



On the Path



The Newsletter of the Southern Maryland Emmaus Community

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It's Time for the Annual Election for New Board Members

Each year, 1/3 of the lay members of the Board of Directors have a 3-year term that ends, and new Board members are elected by the community to take their place. Interested in how that process works? Well, if you are, read on! A Nominations Committee was formed in the spring, made up of the outgoing board members. Their job was to prepare a list of lay community members who are willing to be considered to serve on the Board of Directors for a three year term beginning in August. New Board members elected in July 2010 will serve on the Board from August 2010- June 2013. In addition, we will be filling a partial term (2010-2012) for a Board member who was unable to complete their term. This vacancy will be filled by a special process through the Community Lay Director with Board approval.

The Nominations Committee called a total of 16 community members whose names were considered for potential new lay members of the Board. Seven of these were men. Unfortunately, none of the men called were able to accept the call to have their names put on the ballot this year. Given the late date, the Nominations Committee went ahead and listed the names of women who agreed to have their names placed on the ballot as Members at Large nominees for community wide voting. The ballot is printed in this newsletter (page 8) with instructions for voting. Each community member is allowed to vote once. Ballots can be completed and sent by mail to the Registrar no later than July 26, 2010. Community members attending the picnic last Saturday June 26 were given an opportunity to vote at the picnic.

The Board is hopeful that next year's list of Members at Large nominees will include a number of men. Please pray about serving on the Board, and if you feel led,

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Community Gathering

July 17, at Calvary
United Methodist Church in Waldorf
Potluck at 5:00 Gathering at 6:00

If you need child care for the July Gathering, please contact Janet Goodwin at janet.goodwin1@gmail.com or phone 301-737-4070.

Special Focus

Wear your best beach hat
and compete for the prize!





Fall Walks - 2010 - West River

Men's Walk # 37 - Oct. 14 - 17

Women's Walk # 38 - Nov. 4 - 7

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: 7/11/2010

Emmaus Community Stats

65 Weekends in

16 States and

2 Countries

26 Women's Weekends and

39 Men's Weekends



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our walks (and others)
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web at www.somdemmaus.org
CLICK on "Document, Lists and Newsletters"



Recurring Events of the Southern Maryland Emmaus Community

Next Gathering July 17, 2010

5:00 p.m. Fellowship & Potluck Dinner 6:00 p.m. Gathering
Calvary United Methodist Church Waldorf, Maryland

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 will be November 13, 2010, 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.

Bowie UMC - Old Town Bowie
Co-ed - weekly at 4:15 p.m.

Calvary UMC, Waldorf
Men Tuesday - 7:15 p.m.
Women Wednesday - 5:30 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 6:30 p.m.

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

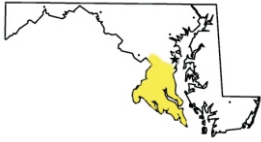
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Deadline for next issue is September 1, 2009. The preferred method of submission is as an MSWord document file or a WordPerfect file sent via-e-mail to the following address: dbrennan6@verizon.net. Very short articles or notes may be sent in the body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

Prayer Coordinator

Everett Baker
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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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Comm. Lay Director	Dale Merkle	Prayer Requests	Everett Baker

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

Annual Community-Wide Picnic - Saturday, June 26, 2010



Were you there?



**Visit the
Southern Maryland
Emmaus Website
for additional
pictures of the picnic.**



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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Trinity Baptist	Vacant		
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Calling All Sponsors

It is not too early to begin praying about people to sponsor for the Fall Weekends and to get their applications submitted.. The men's weekend is October 14-17, 2010 and the women's weekend is November 4-7, 2010. Get those pilgrim applications submitted. To have the Fall Weekends we must have a minimum of 12 pilgrims for each weekend. The men's applications must be received by August 18, 2010 and the women's applications by September 8, 2010 for the fall weekends to take place. If the minimums are met the final cut off dates for pilgrim applications for the men is September 1, 2010 and September 22, 2010 for the women. Applications must be post marked on or before these dates to be accepted.

Just a reminder to sponsors who sponsor married applicants. If you want to sponsor a married applicant, you need to explain the Walk to Emmaus to the spouse and invite him or her to go on the walk if the spouse has an interest in walking. If the spouse doesn't wish to walk, make sure that he or she doesn't object to your pilgrim going on the Walk to Emmaus. This is called the Equal Commitment Rule (ECR). You can find more about the ECR in the Upper Room Walk to Emmaus booklet Sponsorship. You can purchase a copy of this booklet at Gatherings from our Treasurer. This is also a great booklet to study before you consider sponsoring. It has a lot of great help and guidance for sponsors.

As sponsors please review the application of your pilgrim before submitting to make sure the application is completely filled out and that you and the pastor have signed the application and that the pilgrim application fee of \$35.00 is included. As sponsors please allow your pilgrim to provide the fee if they can afford it, so that they have a financial commitment to attending the weekend.



July Gathering - Summertime at its Best! Beach Theme!

**July 17, 2010 at
Calvary United Methodist Church
Waldorf, MD**

5:00 p.m. Potluck, 6 p.m.. Gathering

What to bring: Hat and

Last name A - L: Fried chicken and a side dish to share

Last name M - Z: Cold cuts and a dessert to share

Hat Contest: Wear your best beach hat and compete for the prize!

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contact the Board of Directors. Community members can volunteer to have their name put on the ballot for voting without having to go through the Nominating Committee process.

The Board Secretary and Registrar are responsible for tallying the board ballots. The Community Lay Director will notify the nominees with the highest number of votes who will then become newly elected Board members. In addition, new Board members are announced in the next newsletter, and at all community events in August. The new Board members attend Board meetings starting in August.

It's Time to Vote

Each June we have the opportunity to elect some new lay members of the Board. Each member of the Southern Maryland Emmaus Community gets one ballot. The Ballot below lists all nominees for 5 open positions (2 women and 3 men) for a three year term and 1 open position (woman) for a 2 year term.

Here's how to vote:

Clip or print out this ballot, fill it in and mail it to:

Southern Maryland Emmaus Board Election
P.O. Box 1242
Leonardtown, MD 20650

All ballots are due (or must be postmarked by July 26, 2010)

Southern Maryland Emmaus Board of Directors Ballot

Please vote for lay members (up to 5) you would recommend for service on the Board.

_____ Carol Barton (Lexington Park United Methodist Church)

_____ Linda Harty (Trinity United Methodist Church)

_____ Dru McLaughlin (Emmanuel Baptist Church)

_____ Karen Smith (Calvary United Methodist Church)

_____ Brenda Smith-Thomas (First United Methodist Church of Laurel)

_____ Connie Wells (Lexington Park United Methodist Church)

Informational note: Please take into consideration that we strive for diversity.

Ballots are due no later than July 26, 2010

Signature _____



Board Notes

Visit to Camp Saint Charles- A number of Board members as well as a few community members toured this facility

on June 12 to see if it might be suitable as a weekend location for future walks. The Board is discussing their findings and recommendations, and appreciates the time spent and input from all who toured the camp.

The Fourth Day Seminar on May 22 was very well-attended and the Board thanks all the sponsors and pilgrims who attended!

Southern Maryland Emmaus had a display and sponsored a mini-gathering with communion at the Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference again this year. Attendees included members of Southern Maryland Emmaus, as well as members from other nearby Fourth Day communities (Maryland Stepping Stone, Maryland River of Life and West Virginia Emmaus).

Tell us about your walk

Sure we get to hear a little about someone's walk experience during the gatherings as part of a 4th Day Talk, but wouldn't it be interesting to hear about some of the often overlooked moments that made your weekend special? Maybe you have something to share in the following categories:

- The funniest thing that happened to me on my weekend
- The strangest food experience of my weekend (you know we've all had them)
- Snoring 101 (how you survived that noisy night - tricks for the novice sleeper)
- My favorite piece of agape (the one you're still wearing)

Our weekends are powerful experiences of connecting with the Lord, but there are also those lighter moments that we rarely talk about. How about sharing a story or two with your brothers and sisters. Send your thoughts to the editor at dbrennan6@verizon.net.

Meet the Board!

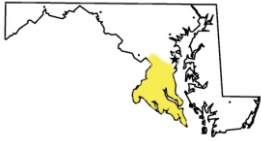
As part of a series introducing Board members to the community, this month we'd like to introduce you to Ed Priest. Ed worships at First Saints Community Church, St. Paul's Campus in Leonardtown MD, and walked on Maryland #36 and sat at the table of "David!" (clap)!

This is not Ed's first tour of duty on the Board. He was part the Southern Maryland Emmaus Steering Committee to get the Southern Maryland Emmaus community started, and has returned to serve on the Board to "bring consistency in Board decisions and direction, help to grow our community and help to assure knowledgeable trained sponsors." Well, he has the perfect job on the Board to do that- Ed has served as the Registrar since coming on the Board in summer 2009! He has already revised the sponsor letter and checklist, given excellent sponsorship training at two Fourth Day Seminar events, and he is communicating with sponsors about their pilgrims as the need arises! Needless to say, the Board feels very fortunate and blessed to have Ed serving and handling the Registrar duties so capably!

So, we asked Ed a few personal questions that we thought you might like to know. We found out that Ed has lived a lot of places... he was born in Bainbridge GA, and has lived in Pensacola FL, Corpus Christi TX, Jacksonville FL, Monterey CA, Alameda CA, Virginia Beach VA, California MD, Hollywood MD, Ridge MD and now resides in Leonardtown MD with his wife Kay and their cat. I wonder which of those places he enjoyed most. If you see Ed at a monthly gathering, ask him, and let us know!

Ed is quite involved at his church. He serves as a Lay Leader for the St. Paul's Campus, and is a Certified Lay Speaker, as well as Captain and Cook for a soup kitchen team. In his spare time, he likes to study, read, cook and fish. His favorite verse is Malachi 3:10.

Ed, thank you so much for serving on the Southern Emmaus Board of Directors (again)! We appreciate your faithfulness, diligence, excellence and attention to detail!



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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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