

November 2012

Upper Room EMMAUS of the Greater Fredericksburg Area

Gatherings *(2nd Saturday of each month)*

November 10th Camp Happyland
December 8th Hillcrest UMC

Fourth Day Follow Up:

Dec 1st at Fairview at River Club at 9 am

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 Chris Campbell at chris@ewg.org so arrangements can be made.



November Gathering

Since the Women's Walk is the same weekend as the Gathering, we will have the Gathering at Camp Happyland at the same time as Candlelight. Please be at Camp Happyland at 7:30pm - we will start praying for the Pilgrims shortly after 7:30 - you don't want to miss that - it's the best part. If you are a sponsor - plan on getting there a little early so you don't miss it.

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 is approximately 18 miles.

UPCOMING EMMAUS WEEKENDS

Walk #	Dates	Weekend Lay Director
FE-89 (W)	November 8 - 11, 2012	Terry Cook
FE-90 (M)	TBD	Steve LiCalzi
FE-91 (W)	April 18 - 21, 2013	TBA

From the Community Lay Director

What an amazing weekend - twelve pilgrims got to experience a life-changing Walk to Emmaus. Candlelight was – as usual – awesome. And the testimonies at Closing were proof that the Holy Spirit was – as usual – working to make the weekend an overwhelming success.

I'd like to take a moment to thank everyone involved, starting with the Pilgrims. Thank you for letting us serve you this weekend. Thank you sponsors for finding the pilgrims. Thank you to the team and to the servants who stayed at Camp for the weekend. Thank you to the many volunteers who came out to help, prayed for the walk, made agape and otherwise made the weekend a wonderful experience.

We get to do it all again starting November 8. I am looking forward to see what God is going to do this upcoming women's walk. Each walk I have helped or teamed on has been different – but they have all been amazing.

Since the Gathering is on the same Saturday (Nov 10) as the upcoming women's walk, we will be having the Gathering at Camp Happyland at the same time as Candlelight. Please come out to support the pilgrims of FE-89. We will start the Candlelight service with prayers for the pilgrims at 7:30pm. If you want to visit and have fellowship time, come at 7:00. We will be in the Main Chapel at Camp Happyland. See you there.

Also the next Fourth Day Follow-up training is on Saturday December 1 at Fairview at River Club at 9:00am. Anyone that hasn't been to one of these trainings – especially the new pilgrims – should attend this training. You will learn about what went on behind the scenes, how to get involved in the community, how to serve on a team, and how to sponsor a pilgrim yourself.

The December Gathering will be at Hillcrest UMC on December 8. Fellowship starts at 3:30, Gathering starts at 4:00. If you were a pilgrim on either FE-88 or FE-89 – we would absolutely love to have you there. You will get to catch up with the other pilgrims and a lot of the team members that were on the walk with you. Make it a priority to come.

Get those dates on your calendars and I will see you soon.

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Chris Campbell

Fairview at River Club

FE-70

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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 23 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 Gatherings

From the Community Spiritual Director

God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth. —John 4:24

Why should we worship God? First, because it is due to him.

Robert Hall said that the idea of God subordinates to itself all that is great, borrows splendor from all that is fair, and sits enthroned on the riches of the universe. More than that is true. All that exalts our souls ought to lift them up toward God.

I wrote a month ago about the holiness of God. Certainly the Christian ought to adore that holiness. Every human heart at one time or another loves goodness. In the recent devastation in the North East we saw, and continue to see, examples of goodness and it makes our hearts leap within us. In fact, if you find the most wicked person in our city there are times when they, even they, admire goodness and probably imagine themselves to be good at least once in awhile. But the ultimate goodness is found in God Himself as portrayed in part by His amazing Holiness. Scripture portrays God as seated high on a throne in the temple, with flowing robes of majesty, and on either side adoring seraphs bent and worshiped, and what was the theme of their worship?: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory" (Isa. 6:3). And there do come times when we want to adore the holiness of God.

Additionally, we speak often in Christian circles of the love and mercy of God. Scripture tells us that God hates sin and yet we see His love demonstrated toward sinners in the cross. How God yearns for the sinful to come home and how He longs to save them. For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him will have everlasting life."

So, in God we have both Holiness and redemption! We are uninvolved spectators in God demonstrating His nature to creation. Even in salvation, we sow the seed and reap the harvest, but in fact we have nothing else to do with it. It is God that causes the seed to take root, and God that causes the plant to grow, and God that gives the increase. Moreover, every Christian has been a partaker of that amazing grace of God and the miraculous working of His will to save in us. And if the return of one sinner to the fold causes the angels of heaven to rejoice and to turn to dancing how much more should we celebrate the amazing work of almighty God.

We are sinful beings who must, out of grateful hearts for sins forgiven give unending praise to God. Let our praise, sincere in our hearts and free on our lips, raise up into the heavens as a sweet smelling savor and tickle the ear of our Lord and our God. Praise His name.

Jim

New Agape Opportunity

You may have seen the email but we are opening up a new opportunity to members of the Community to make placemats that are to be used on the walks. Debbie Bliss (email: dhbliss@cox.net) is the coordinator and will be happy to fill you in on the details and sign you up for a meal's worth of placemats. Placemats can be done by individuals or by reunion groups. For each meal, we need 50 placemats. You can make them on legal (8.5 x 14) or ledger (11 x 17) paper or anywhere in between. You can use crayons, markers, laser printer, stamps, paint, or your favorite decorating technique. The medium and design is up to you.

Women's Emmaus #89 Team List

Name	Assignment
Debbie Bliss	ALD
Karen Campbell	TL, Christian Action
Terry Cook.....	WLD, Perseverance
Chris Fair	SD, Obstacles to Grace
Michelle Fowler.....	TL, Changing our World
Karen Franklin.....	ATL
Blanca Griffin.....	TL
Alice Harding.....	Music
Mary Lee Hensel.....	Board Representative
Kathleen Holladay.....	TL, Discipleship
Dawn Kendall.....	ALD, Fourth Day
Nancy McDaniel.....	LSD, Means of Grace
Cam Noden.....	ALD, Priorities
Gayle Porias.....	SD, Justifying Grace
Teresa Richards.....	ATL, Growth Through Study
Betty Jo Sims.....	SD, Prevenient Grace, Sanctifying Grace
Donna Sisk.....	ATL, Body of Christ
Monica Warne.....	Music, Priesthood of All Believers
Bonnie Wells.....	ATL, Life of Piety
Sandy Williams.....	Floater

Servant List:

Judy Britt.....	Prayer Chapel Coordinator
Diana Farrar.....	Agape Coordinator
Ava Hanger.....	Servant
Kitti Mann.....	Lead Servant

Women's Emmaus #89 Pilgrim List

Name

Church

Virginia Ashburn	Mila UMC
Laura Brown	Stafford Crossing Comm Ch
Jerry Dameron	Irvington UMC
Terry Edwards.....	Byrd Chapel UMC
Sue Elks	Lake of the Woods Church
Pam Everett	Fairview at River Club
Jen Favreau	N.Stafford Baptist Church
Mary Ella Fuquay.....	St. Mathias UMC
Kit Garris-Skeete.....	Stafford Crossing Comm Ch
Tracy Gross	Byrd Chapel UMC
Carole Hall	St. Mathias UMC
Camille Howard	Montclair Church of God
Anne Hutcheson	Mizpah UMC
Karen Johnson	Rappahannock Church of God
KK King	Ebenezer UMC
Tracey Klosterman.....	Salem UMC
Beth McBride	St. Mathias UMC
Jennifer Muhlenkamp.....	Ladysmith Baptist Church
Evelyn Penn	St. Mathias UMC
Margie Ryder.....	Grace UMC
Kristie Sheridan.....	Byrd Chapel UMC
Debbie Snyder	Andrew Chapel UMC
Nelly Waetjen.....	N.Stafford Baptist Church

Schedule for Women's Emmaus #89

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity at Camp Happyland</i>
Thur. 11/8/12	6:30 - 7:00 pm	Pilgrim check-in followed by Sponsor's Hour
Sat. 11/10/12	7:30 pm	Candlelight - Community will gather for praise, Communion & fellowship. Please bring flowers for the team to use Sunday morning! November Gathering will also be at this time.
Sun. 11/11/12	4:00 pm	Closing Service

Prayer Requests from October Gathering

FE-88	Praise – Risen Hope Fellowship’s new building
FE-89	Neck pain
John and Mildred – continued health	Our churches
Our country	Need employment
Ability to forgive	Wendy – cancer has progressed
Humbleness	Wellness ministry and classes
Our children	Praise – case settled
Grandchildren to make good decisions	Hogie who passed away this week
Fredericksburg Emmaus community	Prayer and praise – John’s heart attack (recovery ongoing)
Direction for future decision	Salvation for loved ones
Stress at work to lessen	Involvement at Gatherings
Terminally ill friend	Husband’s health
Javier and Maria	Alice – peace and comfort
Praise – John’s ALS stabilized	

Fourth Day Testimony

I walked on FE-25 in September of 1997. It was the single greatest experience of my life to that point. I came away from that weekend with a greater understanding of grace and God's love for me than I had ever had before.

I returned to work a changed man and everyone asked me what was different and I enthusiastically told them. Life was great and I was on top of the mountain. Then real life crept back in. Stress, anger, frustration. Basically all of the things that we were warned about during the 4th day talk on Sunday that I had now conveniently forgotten.

I walked away from church and the Emmaus Community for many years. Through lots of prayer and perseverance on the part of my wife I slowly started to come back around. I attended my first gathering in almost 10 years at Hillcrest UMC. The thing that amazed me was that there were people there that hadn't seen me in many years and welcomed me as though they had just seen me the day before. The love that I felt was quite powerful and it reminded me of my walk and exactly what I was missing.

I started attending gatherings regularly and was asked to serve on my first team. Since that time I have teamed on 10 teams now and 5 Epiphany weekends. I grown so much over the last several years and my growth has effected all aspects of my life. My job, my marriage, my social life, I could go on but I will keep this short.

To sum it up my 4th day has been your basic roller coaster. It has been great and it has seen its low points. In the end Emmaus is one of the powerful tools in a Christians life that helps you to grow and mature and handle those day in day out stresses and frustrations.

De Colores,

Mike McDonald

REUNION GROUPS

Sunday

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

Wednesday

Lord's Lions & Lambs Group
6:30 pm
First Christian Church
POC: Joe Reed
540-373-7716
first.christian.church@verizon.net

Thurs (cont'd)

Uptown Bristersburg Believers
2nd and 4th Thursdays
7:00 pm
Mt. Horeb UMC
POC: Chris Wells
540-788-3068

Monday

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

Thursday

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

Friday

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

Tuesday

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

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

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

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

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

Email Chris Wells at
wells50@wildblue.net