

Upper Room Emmaus

Of the Greater Fredericksburg Area

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UPCOMING EMMAUS WEEKENDS

Walk #	Dates	Weekend Lay Director
E-78 (M)	Mar 18 – 21, 2010	Art Blankenship
E-79 (W)	Apr 29 – May 2, 2010	Becky Patrick

Emmaus Manuals & Booklets :

Emmaus Manuals & Booklets will now be available for purchase or loan at the Gatherings. They will be on display during the Fellowship time where the snacks are set up. For further information see Rich Thode – Manuals Coordinator.

Help Wanted

The Fredericksburg Emmaus Community is looking for volunteers to fill several vacant coordinator positions, (please see the Volunteer Page). The Supplies Coordinator position is now open. If you are interested in serving in any capacity, please contact Becky Thode at beckythode@comcast.net.

The next Gatherings (Second Saturday of each month)

Mar 13th..... First Christian Church

No speaker due to Men's commissioning and Music Leader will be George Masten

Apr 10th..... Fairview at River Club

No speaker due to Women's commissioning and Music Leader will be Holly Plucker

May 8th..... Fairview at Charlotte Street

Fellowship at 3:30 pm

Gathering at 4:00 pm

Board will meet at 1:30 pm

Please bring snack food to share during fellowship time

We are looking for churches to host Gatherings for 2010. If you are your church's Point of Contact for hosting, please email our ACLD Dick Barnett at k4guj@aol.com so arrangements can be made."

Snack Agape for FE-78

Due to the canceled Gathering, if you have non-perishable snack agape you wish to donate for the upcoming Men's Walk, it can be brought to the March Gathering and given to Rich Thode. If you cannot attend the Gathering, and wish to donate snack agape, please contact Rich Thode at 540-548-2201 or email him at rktmode@comcast.net.

Thanks for your support!

AGAPE BAGS...Sew Beautiful!

Remember when you saw your agape bag for the first time? God filled that eye-catching bag with love letters just for you. Will you help make a pilgrim's walk special? You can buy brightly colored rainbow striped fabric, cording, and bright shoelaces to donate. Or you can make agape bags; they are sew simple to make, (12" wide and 15" tall, please). Say "I'll help" – just call Diana Farrar at 540-372-7535 or email her at HRHDiana@juno.com

Thoughts from the Community Lay Director...

Whoever is praying for snow, please stop.

These were the words I heard over and over again during the past several weeks. As much as I love snow, even I am ready for some sunny, warmer weather. Although the weather disrupted our Gathering and board meeting, the board was able to approve the scholarship policy for teamers. The policy is included in this newsletter. Hopefully, we will be able to approve a policy format for sponsors and pilgrims during our next meeting in March.

February is also when the board forms the Nominating Committee for our spring elections. When I recall my experience with these elections, there were several things I wish I knew before actually attending my first board meeting. If you wish to seek a board position, or if you would like to nominate someone for a board position, here are some things you may like to know.

First, board members must be willing to sign our Letter of Agreement with the Upper Room. The Upper Room has revised this agreement to include participation in their regional training. All new board members should plan to attend a one day training session. Currently, there is a session scheduled in Williamsburg, VA on June 5, 2010.

Second, board members meet for board meetings at 1:30 before the Gathering each month. Attendance at these meetings is important for the board to fulfill its duties to the Community. Lay Board members include a Secretary, Treasurer, Community Lay Director, Assistant Community Lay Director, and eight other lay members. Pastor positions on the board include two Spiritual Directors and one Community Spiritual Director. Anyone willing to serve on the board should be prepared for the possibility that they may be asked to serve as an officer.

Finally, board members serve in other ways, such as the Team Selection Committee or as a Board Representative on a Weekend.

Although the responsibilities of the board may seem like a lot, don't be overwhelmed if you believe God is calling you to serve.

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You, as an individual, won't need to commit to ALL of these responsibilities. When the board works together, and everyone takes on his or her share of responsibilities, using the talents and gifts God gives, things get done.

Please contact me if you are willing to serve on the board. We will hold elections in May, with new board members taking their positions in July.

DeColores,
Becky Thode

From the Community Spiritual Director...

The Upper Room is coming to Fredericksburg to provide training to our clergy who are serving in the Emmaus Community. The training will be held on Thursday, April 15, 2010 at 4:30 pm at Chancellor Christian Church, 11409 Brock Road, Spotsylvania, VA. A "working" supper will be served. This Upper Room Walk To Emmaus and Chrysalis Training is being held to ensure that all the clergy serving within each community are aware of the history and theology of the Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis movement, understand the duties of the Community Spiritual Director, Weekend Spiritual Directors and Assistant Spiritual Directors and are informed about the development of clergy qualifications. This training event includes the following modules: An introduction, Clergy Roles and Responsibilities, Our Theology, Our Ecumenical Heritage, Scripture and Historical Background. It also allows for opportunity for community clergy to ask questions and seek clarification from a Walk to Emmaus/Chrysalis Regional Clergy Leader.

All clergy are encouraged to attend this training event. In order to plan for food and training materials, please RSVP to Chancellor Christian at 540-972-8361, (leave message), or email tom@chancellorchristian.com. There is no charge; however, donations will be accepted for the cost of food.

De Colores!
Tom Britt

Fredericksburg Emmaus Financial Commitment Letter

Dear Team Member,

Serving as a team member is a wonderful form of agape love. However, this role also entails acceptance of many responsibilities, one of which is paying the teaming fee of \$190. Your team fee will be due no later than three weeks before the Walk.

If you are unable to fund your cost for the weekend, you are still needed and welcome to serve. Full or partial scholarships may be available; however, each community member is encouraged to limit his or her request to one scholarship request per year (June-June). Because scholarships come from the Emmaus general fund, scholarship money is available in limited amounts.

Therefore, please help us plan and be prepared for covering the costs for this Walk and those to come, by doing the following:

- First, complete the Financial Commitment form (attached) and return it to the Weekend Lay Director at the first team meeting. If there is any possibility that you will need a partial or full scholarship, please indicate that on the form. If your situation changes that eliminates or creates a need for a scholarship, please let us know at your earliest opportunity.
- Second, if you think you will need a scholarship, please prayerfully consider systematically setting aside a small sum of money each month, until you've saved the total of \$190, so that you can pay your team fee three weeks before the Walk.
- Third, after receiving a scholarship, please prayerfully consider repaying the fee, as you become able. This will provide continuing scholarship funds to meet future needs of the community.
- Finally, if you are more than able to meet the full cost of your own teaming fee, please consider contributing funds to assist a fellow team member who may need a scholarship. All scholarships and financial assistance requests are kept confidential, so you may discuss these matters with the Weekend Lay Director at any time.

Thank you so much for your willingness to serve. It is our prayer that the Lord continues to bless and uplift you as you prepare for this weekend.

In His Service,

Fredericksburg Emmaus Board of Directors

Financial Commitment Letter

Name _____

As part of my commitment to serve God as a member of this Emmaus team, I will make the following arrangements for payment of my \$190 Team fee.

- I will not need any scholarship assistance. I will pay the full fee three weeks before the Walk (Date _____).

- I will need partial scholarship assistance in the amount of \$_____.

- I will pay the balance three weeks before the Walk (Date _____).

- I will need a full scholarship in the amount of \$190.

Signed _____

Date _____

Men's Emmaus #78 Partial Pilgrim List

“...now I see” *(Ref: Luke 24:31)*

L.J. Austin	Tower of Deliverance
Doug Bond.....	Tower of Deliverance
Joey Buckner	Chancellor Christian Church
Wright Campbell.....	Fairview Baptist Church
Scott Carson.....	Tappahannock Memorial UMC
Kelly Curtis *.....	Fairview Baptist Church
Jon Davis.....	Providence UMC
Mark Fulk.....	Byrd Chapel UMC
Chris Fulton	Stafford Crossing Community
Bill Hill *	Fairview at River Club
Joe Hodge	Faith Christian Fellowship
Brian Hunt.....	Stafford Crossing Community
Phillip Mathews *	Stafford Crossing Community
Steve Parker	Remington UMC
Billy Parr	Calvary UMC
Mike Petty	Epworth UMC of Aylett
Jason Purks.....	Faith Christian Fellowship
Jake Riley.....	Stafford Crossing Community
Nathan Tolbert.....	Zion Baptist Church
Brad Waltrip.....	Providence UMC
Chris Wells *	Mt Horeb UMC



* Pending confirmation from Pilgrim

Before the Men's Walk, please check our website, www.fredwalk.org, for any updates to the pilgrim list.

Instructions for Walk Agape:

General Agape should be for all Pilgrims and all Team Members and it should be anonymous.

Please Pre-Sort Agape into a labeled bag for 24 Pilgrims and 32 Team Members for the three Agape events: Friday afternoon Agape Bag, Friday night Bed Agape and Saturday night Bed Agape.

If any agape has a cord or chain, (lanyards/crosses), please individually wrap them in small baggies otherwise we may have to untangle each one.

Pilgrim Sponsors need to get 8-10 Personal Agape letters and separate them from all other Agape.

Schedule for Men's Emmaus #78

Date	Time	Activity at Camp Happyland
Thur. 3/18/10	6:30 – 7:00 pm	Pilgrim check-in followed by Sponsor's Hour
Sat. 3/20/10	7:30 pm	Candlelight – Community will gather for praise, Communion & fellowship. Please bring flowers for the team to use Sunday morning!
Sun. 3/21/10	4:00 pm	Closing Service

Active Reunion Groups in the Fredericksburg Emmaus Community

His Footprints Phyllis Howze	Various schedule: call for time and meeting place 540-582-6739
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SUN	Bethel UMC Men's Group	7:30 am	
	Bethel UMC Brian Lewis:	Woodbridge, Va 703-590-9343	bb3253@aol.com

TUESDAY	Pastor's Weekly Meeting	7:30 am	
	Call for location Mark Dunn	540-786-4025	
	Great Is Thy Faithfulness	7:30 pm	
	Prince of Peace UMC Lloyd Biller	Manassas, Va 703-590-1512	
	Lakeside Group (Men)	8:00 pm	
	Lake of the Woods Vic Larson	Call for location 540-972-1928	

Are you interested in joining or starting a new reunion group?

Call Sandy Crossley at 703-221-6977 or email her at slcrossley13@verizon.net

WED	Lord's Lions & Lambs Group	6:00 pm	
	First Christian Church Gary Staddan	540-373-7716	first.christian.church@verizon.net

THURSDAY	His Joyful Croakers	9:00 am	
	Hillcrest UMC June Riel	540-710-5949	
	His Seekers (Women)	7:30 pm	
	Home of Jane Carwell Sandy Crossley Jane Carwell	Woodbridge, Va 703-221-6977 703-969-4019	tjcarwell@yahoo.com
	Amazing Grace Group	8:30 pm	
	Hillcrest UMC Ed McAdam	540-898-3625	emcadam@cox.net
	Rainbow Group (Women)	10:00 am	(Alternate Thursdays)
	Lake of the Woods Barbara Miller	Call for location 540-972-7418	

FRI	Koinonia Group (Women)	9:00 am	
	Lake of the Woods Barbara Larson	Call for location 540-972-1928	

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Directions to Camp Happyland:

21457 Happyland Drive
Richardsville, VA 22736

From Central Park in Fburg: Drive 7.5 miles west on Route 3. Turn right (North) on Route 610, Elys Ford Road. Drive 9 miles north on Route 610. Just prior to the green Richardsville sign, turn right (East) on Route 619, Richards Ferry Road. Drive 1.3 miles to Happyland Drive. You will see a large Camp Happyland sign on the right side of the road. Turn right into the Camp and proceed to the parking area. Total distance from Central Park is about 18 miles.

Directions to First Christian Church:

1501 Washington Avenue
Fredericksburg, VA 22407
Phone: 540-373-7716

From I-95: Take Exit 130-A heading East on Route 3 and follow under the Route 1 Overpass. Turn left at the next light onto William St. Continue on William thru three lights before turning left onto Washington Ave at the Old City & Confederate Cemetery. First Christian Church will be three blocks down on your right.