

January 2010

Upper Room
EMMAUS
of the Greater Fredericksburg Area

Gatherings *(2nd Saturday of each month)*

January 8th

4th Day Follow-Up

POC: Joe Reed

First Christian Church

9 am - 1 pm

February 12th

POC: Rosemary Blankenship

Fairview at Charlotte St

March 12th

POC: Cam Noden

Men's Team Commission

Fairview at River Club

April 9th

POC: Rick Dillard

Women's Team Commission

Chancellor Christian

May 14th

POC: Carol Burke

Stafford Crossing

June 11th

POC: Ava Hanger

Dahlgren UMC

Board meeting at 1:30 pm

Fellowship at 3:30 pm

Gathering at 4:00 pm

Please bring snack food to share during fellowship time.

We are looking for churches to host Gatherings for 2011.

If you are your church's Point of Contact for hosting, please email our ACLD Dawn Kendall at queendawn@juno.com so arrangements can be made.



Directions to First Christian Church:
540-373-7716

1501 Washington Avenue
Fredericksburg, VA 22407

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.

Child Care Starts at January 2011 Gathering!

A program is being planned for youth ages 4 to 12 - lead by Jacob Riley and directed by Ava Hanger. We are just getting this off the ground and urgently need parents who have children they would like included to contact Jacob (soonandverysoon@live.com) or Ava (ahanger@va.metrocast.net or 540-775-0010) so we know how many to expect and can discuss ways you might be able to help out.

Thoughts from the Community Lay Director

January 2011

Dick Barnett, Fairview at River Club, Fredericksburg Emmaus #7, Table of Mark

We are so very fortunate to have our Emmaus Community. I look forward to a wonderful new year 2011 to the Glory of God fueled by His agape love expressed by each of us through our Community service. I trust and pray that each of you share my excitement about our opportunities for service in 2011.

Sponsors from our 2010 Fredericksburg Emmaus Walks (FE-78/79/80/81):

4th Day Follow-Up training for your Pilgrim will be on January 8, 2011, at 1st Christian Church at 9AM. This training is mandatory in order for them to Sponsor and Team. If YOU bring your Pilgrim to this important event it will be transformational – your Pilgrim will engage, participate and help the Community conduct our Father’s business through Emmaus. If you do not bring your Pilgrim, chances are we will not see them again.

Each of you should have received by email a personal invitation to attend with a request that you RSVP so we know you are coming. Please take a few moments to respond – hit reply and say YES!

The Gathering at Chancellor Christian on Saturday, December 11, was really special! We had Christmas music by the FE-81 Women’s Walk Music Team and a series of Christmas stories presented individually by four of our Community Spiritual Directors – Mary, Joseph, a Shepherd, and a Wise Man. We also introduced 16 (YES 16!) new Community members from Women’s Walk FE-81 who each spoke about their recent 4th day experiences. That is the 2nd largest percentage Pilgrim attendance at their first Gathering EVER. Congratulations SPONSORS and thanks so much for your service to your Pilgrims.

Weekend Teaming & Serving: Our Spring Walks will be March 31 – April 3 for Men’s FE-82 and April 28 – May 1 for Women’s FE-83. The Men’s Team has been filled, but if you wish to Team on the Spring Women’s Walk and your application isn’t current, please submit a new Teaming Application as soon as possible.

For those of you who have NOT attended a 4th Day Follow-up training session, (and we know there are many of you!), please mark your calendar for 9am January 8, 2011 – same day as our January Gathering – and attend the training session at First Christian Church so you can Team and Sponsor. Both Spring Walks will have opportunities for serving outside the Teaming experience – your first step in the Weekend progression – Serving, Teaming, Leading. Get your Teaming applications in if you wish to serve on a Weekend.

December 2010 Board Actions:

(1) The Board approved the agenda and initiation of Men’s and Women’s Team Orientation meetings in January and February 2011 respectively. The Orientation meetings will be hosted by Dawn Kendall and SD Tom Britt, be considered the first Team meeting, and be where initial teaming instructions and assignments will occur, pursuant to our Emmaus Upper Room Guidelines.

(2) The Board approved the FE-82 Leadership Team candidates.

(3) The Board approved the agenda and initiation in January 2011 of a Gathering Childcare program hosted by Jacob Riley and other volunteers as necessary.

(4) The Board concurred on a recommendation by Ken Roark that the Community NOT have an official Board sanctioned Facebook presence on the Internet.

(5) The Board concurred on a motion by Ken Roark that the Weekend Music Teams play at Gatherings for the month their Team is Commissioned and that the Weekend Music Teams for Men and Women both play on the month following the Spring and Fall Walks.

Please plan to attend our Gathering on January 8, 2011 at First Christian Church – fellowship at 3:30 pm and Gathering at 4 PM.

De Colores,
Dick

**Happy New Year 2011
Fredericksburg Emmaus Community!**

From the desk of the Community Spiritual Director

Welcome Two Thousand and Eleven! Blessed New Year greetings to our Fredericksburg Emmaus community. This will be a year of "transition" as we continue to come into compliance with The Upper Room model and abide by the Letter of Agreement. While reading The Upper Room Handbook on Emmaus, Stephen Bryant shares this thought on keeping faith with the Manuals - "The manuals prevent Emmaus from being remade after the likeness of the various leaders. Unlike many religious events, Emmaus is not leader-centered; it does not depend on charismatic personalities, especially gifted presenters or experienced retreat masters. Rather, Emmaus depends on a team of ordinary Christians working together in the spirit of Christ according to the directions of an objective manual for a proven model. The Lay and Spiritual Directors for each Walk are responsible to the local Emmaus board of Directors, and the local board is in covenant with the Upper Room to lead Emmaus according to the manual."

In biblical language, people "cut" a covenant with another person or group of people. As an example, Abraham and Abimelech cut such a covenant as equal partners, agreeing that the well at Beersheba belonged to Abraham (Gen. 21:22-24). Each covenant had special conditions affecting the power in authority and the one who became a vassal. The covenant also imposed demands on each partner of this covenant between equals. Breaking covenant conditions meant treason and extreme punishment. Our Lay and Spiritual Directors are responsible to, in our case, and are in covenant with the Fredericksburg Emmaus Board of Directors. Likewise, your Board of Directors is in covenant, (a pact, treaty, alliance, or agreement between two parties of equal or of unequal authority), with The Upper Room.

As your Community Spiritual Director, I am in full agreement with the intent to fully comply with established Letter of Agreement entered into by the Fredericksburg Emmaus Board of Directors and The Upper Room as it pertains to leading Emmaus according to the manual. I would recommend that each of us search our hearts with the understanding that our "integrity" must be protected, especially when applied to the Letter of Agreement with The Upper Room. Our "yes" must be in effect....YES! The integrity of our community is at stake. Does this mean that we have no areas in which to disagree? No! There are areas that are inherent to our community which are not supported by The Upper Room. These areas are rare instances and we are encouraged to make those known to The Upper Room so that productive and concrete dialog can take place. Let me be completely honest here, there are some spiritual concerns that will affect our community and these concerns are being addressed directly to the Regional Clergy Leader.

What I am asking of you is your continued patience and prayers as we work towards compliance. The Board of Directors are aware of the plethora of opinions and outright hostility exerted towards certain Board members. This should not be! We are commanded to show love where disagreement exists. What we don't want is dissension among the brotherhood or bitterness to develop (Prov. 6:19; Heb. 12:15). I implore you to wait for official notification from your Board of Directors. God will see us through this transitional change - quick to listen and slow to speak.

Pastor Joe

UPCOMING EMMAUS WEEKENDS

Walk #	Dates	Weekend Lay Director
FE-82 (M)	Mar 30 - April 3, 2011	Tim Patrick
FE-83 (W)	Apr 28 - May 1, 2011	Susan Dillard

December Reports from your Board Members/ Coordinators:

Fourth Day Support – Cam Noden

Holiday Fever!

Gathering Support – Ava Hanger

Gathering Support is looking for parents willing to help the Childcare Coordinator on a rotating basis. Please, if you are planning to have your child participate in the Children's Gathering, sign up to help at least once a quarter. Also, the Children's Gathering would like to have snacks provided by members of the community. If you are able to help with this, please contact Ava Hanger (ahanger@va.metrocast.net).

Pilgrim/Team Support – Carol Burke

Holiday Fever (in London!)

Weekend Support – Mike McDonald

Holiday Fever!

Upper Room Guidelines Implementation Committee – Dawn Kendall

The Guidelines Implementation Committee took a break for the holidays. We are finalizing the weekend schedule and working to support upcoming Spring Walks FE 82 and 83.

Manuals Coordinator – Mike Remington

"With the extremely busy Christmas season now behind us, it is time for all of you to come to the next Gathering and stop by the Emmaus Book booth to purchase your Emmaus Upper Room manual, go home and curl up in a nice soft comfortable chair and read your newly purchased manual to learn all about the Emmaus Upper Room guidelines that may change the upcoming Fredericksburg Emmaus Walks. Cash or checks are acceptable at the time of manual pickup."

Communications Coordinator – Ken Roark

Holiday Fever!

Prayer Requests from December Gathering

Jill and Lynn; Pete – Cancer; Lisa – Cancer; Unsaved People; Less Stuff.

The Family of Audrey; Tweedy – for comfort; Peace and Forgiveness.

Thank you God for loving us; Thank you for your Word.

Alan – go to Campus Crusade for Christ and have a personal relationship with Jesus, the need for direction.

Give me insight into what you want me to do to survive financially and show me what my gift is.

For our uniformed service persons – Sailors, Marines, Soldiers, Airmen, Police, Firefighters who will be standing a watch on Christmas, so that we are safe and protected; John Perry, Randy Ross

Praise for my husband Jack's health improvement!

For Roman, that he may be healed from his pain. He gave us joy for many Sundays.

Castillo Family (Praises); Griffin's (Thanks for everything) health in decline; Anderson's (Prayers for our house); Angel's grand daughter (baby); Martha (Strength during her cancer), Prayers for our country, President, our soldiers, and all USA citizens; Emmaus Communities so our Lord continue guiding us to bring his children to Him; Amen.

June – her health in decline; Chris – his walk with the Lord; Praise – mother's health.

My grand daughter Ava Jane – baby due 2-11-2011; Don – "Flower Child".

My brother Mike is very ill with leukemia and wants to know the Lord – prayers needed.

My spiritual well being and that my actions reflect my beliefs, help that I continue to let go of that stuff that keeps me separated from God on a daily basis.

Overcome grief; health of mother; healing of Lynn family.

Our son Bob's leg pain.

My son Karl to seek God's wisdom for his life; Thank God for all His blessing and joy.

Little baby and family.

Daily Internet Prayer Chain

Would the Community like to have a Daily Internet Prayer Chain? A Prayer Chain Coordinator would receive your daily prayer requests and distribute them to the Community members who have signed up to receive and pray for them. Would someone like to be the Prayer Chain Coordinator? This would be a demanding ministry but 'powerful and effective.' Please contact Dick Barnett at k4guj@aol.com if you are interested.

Community Volunteers (Sept 1, 2010 - Aug 31, 2011):

(Approved By Emmaus Board)

Elected Community Officers (Thru June 30, 2011):

Community Lay Director.....**Dick Barnett***
Chair Emmaus Board and Various Standing Committees
Lead Gatherings & Candlelight, Host Weekend Sponsors' Hour/Closing

Assistant Community Lay Director**Dawn Kendall***
Gathering Location Coordinator
Chair Upper Room Guidelines Implementation Committee
Act for Community Lay Director when necessary

Community Spiritual Director.....**Joe Reed***
Various Standing Committees & Hosting
Board Spiritual Director.....Tom Britt*
Board Spiritual Director.....Greg Akers*

Treasurer**Carol Burke***
Financial Advisory Committee.....George Masten*

Secretary.....**Jennifer McDaniel***
Manuals Coordinator.....Mike Remington*
Records/By-Laws Historian.....Mike Remington*

Community Volunteers:

Communications Coordinator**Ken Roark***
Website Administrator.....Dennis Warne
Newsletter.....Brooke Ferguson
Database Coordinator.....Dennis Warne

Fourth Day Support Coordinator.....**Cam Noden***
Fourth Day Advisory Committee.....Art Blankenship
Upper Room Guidelines Implementation.....Dawn Kendall*
Fourth Day Follow-Up Training.....Dick Barnett*
Reunion Group Coordinator.....Vacant
Identify/Obtain Literature & Reference Material.....Vacant

Gathering Support Coordinator.....**Ava Hanger***
Childcare Coordinator.....Jacob Riley
Community Baker.....Sandie Makely
Gathering Location Coordinator.....Dawn Kendall*
Music Coordinator for Gatherings.....Lola McDonald
Music Equipment Coordinator.....Vacant*

Pilgrim/Team Support Coordinator**Carol Burke***
Pilgrim Selection Committee.....Dick Barnett*
Pilgrim Registrars.....Ralph and Sandy Williams
Team Selection Committee.....Dick Barnett*
Team Registrar.....Dick Barnett*

Weekend Support Coordinator.....**Mike McDonald***
Community Servant Coordinator.....Mike McDonald*
General Agape Coordinator.....Vacant
Prayer Vigil Coordinator.....Vonda LaCalzi
Placemat Coordinator.....Tom Wells
Snack Agape Coordinator.....Judy Britt*
Agape Bag Coordinator.....Diana Farrar
Transportation Coordinator.....Vacant
Supplies Coordinator.....Mike McDonald*
Name Badge Coordinator.....Gary Adkins
Fourth Day Packets.....Wilfred and Mary Usher*

*Board Members (Serving July 1, 2010- June 30, 2011)

Churches Hosting Gatherings

We are looking for churches to host Gatherings for 2011 starting in January. If you would like to volunteer your church for a Gathering please contact our Community ACLD Dawn Kendall, queendawn@juno.com, with your church's point of contact and the month(s) your church would be available. De Colores!

HELP WANTED

Our Emmaus Community is looking for volunteers to fill several vacant coordinator positions. If you are interested in serving in any capacity, please contact Dick Barnett at k4guj@aol.com.

REUNION GROUPS

Sunday

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

Monday

Ladies in Waiting
Meets every other Monday in
Falmouth
POC: Vonda LiCalzi
540-446-2682

Tuesday

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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
7:30 pm
Prince of Peace UMC
Manassas, Va
POC: Lloyd Biller
703-590-1512

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

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

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

Rainbow Group (Women)
Alternate Thursdays
10:00 am
Lake of the Woods
Call for location
POC: Barbara Miller
540-972-7418

Friday

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

Varies

His Footprints
Various schedule: call for
time and meeting place
POC: Phyllis Howze
540-582-6739

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

Contact Cam
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