



Peninsula Rainbow Emmaus Community Newsletter

JULY 2010

July Gathering

Friday, July 23, 2010
7:00 P.M.

East Hampton UMC

714 East Pembroke Avenue
Hampton, VA 23669

August Gathering

TASTE Of EMMAUS (TOE)

Friday, August 27, 2010
Dinner 6:00, Gathering 7:00 P.M.

St. Mark's UMC

99 East Mercury Blvd.
Hampton, VA 23669

***PLEASE NOTE THAT GATHERINGS ARE
NOW BACK TO 4TH FRIDAY @ 7:00 PM***



We Want to See YOU at Gathering!

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Resource Information

Peninsula Rainbow Emmaus Website:

www.premmaus.com

Upper Room Emmaus Website:

<http://www.upperroom.com/emmaus/>

Tidewater Emmaus Website:

www.tidewateremmaus.org

Lay Director's Note

As I sit down to write this article for the July Newsletter, we are just about 24-hours past our June Gathering, held at Christ UMC in Newport News. I was gratified to see our attendance pick up over the last several, with about 60 community members and guests in attendance. We are still well short of where our average Gathering used to be, but I am hoping this is a sign that this may be turning around. For those that weren't able to be there, we shared in some awesome music, planned by our new Community Music Director Stan Bowen; we heard an inspiring Fourth Day Talk from Linda Stroud (Magnolia UMC, PR56); and we shared an awesome communion experience led by our new Community Spiritual Director, Clyde DeLoatch who also happens to be the pastor at Christ UMC.

So, why am I choosing to tell you about last night's Gathering, since it has already passed? Well, the answer to that question is very simple...as the graphic on the front page of this newsletter says, "WE WANT TO SEE YOU AT A GATHERING!"

Our Gatherings have been very well attended in the past (and not so long ago either). The worship and fellowship at PRE Gatherings has always been awesome, and one of the main reasons our community has been so active in teaming, sponsoring, and supporting the community in so many other ways. Gatherings are our time to come together, face to face, and experience again what drew us to Emmaus in the first place, and why we have been active in the community – our love of God and our love for His people in this community.

I know some of our community members have moved out of the area, especially our member clergy in the United Methodist Church. But, we are a community of well over 1,000 members and we struggle to get 50-60 members at a gathering. So, this month, I am throwing out a challenge to the PR Community.

I am challenging those of you who have not attended a gathering in a while, or who have been sporadic in attending, to try and remember why you attended gatherings in the past. Was it for the worship, the music, the fellowship, the communion, or some other reason even more personal? I challenge you to think about what it was like when you attended regularly, and then, think about why you stopped coming. I would be willing to wager that if you honestly consider this challenge, most of you will find that the benefit you received by attending Gatherings outweighs whatever has been keeping you away. If you have walked on PR Emmaus or even another community, and you have never attended a Gathering, your challenge is to attend one and "check it out."

I realize everyone cannot attend every Gathering, but I know that out of a Community of over 1,000, we should be filling every church that hosts us on the fourth Friday or each month. Will you come...will you come back? Your Board has been praying for you to come back – we would love to see you! We need to be in fellowship with each other so we can continue to grow together in God's grace and love, and build this community into a vital and active part of the Body of Christ.

Will you come? We'll be waiting with open arms to welcome you with the love of Jesus Christ.
Will you come? We miss you greatly! **Will you come?** Your Community needs you! **Will you come?**

De Colores!
Fred Salanitro, PR43
Community Lay Director

Spiritual Director's Word

We are going through a time of transitions. You may have people in your family who are graduating from college or high school. School is letting out and most of the kids will be transitioning to a summer-style of life as they await the new school year and the challenges of a different grade. Many churches are saying good-bye to their pastor and hello to a new one.

It is impossible to avoid going through these transition periods. No matter how hard we try to hang on to the past or to the present, the future has a way of bulling its way into our lives whether we are ready or not. I got a mega-dose of this feeling last night when I was talking with my granddaughter, Anna, who is ten. For some reason, she was talking about my health and suddenly asked me if I was going to die. I told her that I was, someday, but that I hoped to be around long enough to see her through school and to have the joy of seeing her have babies. She got quiet and actually started crying a little. Well.

I don't guess that any of us are overjoyed to face our mortality, but maybe we need to think about these things every once in a while. It was only a microsecond ago that I was walking the halls with Anna in my arms and singing (badly) lullabies to put her to sleep. Then she toddled off to Preschool and now she is almost taller than me. All of this reinforces a couple of truths to me. First, change is inevitable. I can fight it, loathe it, run from it, or cry about it, but it will come. But is that so bad? The God who was with me when I toddled off to school is still with me even as I get older; that has not changed. If I remain in Christ, I will be able to face whatever change does come.

The second thing that I can learn from these transition moments is that I want to make a lasting difference in this life. Even as things change around me, I notice that there are people who make a difference in the lives of others. These are the people who are remembered. They may not have the most money or the most toys but they touch people's lives. I want to do that. I want to be part of the positive change that occurs in the lives of others. And then there may be others, besides my Anna, who will weep when I transition from this life to the next.

De Colores!
Clyde DeLoatch
Community Spiritual Director

Reunion Groups

As I am writing this article I am looking over our list of Reunion Groups for our community and noticing that it is shrinking. Some groups are very active within the community and others seem to be fading away. We currently have 18 active Reunion Groups. Speaking from experience leading my reunion group, summer seems to be the hardest time to get together and meet for that hour or how ever long you need. If you notice this happening with your group it might be a good time to reevaluate your meeting times.

On another note, remember my challenge to have every reunion group sponsor someone on each of the upcoming walks. Imagine walking into Holy Family and every spot is full. With your help we can do that, and I am sure the Registrar would really appreciate it as well.

I am also asking for some help. Looking over the list of Reunion Groups we currently do not have any on the list for the Williamsburg Area. Does anyone know of one that is available or is anyone interested in starting one? We had a family from another community move to the area and they are excited that there is an Emmaus Community here but are not to familiar with the area.

As always please look over the list of Reunion Groups and please let me know of any changes to the list.

De Colores
George Morris, PR53
Group Reunion Chair

Team Selection

Over the past months, I have reviewed Team selection procedures and responsibilities of Team members. I am sure for some of you this has been a rehash of what you already know.

As we prepare to staff the Walks, we need to examine how we determine who wants to be on an Emmaus Team and who does not. We have always relied on receiving applications for specific Walks. This has served us well, but if we do not have sufficient Team applications, how do we complete staffing the Team? We really have no list of those who would be willing to Team. Let me be clear – this is not an interest in filling a specific position or Walk, but rather a willingness to be on a Team in general.

I don't know how to compile such a list unless you contact me or the Board. If you are willing to serve on an Emmaus Team, please contact us. You can send a message to webmaster@premmaus.com or bbburroughs@cox.net. You can also call me at (757) 645-3372. Remember, this is a response to whether you are willing to serve on a Team in general, not for a specific Walk.

If you want to serve on a specific Walk, you will find paper and email 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 or the Teaming process in general, contact me at bbburroughs@cox.net or call me at (757) 645-3372, or talk to me at a Gathering.

*De Colores,
Bruce Burroughs, PR 1
Team Selection Chair*

Gatherings

Glory to God in the Highest!

Gatherings are on FRIDAY's now and the next one is July 23rd at 7:00 PM at East Hampton UMC, **714 East Pembroke Avenue, Hampton, VA 23669**

We haven't been to East Hampton UMC for a gathering for a while, and we thank Pastor Ed Merry for extending the invitation for us to have fellowship there.

The AUGUST gathering is at St. Mark's UMC, **99 East Mercury Blvd, Hampton, VA 23669**.

The August Gathering is our annual "Taste of Emmaus." This gathering is specifically for introducing persons that have not walked to Emmaus, to give them a *taste* of what we're about! So, please bring those persons who you are planning to sponsor, or those that are looking for more information before committing to walk. And also, please bring your favorite dish to share! We will meet at 6PM for dinner and the Gathering will begin at 7PM. More on TOE next month.

*God bless,
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Gatherings Chair
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Community Registrar

Why Sponsor someone to go on a Walk to Emmaus? To spiritually renew and refocus people to be better equipped to serve God in their church, their family, their job and their community. Remember how someone sponsored you and blessed your life with this precious gift? Think about the people that you encounter in your life, who would God want you to invite on this journey? Enter into intentional prayer about who it is that God is calling to walk with Him.

Just as the walk weekend is covered in prayer, so should it be with the task of sponsoring. To sponsor someone on an Emmaus walk you must have attended a **Day of Deeper Understanding (DODU)**. 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.

May God bless you today and everyday.

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PENINSULA RAINBOW REUNION GROUPS

If you do not see your reunion group or need to change any info please call:
George Morris, Reunion Group Chair @ 757-508-2516 - De Colores!

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

Babe Chicks – Contact: Debi McNichol, 761-0648, justdlm@hotmail.com
Meets 3rd Saturday each month @ 8 a.m. at 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 every month @ 7:30 p.m.

Bethany UMC – Contact: Doe Breen, 804-642-0933, doeann7481@yahoo.com
1st, 2nd and 3rd Thursdays of every month from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Bethany UMC in 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, VA

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 @ 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 p.m. at Magnolia UMC, Wilroy Road in Suffolk (Women's group/bible study & agape)

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

Phoebus Coffee House Reunion Group – Contact: Mike Twisdale 757-773-8593
mtwisdale@aol.com Meets every Tuesday at Phoebus Coffee House, 33 East Mellon Street, Hampton

Not I But Christ Reunion Group – Contact: George Morris, 757-508-2516 - Meets 3rd Saturday at 5 p.m.; Various Homes for Dinner in N. News notibutchristreuniongroup@gmail.com

Parkview Starlights – Contact: Sara Price, 595-6255, pigs4sp@aol.com
Meets 3rd Tuesday of each month at Parkview UMC, Briarfield Road in Newport News

Pass It On – Contact: Connie Schubert, 757-986-3279
Meets 2nd Saturday @ 7 p.m., Magnolia UMC, Wilroy Road in Suffolk

Reunion Group – Contact: Mary Linda Womack, 757-766-0885, 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, 757-877-7916, ftgolf@aol.com
Meets 3rd Thursday each month at different homes

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Time to send your Pilgrim Applications for Fall Walks!				1	2	3
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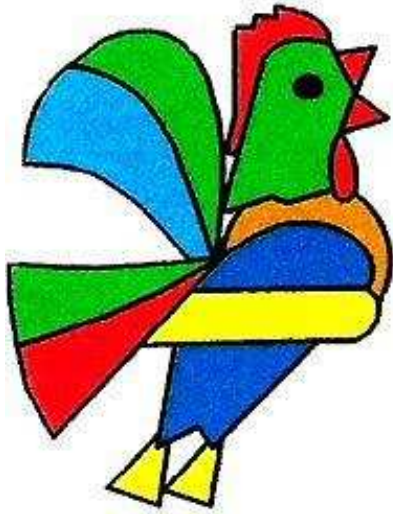
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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29	30	31	Teams for PR61 and 62 Begin Teaming in August – Send your Pilgrim Applications!			

Coming in September:

PRE Board – September 7, 7PM St. Luke's UMC

Gathering – Friday, September 24; Location: To Be Announced



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Open Immediately!

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