

Peninsula Rainbow Emmaus

Newsletter



Lay Director's Note

"And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had." Acts 2:44

I've been re-reading the Book of Acts lately, especially the 2nd Chapter, trying to refocus on the practices of the early church, which began as small groups meeting in any space they could. This has been in preparation for leading my church's re-launch of our Life Groups, attempting to build the same kind of nurturing and pasturing infrastructure that made the early church so successful in first caring for and ultimately assisting in their conversion to Christianity.

As I have been studying, I have wondered what it might be like to have had something similar to the Walk to Emmaus back in those very early days of the church, and it dawned on me that they had exactly that! If you think about what we do as a community; how we nurture, support and love one another, this is exactly what those early Christians were doing in their communities of faith.

That being said, and recognizing that our purpose for the Walk to Emmaus is not just to bring people into our PR community, if you think about what it is we actually do through the Walk – the love, nurturing and support we give to the pilgrims and to one another, I cannot imagine how we would not want to use these gifts to bring others into both community, into a possible closer relationship with Christ, and into a Fourth Day that helps to build up Christ's holy church through the development of strong, well-equipped leaders.

We are fast approaching the deadline for pilgrim applications for the Men's Walk, PR61. The deadline is February 18 and we have only one application in hand.

If you have applications and have been waiting for the deadline to get closer, please understand that the board will have to make a decision on whether to proceed with the walk based on the applications we have in hand on February 18, which means we need applications now.

The team for PR61 has been teaming for several weeks, and it is now our turn to support their hard work by providing pilgrims for them to serve. Can you help? Will you help? If you have applications or are anticipating that you will have applications, please contact Doe Breen directly and see if you can work out a way to get the applications directly to her, or at least call her and let her know you are sending them so she can be on the lookout.

Remember, Christ is counting on you.

De Colores!
Fred Salanitro, PR43

Spiritual Director's Notes

Perhaps it is me, but it seems that as a society we are blurring the important distinction between talking and doing. I try to keep up with the news, and I am amazed at the amount of talk. Talk shows. Talk radio. Blogs. Facebook. Twitter. Cell phones. iPhones. All these focus on "talking."

But when it comes to Jesus, He both talks boldly and then does some sign to reinforce the bold proclamation. Talking and doing.

First example: Jesus boldly proclaims, "I AM the Bread of Life." Jesus is in another argument with the religious leaders. The talking is in John, Chapter 6. And in case you missed the first proclamation, Jesus repeats this bold statement in verse 48.

John 6: 32-35: Jesus said to them, "*I tell you the truth, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.*" "Sir," they said, "*from now on give us this bread.*" Then Jesus declared, "*I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.*" (NIV)

THEN, Jesus performs the only miracle included in all four gospels: the Feeding of 5,000.

A second example: Lazarus is sick and the family that took Jesus in when He visited Jerusalem is grieving. Jesus waits two days. Coupled with a day for the message to get to Jesus and a day

for Jesus to cross the Jordan, pass through Jericho and climb the road to Jerusalem. Four days have passed. Lazarus is truly dead. There is no doubt. Again Jesus makes another BOLD proclamation. Remember that the religious leaders were in discussion over the reality of the resurrection. Then in John 11, Jesus closes the argument with this bold statement: "I AM the resurrection and the life."

John 11: 20-26: *When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." Jesus said to her, **"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; 26 and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.** Do you believe this?" (NIV)*

I found these bold statements and reinforcing actions very comforting. I live in a skeptical world and it is easy to be skeptical about everything. And from skepticism, doubts arise. And in these circumstances, Jesus has an answer. Listen and See. More than just words.

Jesus is the REAL DEAL. I think that may be why so many are offended by Jesus. He shows up talkers from doers. "*I am the resurrection and the life.*" AMEN

Ed Merry

Supplies Chair

Greetings from your supplies chair.

Remember all the fun you had on your walk making posters and playing with Play-Doh



If you would like to help the pilgrims on PR 61 and 62 have the same excitement, bring some white poster board and/or some Play-Doh to the February Gathering. (Please purchase the actual Play-Doh brand – it works a little better than the Dollar Store brand).

Additional items needed if you can help: notebook paper, small tubes of toothpaste and sample-size deodorant.



Thank you!
Lynn Landrum

Fourth Day Chair

WE NEED YOU ... to be a Fourth Day speaker. At each gathering, someone from the community tells us how their "Fourth Days" have been going. It only needs to be 5 to 10 minutes long, and from your heart. If you feel ready to share how God has been working in your life, let me know so I can put you on the schedule. You can reach me at 327-0779 or at KBudziks1p@aol.com. I know we all have things God is doing in our lives- please share!

Thank you in advance,

Kathryn Budzik

Agape chair

We are a little more than a month away from the Spring Mens Walk - PR 61 - and I have had great response to my Prayer Wheel e-mails. Less than 30 of 144 spots are left to be filled. Keep your eyes open for another e-mail soon. If you do not use e-

mail, feel free to call me in the evenings at 757-539-4198 to claim a time. Remember, when making up your general (bed) agape that you must make enough for all pilgrims and team. If you have some table agape that you would like to donate, make sure that there is enough for pilgrims and team, as well. All agape should be at Holy Family before 3 p.m. on Saturday of the walk.

Let's make it a great weekend!!

Steve Rowe

Reunion Groups Chair

Remember the list that gets passed out with the Fourth Day talk? The list with all the reunion groups listed for your support on your journey into the 4th day? Our list of reunion groups is shrinking. I have been updating the list since I was elected to the board and I have been finding that a lot of the groups no longer meet or I have bad contact information.

When you get this newsletter and you run a reunion group or are part of one, please check to make sure the contact information is correct. If you are interested in starting a group and need some help, please feel free to contact me about starting one. It is not that hard to start one.

De Colores

George Morris III, PR53

Team Selection Chair

The prime responsibilities of the Community Board of Directors are to prepare, support, and conduct the community's Walks to Emmaus. Key to this is the weekend Lay Director, who serves in the employ of the board and is responsible to the board for the conduct of the weekend.

The board selects the weekend Lay Directors. The Lay Director's prerequisite

experience includes serving in community support and conference room positions. The conference room experience requires serving as an Assistant Table Leader, a Table Leader, and twice as an Assistant Lay Director. The Lay Director should show evidence of spiritual maturity, be actively involved in church, and belong to a reunion group. (The latter because the Lay Director gives the *Perseverance* talk that stresses the importance of group reunions in building the Community and supporting future Walk to Emmaus weekends.) The Lay Director's main responsibility is to prepare the team for the Walk.

Team Selection also involves ensuring that the community has a pool of experienced teamers who meet the prerequisites to become a Lay Director. This will be my main effort during my tenure as Team Selection chairman. Team Selection must staff for the immediate Walks and build teams for subsequent Walks.

The fall walks are scheduled for Oct 7-10 (PR63 Men) and Oct 28-31 (PR 64 Women). The community needs both new and experienced teamers for these Walks. I encourage you to consider being one of God's servants this fall and submit your application. You will find applications on the community's website (<http://premmaus.com/>). I will also have applications available at the Gatherings. If you have any questions about becoming a member of an Emmaus team, contact me at bbburroughs@cox.net or at a Gathering. Your community needs you.

De Colores,

Bruce Burroughs

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

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. I'd like to thank those of you who are sponsoring a pilgrim on PR61 or PR62 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!

Are you looking for that perfect Valentine's gift? What better gift can you give but a weekend on an Emmaus Walk! Time with God to reflect on your life and what it is that He is calling you to do for Him. We are all called to make disciples for Christ. Please pray about who it is that God wants you to give this gift to.

The walk dates for 2010 are as follows:

PR61 March 18 -21; application deadline is February 18

PR62 April 8 -11; application deadline is March 8

PR63 October 7-10; application deadline is September 7

PR64 October 28-31; application deadline is September 28

Confused about fees? The pilgrim application fee is \$50 and the sponsor's fee

is \$150. The application fee needs to arrive with the application. Questions? E-mail me at preregistrar@yahoo.com

Let us pray together that GOD will fill Holy Family with Pilgrims and Team members that yearn to grow closer to HIM.

De Colores!
Doe Breen, PR24

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If you do not see your reunion group or need to change any info please call George Morris @ 508-2516
De Colores – Group Reunion Chair

Aldersgate Heartwarmers – Contact: Rick Jacobson dosgstars@erol.com
Meets 1st Tuesday @ 7 p.m.; Aldersgate UMC

Babe Chicks – Contact: Debi McNichol, 761-0648, justdlm@hotmail.com
Meets 3rd Saturday each month 8 a.m.; Panera Bread Coliseum Dr., Hampton

Beautiful Feet – Contact: Dave Hirlinger, hirlinger_dave@tqiinc.com
Meets last Saturday of each month 9 a.m.; North Hampton Presbyterian Church

Bellamy UMC – Contact: Martin & Teri Walker, g3walker@nfx.net; Meets 1st & 3rd Friday of month @ 7:30 p.m.

Bethany UMC – Contact: Doe Breen, 804-642-0933, doeann7481@yahoo.com
First 3 Thursdays of every month from 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Bethany UMC Gloucester Point

Faithful Frogs – Contact: Linda Trier, 757-562-7925, raakkulia1@aol.com
2nd and 4th Thursday at 6 p.m., Grace Memorial UMC, 31036 Peachtree St., Sedley

First Sunday @ Five – Contact: Rodney Moore, 224-0431; Meets 1st Sunday @ 5 p.m.

Gloucester Presbyterian Church – Contact: Barbara Coulson, 804-693-8502; Meets every Wednesday at noon

Harbor Lights Reunion Group – Contact: Tracy Cole, 757-850-1959, dan_tracy99@yahoo.com
Last Sunday of every month at 1 p.m., Anna's Restaurant, 1979 East Pembroke Ave., Hampton

Helping Hands – Contact: Lori Irwin, 393-1161, lirwin@sigfin.com
Meets every Wednesday @ 7, Magnolia UMC/Suffolk; Women's group/bible study & agape

Kilmarnock UMC/Men's Group – Contact: Jay Siddons, jaysiddons@hotmail.com
Meets @ Sundays @ 8 a.m., Lee's Restaurant

Light of Christ – Contact: Michael Uenking, 864-6954, michael.d.uenking@nasa.gov
Meets every Friday at noon; NASA

Not I But Christ Reunion Group – Contact: George Morris, 757-508-2516, notibutchchristreuniongroup@gmail.com
3rd Saturday at 5 p.m.; Various Houses for Dinner around Newport News

Online for Christ – Contact: Star Lester (804) 824-4301, starider52@aol.com
Meets 3rd Sunday @ 8 p.m.; 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 2nd Saturday @ 7 p.m., Magnolia UMC/Suffolk

Reunion Group – Contact: Mary Linda Womack, 766-0885, chefette@cox.net
Meets once or twice monthly @ The Womack's home

ROW (Remember Our Walk) – Contact: Shaun Smith, 757-408-5433, RShaunSmith@verizon.net
3rd Monday at 7 p.m., Wesley UMC, 2510 N. Armistead Ave., Hampton

Warwick Memorial UMC – Contact: Fred Townsend, 877-7916, ftgolf@aol.com
Meets 3rd Thursday each month at different homes

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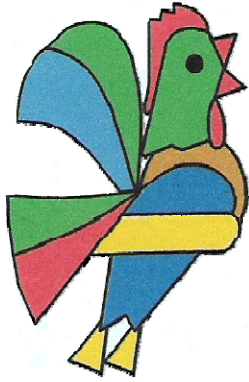
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MARCH 2010

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| 14 | 15 President's Day | 16 | 17 | 18 PR62 Begins Sponsor's Hour 6:30 PM | 19 PR62 Continues | 20 PRE Gathering (7PM) & Candlelight (9PM) First Fox Hill UMC Hampton |
| 21 PR62 Ends Closing @ 4:30 PM | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
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Coming in April: PRE Board. April 5, 7PM St. Luke's UMC; PR 62 Takes Place April 8-11; Gathering (7 PM)/Candlelight (9 PM), April 10, 2010 – First Fox Hill UMC

The next Peninsula Rainbow Emmaus gathering will be at



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Wesley UMC

2510 N. Armistead Ave.

Hampton, VA

Gathering Date Feb. 27 @ 6:00 PM

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