

On the Path



The Newsletter of the Southern Maryland Emmaus Community

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A Time of Preparation

Sponsorship is an awesome opportunity and a great responsibility. Have you been praying about who God would have on the spring walks and what he would have *you* do about it? Have you prayed for those who are preparing for those walks – for those in leadership, for those who would team and for those who would become pilgrims. I know it is a busy time for all of us – there is shopping to do, meals to plan, holiday guests to prepare for; there are school, church events, community events but...

The goal of Emmaus is to equip people for leadership in the church – to develop, to strengthen, to encourage, to rejuvenate them in order for them to serve as Christ's hand and feet to a hurting world; To challenge them to live in the agape love that the Lord offers.

So then what does it take to be a GREAT sponsor:

Prayer – to ensure that God is directing your choice

Courage – to overcome the fear of rejection

Time – to provide for the family's needs while the pilgrim is away

Sacrifice – financial, spiritual and emotion support to the pilgrim

Discernment – Is the timing mine or God's? Emmaus is for development of leaders not for fixing people.

Followup – relationship, relationship, relationship. Provide **encouragement** for the pilgrim to step out in faith in new areas of

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Local Gatherings

Southern Gathering

Lexington Park UMC
2nd Saturday of each month
5:00 p.m. Potluck, 6:00 p.m. Worship

Central Gathering

Calvary UMC
3rd Saturday of each month
6:00 p.m. Fellowship (bring snack)
7:00 p.m. Worship

Northern Gathering

1st Laurel UMC
4th Saturday of each month
5:00 p.m. Potluck 6:00 p.m. Worship

In addition to the monthly gatherings, plan to join as a community at Candlelight and Closing of each walk. In a month when a 4th Day Seminar is scheduled (May & November) we will have one Gathering only at Calvary UMC immediately following the Seminar.

See page 2 for specific dates and times of all gatherings.





Fall Walks - 2009 - West River

Men's Walk # 31 - April 30 - May 3

Women's Walk # 32 - May 7 - 10

Make plans to attend the community events for each walk:
Thursday - Sponsor's Hour - 7:00 p.m. Saturday - Candlelight - 8:00 p.m.
Sunday - Closing - 4:00 p.m.

This Week: 2/9/2009

Emmaus Community Stats
204 Weekends in
35 States and
3 Countries
133 Women's Weekends and
71 Men's Weekends



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

Pilgrim and Team Applications and this newsletter may be downloaded from the
web at www.somdemmaus.org
CLICK on "Document, Lists and Newsletters"

Recurring Events of the Southern Maryland Emmaus Community

Special community-wide Gathering For February, 2009



February 21, 2009
6:00 p.m. Fellowship
7:00 p.m. Worship
Calvary United Methodist Church

4th Day Seminars

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 May 16, 2009, 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, Mary Ulrey, would like to hear about any active Groups in Southern Maryland. If you are having difficulty finding a Reunion Group, contact Mary. Experience the 4th Day feeling with your fellow Emmaus travelers.

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

Calvary UMC, Waldorf
Men Tuesday - 7:15 p.m.
Women Saturday - 5:00 p.m. at Panera's

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

Good Shepherd UMC, Waldorf
Men Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
Women Monday 7:30 p.m.
Women Tuesday 7:30 p.m. (not at church
call 301-645-5370 for directions)
Women Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
Women Tuesday 8:45 a.m. (not at church
call 301-645-6414 for directions)

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)

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

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

Olivet UMC, Lusby
Monthly on first Monday
6:30 p.m. at Tony De May's home

Shiloh UMC, Bryans Road
Co-ed Tuesdays 6:00 p.m.

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

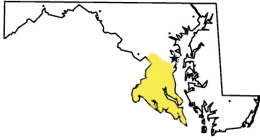
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Deadline for next issue is April 1, 2009. The preferred method of submission is as an MSWord document file or a WordPerfect file sent via-e-mail to the following address: dbrennan6@verizon.net. Very short articles or notes may be sent in the body of 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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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.



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 members.

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ministry. Assist with **accountability** – encouragement to be in a reunion group. **Connection** – gatherings are a great way to help pilgrims stay connected to the Emmaus community.

As Whoopi Goldberg sings in Sister Act: “*What have you done for me lately?*”

Des Colores

Mary Ulrey



CiSM

Chrysalis in Southern Maryland

Ages 15 to 23

The first weekend Flights for CiSM are getting close and now is the time for the entire Emmaus Community to support our new Caterpillars!

We are in need of your prayers and Agape!

Totals for per flight are
30 team and 24 Caterpillars.

The dates for the first flights are being decided. We are in need of your prayers and support.

Agape may be left at Gatherings, or given to a member of the Chrysalis Steering Committee

Thank you for your support



Southern Maryland Emmaus - Prayer Points of Contact

If your church is not listed, please volunteer to be the Prayer POC. Send your name, e-mail address, and telephone number to dbrennan6@verizon.net

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Hold this date- Hold this date

Please put June 13, 2009 on your calendar now! We are planning an Emmaus community-wide picnic. Time and location information will be provided soon!

Plan to bring a friend!

February Gathering for all on February 21, 2009

During February, we'll all be meeting together for our monthly gathering in one place- Calvary UMC. There will be no Southern gathering due to Valentine's Day... so we thought we'd move the Northern gathering too, and plan one big gathering for everyone! The fun starts at 5 p.m. with a pot-luck dinner followed by the gathering at 6pm. Child care will be available. Plan to invite someone to join you that you haven't seen at a gathering for awhile! We would love to see them too!

Pilgrim application deadline is approaching for Spring 2009 Weekends

Planning to sponsor someone for the Spring weekends in Southern Maryland? Print out the application soon because February 26 is the first deadline for pilgrim applications- we must receive 12 for women and 12 for men, or the weekend will be canceled. The deadline is necessary to assure that we have a minimum number of pilgrims for the weekend. Pray. See if God is leading you to sponsor someone this spring.

Do you still have all the Agape you received on your pilgrim walk? Any agape from when you teamed?

If so, then wear it with pride to the February 21st gathering at Calvary UMC in Waldorf, Maryland.

During the walk weekends these agape gifts were given to show you God's love from people you didn't know. What better way to show your appreciation than by wearing these little tokens of agape.

Wear as much Agape as you can and wear the brightest colors you have.

Come at 5:00PM for the potluck dinner and stay for the gathering at 6:00PM. There will only be one gathering for February so come out and see old friends and new ones alike.

Not wanting to come out on a Saturday night to a gathering can be tempting, but sharing a meal and worship with your brothers and sisters in Christ is a joyful and blessed time.

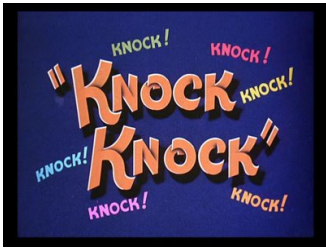
And take time to consider volunteering to help the agape team and with the clean-up on Sunday after closing.

We look forward to seeing you at Calvary UMC, Waldorf February 21.

Dale Merkle, SME Agape Coordinator
Chester Willett, SME Assistant Agape Coordinator

P.S. Bring something good to share for the potluck at 5pm and agape to wear at the gathering at 6pm.





Knock, knock
Who's there?
Opportunity,
Opportunity who?
Opportunity to serve on Agape

Have you ever heard opportunity knock?
If not, now is the time to listen.

Agape opportunities are available for a limited time. Be the first on your block to sign up to help with Agape as a community volunteer. Time slots are now available for Friday, Saturday and Sunday of both the Men's and Women's Spring Walks. For only two or three hours at a time you can help the weekend Agape teams as they serve the Pilgrims on the weekends. Agape volunteer opportunities may include assisting in the sorting of Agape gifts, making Agape drops, helping with letter sorting or maybe even snack food distribution and preparation.

This is a great opportunity to get involved on a weekend and only serve a few hours instead of 72 hours. You can see and be Christ's hands and feet to the pilgrims and team members. I can tell you from my own experience that this is a rewarding opportunity.

As always volunteers are greatly needed to assist in the clean-up phase of the weekend on Sunday at Closing. Come to Closing and hear the Pilgrim Testimonies and then slip out and help the Walk Agape team and other volunteers clean up the Talk room, bathrooms and sleeping quarters. Though this may sound like work this is an opportunity to be Christ's hands and feet in action. Your service in this way also helps to speed up the clean-up process.

For further information please contact Dale Merkle at: Home phone 301-645-6091

DeColores,
Dale Merkle,
Southern Maryland Emmaus Agape Coordinator

Hello Everyone!!!

My name is Lisa Hegedus
I worship at First Saints community Church, St. Paul's Campus
I walked on Southern Maryland Emmaus #12
I sat at the table of Esther.

I am also the Team Selection Lead. I am writing to remind you all that we now have a new team application process. The team applications are now good for 1 year. So if you are interested in teaming in 2009 please get your applications in early. You can find the team applications on the Southern Maryland Emmaus website at under the documents section.

With the Fall weekends coming so close to the Spring weekends it is really important that we receive the applications early. Hope to see a lot of them coming in soon. See you all soon, and thanks for all of your help and support during the teaming process and weekends.



Dear Emmaus Community,

Hello, my name is Sarah Smith and I am the youth agape coordinator for Chrysalis in Southern Maryland (CISM). As our first set of weekends are approaching the agape committee is seeking help from the Emmaus community by asking for agape donations specific items we need are:

1. Caterpillar pins
2. Cocoon pins
3. Butterfly pins
4. Lanyards
5. Tissues
6. Non scented white candles
7. Trash Bags
8. Poster board or poster paper
9. Post –It- Notes pads
10. Notebook paper
11. Rubber bands
12. 3x5 Index Cards
13. Glue
14. Transparent tape
15. Masking tape

Agape can reflect the theme of the day; however general agape is always accepted and appreciated

Day One

Faith

A Day of Dying to Christ

Symbol: Caterpillar

Day Two

Hope

A Day of Rising with Christ

Symbol: Chrysalis

Day Three

Love

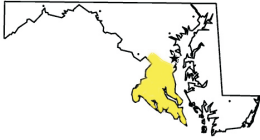
A Day of Flying with Christ

Symbol: Butterfly

All items will be collected at Gatherings and Hoots. Or Call Jane Elliott at 301-934-2786 or e-mail her at kcandjane@dishmail.net to have them picked up.

Other General Agape needed as always snacks and drinks!

We thank you for your support!!!



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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

Information on the Southern Maryland Walk to Emmaus, as well as pilgrim and team applications may be found on our website:
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