

# **Greater Fredericksburg Emmaus Community Newsletter**

## **June 2024**

### **A Message from Brad Phillips, one of our Spiritual Directors**

I am reminded of a verse I once had on a poster that reads, “Those who lead others to righteousness will shine like the stars forever.” This comes from the Book of Daniel in the Old Testament. This verse says to me that those who work at bringing people to a first time understanding of Jesus or helps others to be redirected towards Jesus will be blessed in eternity.

I also tend to think that the blessings for doing this are also right now. When we have the opportunity to team or serve in any capacity in the Emmaus community, we are leading others to righteousness. There is always a joy in my heart when serving Jesus through Emmaus when the light comes on in a pilgrim’s eyes and heart that they get it. They see the wonderful changes that can take place as they renew their love for Jesus. They get excited about what God can do and will do in their hearts. They come back from a walk or encounter and say, “This is the best thing that has ever happened to me.” I feel good because I have had a small part in leading others to righteousness.

The Emmaus experience is one of the ways that we can be a part of helping others to see a deep faith in Jesus. It makes all of the difference in the world. Aren’t you glad you’re a part of being there, doing that?

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Brad Phillips, Spiritual Director

### **Community events**

Last weekend we held our annual Day Four Restore. It was our largest turn out yet for this annual “revival” event. Thanks to Rhett and Rosemary for leading us in a great day to reconnect and re-energize!

### **Upcoming Walks**

Praise God! We have confirmed that FE-122 and FE-123 will be at Camp Rappahannock (formerly known as Camp Happyland) from October 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in participating or sponsoring a pilgrim, check out the walk page on our website.

<http://fredwalk.org/walks.asp>

Applications are available for those interested in teaming or sponsoring are available on the website. Walk leaders are Jenn Bumbrey (FE-122) and Chris Wells (FE-123). Both groups covet your prayers and they begin preparing for the walks in the coming weeks.

Please prayerfully consider ways you can support the upcoming walks through things such as:

- Agape for the pilgrims (and team)
- Serving on our servant team, either for the weekend or part of the weekend
- Sponsor a pilgrim (or donate to help sponsor). This is a great opportunity for a small group or Sunday school class.
- Come out to the camp for Sponsor's Hour, Candlelight and/or Closing
- There are lots of other ways to support and we will be featuring those in our newsletters until the walk dates!

### **Upcoming Training**

For those who have participated in an Emmaus Walk or Face to Face Encounter and wish to serve or sponsor on a future Walk or Encounter, we will have 4<sup>th</sup> Day Training before our next gathering on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at Peace UMC. Training will begin at 1:30 and will end in time for you to participate in the gathering that evening. We hope to see you there if you have not previously attended a 4<sup>th</sup> Day Training.

### **Upcoming Community Gatherings:**

***Our next gathering is this coming Saturday, June 8th at Peace United Methodist Church in Spotsylvania, VA. We hope to see you there! Fellowship begins at 3:30 and our gathering begins at 4:00. (4<sup>th</sup> Day Training will be at 1:30)***

Future gatherings will be:

- July 13<sup>th</sup>—Melrose UMC, Lottsburg, VA
- August 10<sup>th</sup>—Rehoboth UMC, Beaverdam, VA
- September 14<sup>th</sup>—New Hope UMC, Fredericksburg, VA
- October 12<sup>th</sup>—Camp Happyland
- November 9<sup>th</sup>—Peace UMC, Fredericksburg, VA
- December 14<sup>th</sup>—Fredericksburg UMC, Fredericksburg, VA

### **Interested in participating on a team for future walks?**

If you would like to express interest in participating on a walk team for a future walk, you may use this link to submit your teaming application: [Online teaming application-Fredericksburg Emmaus](#)