

Peninsula Rainbow Emmaus

Newsletter



Community Lay Director's Notes

Happy Valentine's Month! Here we are in the second month of the year already. The older I get the faster time seems to go. This month finds me a grandmother again, another reason to feel older but very joyous.

We have another birth in the Emmaus world to be joyous about. The Northern Virginia area has a new community. It is NOVA Emmaus Community. They are forming their first walks and are seeking support teams, table leaders (women's walk) and some Assistant SD's. Their walks are May 14-17 for the Men and May 28-31 for the women. The team retreat will be the week end of March 27-29 – the whole week end – for both walks. The conference room team will meet all week end and the support team will meet only on Saturday. If you can help in the new community please contact Kathy Barton at kathye84@gmail.com or visit the NOVA site for a teaming application and additional information at www.novaemmaus.org. Most of all please let us lift them up in prayer as they plan their first walks.

Remember that our gathering this month is on Saturday night instead of Friday. The Board is hoping this change will bring more people out to the gatherings. So bring all your friends and loved ones to our first Saturday gathering. See you there. We will have great music, a wonderful Fourth Day talk and as always great Emmaus treats.

DeColores!

Harriette Suggs

Community Lay Director

Spiritual Director's Notes

Dear PR Disciples

As I write this, there's a very important day coming up that I know I should be aware of... I think I'm supposed to get my wife something because of it. It comes around every February. Groundhog Day? No, he already saw his shadow. Easter's not for a few more weeks at least. It has something to do with hearts and lots of pink and red... What's that? Valentine's Day!

Gentlemen, if you have a significant other in your life, here's your reminder: GO GET HER SOMETHING NICE! Some flowers, some jewelry, take her to dinner, cook her dinner, etc. And ladies, we appreciate all your signs of affection too! Single folks, don't feel left out! I remember having a blast cooking for other single friends of mine in college and spending the evening watching a movie together. All in all, Valentine's Day is that special day to tell the one's you love just how much you love them! Agape love counts too!!

Many of you know my disdain of the popular phrase, "Jesus is the Reason for the Season". Jesus is not just the reason for one day in December, or one season of the year. He's our reason for life! Now apply that to Valentine's Day. You know, if I limited showing my affection to Bekah and telling her how much I loved her to one day a year, it wouldn't matter how gushy I got on that one day. It's the other 364 days without showing love and affection that might make her wonder if I love her at all. So consider this: If we limited giving our praise and thanks to God and only told him how much we love him one day a year, imagine what that might tell him about our supposed love for him. We all know the saying, "Actions speak louder than words." If we even tell God how much we love him only on Sundays, then go out during the week and show by our actions that we really love money, status, and things of this world more, what does that say?

If there's one thing that marriage and parenting has taught me, it's that relationships take work, and lots of it! Any relationship takes work, including our relationship with God! Just as my marriage to my wife can't run merely on the love that we had on our wedding day, our relationship with God can't run merely on the love that we felt on the day we accepted Christ, or even the love we felt on our Walk to Emmaus. I realized real quickly that just because my daughter is a girl doesn't make her a daddy's girl. I have to spend time with her, play dolls with her, read books with her, and all those things and more. That's what makes her excited when she cries out "Daddy!" when I come home. In the same way, our heavenly Father wants to spend time with us, play with us, work with us, tell of his love for us as we read his Word, and all these things and more... All so that we might cry out, "Abba! Father!" when we come to him! Yet if we don't reciprocate that love each and every day and do our part to work on our relationship with God, I bet we'll find it running dry as many relationships do all too often.

So tell your loved ones of your love for them each and every day. Tell your family, friends and neighbors of God's extravagant love for them! But don't forget to spend time falling in love with the One who loves you the most... not just on Valentine's Day, not just on Sundays, but each and every day!

DeColores!

Dan Elmore Asst Community Spiritual Director

Music Chair



Music, once admitted to the soul, becomes a sort of spirit, and never dies.

Music is a one of the ways that we praise our Lord and Savior in our Emmaus Community. We are always looking for musicians and singers. If you are interested or

Have any questions, just drop me an email.

Thanks,
Chris Harbeck



Team Selection

Well, it took a little work but the team for PR57 (men's spring walk) is together and began teaming on Saturday, January 31, and hopefully by the time you are reading this, the team for PR58 (women's spring walk) will have been approved by the board and getting ready to begin teaming preparations. On behalf of the PR Community, my thanks to all of those that prayed and answered the call to team on these walks.

In the January Team Selection article, I mentioned that it is never too early to put in an application to team. If you feel the Lord is leading you to team on either the men's (PR59) or women's (PR60) fall walks, or even the 2010 spring walks, it is not too early to do so. We were able to finally complete selection of both spring walk teams only through some last minute applications we received. And, unfortunately, we are still not getting enough applications from first-timers to get our one-third first-timers on the teams.

As I get myself acclimated to leading this committee for the community, there are several issues that I will be working with the board to address, one of which is developing and implementing a strategy to communicate with new community members who have attended DODU to make sure they are encouraged to team and have all of the information they need to assist in their decision.

The second issue is that it appears that when community members turn in teaming applications, they have not been contacted to let them know their application has been received by the Team Selection Chair. This has also been exacerbated by several different people accepting teaming applications which may not be forwarded to the Team Selection Chair in a timely manner.

The third issue is on the Team Selection end of the process. Many times, teaming applications come in that could be a bit more legible, and that could contain more information to help the committee in the selection process. I will be recommending some changes to the form to the board that would help correct these issues, will address the issue of notification of receipt of the applications, and will also make the form user friendly to fill out electronically so it can be saved and emailed directly to the Team Selection Chair.

Working together, we can improve the quantity and quality of applications, and the timeliness of the Team Selection Process from application through selection. Keep an eye out here for future communication and improvements in your team selection committee's processes and service to you.

Below is listed the team for PR57. Please begin praying for these servants and for the pilgrims they will serve on God's Walk to Emmaus.

Wayne Hunley	Boyd Easter
Becky Gwaltney	Rodney Moore
George Leftwich	Dave Messina
Roger Peckham	Loren King
Mike Twisdale	Donnie Brogden
Tom Andrews	Anthony Budzik
Marc Rickabaugh	John Stroud

Chris Harbeck
Stan Bowen
Steve Rowe
Fred Salanitro
Sara Price

Greg Schon
Nathan DeHart
Bryan Coleman
Burrell Taylor

De Colores!
Fred Salanitro,
Team Selection Chair



Registrar's Report

What a privilege it is to be Registrar for PR Emmaus! It is a blessing to see Pilgrim Applications in the mailbox. It is an honor to be able to pray for our pilgrims by name months before the walks begin. So, I'd like to thank those of you who are sponsoring a pilgrim on PR57 or PR58 for getting their applications to me in a timely fashion. If you have an application but haven't mailed it yet, now is the time! As of February 2nd I have received 6 applications for PR57 and 4 definite applications and applications in the box! Remember that while these are GOD's walks, we are HIS hands and feet!

Walk dates are PR57: March 12-15
PR58: April 30-May 3

Confused about fees? The pilgrim application fee is \$50.00 and the sponsor's fee is \$150.00. The application fee needs to arrive with the application. Questions? Email me at preregistrar@yahoo.com Let us pray together that GOD will fill Holy Family with Pilgrims and Team members that want to grow closer to HIM.

God bless you .9 'maybe' applicants for PR58. I pray every day that when Martin checks the mail for me that there are more to be counted
DeColores!
Doe Breen
PR24

Walk #, Walk Date, Application Deadline

PR 57 Mar 12-15 Men
(app. deadline Feb 12th)

PR 58 Apr. 30 – May 3 Women
(app. deadline Mar. 30th)

PR 59 Oct 8-11 Men
(app. deadline Sep 8th) **PR 60 Oct. 29 - Nov 1 Women**
(app. deadline Sep. 29th)

Community Roster

The community roster is a continuous process. If you have changed your name,

address, phone number, email or changed your church, we want to know your new information so that we can keep in touch with you! Each of us is important to this community. We don't want anyone left off our email or snail mail list. Please send your updated information to preregistrar@yahoo.com

Thanks!
Doe Breen

Are you looking for the perfect Valentine's Gift for that special someone? Well look no further!

What could be better than you arranging for your loved one to spend 72 hours with a team of God's servants and even better...time with GOD Himself?

Application deadlines are:
PR57 February 12th
PR58 March 30th

So...here is what you do...print out a Pilgrim Application
<http://premmaus.com/AmendedPigrimApp08.pdf>

fill out your sponsor information, place it in a box...gift wrap it and put a beautiful bow on it. Don't forget to attach an Agape' letter! Hand deliver the box and watch with JOY as they unwrap this gift of Agape' love. Mail the completed application to me...ASAP!

Now that's a Valentine's Day gift that will never wither or be forgotten!

I look forward to seeing those applications fill our Emmaus PO Box!

May God continue to bless each of as you go about doing HIS work.

DeColores!
Doe Breen
PR24

Peninsula Rainbow Emmaus Registrar
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Gatherings Chair

HI All,

My correct email address is below, I understand there has been some confusion, my apologies.

February's gathering is at Wesley UMC, 2510 N. Armistead Avenue, Hampton, VA 23666-1506; go to the Hampton end of Hampton Roads Center Parkway, turn right on Armistead, it is the first building on your left! I'm extra excited as Wesley is Donna's and my home church.

REMEMBER, we are meeting on SATURDAY, Feb 28th at 7:00 PM.

I need your help: Some have asked that the Gathering's start at 6:00 since they are on Saturday which would allow more folks to come as they'd get home earlier with children. PLEASE let me know what you think.

Please offer any other ideas you have that have to improve our Gathering's and the turnout.

Candlelight's will be at St. Mark's, Mercury Blvd, Hampton.

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PRAYER FOR OTHER EMMAUS COMMUNITIES

AGAPE

Please watch your Email box in the next few weeks for information on the up-coming prayer wheel for PR 57. Please do not respond directly (hit reply) when signing up for a time slot. Please contact me at: john3-16@charter.net If you hit reply your email will go to the master mailbox which will delay it getting to me. When I receive

your email, I will send you a reply to confirm your request or ask you to choose another. For those without email you can sign up at the next Gathering or call me at **757-538-2810**

This year the response to our request for Wall Agape letters has been wonderful. We have been blessed with 45 letters from around the world. **Praise God!**

It is now time to keep the following Emmaus and Chrysalis communities in your prayer for their upcoming walks.

Idaho Walk to Emmaus Community
High Plains Emmaus Community
Lexington Emmaus Community
Wilmington Area Emmaus
Dayspring Chrysalis
Simply Emmausing
Noah's of Ark
Darke Co. OH
Southeast FL Chrysalis
Central TX

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Agape Chair
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Directions to Wesley UMC

From I-64 Eastbound:

- Take exit 261B, Hampton Roads Center Parkway East - see below

From I-64 Westbound:

- Take exit 262B, Magruder Blvd. Turn right at the 2nd light, Hampton Roads Center Parkway East Follow the parkway until it ends at a "T" intersection (Armistead Ave.) Turn right. At the next light turn left onto Tide Mill Lane. The parking lot will be on your left behind the church.

From Mercury Blvd:

- Turn north on Armistead Ave. (major intersection with Walgreens, IHOP, and Harpoon Larry's/Mattress Discounters on the corners) towards NASA. Turn right at the 2nd light onto Tide Mill Lane. The parking lot will be on our left behind the church.

PENINSULA RAINBOW REUNION GROUPS

If you do not see your reunion group or need to change any info please call me @ (757) 224-6285.
De Colores – Rodney Moore Group Reunion Chair

Aldersgate Heartwarmers- Contact: Rick Jacobson dogstars@cox.net

Meets 1st Tuesday @ 7:00 PM Aldersgate UMC

Babe Chicks – Contact: Debi McNichol 761-0648 justdlm@hotmail.com

Meets 3rd Saturday each month @ Denny's on Mercury & Cunningham, Hampton

Beautiful Feet-Contact: Dave Hirlinger davehi@cox.net

Meets last Saturday of each month 9:00 AM @ Northhampton Presbyterian in Hampton

Bellamy UMC- Contact: Martin & Teri Walker pzb2god@earthlink.net

Meets 1st & 3rd Friday of month @ 7:30 PM

Bethany Reunion Group- Contact: Doe Hart (804) 642-0933 Doeann7481@yahoo.com

Crooks Memorial UMC – Contact: Paul Phillips (757) 898-6702

First Sunday @ Five- Contact: Rodney Moore 224-6285

Meets 1st Sunday @ 5:00PM

Five Forks—Contact: Sharon Schwartzlow 220-0431 jschwart@widowmaker.com

Meets Fridays 7:30 AM @ The Garden Café on Hwy 5 & Ironbound Rd.

Gloucester Presbyterian Church-Contact: Barbara Coulson 804-693-8502

Meets every Wednesday @ 12:00 noon

Harbor Lights-Contact: Debbi Brightbill 757 850-2368 dbrightbill@cox.net

Meets last Sunday each month 4:00 PM Harbor Pointe Community Church

Kilmarnock UMC/Men's Group-Contact: Jay Siddons jaysiddons@hotmail.com

Meets @ Lee's Restaurant Sundays @ 8:00 AM

Lamplighters (day group)- Contact: Alann Hudson 851-9060

Meets Wednesdays @ 1:00 Pm @ Alann's home

Lamplighters (night group)-Contact: Arie Ritchie 850-1559

Meets @ Foxhill Central UMC Wednesdays @ 8:00 PM

Light Of Christ-Contact: Michael Uenking 864-6954 michael.d.uenking@nasa.gov

Meets every Friday 12:00 non @ NASA

Online for Christ-Contact: Star Lester (804) 824-4301 starider52@aol.com

Meets 3rd Sunday @ 8:00 PM online

Parkview Starlights-Contact: Sara Price 595-6255 pigs4sp@aol.com

Meets 3rd Tuesday of month @ Parkview UMC

Pass It On-Contact: Connie Schubert 986-3279

Meets 1st & 3rd Thursdays @ 7:00 PM Magnolia UMC/Suffolk

Reunion Group-Contact: Mary Linda Womack 766-0885 chefett@cox.net

Meets 1 or 2 times a month @ Womack's Home

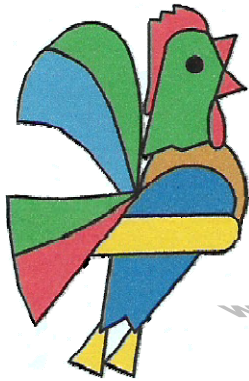
Thursday Morning Boys- Anthony Budznik 327-0779 Budziknav2@aol.com

Meet Thursday Mornings Cavanaugh's Bagel Shop

Warwick Memorial UMC- Contact: Fred Townsend 877-7916 ftgolf@aol.com

Meets 3rd Thursday each month/different homes

The next Peninsula Rainbow Emmaus gathering will be at



: **Wesley United Methodist**
2510 N. Armistead Ave
Hampton, VA

Gathering Date – Feb 28th - Starting at 7 PM

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