

Upper Room Emmaus of the Greater Fredericksburg Area

EMMAUS 2017

January 2017

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DAILY INTERNET
PRAYER CHAIN
email Debbie Bliss at
dhbliss@cox.net or
fredemmausprayers@
yahoo.com

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email Chris Campbell
at chris@ewg.org

Upcoming Walks

FE-105 (M)
Mar 23-26, 2017
Tom Wells

FE-106 (W)
Apr 20-23, 2017
Kathleen Holladay

FE-107 (M)
Sept 21-24, 2017
TBD

FE-108 (W)
Oct 26-29, 2017
TBD

Volunteers Needed

Please contact John Mann at slowjet@outlook.com if you are interested in helping the Emmaus community through any of the following various volunteer positions listed.

Gatherings

Chancellor Christian Church
11409 Brock Road
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Directions: From Central Park in Fredericksburg:
Take Route 3 West approx 12 miles. Make a left onto
Brock Road. The church is about 1/2 mile down the
road on the left.

- The Board meets at 2:00 pm
- Bring snacks to share during Fellowship time at 3:30 pm
- Gatherings start at 4:00 pm

Jan 14th:
Chancellor Christian

Feb 11th:
St Matthias UMC

If your church can host a gathering, please
email the CLD John Mann at
slowjet@outlook.com

“FROM THE RISING OF THE SUN TO ITS SETTING”

“2Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore. 3From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised. 4The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.” – Psalm 113:2-4

I’ve always found sunrise and sunset on the beach to be such a captivating experience. The beauty is unlike any other and I always feel a closeness to God and His creation. Now I’m not so much a beach lover but during sunrise and sunset I can’t think of a better place to be.

This year for Christmas, in place of our normal activities, my family decided to go to the beach...all of us. My wife and I, my daughters, and their families; nine of us in total rented a beach house on Oak Island, NC for a week beginning on Christmas Eve. We gave up presents (for the adults) and gave the gift of ourselves to one another instead. We forgot to take a Christmas tree and so we made one of coat hangers from the ceiling fan. It was a sight to behold! Our granddaughter produced a Christmas pageant,

complete with costumes, that was magical. What a wonderful time together and a Christmas we will long remember.

We arrived at Oak Island late on Christmas Eve. Shortly after our arrival, we witnessed a beautiful sunset over the water. The colors and sounds were perfect for the season. On our departure a week later, we experienced a spectacular rising of the sun.

During both of these times I could only give thanks to God. As the sun sets on 2016 we have much to be thankful for; blessings for our family, our church and for the Emmaus Community. And as the sun rises on 2017, we also have many blessings to come. We just need to slow down a bit, listen for God, and behold the beauty all around.

God was there in the setting of the sun and He will surely be there in the sunrise. I look forward each day to the beauty He has created and is revealing.

DeColores,
John Mann
Community Lay Director

Purpose of the Upper Room: The purpose of Emmaus is to renew the church as the body of the risen Christ in the world through the renewal of Christians as faithful and committed Disciples of Christ.

Purpose of the Fredericksburg Community (per bylaws): The purpose of Fredericksburg Emmaus shall be to inspire, challenge, and equip church members for Christian action, in their homes, churches, places of work, and the world community through the Emmaus experience.



Here we are in the first days of a new year. The rush and excitement of Advent and Christmas has passed. Already I hear some people saying that they hate January and can't wait until summer. Perhaps I am a little peculiar but I enjoy January. It seems that things calm down a bit and there is room to breathe. I am not one to make new year's resolutions, but as I enter this new year, I look forward to new opportunities – new beginnings. A friend shared a poem with me that reminds me of the possibilities that lie ahead. It is "I Tremble on the Edge of a Maybe" by Ted Loder. (*Guerrillas of Grace: Prayers for the Battle*; Augsburg Books, 2005) I share a portion of it with you now.

O God of beginnings,
as your Spirit moved
 over the face of the deep
 on the first day of creation,
move with me now
 in my time of beginnings,
 when the air is rain-washed,
 the bloom is on the bush,
 and the world seems fresh
 and full of possibilities,
 and I feel ready and full.

Whatever last year brought in your life, this year – this day – is a new beginning. We read in Lamentations 3:22-23, "The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." (ESV) Look around you. Breathe deeply. See the possibilities.

My prayer is that each of us will feel the steadfast love and mercies of our Lord as we "tremble on the edge of a maybe." May the Holy Spirit fill us again with the fire of God's love so that we are ready to serve Him and care for His people as He leads us in this new year 2017.

Rosemary Blankenship

My preschool students/families

Matt Williamson – dental ministry

Jack – needs to know the Lord, health issues

Pray for my aging mom, Carol. To see house and land. Too much for her. The well is having issues too. Little water over last week. Thanks.

I need to know God's direction for our future. Does he want us to stay where we are or move? Trust God more in his Plan! Tracy Wilson.

God's direction in my business and work life. Finances. Allen Wilson.

Debbie's retirement. FE-105 & 106. Kathleen – health.

Missing parents at Christmas. Husband's health.

My husband Jack's salvation. My grandson Arlen.

Ken and Trina Roark. Daphne and George Masten. Jimmy Hooper. Barbara. Mizpah UMC. The whole world, church and unchurched.

S. Edwards – wife dying of cancer.

Tim (brain cancer 2 yrs.) and Sarah Robertson. TOHL Bible Study.

Prayers for my friends/family worldwide. Especially for my 10 y/o daughter Madison.

I had a disability hearing on 12/8/16. I have 30-45 days before a decision is made. Please pray that I do not lose my benefits. Please also pray for peace for me during this time. Liss Maxwell, FE-104, Lake of the Woods Church, Table of Naomi.

Prayers for Lord's discernment in my life. For Mizpah UMC. For my two nieces who are skeptics concerning Christ.

Kristy and Jim – cancer treated. Broken relationships – may they be healed as God wills.

I want a special prayer said for; Alan: may he continue in his walk in faith; Kristy: to be not stressed about the current situation; Jim: cancer.

People who are in need: financially, spiritually, physically.

Frank – spiritual growth.

Prayer for Craig to have closer walk with Christ.

Diana Shifflet- pray for health and peace. Steve LiCalzi – health.

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Pray for clarity of mind for Mark.

Nancy's son: court (reckless driving).

Daughter getting married. Country: unity/ discernment. Travel mercy: New Jersey – Monica. Father. Advent Season: slow down.

With the change to the By-Laws last April and the elections in November, there are a number of changes to the Board of Directors. Departing from the Board are Carol Burke, Chris Fair, Billy Showers, Tommy Thompson, and Monica Warne. Monica had two more years to serve but needed to drop off due to increasing work requirements. It was a very hard decision for her. For each of those leaving the Board, we owe a debt of gratitude for their service. They have given a lot of their time and talents to further the mission of our Emmaus Community. It's a blessing to serve, but it can be quite challenging at times.

At the December Board meeting, John Mann was elected as the new Community Lay Director. We hope to fill the remaining positions in January, including the Assistant Community Lay Director, Community Spiritual Director, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Per the By-Laws, the position opened by Monica's departure will be filled by a Board appointed person until the next regularly scheduled election in November.

The Fredericksburg Emmaus Board of Directors for 2017:

Class of 2017

Terry Cook, Beth McBride, Dan See, Betty Jo Sims (SD) & Gregg Snyder

Class of 2018

Rosemary Blankenship (SD), Tammi Ellis, Matt Green, John Mann (CLD) & _____ (vacant)

Class of 2019

Chris Campbell, Butch Farley, Joyce Keene, Vonda LiCalzi & Randy McCollum (SD)

Per a Board decision last Spring, both the Team and Pilgrim fees will remain at \$200.00 plus an additional \$25 the Pilgrims pay with their application for the Spring 2017 Walks. The Fall and Spring Walks were trial periods to see if the reduced fees were sustainable. For the 2016 Fall Walks we slightly under ran the Men's Walk budget and slightly overran the Women's Walk budget. The difference was made up in Gathering offerings.

We have contacted the Salvation Army about conducting another Emmaus Work Day at Camp Happyland. Plans are still in progress and we will update you as they are solidified.

Elected Officers:

Board of Directors:

John Mann (2017) - Community Lay Director

TBA - Assistant Community Lay Director

TBA - Community Spiritual Director

TBA- Secretary

TBA - Treasurer

Members At Large:

Gregg Snyder (2017)

Dan See (2017)

Terry Cook (2017)

Betty Jo Sims (2017)

Billy Showers (2017)

Beth McBride (2017)

Tammi Ellis (2018)

Matt Green (2018)

Rosemary Blankenship (2018)

Chris Campbell (2019)

Butch Farley (2019)

Joyce Keene (2019)

Vonda LiCalzi (2019)

Randy McCollum (2019)

Note: Year in parenthesis indicates the year the individual comes off the board.

Prayer Requests:

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:

Communications Support Coordinator: Mary Lee Hensel

Website & Database Administrator: Chris Campbell

Newsletter: Brooke Ferguson

Daily Prayer Chain Coordinator: Debbie Bliss

Fourth Day Support Coordinator: OPEN

Fourth Day Advisory Committee: Mary Lee Hensel & OPEN

Fourth Day Follow-Up Coordinator: Gregg Snyder Reunion

Group Coordinator: OPEN

Team Selection Committee: Ed Hayner

Team Registrars: Chris & Karen Campbell

Pilgrim Registrar: Debbie Bliss

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 Coordinator: Mary Lee Hensel

Snack Agape Coordinator: OPEN

Agape Bag Coordinator: Karen Campbell

Name Badge Coordinators:

Gary Adkins & Dianna Wells

Fourth Day Packets: OPEN

REUNION GROUPS & WALK FEES

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Are you interested in joining or starting a new reunion group?
Email Chris Wells at cdwells50@gmail.com

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	THURSDAY
<p>Bethel UMC Men's Group 7:30 am Bethel UMC Woodbridge, Va POC: Brian Lewis 703-590-9343 bb3253@aol.com</p> <p>St. Matthias Reunion Group 1st Sunday of each month 12:15 - 1:30 pm St. Matthias Social Hall POC: Tammi Ellis</p>	<p>Ladies in Waiting Meets every other Monday in Falmouth POC: Vonda LiCalzi 540-446-2682</p> <p>Rainbow Group (Women) First Monday of month 10:00 am Lake of the Woods Location varies POC: Barbara Miller 540-972-7418</p>	<p>Lord's Lions & Lambs Group 6:00 pm First Christian Church POC: Mike Remington 540-373-7716 first.christian.church@verizon.net</p> <p>Great Is Thy Faithfulness 7:30 pm Prince of Peace UMC Manassas, Va POC: Lloyd Biller 703-590-1512</p> <p>Reunion Bible Study 10:00 am North Stafford Baptist POC: Karen Campbell 540-658-0468 campbells_6@yahoo.com</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>Uptown Bristersburg Believers 2nd and 4th Thursdays 7:00 pm Mt. Horeb UMC POC: Chris Wells 540-788-3068 cdwells50@gmail.com</p>

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 \$200 – 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.

Team Fee - \$200 – 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