



On the Path



The Newsletter of the Southern Maryland Emmaus Community

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How's Your Emmaus?

I know it's sort of a strange way to put it, but the question that occurred to me was, how is Emmaus working in your church? It seems a natural question to ask considering that one of the main purposes of the walk is to develop, nurture, and send back leaders for the local church. So, are we being successful?

I suppose one way to gage success would be to look at the number of leaders within your church who are members of the Emmaus community. As I was looking through the Lay Leadership Roster at Calvary, I was struck by the fact that many of the key leaders and committee chairs were, indeed, Emmaus alumni. I do not mean to suggest that only those who have walked can be effective leaders, far from it. But it is gratifying to see that so many of those who walked have taken to heart the idea of servanthood to God and to the local church.

In some churches Emmaus is still looked upon with a certain degree of mistrust. In part that may be due to our sometimes over zealous desire to keep the "surprises" of the weekend a secret. It may also be due to the fact that in some churches, there is little discussion about Emmaus except within the community of alumni. The perception then develops that we are a clique, and the whole "secret handshake" myth is carried forward.

Perhaps it is time to step out of the shadows a little, and allow our Emmaus experiences to be shared more openly. Information sessions, brochures, testimony from those who have walked are all ways that we can open up to the church. The key is to help the local church understand the value of the Emmaus experience in supplying leaders and workers.

Is Emmaus working in your church? If you and those you know who have walked are active in the life and ministry of your church, then the answer is "yes."

Dan Brennan
Editor

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

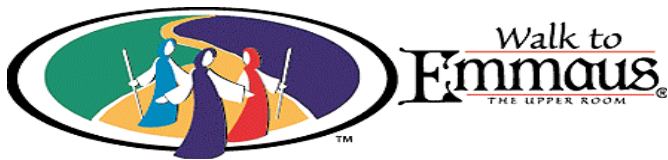
Northern Gathering:

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.

There will be no gatherings in April, October, or December due to Walks or holidays.





Spring Walks - 2008 - West River

Men's Walk # 27 - April 24 - 27

Women's Walk # 28 - May 1 - 4

Men's Walk #29 October 30 - November 2

Women's Walk # 30 November 6 - 9

Team Applications were due December 15, 2007 (late applications may still be accepted)

Pilgrim Applications are due by February 15, 2008 - This deadline is important

This Week: 02/04/2007

Emmaus Community Stats
20 Weekends in
11 States and
1 Countries
17 Women's Weekends and
13 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 "About Us" then CLICK "Documents"

Recurring Events of the Southern Maryland Emmaus Community

Central Gathering: 2/16, Calvary UMC, Waldorf 7:00 p.m. Fellowship 6:00 p.m.

Southern Local Gathering: Lexington Park UMC 2/9 Potluck at 5, gathering at 6:00.

Northern Local Gathering: Living Springs Christian Fellowship 2/23 Potluck at 5, gathering at 6:00.

Board of Directors Meeting: 2/16 3:00 p.m. 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 May 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 - monthly first Wednesday - 6:00 p.m.

Calvary UMC, Waldorf

Men Tuesday - 7:15 p.m.

Women Thursday - 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

Women Tuesday 7:30 p.m.

Call 301-653-7570 for directions (not at church)

Men Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.

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

Meets at pastor's house monthly on
third Friday 6:00 p.m.

Shiloh UMC, Bryans Road

Co-ed - Tuesdays 6:00 p.m.

Waters Memorial UMC, St. Leonard

Pastors, Tuesday -1:00 p.m.

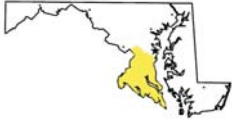
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Have you registered yet? You need to register in order to access the members only area of our website. This area will have items of interest to our members, as well as profiles of all those who have registered. Let us know what you would like to see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



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Deadline for next issue is April 1, 2008. 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



Board of Directors

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.



How will you support our upcoming Walks?

It's not too early to consider what agape you will show to the pilgrims and team of Walks #27 and #28.

Can you....

- ◆ Make a few sets of placemats?
- ◆ Sign-up to be on the clean-up crew?
- ◆ Help set-up & clean-up Candlelight?
- ◆ Offer to be a prayer partner during a Talk?
- ◆ Jot a note to pilgrims and/or team members?
- ◆ Find a time on the 72-hour prayer vigil to pray? [Prayer Vigil](#)
- ◆ Drop-in to be a helping hand during the Walk?

As each of us does our part to be the hands and feet of Christ, the pilgrims on these Walks will witness the Body of Christ in action – a community of faith serving each other and the One who sacrificed all.

Contact Diane Walker, Agape Coordinator, for information or to sign-up at redruth@mindspring.com or (301)862-9280.



Let Me Tell You About My Walk to Emmaus

My walk was on Southern Md. #15. My weekend started with nervousness in not knowing what to expect. I went with the gentle nudge of the Lord, my wife and friends who assured me not to be afraid. They reminded me that it wasn't a weekend of secrets but a weekend of surprises, and that it was.

The time I spent with my brothers in Christ was time that I will never forget. What a fun, spirit-filled weekend! Other than the birth of my three sons, It was the most powerful time of my life. It so reminded me how Christ loves us no matter how far away we've strayed or what we have done in our past. None of this mattered at all. He loves us unconditionally like a parent loves their child. "Unconditionally".

The day I woke up to return home, I didn't want to leave. It felt like heaven on earth. Such a safe place. "The Forth Day". When I came back to the world everything seemed a little different. For me I saw Christ in the love of people around me. Christ really reveals himself thru people. Look for that smile, that act of kindness. I'm telling you He's all around. Look for him, you'll find him. You haven't seen nothing yet!

Peace and love
Jeff Nalls



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	Sara Martin
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	Tim Reed	Fourth Day Seminar	Board Reps from walks
Gathering Coordinator	Mark Saunders	Pilgrim Selection	Roy Downs/Donna Young
Supply	VACANT	Music Director	Rich Weaver
Comm. Lay Director	Janet Goodwin	Sponsorship	Ruth Dixon

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

Duties and Responsibilities of Southern Maryland Emmaus Reunion Group Coordinator

1. Is a member of the Board of Directors
2. Encourages those who have walked to participate in a reunion group.
3. Offers advice to those who would like to form a reunion group using the guidance in the Emmaus book "The Group Reunion".
4. Keeps a list of reunion groups within the Southern Maryland Emmaus community and submits the listing to the editor of the community's newsletter for publication. Keeps the listing up-to-date as changes are made known to the coordinator.
5. Occasionally writes articles on reunion groups and submits them to the editor of the community's newsletter for publication.

Editor's Note: From time to time, the Board of Directors will be publishing information on the duties and responsibilities of various community positions.

Prayer for Grace

As you comfort and you guide us
 Fill that God-shaped hole inside us
 Help us purge the ills that ride us
 And release the sins inside us
 Help us know they don't define us
 We are Yours and you invite us
 To live in Your joyous grace

Sheila Hutson

Looking for a way to help out in our Emmaus Community?

We need someone to purchase basic supplies for each Walk and oversee an inventory of items kept on hand. If you would be interested in this Supply Coordinator position, please contact Diane Walker at redruth@mindspring.com or (301)862-9280.





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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Good Shepherd UMC	Linda Flanagan	lflanagan@ccboe.com	301-645-1375
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Lexington Park UMC	Kathie Wright	kaatrobjas@verizon.net	301-862-4048
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New Southern Maryland Website To Coming Soon

Very soon 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 we are given the OK to move. Pat Knowland has been working hard to prepare the site to serve the community. Watch for more information.

PRAY! PRAY! PRAY!

James 5: 13 – 16 - *Are any of you suffering hardships? You should pray. Are any of you happy? You should sing praises. Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven. Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.*

Do you know we have a Community prayer chain? We do and it's not being taken advantage of!!! Every aspect of Emmaus is and always has been covered in prayer. We hear this and are shown this constantly on our Walk. It begins with our sponsor as they pray for God's guidance on approaching you. If that time is right and you fill out your application, the Community begins praying for your soon to be journey. This happens months before you join the other pilgrims for the weekend. You then visualize the prayer vigil and see how many people are praying for you the entire weekend when brothers and sisters in Christ from all



over the world prayed for us morning, noon and night for three days.

How powerful was that!! Every single area of the camp is anointed and prayed over before you arrive. Do you stop praying when you go home? Of course not!!! The need for prayer never stops and the power is still there but we aren't utilizing it.

God calls on us to take care of each other in time of need and this is an avenue available to us to lift that someone up to the Lord and the community.

Let's get this wonderful group of prayer warriors to work. The Christian's most powerful resource is communion with God through prayer. The results are often far greater than we thought were ever possible.

Send your prayer requests to Cathy Lavoie at lavoie20602@aol.com or call her at 301.645.2717 and continue to PRAY! PRAY! PRAY!

How to Submit an Article to *On The Path*

As the editor of *On The Path*, nothing gives me greater pleasure than to receive the support of community members through the submission of articles and other material for publication. Not only does it save me from having to find ways to fill empty space, but it results in a much more interesting and timely publication for our members.

So, to encourage you to submit your thoughts and to help me keep my sanity, I wanted to share with you a few DO's and DON'Ts to consider when preparing your article for submission.

DO

- Use a word processor to write your document
- Submit the article as an attachment to an e-mail message to: newsletter@somdemmaus.org
- Submit your article by the due date listed in each newsletter issue
- Proofread your article for spelling and grammar

DON'T

- Use fancy or special fonts, formatting, tables, or other embellishments. They will be lost when your file is imported into the page layout program used for the newsletter, and will create additional work for the editor.
- Avoid typing the text of your article into your e-mail message unless it is very brief. This requires additional formatting on the receiving end.

Thanks to all who help to make this a truly community publication. Dan Brennan - Editor

2008 WALKS, GATHERINGS, & HOOTS*

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Southern Gatherings at LPUMC: 2nd Saturday - 5:00 Potluck, 6:00 Worship

January 12
February 9
March 8
June 14
July 12
August 9
September 13

Central Gatherings at Calvary UMC: 3rd Saturdays - 6:00 Fellowship (bring snack), 7:00 Worship

January 19
February 16
March 15
May 17 – 4:00 p.m. 4th Day Seminar; potluck; mini Gathering
June 21
July 19
August 16
September 20
November 15 – 4:00 p.m. 4th Day Seminar; potluck; mini Gathering

Northern Gatherings at First Laurel UMC: 4th Saturdays - 5:00 potluck, 6:00 worship

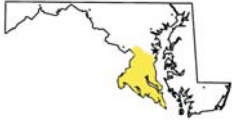
January 26
February 23
June 28
July 26
August 23
September 27

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Childcare, drinks, & paper products available at all locations.

* HOOTS

A "Hoot" is a Chrysalis gathering for teens & young adults. Location: Trinity UMC in Prince Frederick - 7:00 p.m. on March 1, June 7, August 2. October 2, December 6 Questions? Contact Alan Hemming at alan.hemming@gmail.com.



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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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