



On the Path



The Newsletter of the Southern Maryland Emmaus Community

September, 2007 Walk In the Light Volume 7 Issue 4

Fall Walks at New Location

Patuxent River 4-H Center

18405 Queen Anne Road
Upper Marlboro, MD 20774

From the Northeast:

Take I-97 SOUTH to EXIT 7, MD 3 SOUTH towards Bowie (Route 3 turns into Route 301).

Follow ROUTE 3/301 SOUTH.

Cross over ROUTE 214 (Central Ave) and proceed one (1) mile to QUEEN ANNE ROAD, Turn left onto Queen Anne Road.

The Patuxent 4H center is two (2) miles down, on the right.

From the Northwest:

Take 95-SOUTH to EXIT 50 EAST towards Annapolis.

Follow ROUTE 50 EAST for approximately 8 miles and exit onto ROUTE 301 SOUTH.

Follow ROUTE 3/301 SOUTH.

Cross over ROUTE 214 (Central Ave) and proceed one (1) mile to QUEEN ANNE ROAD, Turn left onto Queen Anne Road.

The Patuxent 4H center is two (2) miles down, on the right.

From the Southern Maryland:

Take ROUTE 301 NORTH to TRADE ZONE AVENUE immediately after the light at Trade Zone Ave turn right onto Queen Anne Road.

The Patuxent 4H center is two (2) miles down, on the right.

From the Southwest:

From I-495 (Capital Beltway), take EXIT 15 EAST (ROUTE 214, CENTRAL AVENUE).

Stay on ROUTE 214 EAST for approximately 7 miles. Exit onto ROUTE 301 SOUTH, proceed one (1) mile to QUEEN ANNE ROAD, Turn left onto Queen Anne Road.

The Patuxent 4H center is two (2) miles down, on the right.

Local Gatherings

Reminder:

Gatherings are not held during the months in which our walks are scheduled.

As a result there will be NO gathering in October or November

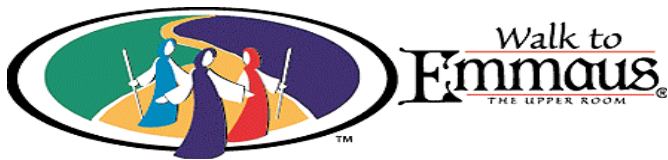
We traditionally do not have a gathering in December due to the many activities at our local churches. So NO gathering in December

There WILL be a 4th Day Seminar on November 17 at 4:00 p.m. at Calvary United Methodist in Waldorf.

See You all There!

Childcare is available and drinks and paper products are supplied at all gatherings. See Page 9 for more.





Fall Walks - 2007 - 4H Center

Men's Walk # 25 - October 18 - 21

Women's Walk # 26 - November 1 - 4

Spring Men's Walk - April 24 - 27, 2008
Women's Spring Walk - May 1 - 4, 2008
Walks return to West River

This Week: 09/01/2007

Emmaus Community Stats
20 Weekends in
12 States and
3 Countries
5 Women's Weekends and
15 Men's Weekends



Sign up to pray for
our walks (and others)
online at:
www.3dayol.org/Vigil/

Pilgrim and Team Applications and this newsletter
may be downloaded from the web at www.somdemmaus.org
CLICK on "About Us" then CLICK "Documents"

Recurring Events of the Southern Maryland Emmaus Community

Central Gathering: Calvary UMC, Waldorf 7:00 p.m. Fellowship 6:00 p.m.
No Gathering in October, November, December

Southern Local Gathering: Lexington Park UMC 6/9/07 Potluck at 6, gathering
at 7:00. No gathering in October, November, December

Northern Local Gathering: Living Springs Christian Fellowship Potluck at 5,
gathering at 6:00. No gathering in October, November, December

Board of Directors Meeting: TBD at Calvary UMC



4th Day Seminars

The 4th Day Seminars are held in the spring and in the fall following the men's and women's walks. The next seminar date is November 17, 2007, 4:00 p.m. at Calvary United Methodist church in Waldorf. Attendance at a 4th Day Seminar is required in order to sponsor pilgrims, and highly recommended for those who wish to team.



Southern Maryland Emmaus Community Reunion & Accountability Groups

The Reunion Group Coordinator, Gordon Piscacek, would like to hear about any active Groups in Southern Maryland. If you are having difficulty finding a Reunion Group, contact Gordon. Experience the 4th Day feeling with your fellow Emmaus travelers.

Bethel UMC, Upper Marlboro
Co-ed - Wednesday - 6:00 p.m.

Living Springs Christian Fellowship, Bowie
Co-ed Tuesday - 6:00 p.m.

Calvary UMC, Waldorf
Men Tuesday - 7:15 p.m.
Women Thursday - 5:00 p.m. (Panera's)

Naval Air Station, Patuxent River
Men, Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m.

First UMC, Laurel
Men Saturday - 7:00 a.m.
Women Saturday - 8:30 a.m.

Waters Memorial UMC, St. Leonard
Pastors, Tuesday - 1:00 p.m.

Good Shepherd UMC, Waldorf
Women Tuesday 7:30 p.m.
Call 301-653-7570 for directions (not at church)

La Plata UMC, La Plata
Women Tuesday 1:00 p.m.

Lexington Park UMC, Lexington Park
Co-ed Tuesday 7:30 a.m. Bob Evans
Co-ed Thursday - 11:30 a.m. (home setting)

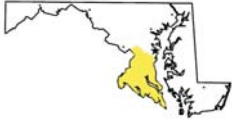
www.somdemmaus.org

Have you registered yet? You need to register in order to access the members only area of our new website. This area will have items of interest to our members, as well as profiles of all those who have registered. Let us know what you would like to see in the members area as well as the public areas of the site. Register today.



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Deadline for next issue is November 1, 2007. The preferred method of submission is as an MSWord document file or a WordPerfect file sent via e-mail to the following address: Newsletter@somdemmaus.org. Very short articles or notes may be sent in the body of the e-mail message. Please send your comments and recommendations as well to the editor, Dan Brennan, at the e-mail address above.



Southern Maryland Emmaus - Leadership & Service



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Personal information contained in this newsletter is intended for Emmaus
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NOTE: Updating of this list is in progress

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Southern Maryland Emmaus is affiliated with the International Emmaus Movement of The Upper Room, Nashville, Tn. Emmaus is a program offering of Upper Room Ministries of The United Methodist Church. Our purpose is to inspire, challenge, and equip church members for Christian Action.

Please contact the POC for your church as listed in this newsletter if you are not receiving the newsletter. If your church does not currently have a POC, please prayerfully consider volunteering for that role.

Sponsorship: It's a Family Affair

Before sponsoring, pray to the Father to identify which of His children, your brother and/or sister, with who He wants you to share this gift.

If you are asking someone who is married, talk to both spouses. It would be ideal, but not required, if both would attend the same set of weekends. Emmaus strongly supports the sanctity of marriage and does not want to become a wedge or divisive force in marriage relationships. The sponsor is the first in line to work to prevent this. Be faithful in prayer for that relationship and up front in explaining the weekend to both spouses.

Include your reunion group and church family in your sponsorship. They can help by praying with you for your pilgrim. They can make agape, write letters, come to candlelight--even fill in for you when you can't fulfill some of the direct responsibilities. They are part of the family that will provide support for you and your pilgrim.

Pray for the pilgrim's family. Ask them to write love letters to their family member who is a pilgrim. During the weekend, look out for your pilgrim's family: check in to see if they need anything, share a meal with them, make sure they can get to church on Sunday, keep them informed about when they can expect their family member to return.

Seeking Volunteers

Please call or e-mail Karen Hower at 301-751-0967 khower@comcast.net to assist in the various setup & cleanup activities for both our men's & Women's Fall walks.

There is much to do, particularly to prepare for the community activities. So, even if you cannot be a member of a team, you can support the weekend by helping with setup.

The weekend is just the beginning--or the continuation--of your family relationship with the pilgrim. Continue to pray for them, make sure they can get involved in a reunion group, bring them to the Fourth Day seminar, and monthly gatherings. By inviting this person to be a part of a branch of your Christian family, you have entered into a lifelong family relationship with them. It is important to remain faithful in this relationship.

It's never too late to start praying and never too soon to invite someone into the Emmaus family. by walking on a future set of weekends.

De colores, Ruth Dixon

Reunion Group News

Hello folks. My name is Gordon Piscacek. I worship at Bethel UMC in Upper Marlboro. I walked to Emmaus on Southern Maryland #5, and I sat at the table of Paul.

I am a member of the Board of Directors of the Southern Maryland Emmaus Community and I have the position of the Reunion Group Coordinator. Reunion groups help us continue our daily pursuit of a life lived in the grace of God. They are a source of support and strength as we continue our daily walk with Christ. The groups provide a means to be with fellow Christians to share joys and to admit weakness while seeking guidance. It helps to talk with your Christian friends, regardless if it is about a problem or a joyful moment of experience. By sharing your insights and

experiences with others in your group you contribute to their spiritual growth, as well as to your own.

Hebrews 10:24-25 tells us: "Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another." The message from Hebrews speaks to us today. Attend a reunion group, attend regularly, and share. What is said in the group stays in the group.

This newsletter lists many reunion groups of the Southern Maryland Emmaus Community. If those listing are incorrect or have changed, let me know so the list can be updated. If you start a new group, let me know and it will be included in our listing.



Southern Maryland Emmaus - Leadership & Service

Most Southern Maryland Committees are chaired by members of the Board of Directors, but service on those committees is open to all community mem-

AGAPE Support	Diane Walker	Newsletter	Dan Brennan
Child Care	Mark Saunders	Prayer Partner Coordinator	Diane Walker
Community Historian	Len Lent	Prayer Vigil Coordinator	Kay Priest
Event Coordinator	Mark Saunders	Registrar	Roy Downs
Comm. Spiritual Director	Sue Shorb-Sterling	Reunion Group	Gordon Piscacek
Entertainment	Dan Brennan	Team Selection Coordinator	Linda Flanagan
Facility Representative	John Carns	Fourth Day Seminar	Board Reps from walks
Gathering Coordinator	Mark Saunders	Pilgrim Selection	Roy Downs
Supply	Dru McLaughlin	Music Director	Rich Weavern
Comm. Lay Director	Janet Goodwin	Sponsorship	Ruth Dixon

**Communications includes e-mail, P/POC, Web, Directory and Newsletter sub committees*

A NOTE from your Community MUSIC Director:

My name is Rich Weaver. I have the privilege of worshipping at Providence-Fort Washington UMC in friendly, Friendly, Maryland. I was a pilgrim on Southern Maryland Walk to Emmaus #15 and sat at the table of Paul.

I was asked to COMPOSE an article for this newsletter. To maintain HARMONY, I decided to SCALE down the length of this PITCH for more MUSICIANS, hoping it might strike a CHORD in the hearts of those who are not currently participating in that ministry. To be on a SOUND footing, Southern Maryland Emmaus needs a broad cross-section of MUSICIANS to support its other ministries.

It's difficult to MEASURE the impact that MUSIC has on pilgrims and the community on weekends, at gatherings and other functions.

The community has had a MAJOR change this year with the addition of two new venues for gatherings. It is a MINOR problem that most of the KEY members who can SING and/or PLAY an INSTRUMENT reside in the central and southern sections of our service region. That said we have some of the most talented folks in the area BAR none.

We are CONDUCTING a search and will not REST until we have uncovered every hidden talent in our grow-

ing community. If you would like to be a part of our STAFF, send me an e-mail with your range of talents (voice range, instrument(s), arranging ability, etc.)

Finally, remember the old adage, if it ain't BAROQUE, don't fix it!

De Colores!
Your Brother in Christ

Rich rhythmguitar1@hotmail.com

Shedding Light

The Board has two positions for clergy to spiritually direct the Board that leads the community. As the risen Jesus walked along side the two going home to Emmaus, he talked with them and tried to explain the scriptures to them in light of the Crucifixion of their beloved leader. They recognized him in the breaking of the bread. The role of a CSD is to walk along side those who are leading, shedding spiritual light so we can see where we are heading and helping the community recognize the risen Lord among us. In addition to serving on the Board and leading the community, the CSDs are responsible to seek qualified pastors serve on teams as well as serve communion at gatherings.

- Sue Shorb-Sterling





Southern Maryland Emmaus - Prayer Points of Contact

This is the person to contact for newsletter distribution

***If your church is not listed, please volunteer to be the Prayer POC
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Shiloh UMC	Stanley Harrell	sharrell@crosslink.net	301-449-6037
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Trinity Baptist Waldorf)	Karen Smith	musicladykaren@yahoo.com	301-274-2504
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New Southern Maryland Website To Debut January 1, 2008

Beginning January 1, the community website will be moving. The new site is currently under construction and in testing, so our existing site will continue to be used until the January date. Pat Knowland has been working hard to prepare the site to serve the community. Watch for more information.



Jump Start

Saturday night after gathering at Lexington Park United Methodist Church, my husband, Gary, and I had to make a grocery run. When we got out of the car we noticed a man standing at his van with the hood up. He was fiddling with the engine so we didn't think that much about it. We were in the store about half an hour. As we left the store, we noticed the man still had his hood up and was leaning against the van. We drove over to him and asked if he needed a jump start. He smiled and said, "Yes!" He explained that he had called a friend for help and had been waiting over an hour. He was getting discouraged because he thought his friend wouldn't show up.

Gary hooked up the jumper cables and within a few minutes, the man's van started. He offered to pay us because he was so grateful. We said no but then told him that God loves him and we hoped he would have a blessed evening. He smiled and said he would.

After I thought about the incident that evening, it occurred to me that we all need a "jump start" from time to time. We all need someone to offer a helping hand or to encourage us. We can also give our brothers and sisters in Christ a "jump start" reminding them how much God loves them and that His grace is free. Like that man, we can get discouraged while waiting for God to answer a prayer, for a healing, for direction or for help. As brothers and sisters in Christ, we should be ready and prepared to give a "jump start" to our family in Christ.

We love our Emmaus community because we get a "jump start" every time we attend a gathering, candlelight or closing. What a way to "get your motor running!" (I've had that tune in my head ALL day!) De Colores!

I love you but God loves you more!
In Christ, Sherri Comer-Cox
Southern MD Emmaus Walk #14

Calling All Musicians

We need more musicians and singers!!! If you are interested in being a member of one or more of the So Md Emmaus Praise teams, please contact Rich Weaver at rhythmuitar1@hotmail.com and Janet Goodwin at janet.goodwin1@gmail.com.

The So. Md. Emmaus Community currently is holding local gatherings at 3 locations, 3 different Saturdays each month. 2nd Saturday – SOUTHERN GATHERING at Lexington Park UMC, 3rd Saturday - CENTRAL GATHERING at Calvary UMC, and 4th Saturday – NORTHERN GATHERING at Living Springs in Bowie. WE NEED YOU!!!

Childcare Help is Needed

My name is Donna Young, For the last year I have served on the So MD Emmaus Board of Directors as Childcare Coordinator. In my role as Childcare Coordinator, I am responsible for ensuring childcare is provided at Emmaus community gatherings.

Have you been looking for a way to serve in this Emmaus community? If so, won't you consider providing childcare during some of our gatherings locally or at candlelight, closing or at the 4th day seminar. We are in need of help in this area.

Our current provider has given notice and will serve through the end of the year. If you have been Red Cross certified or have first aid training and childcare experience, please contact Donna Young at dmy_psych@netzero.net.

This is a paid position for which we are offering a stipend of \$10/hr. However, we are also looking for volunteers to assist our paid childcare worker as well. The age requirement for volunteers: middle school aged youth through senior adult. The age requirement for paid childcare worker is 18 years or older.



The weather is finally cooling off and as I drive along the highways, I see the leaves are already turning. Autumn is just around the corner. When I see all the wonderful colors, I can see God touching each individual leaf, making each its own

unique color. Together, the leaves bring a vibrant display of His making.

It is like that being the children of God. Each of us are touched by Him, to bring the fruit of the spirit to all we meet, whether it be at work, play, church, home, our neighborhood, the store, or on the road. We are called to be His children, to use the gifts He has given us, to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and expand His kingdom here on earth.

One little way we can show our love is by supporting the upcoming weekends. There are numerous ways we can do that. 1st of all – PRAY - pray for the teams and for the pilgrims that will be attending the weekends. Sign up on the prayer vigil for one or more slots, be a community

prayer partner for one of the 15 speakers, volunteer to assist the agape team during the weekends, assist with the set-up and/or take-down of candlelight and/or closing, volunteer to assist with the clean-up at the end of the weekends. Remember – many hands and feet make the load lighter and easier.

We are looking forward to seeing each and every one of you at candlelight on October 20th and November 3rd. This is our community-wide gathering for those months. There will be no local gatherings during the months of October, November and December.

If you can assist with the weekends, please contact Diane Walker, our hard working Agape Coordinator at redruth@mindspring.com to volunteer for the agape team or clean-up. Contact Mark Saunders at guitarmark9@msn.com to assist with candlelight, closing or childcare.

God bless you and keep you until then,

Janet Goodwin
So Md Emmaus Walk #2
Table of Esther

Entertainment

As you know, Saturday night on each walk brings with it a very special dinner which includes a period of entertainment. The dinner and the entertainment are yet another demonstration of Agape for the pilgrims. It is also an opportunity for you to share a small part of the weekend with the pilgrims.

Our practice has been to have women entertain at the men's walk and men entertain at the women's walk. This approach has helped to make the surprise even more effective.

If you are interested in providing entertainment at either walk, please let me know as soon as possible.

Some things to remember if you wish to entertain:

* You may perform solo, or in a group of any size - but everyone who performs MUST have completed an Emmaus walk (or other variation, such as Cursillo)

* You may sing, dance, play an instrument, do standup, whatever your talent might be. I only ask that

you let me know when you volunteer what you will be doing.

* Saturday is a very tight schedule for the pilgrims and the time allotted for entertainment is no more than 20 minutes usually beginning around 6:30 p.m. (you should arrive no later than 5:30 to be setup and ready to go before the pilgrims arrive for dinner.)

* You will need to be self-sufficient. Bring whatever sound equipment or instruments you think you will need. The teams will not be in a position to help you with setup or take down.

* If you wish, you may assist with serving the pilgrims and busing the dishes. If you do not wish to do this, please stay out of sight until you are called to perform.

I hope you will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. You may respond to this e-mail or contact me during the day on 301-645-5247.

De Colores,
Dan Brennan



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"Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?"

Luke 24:32

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