

May 2012

Upper Room EMMAUS of the Greater Fredericksburg Area

Gatherings *(2nd Saturday of each month)*

May 12th	Regester Chapel
<i>4th Day Follow Up at 1pm at Regester</i>	
June 9th	Peace UMC
<i>Board Elections</i>	
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.



Directions to Regester Chapel UMC
85 Bells Hill Road
Stafford, VA 22554

Directions from I-95: From Fredericksburg, take I-95 North to exit 140. Make a right at the light at the bottom of the ramp onto Courthouse Road. Take Courthouse Road to Route 1 and make a left. Make a left onto Bells Hill Road. The church is on the left.

UPCOMING EMMAUS WEEKENDS

Walk #	Dates	Weekend Lay Director
FE-88 (M)	October 25 - 28, 2012	Mike McDonald
FE-89 (W)	November 15 - 18, 2012	Terry Cook

From the Community Lay Director

HELLO. Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone. Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else. Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thess 5:12-18).

FE 87. God was in the house!! Thanks to all the sponsors and community members that came out for Candlelight (isn't it cool how God always stops the rain?) and for Closing. Now come hear the pilgrim testimonies and see how God is working in the lives of these wonderful women.

4TH DAY MEETING. The 4th Day meeting will be held May 12th at 1:00 at Register Chapel UMC. Everyone is welcome. Learn more about our community, our walk weekend, and our service. Plan to stay for the Gathering at 3:30.

FALL WALKS. The Emmaus community never rests. Team selection for FE-88 and FE-89 is in process. Please prayerfully consider how you might serve these walks in October and November.

LOOKING AHEAD. Elections are on the horizon for the new Board of Directors. We are visiting old and new friends this summer, so plan to enjoy the drives out of town for the next few months. The WLDs for the fall walks will begin training soon. Keep your hearts open as opportunities arise!

DECOLORES! Happy Mother's Day ya'll!

Dawn Kendall

FE-54, Table of Peace

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!

Community Notes

Elections

Every spring, our community holds elections for seats on the Board of Directors. This year, a committee was charged in March to seek new candidates to fill the five available seats, (two lay women, two lay men, one spiritual director). To serve on the Board, a person must have completed either an Emmaus walk or a Chrysalis flight and served on at least one team. For clergy, there are additional requirements to serve as the Community Spiritual Director: to have a Master of Divinity from a seminary accredited by the Association of Theological Schools or have completed an Advance Study Program at a graduate level approved by their denomination/church; be ordained; serve in a professional clergy/pastor role, (please note that the ATS qualification may be waived in favor of local pastors holding an MDiv).

The current candidates for this election are:

Lay Women

Debble Bliss

Lynda Swanlund

Lay Men

Doc Holliday

Ron Jennings

Jake Riley

Chris Wells

SD

Gail Porias (pastor, Mt Horeb UMC)

Nancy McDaniel (pastor, Rhodesville Baptist)

Due to difficulties fielding a full slate of candidates, the election has been moved from May to June.

Psalm 68

For the director of music. Of David. A psalm. A song.

- 24 Your procession, God, has come into view,
the procession of my God and King into the sanctuary.
- 25 In front are the singers, after them the musicians;
with them are the young women playing the timbrels.
- 26 Praise God in the great congregation;
praise the Lord in the assembly of Israel.

Those of us who have teamed on walks know that the music is a very important part of the weekend. The music sets the stage before the speakers deliver the talks and just get folks ready to hear the word. We pray that the music on the walks will be great, but more important is the music must be sincere and from the heart. The team members and the pilgrims know that most of the musicians are not professionals. Yet as long as the music is presented in a sincere, heartfelt and or at times in a cheerful manner, this is what the Lord is asking of us.

We need more music leaders to step up and be willing to lead a walk. If you have been away from the community for a while or if you are new we need you to join us. Since we can only have at the max three on the music team, we need at least one person to be a strong leader. We also need that person to be willing to mentor in some cases one or two others. If you are a music leader or you are a music novice please let me know. We will try to work you into the lineup for June or August gatherings.

William Mitchell

Mitchell65@verizon.net

Stafford Crossing/Capital Area 81/Table of Living Water

Prayer Requests from April Gathering

Safe travels for my family

For the wellness ministry

Nephew serving in Afghanistan

Finances

For Diane on the transplant list

Discernment and direction

For all of my family to start coming to church on Sundays

For my mother's health

For my recovery from bronchitis

Our youth pastor

For Kelly

Christine in Ukraine

FE leadership

For Kim

For Jim's church

For our son in jail

For a job

Tom's son in Afghanistan

Shawn and family in the loss of their father

Children and grandchildren

Chris—his walk and relationship with the Lord

Work for Randy and Heather

Glen and Collin as they get married in May

Sister with breast cancer

Our troops

Tony's calling

Guidance for Sequoyah and Lindsey

Healing for Phyllis

For Pam, Wesley, Erin, and Rick

For hit and run drivers

For the military

For country churches

John—strengthening of Christian faith

Healing for the Treyvon Martin situation

Chandler's exams

Sandy's back surgery

Remember those who perished on the Titanic 100 years ago

Pilgrims and families

Team and families of FE-87

Tornado victims

Doc's retirement

For Kendra and the birth of Taylor

Friends coming to church

PRAISES

For wonderful job opportunities for daughter and son-in-law

That our need for a car was met

For FE-86 and FE-87

For Hope 3 Ministries and Risen Hope

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.....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 CoordinatorTeresa Smith
Fourth Day Support CoordinatorCam 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 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 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	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>