

Peninsula Rainbow Emmaus

Newsletter



Notes From a Concerned Babe Chick

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Decolores! Well I have finally done it! I finally have done what all of you have known is a spiritual life changing experience. I have walked Emmaus and now am a proud member of the Peninsula Rainbow Emmaus Community.

For those of you who do not know me I am Becky Durkovich-Zeller. Many of you prayed for my good health so that my walk could be possible. My Dad, Rev. John Durkovich, served the PR Emmaus community faithfully, carrying out any task no matter how big or how small for many years since his walk (PR 28) until his death in November 2007, including serving as Community Spiritual Director. So now, I take up his cross, continue his work, and devote my time and energy to making this PR community what I pray God wants it to be.

In going through some of Dad's old Emmaus things, I discovered a 52-page list of names belonging to people in the Emmaus community. I was stunned! There had to be over 700 names on this list. These were all people who had walked long before me. This list dates back to PR 34, which was 24 walks ago. There were 27 pilgrims on my walk (PR 58) alone. Where has everyone gone! 28 of those names are from my home church. I know, better than most, how life circumstances change. People move, loved ones pass, others become disabled, but I also know there are much more of us still out there.

My Dad always taught me you get something out of, in this case Emmaus, what you put into it. You have already gotten something out of Emmaus, a new look at your life in Christ. Now let us give something back so you can continue to have that fourth day feeling and continue to receive something from Emmaus.

Get active again! Come to a gathering. Write a letter for a pilgrim whether you are asked to do so or not (remember how you felt when you read all of your letters). Send AGAPE to the next walk (men's Oct. 8-11, Women's Oct. 29-Nov. 1 There needs to be enough for 50-60 people). Pray! Pray for the team, the pilgrims and the community as a whole. Get your name on the prayer wheel. Remember how awesome it was to see the 144 names of the people praying just for us. If you can, in this terrible economy, donate money to fund scholarships for team members or for weekend supplies. Then again, you can help serve a meal or give for the grazing table for the weekend.

You know what you can do and what is necessary, pray and do what God leads you to do. Just do not forget the amazing, unconditional love you found when you first entered the PR Emmaus community.

*Decolores
Becky Durkovich-Zeller*

Spiritual Director's Notes

In your meditation time (assuming that you make time for meditation occasionally) do you ever think about what your life would be like if you weren't a Christian? If you had no faith base? In recent weeks that thought occurred to me several times. Most recently it was as I thought of the death of Anne Merry. What a beautiful child of God! Anne was such a giving and loving person, and she will indeed be missed by many. Her service to this community was such a blessing in so many ways! I can't think of her death without thinking of Ed's first email message to the community...especially his closing words, "God is good and I was blessed with a wonderful wife for 41 years. But I really miss her already." Where would Ed be without his faith in God, and in God's promise of resurrection? Would he have been able to look to the blessing of his life with Anne, or would he instead allow his grief and loss create a dread for the future without her? It is his faith that allows him to praise God for the gift of her love and of their life together.

In every aspect of our lives we choose our response to our circumstances. We choose whether we will become bitter and spiteful toward those who treat us unkindly or unfairly, or instead (as Jesus taught) love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us? We choose whether we love only those who love us, or instead love everyone as our neighbor. We choose whether we will worry about everyday life – what we will eat, or wear, or where we will live, or what we will drive – or, instead we can trust in God's providence. When we have losses or defeats we choose whether to give up and become self-centered, self-pitying individuals or instead look for ways to learn from difficult situations and grow into the people God has called us to be.

Oh, my! I think I'm getting off the track! We were meditating on what life would be like for us if we weren't Christians. Last week when Dwight and I were in Philadelphia visiting our daughter, the three of us found ourselves caught in a sudden rain shower while waiting for a bus to take us back to the city. As we stood there at the bus stop in New Jersey, a car

pulled up on the curb in front of us. The passenger window went down, and two umbrellas were shoved at us. The stranger, who is now known in our family as the "umbrella Samaritan", expected nothing in return, and never expected to see either of those umbrellas again. Now, I surely can't say for certain that man was a Christian, but he was sure was acting like one! And it got me to thinking...wouldn't it be fun to stock a couple of extra umbrellas in the back seat of my car **just in case** there's a chance for me to be an "umbrella Samaritan"!

Yes, our lives are different because we are Christian, and they should be! Meditate on that.

Shalom,

Becky

Music Chair



Music, once admitted to the soul, becomes a sort of spirit, and never dies. Music is one of the ways that we praise our Lord and Savior in our Emmaus Community. If you have a song you would like to hear at our gatherings, feel free to email me with the information and I will see about adding it in one of the gatherings. We are always looking for musicians and singers. If you are interested or have any questions, just drop me an email.

Thanks,
Chris Harbeck

4th Day

Fourth Day Chair

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Team Selection

ATTENTION: CALLING ALL MEN and WOMEN of the PENINSULA RAINBOW EMMAUS COMMUNITY.

If you have attended the Day of Deeper Understanding (DODU) and have been active at all in the Community (attending gatherings and assisting in Community activities whenever you can) you are eligible to Team on an upcoming PR Emmaus Walk.

We are still in need of Teamers for the fall Men's (PR-59) and women's (PR-60) walks. We are fast approaching the deadlines for selecting these teams,

with the **men's selection deadline of July 11, 2009**. As reported in the June Newsletter, we still **need** applications from **1st timers** (for the women's walk), those who have **walked once or twice** (for both walks), and we also need **spiritual directors** (again for both walks).

In addition, for the women's walk we are still in need of ladies who meet any of the above criteria who also have musical experience (especially those who play guitar or other instruments).

Please prayerfully **consider applying** to Team on one of the fall walks, and if you feel God calling (it's ok to ask rather than wait for the call) please go to the PRE website (www.premmaus.com) and download the application, fill it out electronically or by hand, and send it **directly to me**. If you fill it out electronically, you can email it to me at freddolfan@aol.com. If you fill it out by hand and mail it, please send it to:

Fred Salanitro
306 Pennington Blvd.
Portsmouth, VA 23701

Either way, please call and let me know you have sent it so I can be on the lookout for your application (757-488-2917). ***Christ needs you to be His hands and feet on PR-59 and PR-60...will you answer the call?***

De Colores!

Fred Salanitro, Team Selection Chair

Registrar's Report

Registrar Report

Last month's newsletter asked the question "Why Sponsor someone to go on a Walk to Emmaus?". Have you been praying about whom to sponsor? Intentional prayer is powerful prayer. Since last month I have received three pilgrim applications for the fall walks.. Now is the time to send in your pilgrim applications! PR59 & PR60 deadlines will be here before you know it! Let's fill Holy Family up this fall.

To sponsor someone on an Emmaus walk you must have attended a Day of Deeper Understanding (DODU).

The men's fall walk dates are October 8 - 11, the application deadline is September 8th.

The women's fall walk dates are October 29 - November 1st, the application deadline is September 29th..

To download a pilgrim application please go to <http://www.premmaus.com/AmendedPilgrimApp09.pdf>
Mail the completed application along with a \$50 deposit to the address listed on the application. Or I will be happy to accept your applications at our July Gathering at Bethany UMC in Gloucester Point.

Remember that the Community Roster is an ongoing project. If your contact information has changed please let us know. We want to stay in touch with you!

God bless you as you continue to be His hands and feet in the world.

Doe Breen
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Peninsula **Rainbow Registrar**
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Gatherings Chair

Hi All,

Our next gathering is at Bethany UMC in Gloucester, 1860 Hayes Rd, Gloucester Point, VA 23062

<http://www.mapquest.com/maps?city=Gloucester+Point&state=VA&address=1860+Hayes+Rd&zipcode=23062>

Gathering starts at 6:00 PM

POTLUCK IS AT 5:00 PM.

For those that have not ventured to the middle peninsula, the church is just across the Coleman Bridge, one block off Rt 17; ~25 minutes from I-64.

We had a good turnout for last months gathering and potluck.

I am looking forward to seeing our brothers and sister from "up north".

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Supplies Chair

We are in need of several items for the upcoming walks. If anyone can donate any of these items, it can help reduce the costs incurred from our overall budget, which can then help direct those funds to other areas.

The first request is for "I'm lovable" and "I am the Church". This request is directed to those hardcore teamers who have accumulated so many of these buttons that they don't know what to do with them! If you can return your buttons, it could help us avoid ordering more -- which will only be tossed in a drawer or box and be forgotten! Again, this request is directed to teamers who might have four to 14 of each one of these items lying around!

If you can donate any of the following items, please bring them to the next gathering and I will have collection bags:

- Play-Doh -- the best place to buy the four-packs is at the dollar store
- Pens
- Multi-colored folders (the kind with the three prongs to hold paper)

Thank you,
Jim Manner

PRAYER FOR OTHER EMMAUS COMMUNITIES

Are you a budding artist? Do you like to sew? We need your assistance.

1) Our supply of Agape placemats needs replenishing. As you are aware, we change the theme and complexity of the placemats at every meal. The final lunch on Sunday has our most elegant and lavish artwork. This supply is getting low...

2) We also need Family letter/mail bags. If you like to sew or have some material you would like to donate, now is the time to get started on this project.

If you like to draw or sew and would like to help our community, please contact me at preagape@yahoo.com or call 538-2810 for more information.

We lift up the following communities, who are holding "Walks and or Flights" this month. Please pray for the Pilgrims and Teams as they spend 72 hours on their journey.

- Central California Walk to Emmaus**
- Central TX**
- Cradle of Texas**
- Darke Co. OH**
- Dayton OH**
- High Plains Emmaus Community**
- MNW Australia**
- Northern Inland Emmaus Australia**
- Puget Sound Walk to Emmaus**
- Simply Emmausing paper agape**
- Southeast FL Chrysalis**
- Sydney Australia Emmaus Community**

Please send all agape questions to: preagape@yahoo.com

DeColores!

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<(((< Stan Bowen

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Directions TO

**Bethany United Methodist
Church
1860 Hayes Road (VA-1216)
Gloucester Point, VA**

After crossing the York River bridge, stay on US 17, turn left onto Smiths Crossing Rd. (VA 1205), then turn right onto Hayes Rd. (VA1216)

Board Training

Hello from your Board. About this time each year, we start reminding you of up coming elections to your Board. We ask you to prayerfully consider serving on the Board. It is that time and we are asking. You might think you don't know enough or don't know what to do and what is expected. I have the event that can answer all your questions. Our District Rep from the Upper Room is coming to provide us with training. She is going to teach us what it takes to do our jobs on the Board. We will meet from 10:00 to 3:00 on July 25, 2009 at Bethany. It is very convenient because that is where our Gathering is that night. Come learn about serving on the Board and stay for the Pot Luck Dinner and the Gathering. You can even come if you are thinking about serving soon, but not next year. Our District Rep doesn't come every year, so come to the training since she is here now.

DeColores,
Harriette Suggs
Community Lay Director

PENINSULA RAINBOW REUNION GROUPS

If you do not see your reunion group or need to change any info please call me @ (757-509-2079).
De Colores –Terri Walker 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

Meets the first three Thursdays of every month. @ 6:30 to 7:30

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 s.schwartzlow@cox.net

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: Kandi Rowe 539-7916

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

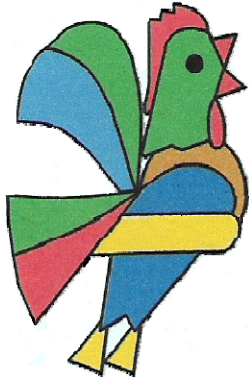
Thursday Morning Boys- Anthony Budznik 327-0779 Budziknav2@aol.com

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



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Bethany UMC
1860 Hayes Rd Va Rt 1216
Gloucester Point, VA

Gathering Date – July 25th 5 PM Covered Dish

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