Upper Room Emmaus

Of the Greater Fredericksburg Area

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UPCOMING EMMAUS WEEKENDS

Walk #	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Lay Director</u>
Emmaus 71 (F)	May 1 – 4, 2008	Rosemary Blankenship
Emmaus 72 (M)	Oct 16 – 19, 2008	Mark Lawrence
Emmaus 73 (F)	Nov 13 – 16, 2008	Dianne Philipp

The next Gatherings

(Second Saturday of each month)

May 10 th	Fairview Baptist Ch
June 14 th	First Christian Ch
July 12 th	Fairview Baptist Ch*
Aug 9 th	Fairview Baptist Ch*

Fellowship 5:30-6:00 pm & 8:00-8:30 pm Gathering at 6:00 pm

Chrysalis Steering Committee at 4:45 pm Board will meet at 3:30 pm

*New facility at River Club

Please bring snack food to share during fellowship time

Are you interested in teaming?

Please submit your application now if you would like to team any time within the next two years. You will no longer need to submit your application after each walk, but you need to give us a fresh application NOW or when you are ready to be considered for a team. Please download a new application off our website, (www.fredwalk.org) or see Mark Lawrence at the next gathering.

Snack Agape Notice

Please call Mike Shiflett at 540-371-5585 if you would like to arrange a pick up or drop off of snacks before FE #71.

4th Day committee members needed

Your 4th Day Ministry meets monthly and has working groups that work planning and transformation issues for the Board. Please contact Dick Barnett at k4guj@aol.com if you are interested in serving on the committee.

Help Wanted

The Fredericksburg Emmaus Community is looking for a volunteer to fill the Childcare Coordinator position. If you are interested, please contact the Gathering Support Coordinator, Jane Carwell, at 703-969-4019 or tjcarwell@yahoo.com

4th Day speakers wanted

If you have a burning desire to share what the Walk to Emmaus has done for you, please contact Mark Lawrence to schedule an opportunity to give a 4th day witness. 540-373-1110 (w) mark@greatuncledad.com

AGAPE BAGS... Sew Beautiful!

Remember when you saw your agape bag for the first time? God filled that eye-catching bag with love letters just for you. Will you help make a pilgrim's walk special? You can buy brightly colored rainbow striped fabric, (check the craft section at your local fabric store or WalMart), cording, and bright shoelaces to donate. Or you can make agape bags; they are sew simple to make, (12" wide and 15" tall, please). Say "I'll help" by calling Diana Farrar at 540-372-7535 or email her at HRHDiana@juno.com

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Women's Emmaus #71 Pilgrim List

My Grace is Sufficient (2 Cor 12:8)

Joan Balderson	Ebenezer UMC
Rae Beach	Hopewell UMC
Teresa Christian	-

Kiera French...... Promised Land Praise & Worship

Patsy Godley...... Ni River Comm Ch

Shelley Moncure...... Salem UMC
Deb Myers...... Mt. Horeb UMC

Bernadine Parrish...... Shiloh Baptist New Site Pam Reffner Faith Christian Fellowship

Donna Sisk Grace UMC - Hartwood Lynda Swanlund Dahlgren UMC

Betty Veitenheimer..... Liberty UMC

Bonnie Wells...... Woodbridge Christian Church

Schedule for Women's Emmaus #71				
Date		Time	Activity at Camp Happyland	
Thur.	05/01/08	6:30 - 7:00 pm	Pilgrim check-in followed by Sponsor's Hour	
Sat.	05/03/08	7:30 pm	Candlelight – Community will gather for praise, Communion & fellowship. Please bring flowers for the team to use Sunday morning!	
Sun.	05/04/08	4:00 pm	Closing Service	

Directions to Camp Happyland:

21457 Happyland Drive Richardsville, VA 22736

My grace is sufficient.

2 Corinthians 12:9

<u>From Central Park in Fburg</u>: 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 from Central Park is about 18 miles.

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Women's Emmaus #71 Team List

My Grace is Sufficient (2 Cor 12:8)

Team Member	Church	Assignment
Emelda August	Holy Family	TL Deborah / Priesthood of All Believers
9	Woodbridge Christian	
	Fairview Baptist	
Linda Bonshire	Fredericksburg UMC	Assistant Cha / Reading
Dawn Cobb	Ladysmith Baptist	ATL Miriam / Lord, I have time
Sandra Coney	Tower of Deliverance	
	West Hanover UMC	TL Sarah / Life of Piety
Cindy Flickinger	Ebenezer UMC	Music Team
Maria Fortune	Shepherds UMC	Music Team / Body of Christ
Carol Grimes	Promised Land	Asst SD / Prevenient Grace
Mary Lee Hensel	LOW Church	Table Angel / Discipleship
Phyllis Howze	Rehoboth UMC	Asst. Agape Cha / Reading
Marcy Liepelt	Chancellor Christian	Board Rep
Jennifer McDaniel	Promised Land	ATL Sarah / Christian Action
Lola McDonald	Woodbridge Christian	ALD Sunday / Priority
Colleen McGrath	Bowling Green UMC	TL Elizabeth / Changing Our World
Cathy Mudre	Fairview Baptist	ATL Deborah / Reading
Jim Muhlenkamp	North Stafford Baptist	Lead SD/ Justifying Grace & Obstacles to Grace
Kathy Neiswander	Music Team	Please hear what I'm not saying
Cam Noden	Fairview Baptist	TL Ruth / Reading
Sarah Oliveri	Promised Land	ATL Ruth / Reading
Dianne Philipp	First Christian	ALD Thursday / 4th Day
LaZalia Richardson	Shiloh Baptist	TL Miriam / Grow through Study
Becky Thode	Chancellor Christian	Agape Cha
Ralph Thomas	Tower of Deliverance	Asst. SD / Mean of Grace & Sanctifying Grace
Christine Tillman	Stafford Crossing	ALD Saturday
Heather Uhlick	Salem Fields	Cha Coordinator
Mary Usher	Maranatha SDA	ATL Elizabeth / Reading
Monica Warne	Chancellor Christian	TL Mary / Reading
	Fairview Baptist	
Sandy Williams	Fairview Baptist	Asst. Agape Cha

Please pray for these other upcoming Emmaus community Walks:

South Africa: Port Elizabeth (M #37) May 1-4 South Africa: Port Elizabeth (W #38) May 8-11

Australia: Perth Australia (W) May 1-4

Australia: Far No. Coast New South Wales (M #81) May 22-25 Australia: Far No. Coast New South Wales (W #82) May 29-June 1

Texas: Dallas (W) June 5-8 Texas: Denton (M) June 12-15



The Blacksmith's Shop by Max Lucado

In the shop of a blacksmith, there are three types of tools. There are tools on the junk pile: outdated, broken, dull, rusty. They sit in the cobwebbed corner, useless to their master, oblivious to their calling. There are tools on the anvil: melted down, molten hot, moldable, changeable. They lie on the anvil, being shaped by their master, accepting their calling. There are tools of usefulness: sharpened, primed, defined, mobile. They lie ready in the blacksmith's tool chest, available to their master, fulfilling their calling. Some people lie useless: lives broken, talents wasting, fires quenched, dreams dashed. They are tossed in with the scrap iron, in desperate need of repair, with no notion of purpose. Others lie on the anvil: hearts open, hungry to change, wounds healing, visions clearing. They welcome the painful pounding of the blacksmith's hammer, longing to be rebuilt, begging to be called. Others lie in their Master's hands: well tuned, uncompromising, polished, productive. They respond to their Master's forearm, demanding nothing, surrendering all.

We are all somewhere in the blacksmith's shop. We are either on the scrap pile, in the Master's hands on the anvil, or in the tool chest. (Some of us have been in all three.) From the shelves to the workbench, from the water to the fire...I'm sure that somewhere you will see yourself.

Paul spoke of becoming "an instrument for noble purposes." And what a becoming it is! The rubbish pile of broken tools, the anvil of recasting, the hands of the Master- it's a simultaneously joyful and painful voyage. And for you who make the journey--who leave the heap and enter the fire, dare to be pounded on God's anvil, and doggedly seek to discover your own purpose--take courage, for you await the privilege of being called "God's chosen instruments." (End of Quote)

As I have surveyed the Emmaus landscape over the past few weeks, it would seem that many are on the anvil. I know I have been feeling some heat and taking a little pounding lately, but I am not alone.

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The Community as a whole is also being shaped and molded to fit God's purposes. I hear some messages of gloom and doom, some messages of apprehension and fear. But take heart, this is God's Community and He is able. Isaiah said His arm is not short or His ear dull. God knows what we need, we are the Body of Christ, a tool in God's own hand and I do not believe that He will allow the nub of a finger, or the most insignificant tool to fail.

We are about to embark on a new era, new board members, new challenges and new members to the Community. I'm excited to see what God is going to do next.

Mark Lawrence

Board Candidate Biographies

Dick Barnett

Dick walked in the Spring of 1993 at Camp Easter Seal (#7) - after his wife Patty walked on Emmaus #6 the previous Fall. Since then Dick has Teamed many times, served a term on the Emmaus Board, been Weekend Lay Director on Walk #29, and served as Community Lay Director - a true "Old Buffalo". Dick is currently serving with wife Patty as your Pilgrim registrar and leads the 4th Day Ministry. The 4th Day Ministry has played a key role in helping the Emmaus Board transform Teaming training, DDU and Gathering formats over the past few years.

Emmaus has meant a lot to Dick over the years and he truly enjoys service to the local Emmaus Community. Dick is retiring from the volunteer positions of Pilgrim Registrar and 4th Day Ministry leader after six years and looks forward to serving on the local Board if elected by the Community.

Ruth Thomas

Walked on Fredericksburg Emmaus # 50. Served on E54 & E65 on the Music Team and had various readings.

I attend Tower of Deliverance Church where I serve as a missionary and also serve as an ordained Deaconess.

Board Candidate Biographies (continued)

Rosemary Blankenship

I attend Fairview Baptist Church and walked on E-34 in November 1999. At Fairview, I serve on the worship planning team and the media team. I also play hand bells with "Ringers for the King."

I served on the Emmaus board from 2003-2006 and currently serve with the Fourth Day Ministry team. I have served on several teams and regularly attend gatherings and serve as a cha on weekends.

My Emmaus weekend was a life-changing event for me and I enjoy helping make it possible for others to have a similar experience.

Jennifer McDaniel

I am an active member of my church's praise team and help to lead worship each Sabbath. I have assisted with the treasury and planning seasonal programs (e.g. our Christmas and Memorial Day programs) and other special events that come up during the year. I am a current member of the Sacred Dance Ensemble of Fredericksburg, which ministers through music and dance to various churches in the greater Fredericksburg area. Since my walk to Emmaus (April 2007), I have assisted as a cha for FE68 and FE69 and am serving on the FE 71 team as an assistant table leader and the Christian Action speaker. I look forward to being more involved with the Emmaus community as I see the great value it has for strengthening churches.

William J. Moore (Bill)

Bill walked on National Capitol Emmaus #45 in 1992. He has since teamed on many Loudoun Valley Emmaus and National Capitol Crysalis Weekends since then. He served on the NCA Crysalis Board for the period of 2002 - 2005 and as Asst Lay Director in 2003.

Since moving to Lottsburg, VA in 2005, Bill has continued to team and has been on five Fredericksburg weekends. He is currently a member at large on the Team Selection Committee and serves there as the secretary.

Bill is a member of Melrose UMC and is married to Rev. Edna F. Moore, the pastor at Melrose. He has three grown children and four grandchildren. He teaches high school Sunday School and is active in the choir.

Maria Fortune

I walked on Fredericksburg Emmaus #32 in1999. I have teamed on eleven walks with various duties including Weekend Lay Director on Walk #61. I also served on the Emmaus Board as Board Treasurer.

I worship at Shepherds UMC where I currently serve as church treasurer, a member of our witness/evangelism committee, and the Elementary Sunday School teacher.

Mike McDonald

Mike McDonald attends Woodbridge Christian Church, walked on Fredericksburg Emmaus #25, and sat at the table of Matthew. He has teamed on Fredericksburg Emmaus #64, #66, #68 and most recently #70.

Mike has been a member at Woodbridge Christian Church for 13 years. He served as a deacon, was on the missions board and was fellowship ministry leader. He currently assists in the youth department for Sunday morning Jr. High Worship and Wednesday evening youth group/bible study and is active in the men's ministry. His wife Lola and son Marc are also active in the Fredericksburg Emmaus community and at their church.

Michael Selph

Michael Selph attends Bowling Green United Methodist Church, walked on Fredericksburg Emmaus # 62 and sat at the Table of Peter. He has been an active member of the Fredericksburg Community since then; serving as Cha, attending Candlelight, sponsoring Pilgrims, providing agape and, of course, participating in the prayer vigils. He served as Assistant Table Leader at Table of John and read Please Hear What I Am Not Saying at Dying Moments on E- 68. He is teaming on E-70 and will serve as the Table Leader for Table of John and will give the Life in Piety talk. He gave his Fourth Day Talk at the January 2008 Gathering. - "I believe that Emmaus is one of God's most powerful tools and I am humbled to be a part of this ministry. May we all strive to be reflections of the risen Christ."

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Please pray for:

Mark Lawrence & family

My Daughter & baby, my son his baby & daughter-in-

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Mom & Charlie, healing mercies & better attitudes

Lauren's salvation

Jack's health and his salvation

To keep from overeating

Lindsey traveling back to Germany

Brother Chris & Fenely

E-71 team and first-time teamers

E-71 walk & pilgrims

Lee who is struggling with her blood pressure

John's family in the Midwest

Sister Augusta with health and financial issues

Father that has memory issues

My grandson Zak, may his eyes be opened

Will for guidance, William for direction, Pop for healing

Ronda, backsliding & divorced parents

Nephew in Iraq

Wellness business will continue to grow and prosper

Deb & Charlie, alcoholic & unsaved

My brothers & sisters health Tyler, grandson, Latin family

FE-71 Pilgrims

Economy and slowdown of our construction business

Alum Spring Baptist Church

Iraq war and our country in general

Sister, Linda Buraker - cancer

Steve Smith – cancer surgery

Child, CJ Sutphin – cancer

George improving with his physical problems

Christy & TJ and touch their hearts

Mary, John, Christopher, Shari, Christian

Langston, Wilfred, Defontis Maranatha, Evangelism

Daughter, Becky Dealing with depression

Families of E-71 team, Roy Brickey

Family to be open to Lord's guidance

Chris's health, first baby, Tom, thankful god bless

James, express thanks

Brother & sister-in-law, for new daughter and their

sanity

Jane's, out speaking for God

My wife will go on the fall Emmaus walk

Daughter Brenda on deployment Peace & calmness for E-71 team

Safe travel for our children

Guidance from God as I work with young teens

Mark & Sally Lawrence, Jill & Lynn, Barry, Mark &

Brian

Derek & Mickey Sharp

E-70 & E-71

My husband and myself as we continue to work on our

ministry

Daughter Ellie, that she will work in God's path and find it in her heart to forgive me and let me in her life

find it in her heart to forgive me and let me in her life

again

Grandson and his family, Carl with heart cath

Kevin and his family, that someday they will find you

and become closer to God

John Balles's continued health

Rosemary Blankenship, WLD E-71

Kathy & Steve, her health issues, and wisdom,

perseverance and strength for both

Mary and her family situation, that God will walk

beside them and meet their needs

Hulon's healing, and our family's healing

Haddie, mother-in-law's health, wife Martha, 1 Cor. 13

Please give praises for:

Husband's new job

For all God is doing in my life

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Active Reunion Groups in the Fredericksburg Emmaus Community

SUNDAY

Bethel UMC Men's Group 7:30 am

Bethel UMC Woodbridge

Brian Lewis 703-590-9343

bb3253@aol.com

TUESDAY

Great Is Thy Faithfulness 7:30 pm

Prince of Peace UMC 6299 Token Forest Drive Manassas, VA

Lloyd Biller 703-590-1512

Pastor's Weekly Meeting 7:30 am

Interested in joining or starting a

new reunion group?

Call Sandy Crossley at

703-221-6977 or email her at slcrossley13@msn.com

Call for location

Mark Dunn 540-786-4025

Lakeside Reunion Group (Men) 8:00 pm

Lake of the Woods – Call for location

540-972-1928 Vic Larson

WEDNESDAY

Lord's Lions & Lambs Reunion Group 6:30 pm

First Christian Church

Gary Staddan 540-373-7716

firstchristianchurch@verizon.net

THURSDAY

Amazing Grace Reunion Group 8:30 pm

Hillcrest UMC

Ed McAdam 540-898-3625

emcadam@cox.net

His Joyful Croakers 9:00 am

9:00 am

Hillcrest UMC

June Riel 540-710-5949

(ALTERNATE THURSDAYS)

Rainbow Reunion Group (Women) 10:00 am

Lake of the Woods – Call for location Barbara Miller 540-972-7418

His Seekers (Women) 7:30 pm

Home of Jane Carwell – Woodbridge Sandy Crossley 703-221-6977 or

Jane Carwell 703-969-4019 or email: tjcarwell@yahoo.com

FRIDAY

Koinonia Women's Reunion Group

Lake of the Woods – Call for location

Barbara Larson 540-972-1928 Upper Room Emmaus of the Greater Fredericksburg Area PO Box 42094 Fredericksburg, VA 22404

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Directions to Fairview Baptist Church: 900 Charlotte Street

Fredericksburg, VA 22401

From I-95: Take Exit 130A (Rt. 3 East). Go to the stop light that intersects Route 3 and William St and turn Left onto William Street. Go to the second stop light and turn Right onto Littlepage Street. Fairview Baptist Church is on the right at the corner of Littlepage St & Charlotte St.