

April 2012

Upper Room EMMAUS of the Greater Fredericksburg Area

Gatherings *(2nd Saturday of each month)*

April 14th	Fairview at River Club
<u>Please note location changed to River Club</u>	
May 12th	Regester Chapel
June 9th	Peace UMC
July 14th	Bethel UMC (Caroline)
August 11th	Lake of the Woods Church
September 8th	Melrose UMC

Board meeting at 1:30 pm
 Fellowship at 3:30 pm
 Gathering at 4:00 pm
 Please bring snacks 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.



Snack Agape

Snack agape, (baked goods, brownies, goodies), is needed for the Women's Walk. You may bring packaged goods to the Gathering on April 14th to give to Lisa Green. Thanks!

Directions to Fairview at River Club
 10835 Tidewater Trail
 Fredericksburg, VA 22408

Directions from I-95: Take Exit 130A heading Rt. 3 East. After 3 miles go south on Route 2 (right-hand exit). Go 3 miles and the church is on the left behind the CVS and Autozone.

UPCOMING EMMAUS WEEKENDS

Walk #	Dates	Weekend Lay Director
FE-87 (W)	April 26 - 29, 2012	Sharon Smith
FE-88 (M)	October 25 - 28, 2012	Mike McDonald
FE-89 (W)	November 15 - 18, 2012	TBD

From the Community Lay Director

HELLO. Christ is risen!! Christ is risen indeed!!

FE-86. What a wonderful weekend! God was clearly at work. The pilgrims were moved, the team was blessed, even the rain stopped for Candlelight. Come hear our new brothers speak about their 4th day.

AND FE 87. The team continues to prepare for the weekend. Please support the weekend with your prayers, agape, and service.

AGAPE. We will have an agape collection box available at the April Gathering. If you are unable to go to Camp Happyland on Thursday night, bring your Agape to the Gathering and we will ensure that it is delivered on the weekend. We should FILL the agape bags as a show of our love for the pilgrims.

UPCOMING. Our community is very busy. In the upcoming months, we will hear the women's 4th Day testimonies, hold elections, welcome new Board members, conduct a 4th Day meeting, visit new churches, and begin preparing for the fall walks. Read the newsletter for details and directions. Be an active part of the Fredericksburg Emmaus community!

ELECTIONS. There are 5 positions opening on the Board of Directors: 2 lay men, 2 lay women, and 1 Spiritual Director. If you are interested in serving our Emmaus

Community in a leadership role, please speak to Richard Leeper. Elections will be held in May.

FALL WALKS. The Emmaus community never rests. Team selection for FE-88 and FE-89 will begin this month. Please prayerfully consider how you might serve these walks in October and November. More details about the team selection process are included in this newsletter. If you do not have a current application, please download the form from www.fredwalk.org, complete it, and send it to the address given. We look forward to seeing you!

COMMUNITY SUPPORT. Remember how amazing your Emmaus walk weekend was? What was it that moved you? Was it the agape bag, filled with encouragement from people you did not even know? Was it the beautiful display of love and support at Candlelight? Was it seeing a room full of people praising God for His blessings on you at Closing? Let's support these walks with a renewed commitment. Please prayerfully consider the level of your participation. Let's bless their socks off!

DECOLORES! Happy Easter, ya'll!

Dawn Kendall
FE-54, Table of Peace

Fourth Day Testimony

"Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit." Zechariah 4:6.

I know that we do not use scripture verses on our walks now outside of the Emmaus story, but this scripture has a special meaning to me. It was used on the Emmaus walk I attended, FE-33. That walk was a beginning of a pilgrimage that allowed me to lead the men of FE-86. I walked in the fall of 1999 and if you would have told me then that I would have led a walk some day, I would have laughed at you. I remember the words that Ralph Thomas said in one of his talks, "God wants you to get uncomfortable." He was right, God has called me to do many things that were outside of my comfort zone and it seems like every time you answer the call the bar is raised a little higher. We stress Reunion Groups on the walks. Another brother and I from FE-33 started a reunion group after our walk and have continued to meet for over ten years. The men in this group make these meetings a priority in their lives. Lasting relationships are built from these groups. If you are going to persevere in your Christian life, you need to maintain that contact with Christ and with other Christians.

DeColores

Ralph Williams, FE-33 Table of Paul

Women's Emmaus #87 Team List

Name	Church	Assignment
Sharon Smith.....	WLD	Perseverance
Lisa Green	ALD	Matthew 34:44-40/ Psalms 23
Sandy Williams	ALD	Priorities
Terry Cook.....	ALD	Fourth Day
Felicia Taylor.....	LSD	Means of Grace
Jim Muhlencamp.....	ASD	Justifying Grace
Ralph Thomas.....	ASD	Sanctifying Grace
Betty Jo Simms	ASD	Obstacles to Grace
Gayle Porias	ASD	Prevenient Grace
Lola McDonald.....	MD	Luke 24:13-35
Diana Farrar	AMD	Psalms 100
Karen Campbell	TL Hannah	Growth Thru Study
Ava Hanger	ATL Hannah	Colossians 3:1-14
Hilary Parr	TL Esther	Body of Christ
Lynda Swanlund	ATL Esther.....	Ecclesiastes 3:1-15
Marian Weadon.....	TL Lydia	Priesthood of all Believers
Kitti Mann.....	ATL Lydia.....	Life in Piety
Miki Curtis	TL Sarah	Discipleship
Virginia Johnson.....	ATL Sarah.....	Prayer of St. Francis
Kathleen Holladay.....	TL Naomi.....	Changing Our World
Mary Lee Hensel	ATL Naomi.....	Christian Action

Schedule for Women's Emmaus #87

Date	Time	Activity at Camp Happyland
Thur. 4/26/12	6:30 - 7:00 pm	Pilgrim check-in followed by Sponsor's Hour
Sat. 4/28/12	7:30 pm	Candlelight – Community will gather for praise, Communion & fellowship. Please bring flowers for the team to use Sunday morning!
Sun. 4/29/12	4:00 pm	Closing Service

Women's Emmaus #87 Partial* Pilgrim List

Name	Church
June Bennett.....	Riverside 1st Church of God
Tammy Clontz.....	Life Point Church
Sheryl Davis.....	Fairview at River Club
Wanda Dellinger.....	Liberty UMC
Sue Eastridge.....	Fairview at River Club
Ellen Heatwole.....	Bethel UMC
Kathy Ingram.....	Union Baptist Church
Carlene Kerr.....	Grace UMC
Tracey Klosterman.....	Salem UMC
Patti Linkous.....	Byrd Chapel UMC
Vera Moody.....	Lake of the Woods Church
Tiaisha Myers.....	First Christian Church
Ardieth Patrick.....	Lake of the Woods Church
Jackie Peters.....	Byrd Chapel UMC
Diane Scroggins.....	Mt. Horeb UMC
Sue Silliman.....	Lake of the Woods Church
Linda Stolfi.....	Shephards UMC
Jean Stutz.....	Lake of the Woods Church
Elaina Williams.....	Union Baptist Church
Lucy Wiygul.....	Fredericksburg UMC
Laurie Zeiszler.....	St. Francis of Assisi

*Before the Women's Walk, please check our website at www.fredwalk.org, for an updated 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 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.
- There will be an Agape Box available at the April Gathering

Prayer Requests from March Gathering

Judy in the hospital

Phyllis—cancer has returned

Rhea—depression

Amy—pregnant with twins but lost one of her babies

Ralph—cancer

Stress on our teenagers

Our President

Kelly and Danny

The Griffin and Anderson families

Josh, Jess, Matt, Dominic

Families affected by natural disasters

Finances

My wellness ministry

Nephew in Afghanistan

To do well on upcoming tests; strengthen those who do not pass so that they will try again

Job opportunities for my daughter and son-in-law that will tap into their talents

For my daughter to meet a Godly man who will cherish her, and she, him

For Fredericksburg Emmaus to flourish despite our growing pains

For opportunities not to be wasted

Gayle—cancer; healing

For Jim to find a job

That the Lord will bless us to keep our home

For my son to get into college and his education paid for

For peace and joy in my home

For health and finances

For repair work on our house

Dominic—5 year old with cancer

Mary, Wilfred, John, Vivian, Christopher, Olivia, Justina, Laura, AJ

For Maranatha

FE 86 & FE 87

Pastor Ellen

Otto, Larry, tony, Tyler

Ken & Trina & family

God putting me where he wants me

George & Daphne

Bethel UMC

Make it Happen Church

For unsaved loved ones

Healing for Tyler

The Castillo family,

The Blain family

Larry

Angel's granddaughter

My sister Maria's son Dillion

My office management

For our country

Ministries, churches, Christians, and the Emmaus community

For facing tough decisions

PRAISES

For opportunities that have come my way

**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.

Community Notes - Team Selection

The Team Selection Committee (TSC) was created in our community bylaws based on the Upper Room model. There are 8-10 members on the committee and the committee follows an established process. Team candidates are prayerfully chosen.

The Fredericksburg by-laws describe how the TSC is composed: the Community Lay Director, the Community Spiritual Director, the Weekend Lay Directors from the previous walks, the Weekend Lay Directors for the upcoming walks, and at large positions as appropriate.

Weekend Lay Directors and Weekend Spiritual Directors are selected by the Board of Directors based on progression, availability, and prayer.

We follow a Progressive Servanthood:

Servant > assistant table leader > table leader > assistant lay director (2) > weekend lay director > servant

The TSC creates a "short list" of active community members for consideration for teaming. This list provides the TSC information about who is currently active in the community, what walks they have previously teamed, and what talks they have given. The TSC looks at what role is next for each person in their progression. The TSC also looks at who has not teamed in a while and how they might be used on a walk weekend. The Fredericksburg community has a "2 team" policy, meaning that people should only team twice consecutively. This ensures that there are opportunities for everyone in the community to team and hopefully reduces the time and financial burden of our active members. Team members agree to serve as they are needed; no one can select their own role on the team.

TSC meetings begin and end in prayer. There is discussion among all members about all positions. While the current WLD has a voice in the process, that person does not hand-pick the team. Positions are assigned based on progression and need. A person can serve in any capacity up to their progressive role. So, if someone has progressed to the ALD level but there is a greater need for table leaders, that person may be assigned to a table.

While we want to honor the progression, the needs of the walk take priority.

The Emmaus Handbook specifically defines the talk room team: a WLD, 3 Assistant Lay Directors (one new), a Table Leader and an Assistant Table Leader for each table, a Music Director and an assistant Music Director, a WSD, 4 assistant SDs, and a Board Representative. There is an option for a third musician, who should be of lesser experience on the music team, with the intention of growing the music ministry. Our Board of Directors also approved a floater as a backup, because we all know things happen when we make plans. Therefore, if there are 5 tables and a third musician, the talk room team would total 24 members.

Talk assignments are based on what talks a person has previously given, what talk their testimony best serves, and prayer. Some talks are pre-assigned based on the Emmaus Handbook:

WLD—Perseverance

Senior ALD—Fourth Day

Experienced ALD—Priority

WSD—Means of Grace

There are a few items specific to our community. The "2 team" policy allows everyone the opportunity to team and avoids burdening active members. The floater provides an additional team member to fill in as needed during the walk weekend. We also hold a tradition that the upcoming WLD serves as the senior ALD on the walk prior to the one they lead.

To team, you must have attended a 4th Day meeting and submit an application signed by your local pastor. Applications are available online. Applications are good for 2 years and there is a fee to team that covers our expenses at Camp Happyland (scholarships are available). Remember, not everyone who applies is chosen. Submission of an application means accepting whatever role is given—team assignment, talks, etc. Let God use you as He sees appropriate.

Elected Community Officers: (Thru June 30, 2012)

Community Lay Director.....	Dawn Kendall	
Assistant Community Lay Director	Richard 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/Historian	Mike Remington	
Spiritual Director.....	James Arkord	
Spiritual Director.....	Joe Reed	

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

Communications Support Coordinator.....	Dick Barnett	
Website & Database Administrator.....	Chris Campbell	
Newsletter.....	Brooke Ferguson	
Daily Prayer Chain Coordinator	Teresa Smith	
Fourth Day Support Coordinator	Cam Noden	
Fourth Day Advisory Committee	Art 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 Registrar	Dick 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 Coordinator.....	Richard 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 Coordinator	Gary 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.

4th Day Testimony Request

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!

REUNION GROUPS

Sunday	Wednesday	Thurs (cont'd)
<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>Uptown Bristersburg Believers 2nd and 4th Thursdays 7:00 pm Mt. Horeb UMC POC: Chris Wells 540-788-3068</p>
Monday	Thursday	Friday
<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>Koinonia Group (Women) 9:00 am Lake of the Woods Call for location POC: Barbara Larson 540-972-1928</p>
Tuesday		Varies
<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>		<p>His Footprints Various schedule: call for time and meeting place POC: Phyllis Howze 540-582-6739</p>
		<p>Are you interested in joining or starting a new reunion group?</p> <p>Email Richard Leeper at richardleeper@netscape.net</p>