

EMMAUS NEWS

Gatherings

FEB 9TH	HILLCREST UMC
MAR 9TH	WILDERNESS CHURCH
APR 13TH	FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CH

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

Hillcrest UMC
 2208 Lafayette Blvd
 Fredericksburg, VA 22401

From Route 1 South & I-95: Take
 Route 1 North, (from Spotsylvania
 Exit 126 on I-95), to Four-Mile
 Fork. Turn right onto Lafayette
 Blvd. Continue on Lafayette Blvd.
 to Hillcrest UMC on the left.

Upcoming Walks

FE-113 (M)

Mar 21-24, 2019

Matt McBride

FE-114 (W)

Apr 4-7, 2019

Debbie Snyder

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

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

Prayers:

To send a prayer request to our
 daily internet prayer chain, email
fredemmausprayers@yahoo.com

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

CLD NOTE

One of my jobs as Community Lay Director is to give the Team Orientation for the two Spring Walks. In January, I did the Orientation for the Men's Team. I happen to be the Board Representative for the Women's Walk, so I gave the Orientation and the Board Rep talk for the Women's Team. Both talks have well thought out, well presented, important information in PowerPoint form. Since someone does them for every team, many of us have heard it numerous times before. I teamed for the first time 19 years ago and have heard it countless times. However, this time God opened my eyes to see something I didn't already understand.

Our Walk - our 72 hours - is supposed to emulate the Walk to Emmaus story told in Luke.

Think back to what happens to Cleopas and his companion. They are leaving Jerusalem going back to Emmaus. They are grieving the loss of their leader. They start the journey to Emmaus preoccupied with all they have seen and heard. They are walking alone. When the pilgrims come to Emmaus on Thursday evening, many are apprehensive, unsure, preoccupied with their lives back home. They may be the only person from their church and may not even know any team members. We endeavor to make the

Walk cloistered - away from - life back home.

Cleopas and the other person are joined by another man - a stranger - "beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself." Jesus Christ, taught them about Himself using the Old Testament scriptures. They spent those hours listening to one long talk given by God Almighty in the person of Christ. During our Walk weekend, we are taught through the 15 Talks about Christ. Remember though, we really only have 1 talk with 15 parts, and that 1 talk is about Christ. Christ used many scriptures but had only one message - Himself. Who writes, prepares, and gives the 15 talks on the weekend? We could say 5 clergy and 10 lay people do it, but the truth is we pray for God to speak through us, and He surely does. God guides and inspires our preparation and stands with us during our presentation. He speaks through us and in spite of us to give His message, not ours!

Cleopas and his companion were disciples of Jesus; they called him a great prophet. But they had lost sight of Him and needed to have their eyes opened and spirits renewed.

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CLD NOTE (CONTINUED)

We sponsor active Christian friends to Emmaus, and many of them confess at Closing to having lost sight of God or feel separated from God before the weekend. They often talk of how they feel renewed, re-energized, and rekindled after their Walk.

God opened my eyes to see these well planned parallels in the Walk to Emmaus that I hadn't fully seen before. Our job as a Community, as a Board, and as teams, is to follow the Emmaus model to the best of our ability, so we are less present, and God is more present. We put away our

own ideas and goals and submit to God's greater message.

So why don't we sign our agape; because it is God's agape. Why don't we introduce ourselves when we are serving meals; because God is serving. Why don't we wear watches or mention time on the weekend; because that 72 hours belong to God. Why don't we take credit for all the things we do for Emmaus; because God is doing. Why don't we call the weekend Sally's weekend or Bob's weekend; because it is God's weekend. Let's try not to get in His way.

CSD NOTE

As I write this devotion, we are the midst of the spring teaming season. I have the privilege of teaming on FE 113. As I think about this experience I am reminded of the words from Psalm 1:3. We are like trees planted by the streams of water. God has planted the 36 of us to be just that. To be used by God to be prepared to be springs of water to the pilgrims who will come.

Some pilgrims will be spiritually strong and the weekend will be a confirmation of what God is already doing in their lives. Some will come needing a boost. They have gotten a little dry in their faith and we will help them to be freshened like trees along a stream. Some will come needing a lot of water because they have had no growth in a long time. No matter where the pilgrims are in their journey, God will use the teams of both walks to be there to help transform lives. What an exciting time we all will have. DeColores. Brad Phillips TW-42

PRAYER REQUESTS (FROM JAN)

Praise: The lost is found

Pastor search

John B.

Gary W.

Healing for Mike F.

Son in prison

Brent – Afib

Brother Scott battling cancer

Praise for finding a job

Jason's treatment

Justice be served

Logan's job

Job security

Amy – cancer treatments

Struggle with mental illness

Mary & John health

Church

Family of A.J. Gibson

Reggie

Our country

Kitti – successful year as CLD

Pastors

Retirement

Finances

The unsaved

Old age

Katie – teen whose mother passed away

Praise for family

Daughter Lynn

MacLean clan

Reggie on transplant list

Jobs

FACE TO FACE UPDATE

After our first Face to Face Encounter last August, the Board and the Community decided to have future Encounters. Bob Pickett, a member of the Emmaus Board, has become the volunteer chairperson for Face to Face. He put together an Encounter Lay Director Selection Committee (whew, that's a mouth full!) that met and discerned names of potential candidates for Encounter Lay Director. Bob is in the process of contacting people. The Board and committee are considering the July/August time frame for the next Encounter. Please be in prayer for the committee as they make plans, for potential teamers and for potential pilgrims. Watch the Newsletter, the website and Facebook for more updates.

VOLUNTEERS

Board of Directors:

Class of 2019

Chris Campbell

Butch Farley

Joyce Keene (Secretary)

Vonda LiCalzi

Randy McCollum (SD)

Class of 2020

Jenn Bumbrey

Pat Lonergan (ACLD)

Kitti Mann (CLD)

Brad Phillips (CSD)

Tom Wells

Class of 2021:

Ava Hanger (Treasurer)

John Blosser

Mary Jenkins

Bob Pickett,

Robert Bumbrey (SD)

WLD Committee Chair – Kitti Mann

Team Selection Committee Chair – Pat Lonergan

- Team Registrar – Karen Campbell

Pilgrim Selection Committee Chair – Chris Campbell

- Pilgrim Registrar – Debbie Bliss

Nominating Committee Chair – Vonda LiCalzi

Fourth Day Training Chair – John Mann

Communications Chair – Tom Wells

- Website – Chris Campbell
- Database – Chris Campbell/Mary Lee Hensel
- Email – Chris Campbell
- Newsletter – Brooke Ferguson
- Daily Prayer Chain – Debbie Bliss
- Social Media – Chris Czubowicz

Weekend Supplies Chair – Chris Campbell

- Trailer – Chris and Karen Campbell
- Name Badge – Gary Adkins
- Fourth Day Packets – Joyce Keene

Agape Chair – Vonda LiCalzi

- Agape Bag Coordinator – Karen Campbell
- Prayer Vigil – Mary Lee Hensel/C. Campbell
- Snack Agape – Open
- Agape Book – Mary Lee Hensel
- Community Baker – Kitti Mann
- Placemats – Mary Lee Hensel

Gatherings Chair – Kitti Mann

- Scheduling Coordinator – Tammi Ellis
- Music Coordinator – Tom Wells

Group Reunions Chair – Jenn Bumbrey

Manuals Chair – Tom Wells

REUNION GROUPS:

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

St. Matthias Reunion Group, St. Matthias Social Hall 12:15-1:30pm
1st Sunday of each month POC: Tammi Ellis

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

Rainbow Group (Women), Lake of the Woods, location varies 10:00 am
First Monday of month POC: Barbara Miller 540-972-7418

TUESDAYS: Lord's Lions & Lambs Group, First Christian Church 6:00 pm
POC: Mike Remington 540-373-7716 first.christian.church@verizon.net

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

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

His Seekers (Women), Jane Carwell's home, 703-969-4019 7:30 pm
POC: Sandy Crossley 703-221-6977 or Jane Carwell tjcarwell@yahoo.com

Are you interested in joining or starting a new reunion group?
Email Jenn Bumbrey at livsnana3111@aol.com

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

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