

Upper Room Emmaus of the Greater Fredericksburg Area

# EMMAUS 2017

November 2017

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## Upcoming Walks

FE-109 (M)  
March 22-25, 2018  
Butch Farley

FE-110 (W)  
April 19-22, 2018  
Judy Britt

FE-111 (M)  
Nov 1-4, 2018

FE-112 (W)  
Nov 15-18, 2018

## Gatherings

Falmouth UMC  
28 Pegs Lane  
Fredericksburg, VA 22405

Take Rt 1 North towards Falmouth to left turn onto Truslow Rd. Follow Truslow approximately 3/4 mile to Left turn onto Pegs Lane. Church will be on your Right.

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

**Nov 11th:**  
Falmouth UMC  
**Dec 9th:**  
Peace UMC

**4th Day Follow-Up**  
**Nov 6th at 6:30-8:00 pm**  
Andrew Chapel UMC

If your church can host a gathering, please  
email the CLD John Mann at  
[slowjet@outlook.com](mailto:slowjet@outlook.com)

## Thanksgiving

*“Give thanks in every situation because this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”*

*1 Thessalonians 5:18*

We are rapidly approaching the holiday season with Thanksgiving just around the corner. As we approach that day, it’s always worthwhile to reflect on those things for which we are thankful. Here are a few thoughts on what I give thanks for in the Fredericksburg Emmaus Community.

I’m thankful for our Emmaus Community. Our average Gathering numbers are growing from around 45 or so at the beginning of the year to around 60 now with over 90 present at the October Gathering. What’s important to me, is not just the numbers, but the people that make up those numbers. People from all over the region and from so many different churches and denominations. I’m thankful for a number of other new members that I’ve met over the past year at our Gatherings that came from other communities. What a blessing to expand my list of Christian brothers and sisters.

I’m thankful for the 49 new members of our Community that Walked in FE-105, FE-106, FE-107, and FE-108. I’m thankful for their testimonies at their Walk Closing ceremonies and for their 4th Day witness at our Gatherings.

I’m thankful for the Emmaus Board of Directors; fifteen, people, laity and clergy, from around our Community. Without exception, they have dedicated themselves to organizing, supporting, praying for, and blessing our Community. They truly have gone above and beyond and have sacrificed in so many ways. Each one is passionate about serving and you can see the joy of service reflected in all they do.

I’m thankful for all the ministries that you, our Emmaus Community members, are engaged in at your local churches. Some of you I see each week and I am awed by your service and by the excitement with which you approach each ministry.

And finally, I’m just thankful to be a part of this Emmaus Community. I am inspired, uplifted, and blessed in ways too numerous to count.

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John Mann

Fredericksburg UMC, FE-029, Table of Luke  
Community Lay Director

### Face to Face

Face to Face offers an Emmaus like experience for older adults, 60 years old and older, who can’t participate in an Emmaus Walk due to physical and/or family issues.

Based on the vote the Board took in August to begin the process to bring Face to Face to the Fredericksburg Emmaus Community we have reached out to The Upper Room for approval. The Upper Room provided approval to start a Face to Face program in our Community and they sent the first couple of documents that chronicle the process. We have asked questions concerning training and further guidance on Steering Committee requirements. Once we receive answers to those questions we’ll begin building a Steering Committee.

If you are interested in participating, please send a note to John Mann at [slowjet@outlook.com](mailto:slowjet@outlook.com).

***I thank my God every time I remember you. Philippians 1:3***

As I write this, I have just returned from serving on FE108. I spent Monday morning sitting on the floor in my bedroom, wearing my crown and reading through all the agape I received during the weekend. As I read, I laughed a bit, I cried a bit, and I praised God a lot. I thanked God as I remembered the laughter, tears, singing, sharing, and praying that took place during those 72 hours. And I thanked God for the testimonies at Closing of the 14 women who are now in their 4th day.

In the Upper Room book *Coming Down From The Mountain: Returning to Your Congregation*, we read that “the church has used the words disciple and pilgrim to refer to the essential identity of the Christian. The word disciple does not mean listener, dabbler, consumer, or aficionado.” Rather, “Disciple . . . says we are people who spend our lives apprenticed to our master, Jesus Christ. We are in a growing-learning relationship, always. . . . Likewise, when the church spoke of the Christian as a person on a faith journey, it did not use the word tourist. It used the word pilgrim. We are a people on the way to God, ultimately to heaven; but in the meantime, we are on the way to wherever we see the saving work of God in the world. The church needs more pilgrims and more

disciples of Jesus Christ. God uses the Walk to Emmaus to turn some tourists into pilgrims and some consumers into disciples. Disciples realize that they are committed to long-term obedience; and by the grace of God, they welcome the challenge. If Christians take discipleship seriously, the church will be transformed and its impact on society will be staggering.” (p. 14-15)

Think back to your Walk and those moments during Closing when you bore witness to the work of the Holy Spirit in your life during those three days. Think again about those two questions – “What has the walk meant to you?” and “What are you going to do with it?” For me, that moment was 18 years ago. My faith journey in my 4th day has sometimes been direct and sometimes meandering. I am inspired and renewed in my own commitment to discipleship by the new members of our Fredericksburg Emmaus community. Come to the November Gathering and meet the women of FE108. De Colores!

Rosemary Blankenship  
Fairview Baptist Church, FE34,  
Table of Faithfulness  
Community Spiritual Director

For Amber Douglas @ hospital with kidney disease.  
UNMC

Pray for Nana

Pray for families with health issues and our ailing  
country.

Family of Dawn Meade on her passing

Prayer for Nikki for spiritual healing

Praise to our God who works his miracles of family  
peace and reconciliation

Prayers for children whose parents don't believe in the  
church, that somehow they learn Jesus Loves the Little  
Children

Praise: Son Davie after 13 years incarcerated. TX –  
new job! New apartment, new life! Thank you Jesus!

Prayers for the family of Albert Harvey, an Emmaus  
member who passed away this week

My mom's good health. Brian serving in Houston!

The Bartman's will welcome a new baby girl in March  
2018 – Granddaughter #2

Rob & Brittany Ryan – birth of a healthy Baby

FE-108 Team members and Pilgrims

Pray for twin boys born today – 2.0 and 2.5 pds – 10  
weeks early!

My shoulder surgery on Oct 23rd.

Pray for Mary Plumley, Matt McBride's sister, and her  
fight with breast cancer.

Pray for my mom – him replacement on Nov 8

Char's divorce and for her healing

Chris Czubowicz, healing from shoulder surgery

Dawn Meade, her family's comfort on her passing

Discernment for our children

For our Church

Frank Moore, Healing

God's peace for the upcoming Walks

Help us to be good parents

Joey Mauatori, loss of his mother

Lindsey Fortune, continued healing

Nokomis Lemons, my sister, as she cares for Wallace

Wallace Lemons continued healing

Praises for 40 years of marriage in August to a  
wonderful man who has always been God centered

Prayers for best friends who are also God's children

Praises for Rob and Brittany Ryan birth of healthy baby

### **Board Elections**

It's time once again to elect a new class of Board Representatives. Per the By-Laws, our election will take place at the November Gathering. At the November Gathering, we can accept nominations from the floor but the individual(s) nominated must be present. This year we are looking to fill the following positions:

#### **Class of 2018**

One lay woman for a one-year term (currently filled by our Treasurer, Chris Silkensen)

#### **Class of 2020 (three-year term)**

One Spiritual Director

Two lay men

Two lay women

## Board of Directors:

### Class of 2017

Bonnie Wells

Beth McBride

Dan See

Betty Jo Sims (SD)

Gregg Snyder

### Class of 2018

Rosemary Blankenship (CSD)

Tammi Ellis

Matt Green

John Mann (CLD)

Chris Silkensen (Treasurer)

### Class of 2019

Chris Campbell (ACLD)

Butch Farley

Joyce Keene (Secretary)

Vonda LiCalzi

Randy McCollum (SD)

## Volunteers Needed

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

## Prayer Requests:

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

Debbie Bliss at [1973.bliss.debbie@gmail.com](mailto:1973.bliss.debbie@gmail.com) or [fredemmausprayers@yahoo.com](mailto:fredemmausprayers@yahoo.com)

To become a **Daily Prayer Warrior**, email

Chris Campbell at [chris@ewg.org](mailto: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: Gregg Snyder

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: Kitti Mann

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

Are you interested in joining or starting a new reunion group?  
 Email Chris Wells at [cdwells50@gmail.com](mailto:cdwells50@gmail.com)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	THURSDAY
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	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	Lord's Lions & Lambs Group 6:00 pm First Christian Church POC: Mike Remington 540-373-7716 first.christian.church@verizon.net  Great Is Thy Faithfulness 7:30 pm Prince of Peace UMC Manassas, Va POC: Lloyd Biller 703-590-1512	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 <a href="mailto:tjcarwell@yahoo.com">tjcarwell@yahoo.com</a>

**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