

November 2011

Upper Room EMMAUS of the Greater Fredericksburg Area

Gatherings *(2nd Saturday of each month)*

November 12th

POC: Kathleen Holladay

December 10th

Hillcrest UMC

North Stafford Baptist Church

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 2012.

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

Directions to Hillcrest UMC

2208 Lafayette Boulevard
Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401
(540) 898-2180

From Route 1 South & I-95:

Take Route 1 North, (from Spotsylvania Exit 126 on I-95), to Four-Mile Fork. Turn right onto Lafayette Blvd. Continue on Lafayette Blvd. to Hillcrest UMC on the left.

4th Day Testimonies

The 4th day committee wants your 4th day testimonies. They don't have to be long, just tell us what God's doing in your 4th day, or how teaming, sponsoring, being involved in a reunion group, or attending monthly gatherings has changed your life. We will review it and if accepted, include it in the newsletter on a monthly basis. So if you'd like to share with us how God has used your Emmaus experience in any of these areas, please email your testimony to Cam Noden at: twonodens@juno.com for review. I'll be looking forward to hearing from you!



UPCOMING EMMAUS WEEKENDS

Walk

FE-85 (W)

FE-86 (M)

FE-87 (W)

Dates

Nov 17 – 20, 2011

March 22 - 25, 2012

April 26 - 29, 2012

Weekend Lay Director

Lola McDonald

Ralph Williams

TBA

From the Community Lay Director

HELLO. Greetings to you, my brothers and sisters! I hope that life is treating everyone well.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY. We offer our sincere condolences to Tom and Bonnie Wells following the death of their son, Zack. We know there are no words that can ease their pain; all we can offer is our love and support.

GATHERING. The November 12 Gathering will be held at Hillcrest UMC on Lafayette Boulevard. We will have the opportunity to welcome the men from FE-84 into our community. We will also commission the women's talk room team. Come worship with your Emmaus family.

THE WOMEN'S WALK. The women's walk is upon us! Please pray about how you can serve the women on this walk, especially through the prayer vigil and as a prayer partner. Plan to come out to Camp Happyland to support the pilgrim and team. Let's show them some love!

THE MEN'S WALK. FE-84 is complete and God was alive! The testimony at Closing was powerful and we thank

God for working through our community to guide the 20 pilgrims closer to Him. Come meet these men and hear their stories at the next Gathering.

PRAYERS. If you have a prayer request that needs immediate attention, email our Daily Prayer Chain (FredEmmausPrayers@Yahoo.com) to be lifted up by our prayer warriors. If you would like to be a member of this ministry, contact Dennis Warne (WarneDM@comcast.net).

THANKSGIVING. Thanksgiving is approaching quickly. Let us remember that this is not an easy, happy time for everyone. For many people, the holidays are a time of great difficulty and loneliness. Please reach out to those who may be struggling this year and let them know that God has not forgotten them.

DECOLORES! .Blessings to all ya'll.

Dawn Kendall
FE-54, Table of Peace

YOU'RE INVITED

What: The Gathering of the Fredericksburg Emmaus Community
When: Saturday, November 12 at 3:30
Where: Hillcrest United Methodist Church on Lafayette Boulevard
Dress: Colorful

The Walk to Emmaus weekend is only one part of the journey. Please join your Emmaus family in fellowship at the monthly Gatherings, in support with a reunion group, and in service in the greater community.

DECOLORES

From the Community Spiritual Director

As I write this newsletter article, I feel pressed to address a growing concern within our Emmaus Community – that is the lack of participation by the community in all aspects of Fredericksburg Emmaus. 2 Chronicles 31:21 says “And every work that he undertook in the service of the house of God and in accordance with the law and the commandments, seeking his God, he did it with all his heart, and prospered.”

Spurgeon makes the following observation:

It is the general rule of the moral universe that those men prosper who do their work with all their hearts, while those are almost certain to fail who go to their labor leaving half their hearts behind them. God is not pleased to send wealth to those who will not dig in the field to find its hidden treasure. It is universally confessed that if a man would prosper, He must be diligent in business.

It is the same in religion as it is in other things. If you would prosper in your work for Jesus, let it be heart work and let it be done with all your heart. Put as much force, energy, heartiness, and earnestness into religion as you do into business for it deserves far more. The Holy Spirit helps our infirmities, but He does not encourage our idleness; He loves active believers.

I realize that many are busy with their own church activities to become too deeply involved in the Emmaus Community, and we do not want to interfere with your service to your own church. However, we just held our 84th walk to Emmaus in the Fredericksburg Emmaus Community. Even being conservative that is over 1600 individuals who have experienced an Emmaus weekend. Allowing for natural attrition and those who are busy on a given weekend, there should still be sufficient numbers of people able to attend a gathering that there would be “standing room only.” Further,

how much time does it really take to make general agape for the pilgrims on the weekend? Remember how you felt when you saw the overwhelming amount of agape that was given to you at various times during your own Walk to Emmaus? Or Candlelight – remember how you felt when you came out of the talk-room and saw all of those people lined up to show you the face of Jesus on your weekend?

Again, I am not asking you to give up your service to your church to make Emmaus a priority, but I am asking that you seek the Lord as to what He would have you do to give back to the Community. It does not take a great deal of time to be involved if one is not serving on the board, or teaming for a weekend. A Gathering only happens once a month and only lasts a couple of hours – is that too much time to work for the Lord with all your heart? There are only four walks per-year, that’s four Candlelights, and four Closings, not a lot of time out of an entire year. And, how long does it take to produce a piece of general agape, one for each pilgrim and team member on the walk?

What I am asking each member of our community to do is to seek the Lord, ask Him what He would have you to do in the Emmaus Community, and then do that with all your heart and see how God prospers it. Let me close with this final thought from Spurgeon: “Wholeheartedness shows itself in perseverance; there may be failure at first, but the earnest worker will say, ‘It is the Lord’s work, and it must be done; my Lord has bidden me do it, and in His strength I will accomplish it.’” This is the Lord’s work, as He bids us do it, let us accomplish it in His name.

Jim Muhlenkamp

Community Notes

FE-85 is almost here!

Please VOLUNTEER to serve. The walks cannot run smoothly without us being the hands and feet of Christ. Please speak with the Lead Servant Rosemary Blankenship to see how you can best serve during the weekends.

Please SUPPORT the weekend events. Come out to greet the pilgrims on Thursday night, bless them with your love at Candlelight, and come hear their joy at Closing.

Please sign up for the 72-HOUR PRAYER VIGIL. Select a time and pray wherever you are at that time. The Prayer Vigil record is presented to the pilgrims as a form of agape. Please sign up so that every hour of the walk is covered in prayer.

Be a PRAYER PARTNER. Prayer Partners come to Camp Happyland and pray for specific speakers. Prayer Partners remain in the Prayer Chapel until the speaker has completed his or her talk. This is a wonderful form of agape for our team members.

Remember, the weekend needs all of us. Let’s bless our talk room and servant teams and the pilgrims with our service.

Prayer Requests from October Gathering

Comfort and strength for the Wells family	Tom and Bonnie	The Vernon Family
Salvation for loved ones	Joe's back and foot	Susan McCoy
Healing for Wallace and Aunt Judy Hinchey family	Healing for Gene	Glenda Montler—health issues; tests scheduled
Shepherds UMC	Peaceful passing for the terminally ill	Kristie & JB—health and job
Epworth UMC	For changed lives through FE-84	Free Hope Community Fellowship
Epiphany	For the unsaved	For Kevin, a pilgrim on FE-84
For Kathleen	For each of us to confidently be the hands and feet of Jesus	Lianne—healing for mind and spirit
Mike's meeting with his father	That God's mercy and blessings rain down on the Wells family	Work
Cam's talk	Chris, Nancy & family	For Chris to have a closer walk with the Lord
Finances	Mary Alice	For God to heal my body of arthritis if it is His will
Direction from God	Carli	Lauren—enlarged spleen & high red blood count
Debbie's mother's health and relationship	John Wilson & Peggy Clark	Wallace—medical tests
Grandson Michael	Epworth congregation	Tony—grandfather is in hospice
Al—hip pain	Luanne & Alexis	For God to open our eyes and heart
Travel mercies	Lauren	Mary, Jimmy, Chris, Jerry, Margaret, & Mike
Calmness for Stephanie	For troops overseas	That God will open the hearts and minds to His way as the Brookes family works through the death of Mary
Our youth group	For the health of our children	That God be glorified in FE-84
FE-84 and FE-85	Wilfred, Mary, John, Christopher, Dan, Olivia, Vivian, Steve, Betty, Sal, Ricky	For the men's music team
Hope for a friend who needs direction	For Maranatha	For FE-85
Continued recovery for our beautiful LaZalia	Housing for Bill	
For the Ushers' health and finances	Heather and friend going back to school	

Fourth Day Testimony

Prior to my Emmaus Walk in the spring of 2004, I was a guy who thought he was living a good Christian life. For me, I went to church for 1 hour every Sunday morning then did whatever I wanted to do for the remaining hours of the week. I left God at my church and did not take Him with me as I walked out the door. After my Walk, I went to my Reunion Group that met at First Christian Church on historic Washington Ave. There, I started for the very first time bringing God with me during the week and not leaving Him stranded at my church. I got to describe my experiences for the week as they related to piety, study, and action. Also, I started to really learn how to pray, which was something that I had neglected for so many years. As Corrie Ten Boom once proclaimed, "I was now using God as my steering wheel instead of as my spare tire." I am now a member of Stafford Crossing's "Building Bridges" Reunion Group. Attending my group weekly, attending the monthly gatherings, and serving on Emmaus teams has kept my spiritual ship on course for the last 7 years! I pray that for the pilgrims of FE-84 and for all past and future pilgrims that their 4th Day experiences will be as filled with a lifetime of God's gracious blessings as it has been for me.

Harry L. Tillman, Stafford Crossing Community Church, FE-53, Table of Mark

Women's Emmaus #85 Team List

Name	Church	Talk/Reading	Assignment
Lisa Green	Regester Chapel UMC	Christian Action	TL Love
Janet McCaslin	Grace UMC	Colossians 3:1-14	ATL Love
Adela Harlow	Woodbridge Christian	Luke 24:13-35 & Growth through Study	TL Joy
Ava Hangar	Dahlgren UMC	Discipleship	ATL Joy
Jennifer Taylor	Ebenezer UMC-Oldhams	Life of Piety	TL Peace
Donna Sisk	Grace UMC		ATL Peace
Debbie Bliss	Hillcrest UMC	Body of Christ	TL Kindness
Susan Perkins	Prince of Peace UMC	Ecclesiastes 3:1-15	ATL Kindness
Vonnie Hinkle	Stafford Crossing	Changing Our World	TL Gentleness
Hilary Parr	Fairview Baptist Church	Priesthood of All Believers	ATL Gentleness
Lola McDonald	Stafford Crossing	Perseverance	WLD
Sharon Smith	Fairview Baptist	4th Day	ALD
Colleen McGrath	Bowling Green UMC	Priority	ALD
Cam Noden	Fairview at River Club		ALD
Gerri Bartman	Holy Family Catholic	Prayer of St. Frances	Floater
Vonda LiCalzi	Antioch UMC	Matthew 22:34-40	Floater
Carol Grimes	Promised Land	Means of Grace	WSD
Tom Britt	Chancellor Christian	Justifying Grace	SD
Ralph Thomas	Tower of Deliverance	Sanctifying Grace	SD
Chris Fair	Antioch UMC	Obstacles to Grace	SD
Felicia Taylor	New Horizons	Prevenient Grace	SD
Kathy Neiswander	Woodbridge Christian		MD
Christine Tillman	Stafford Crossing	Psalms 23	AMD
Debbie Avis	Woodbridge Christian	Psalms 100	AMD
Judy Britt	Chancellor Christian		Board Rep

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 24 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.

Women's Emmaus #85 Partial Pilgrim List*

Jenn Beckers.....Lifepoint Church
 Jean BennettWicomico UMC
 Connie BrindleChrist The King
 Robin CurtisFairview Baptist Church
 Donna DavisByrd Chapel UMC
 Connie GarmanBethel UMC
 Betty LasterTower of Deliverance Church
 Mary McCormickTower of Deliverance Church
 Laurie NicholsByrd Chapel UMC
 Sharon PardueGrace UMC
 Margaret PitmanWicomico UMC
 Barbara PriceBethel UMC
 Margie RyderGrace UMC
 Kada SaundersProvidence UMC
 Debbie SimonsenBethel UMC
 Becky SpicerFairview Baptist Church
 Sue SpicerMt Horeb UMC
 Jeanette VanGelderMt Horeb UMC

Snack Agape

Snack agape, (baked goods, brownies, goodies), is needed for the Women's Walk. You may bring packaged goods to the Gathering on November 12th and give to Lisa Green.

*Before the Women's Walk, please check our website at www.fredwalk.org, for any updates to the Pilgrim List.

Schedule for Women's Emmaus #85

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity at Camp Happyland</i>
Thur. 11/17/11	6:30 - 7:00 pm	Pilgrim check-in followed by Sponsor's Hour
Sat. 11/19/11	7:30 pm	Candlelight - Community will gather for praise, Communion & fellowship. Please bring flowers for the team to use Sunday morning!
Sun. 11/20/11	4:00 pm	Closing Service

Directions to Camp Happyland 21457 Happyland Drive Richardsville, VA 22736

From Central Park in Fredericksburg: 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.

Elected Community Officers: (Thru June 30, 2012)

Community Lay Director.....Dawn Kendall
Assistant Community Lay DirectorRichard Leeper
Community Spiritual Director.....Jim Muhlenkamp
Dick Barnett Lisa Green Cam Noden
Judy Britt Ava Hanger Jake Riley
Chris Campbell
Agape Coordinator.....Tom Dempsey
Secretary.....Vacant
Treasurer.....Carol Burke
Manuals Coordinator/HistorianMike Remington
Spiritual Director.....Bill Walker
Spiritual Director.....Joe Reed

Community Volunteers: (Sept 1, 2011 - Aug 31, 2012)

Communications Support Coordinator.....**Dick Barnett**
Website Administrator.....Chris Campbell
Newsletter.....Brooke Ferguson
Database Coordinator.....Dennis Warne
Daily Prayer Chain CoordinatorTeresa Smith

Fourth Day Support Coordinator**Cam Noden**
Fourth Day Advisory CommitteeArt Blankenship
Fourth Day Follow-Up/Reunion Group Coordinator.....Richard Leeper

Upper Room Guidelines Implementation.....Dawn Kendall

Pilgrim/Team Support Coordinator.....**Carol Burke**
Team Selection Committee.....Dawn Kendall
Team RegistrarDick Barnett
Pilgrim Registrars.....Ralph and Sandy Williams

Gathering Support Coordinator.....**Ava Hanger**
Childcare Coordinator.....Jacob Riley
Hospitality Coordinator.....Kathleen Holladay
Transportation Coordinator.....Chris Campbell

Music/Equipment Coordinator.....**Mitch Mitchell**

Weekend Support Coordinator.....**Jake Riley**
Community Servant CoordinatorRichard Leeper
Community Baker.....Sandie Makely
Supplies Coordinator.....Chris & Karen Campbell
Prayer Vigil Coordinators.....Lisa Green
Placemat Coordinator.....Tom Wells
Snack Agape Coordinator.....Lisa Green
Agape Bag Coordinator.....Karen Campbell
Name Badge CoordinatorGary Adkins
Fourth Day Packets.....Wilfred and Mary Usher

Daily Internet Prayer Chain

We have Prayer Warriors praying daily for the needs and praises of the Emmaus Community. Our Daily Prayer Chain Coordinator is Teresa Smith, Fairview at River Club, FE-37, Table of Patience. Simply email Teresa at fredemmausprayers@yahoo.com with your prayer request and our Prayer Warriors will be in prayer for you! Urgent prayer requests will be handled as quickly as we receive them. If you would like to be a Daily Prayer Warrior, email our website administrator Chris Campbell at chris@ewg.org and ask to be included as a Prayer Warrior.

REUNION GROUPS

Sunday	Wednesday	Friday
<p>Bethel UMC Men's Group 7:30 am Bethel UMC Woodbridge, Va POC: Brian Lewis 703-590-9343 bb3253@aol.com</p>	<p>Lord's Lions & Lambs Group 6:30 pm First Christian Church POC: Joe Reed 540-373-7716 first.christian.church@verizon.net</p>	<p>Koinonia Group (Women) 9:00 am Lake of the Woods Call for location POC: Barbara Larson 540-972-1928</p>
Monday	Thursday	Varies
<p>Ladies in Waiting Meets every other Monday in Falmouth POC: Vonda LiCalzi 540-446-2682</p>	<p>His Joyful Croakers 9:00 am Hillcrest UMC POC: June Riel 540-710-5949</p> <p>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</p> <p>Amazing Grace Group 8:30 pm Hillcrest UMC POC: Ed McAdam 540-898-3625 emcadam@cox.net</p> <p>Rainbow Group (Women) Alternate Thursdays 10:00 am Lake of the Woods Call for location POC: Barbara Miller 540-972-7418</p>	<p>His Footprints Various schedule: call for time and meeting place POC: Phyllis Howze 540-582-6739</p>
Tuesday		
<p>Great Is Thy Faithfulness 7:30 pm Prince of Peace UMC Manassas, Va POC: Lloyd Biller 703-590-1512</p> <p>Lakeside Group (Men) 8:00 pm Lake of the Woods Call for location POC: Vic Larson 540-972-1928</p>		

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

Email Richard Leeper at richardleeper@netscape.net