969-4019 or email her at tjcarwell@yahoo.com We appreciate your assistance!

Active Reunion Groups in the Fredericksburg Emmaus Community

SUNDAY

Bethel UMC Men's Group 7:30 am
Bethel UMC
Woodbridge
Brian Lewis 703-590-9343
bb3253@aol.com

Interested in joining or starting a new reunion group?

Call Sandy Crossley at 703-221-6977 or email her at slcrossley13@msn.com

TUESDAY

Great Is Thy Faithfulness 7:30 pm
Prince of Peace UMC
6299 Token Forest Drive
Manassas, VA
Lloyd Biller 703-590-1512

Pastor's Weekly Meeting 7:30 am
Call for location
Mark Dunn 540-786-4025

Lakeside Reunion Group (Men) 8:00 pm
Lake of the Woods – Call for location
Vic Larson 540-972-1928

WEDNESDAY

Lord's Lions & Lambs Reunion Group 6:30 pm
First Christian Church
Gary Staddan 540-373-7716
firstchristianchurch@verizon.net

THURSDAY

Amazing Grace Reunion Group 8:30 pm
Hillcrest UMC
Ed McAdam 540-898-3625
emcadam@cox.net

His Joyful Croakers 9:00 am
Hillcrest UMC
June Riel 540-710-5949

(ALTERNATE THURSDAYS)
Rainbow Reunion Group (Women) 10:00 am
Lake of the Woods – Call for location
Barbara Miller 540-972-7418

His Seekers (Women) 7:30 pm
Home of Jane Carwell – Woodbridge
Sandy Crossley 703-221-6977 or
Jane Carwell 703-969-4019 or email: tjcarwell@yahoo.com

FRIDAY

Koinonia Women's Reunion Group 9:00 am
Lake of the Woods – Call for location
Barbara Larson 540-972-1928

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From I-95: Take Exit 130A (Rt. 3 East). Go to the stop light that intersects Route 3 and William St and turn Left onto William Street. Go to the second stop light and turn Right onto Littlepage Street. Fairview Baptist Church is on the right at the corner of Littlepage St & Charlotte St