

JUNE

2015

UPPER ROOM EMMAUS

of the Greater Fredericksburg Area

FE-99 (M)
Nov 5-8, 2015
Dan See

FE-100 (W)
Nov 19-22, 2015
Mary Lee Hensel

UPCOMING WALKS
AT CAMP HAPPYLAND

SHARE ABOUT YOUR 4TH DAY

What is God doing in your 4th day? How has He used your Emmaus experience to change your life? Please email your testimony to Mary Lee Hensel at mlhensel59@gmail.com to be included in this monthly newsletter.

2ND SATURDAYS

GATHERINGS:

June 13th

First Christian Church

July 11th

Stafford Crossing

August 8th

Melrose UMC

September 12th

St. Matthias

October 10th

First Christian

SCHEDULE:

2:30 pm Board meeting

3:30 pm Fellowship

4:00 pm Gathering

Please bring snacks to share during fellowship time.

If your church can host a gathering, please email the CLD Doc Holladay at doc.holladay@wildblue.net

GATHERING DIRECTIONS:

First Christian
1501 Washington Ave
Fredericksburg, VA 22401

From Central Park: Take Rt 3 East toward downtown Fredericksburg. Turn Left onto William St. Follow through town to Left onto Washington Ave. Take short Right onto Lewis St then immediate Left onto Washington Ave. Church will be down on your right.

My time as your Treasurer and as a Board Member is ending this month. I would like to thank all of you for your support and willingness to work with me on getting fees in a timely matter. It has been a privilege and an honor to serve you and the Fredericksburg Emmaus Community. God's blessings, Debbie

FROM THE COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

We had a good April gathering (would have been better if more of you could have made it). Sometimes the turnout suffers when the host church is geographically afar - but it is only fair to rotate the meeting spot so that those in the further areas are not always the one having to travel far. Lots of business got taken care of, not the least of which was the election of the 2015/2016 slate of candidates for the Board of Directors.

Congratulations to the new Board Members; Rosemary Blankenship new SD, the two new male board members, (Matt Green and John Mann), as well as the two new female board members, (Tammi Ellis and Stephanie Serrett). I also want to acknowledge and thank those who stepped up and were willing to run, even if they weren't successful - I encourage them to try again next time. These five new office holders are invited to sit in on May's

Board Meeting as observers and will actually take office in June.

We had a great 4th day training session on 25 April with a good turnout. However, there is still a large number of new Saints from the last three walks that have yet to attend a 4th Day Training day. As you all know, attendance at one of these 4th Day classes is the gateway to full participation within the community. We will attempt to have another 4th Day Training day sometime during June or July in order to get more Saints qualified. The organizers are currently trying to set one up for the Northern Neck area. Once the details are locked in it will be announced on the website and in the upcoming newsletters, (keep your eyes peeled), so you can plan around the date. I would take this chance to remind all you past sponsors - getting that newly minted Saint to one of these training sessions is part of those responsibilities you signed

up for when you volunteered to be a sponsor.

It has been my observation that as we roll into the summer months there is sometimes a tendency to blow off the gatherings because there are no immediate walks scheduled. However, it is precisely during this down time that we need to be active preparing for the upcoming walks, building our ranks, saving our money, and thinking about who we know that is ready to be sponsored. With a successful combined walk behind us and new board members coming onboard there will undoubtedly be some changes coming down the tracks. Please keep the monthly gathering dates in mind when making your summer plans. If we wait until fall..... it will sneak up on us and we will find ourselves scrambling again for the fall walk/s. Stay engaged!

Doc Holladay - your Emmaus CLD De Colores!

TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED:

We are looking for more team members for upcoming walks. If you would like to be on a team, please attend the next 4th day follow-up, if you haven't attended one, and fill out and send in a team application. There are team applications available at the Gatherings, and one can also be downloaded from the fredwalk.org website.

If you are interested in being on the music team, please let us know. I am sure there are many of you who are very talented and would bless the music team and pilgrims, but if we don't know about your gift, we don't know to ask you to be a member.

Blessings to all of you,
Mary Lee FE - 44

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM MAY

Ethan and Brittany's wedding
 Job situation
 Shelly - shoulder surgery--
 continued healing
 Lynda- tandem jump from a plane
 Don- Heath concerns
 Tracy and Karen- 5k walk
 Kitti-Dinner May 20
 Alice- Son Ethan's wedding
 Chris and Karen-- Son's wedding
 Alice - job issues
 Pray for guidance for kids and
 young adults
 Prayers for Daffney
 Kathleen--prayers for healing
 Bethel-- General prayers
 Earthquake victims
 Tornado victims
 Pray for all lost souls
 Pray for families
 Pray for me
 Pray for Marie
 Pray for all Christian ministers
 Pray for all careers and broken
 marriages
 Michael - pray for healing from
 cancer
 Angela - pray for healing from
 cancer
 Betsey --surgeries
 Family of Johnny Wharton who
 passed away on April 30
 Pray for the ladies of the "Healthy
 Living" Bible Class

Money for a new heat pump
 Safe travels to and from Indiana for
 nephew's wedding
 Wendy and her feline rescue
 situation
 Bonnie's sister-- anemia
 Ashley's church and the vote for a
 new building
 Betty Jo-- knee replacement (Ann
 for helping)
 CA & D
 The world and peace
 Ann-- praise for everything in her
 life
 Kona
 Donna-- company sold, new
 management
 Judy-- job situation
 Praise-- giving up alcohol
 World situation-- need for respect
 and peace
 Thanksgiving praises
 Pray for our finances-- IRS
 Pray - Son's John & Chris
 Our salvation
 Ushers-- Mary & Wilfred
 Pray for defeat of the enemy of
 Christ and for people around the
 world
 Eva-- surgery May 19
 Pray for those out of work and
 provisions for them
 SSDI
 Val-- cancer

HOPE 3
 Our church's search for a pastor
 Healing for Thomas Green
 Eastlick family
 Sarah safe
 Mary finish HS
 Jacob
 Mary IRS
 John, Christopher, Mary, Wilfred,
 maranatha
 Virginia - heart surgery
 (pacemaker)
 Debbie & Gregg - travel mercies
 Frank -- stage 4 cancer. Pray for
 peace. He is afraid to die
 Irene - quitting smoking. Wants
 to be good example to her 3
 grandchildren she is raising.
 Pray for Grace Prep School in
 Stafford-- that school would be a
 ministry for families.
 Gursky children-- Colton, Gillian
 and Jacob for their hearts-- fighting
 more than usual recently. Pray
 they show God's love to one
 another.
 David & Liz Gursky-- to show
 God's love to the kids-- honor each
 other, family & the Lord. Do/say
 things that honor the Lord
 Gregg Snyder-- praise for Emmaus.
 For people and God's love, that we
 can gather as a group.

WHY SERVE ON AN EMMAUS TEAM?

My name is Dennis Warne. I walked on FE #35, worship at Stafford Crossing Community Church, and sat at the Table of Paul (clap). My walk 15 years ago was such a joyous and emotional experience that it's hard to describe in a few words the burden that was lifted from me, a sinner, who was forgiven and redeemed by Christ. The unconditional love shown to me as a Pilgrims on that wonderful weekend has stayed with me ever since.

One big impact to me was the praise music that I could not get it out of my head after the walk weekend. So I went out and bought a guitar, found an Emmaus music book, and started practicing. I attended a Day of Deeper Understanding (now called 4th Day Follow-Up) and immediately began teaming at the next available opportunity.

I got into a couple of reunion groups over the years and stayed with one now for well over a decade and I get renewed each time we meet. I have also served on the Emmaus Board and was privileged to represent our Fredericksburg Emmaus community at the Upper Room's 25th Anniversary Celebration in Nashville, Tennessee back in 2003.

Now, 20+ teams later, I've served in just about every lay position available, eaten plenty of

Camp dinners, stayed up late in fellowship with teammates instead of sleeping, have given many a talks, sponsored Pilgrims, laughed and cried so many times, prayed in the chapel for Pilgrims and teammates, and was blessed to lead FE 64 in the fall of 2006.

It's even harder to explain the joy and satisfaction of leading a walk that I was saddened when it was finally over. The camaraderie of the teaming experience where new and old Emmaus members come together and bond in Christian love is contagious to all who let the Holy Spirit take over. It's amazing how prayer and patience with a servant's heart will resolve so many issues. Since serving as a Weekend Lay Director, I've mostly concentrated on being part of a praise band and playing Emmaus music. I'm what you would call an Emmaus junkie, an unrepentant anticipator that no 12-Step recovery program will ever cure. I always look forward to my next opportunity to serve.

DeColores!

Dennis Warne

FE 35, SCCC, Table of Paul

WALK FEES AND DUE DATES

Application Fee \$25 – Due when you submit the completed application. If this fee is not included with the application the application will not be counted as valid until fee is received.

Sponsorship Fee \$220 – Due, (not mailed, but in the Treasurer's hands), no later than one week before the Walk, but preferably earlier. It is not acceptable to bring the Sponsorship Fee on the night the Walk starts. A check must be written to Camp Happyland the morning of the Walk and is deposited the next day. Therefore, for Emmaus to be good stewards and to be in line with strong business practices, you must send your fees in a minimum of one week before the walk. This fee is tax-deductible, (because you personally are not receiving anything tangible in return). You will be sent a letter, showing your donation, in January of the following year.

Team Fee - \$220 – Due, (not mailed, but in Treasurer's hands), no later than one week before the Walk, but preferably earlier. It is preferable that this is given to the Board Rep, for your Walk, during teaming.

Mail to: - All payments, applications, fees, correspondence, etc... should be mailed to P.O. Box 42094, Fredericksburg, VA 22404

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at DHBLiss@cox.net or 540-371-4886.

DeColores,

Debbie H. Bliss

FE-63 Table of Victorious Violets

REUNION GROUPS

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

Email Chris Wells at cdwells50@gmail.com

S Bethel UMC Men's Group
7:30 am

Bethel UMC Woodbridge, Va

POC: Brian Lewis

703-590-9343

bb3253@aol.com

St. Matthias Reunion Group

1st Sunday of each month

12:15 - 1:30 pm

St. Matthias Social Hall

POC: Tammi Ellis

M Ladies In Waiting
Meets Every Other
Monday

In Falmouth

POC: Vonda LiCalzi

540-446-2682

Rainbow Group
(Women)

First Monday Of Month

10:00 Am

Lake Of The Woods

Location Varies

POC: Barbara Miller

540-972-7418

T Great Is Thy Faithfulness
7:30 Pm

Prince Of Peace UMC

Manassas, Va

POC: Lloyd Biller

703-590-1512

Reunion Bible Study

10:00 Am

North Stafford Baptist

POC: Karen Campbell

540-658-0468

campbells_6@yahoo.com

Lord's Lions & Lambs Group

6:00 Pm

First Christian Church

POC: Mike Remington

540-373-7716

first.christian.church@verizon.net

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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

Uptown Bristersburg
Believers

2nd And 4th

Thursdays 7:00 Pm

Mt. Horeb UMC

POC: Chris Wells

540-788-3068

cdwells50@gmail.com

**ELECTED OFFICERS:
(THRU JUNE 30, 2015)**

Community Lay Director:

Doc Holladay: doc.holladay@wildblue.net

Assistant Community Lay Director:

Terry Cook: mktyck@gmail.com

Community Spiritual Director:

Chris Fair: ckfair@wildblue.net

Spiritual Directors:

Betty Jo Sims: bsims@feedmore.org

Michael Selph: thegoodchef@gmail.com

Secretary:

Diana Farrar: hrhdiana@yahoo.com

Treasurer:

Debbie Bliss: dhbliss@cox.net

Manuals Coordinator/Historian:

Beth McBride: Bethmcb24@verizon.net

Agape Coordinator:

OPEN

Board Members:

Karen Campbell: campbells_6@yahoo.com

Gregg Snyder: gregg_snyder@juno.com

Dan See: daniel.see@bowheadsupport.com

Ron Jennings: jrjennings@verizon.net

Mary Lee Hensel: mlhensel59@gmail.com

Ed Hayner: ed.hayner@aol.com

Chris Wells: cdwells50@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Please contact Doc Holladay at doc.holladay@wildblue.net if you are interested in helping the Emmaus community through any of the various volunteer positions listed for the period of Aug 2014 - Sept 2015.

To send a prayer request to our daily internet prayer chain, email

Debbie Bliss at dhbliss@cox.net or fredemmausprayers@yahoo.com

To become a Daily Prayer Warrior, email Chris Campbell at chris@ewg.org

**COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS:
(SEPT 1, 2014 - AUG 31, 2015)**

Communications Support Coordinator:

Mary Lee Hensel

Website & Database Administrator:

Chris Campbell

Newsletter: Brooke Ferguson

Daily Prayer Chain Coordinator: Debbie Bliss

Fourth Day Support Coordinator: Chris Wells

Fourth Day Advisory Committee:

Mary Lee Hensel & OPEN

Fourth Day Follow-Up/Reunion Group Coordinator:

Chris Wells

Team Selection Committee: Ed Hayner

Team Registrars: Chris & Karen Campbell

Pilgrim Registrar: Lynda Swanlund

Gathering Support Coordinator: Mary Lee Hensel

Hospitality Coordinator: OPEN

Music/Equipment Coordinator: Mitch Mitchell

Weekend Support Coordinator: Debbie Bliss

Community Servant Coordinator: Doc Holladay

Community Baker: Sandie Makely

Supplies/Transportation Coordinators:

Chris & Karen Campbell

Prayer Vigil Coordinator: OPEN

Placemat Coordinators:

Mary Lee Hensel & Diana Farrar

Snack Agape Coordinator: OPEN

Agape Bag Coordinator: Karen Campbell

Name Badge Coordinators:

Gary Adkins & Dianna Wells

Fourth Day Packets: Diana Farrar