



Peninsula Rainbow Emmaus Community Newsletter

JUNE 2010

June Gathering

Friday, June 25, 2010
7:00 P.M.

Christ UMC

133 Deep Creek Road
Newport News, VA 23606

July Gathering

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

East Hampton UMC

714 E. Pembroke Avenue
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

According to one of my trusted sources, www.biblegateway.com, there are thirty-eight passages in the New Testament alone dealing with **change** of one type or another. And of course, we all understand that while there is one who never **changes**, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (Hebrews 13:8; "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." NIV) we also know that the only thing that is constant in our lives **is change**, and how we choose to respond to **change** determines how well we are able to keep up with the **changes** around us.

There are certainly those that are more comfortable with the status quo, you know their mantra – if it ain't broke, don't fix it. There are those that can be dragged along with **change** and come to see the value after the **change** has had a time to take hold and show fruit. And there are those who embrace **change** and seek **change**, not just for the sake of **changing** or shaking things up (although there are some of these folks too), but people who seek **change** because the Lord has blessed them with the gift of vision and they can see possibilities that sometime others cannot. It is said that those in leadership should possess this gift of vision to be truly effective, but it is my experience that all leaders in an organization do not need to be visionaries, but do need to be able to embrace **change** when it comes.



Our Peninsula Rainbow Emmaus Community has been struggling as of late, and I believe much of that struggle has to do with **change**. There have been many large and small **changes** over the past 3-4 years that I believe have put our community members at odds with the PRE leadership, with other community members, and with the Upper Room Walk to Emmaus. All of us deal with **change** differently, from not embracing **change** to taking **change** and running with it and trying to make the change work for the best and make the **change** positive for the community. I believe your PRE Board has been trying to be the agents of positive **change**

We on your 2010 PRE Board have been trying some **changes**, some have worked and some have not – and those that have not we have **changed** back (i.e. putting gatherings back on Friday nights at 7:00 PM). The format of the newsletter has **changed** recently, and we welcome your feedback about that. So, where am I going with this message, after having used the word **change** (or **changing** or **changed**...) about twenty-five times? Just to remind everyone that change is the one constant that we can count on, and that I believe that we on the PRE Board were elected not to be caretakers of the status quo, but to make those changes that we envision as improvements. We'll guard against trying to change too much too fast, but change we will when we see a need.

As I close, but also in keeping with the theme of change, there have been a few changes on the Board in the past couple of months. In April, Chris Harbeck resigned as Community Music Director, and he will be replaced for the rest of 2010 by Stan Bowen. In addition, May has seen Kathryn Budzik resign as 4th Day Chair (relocating with her husband Anthony who will be starting Duke Divinity School in the fall) and Jim Manner has resigned as Newsletter Chair. We are actively recruiting for these positions (initially to fill for the rest of 2010) so if anyone is interested please contact me or any Board member. I hope all of you will welcome Stan on the board, and take time to thank both Kathryn and Jim for their dedicated service to the Community.

I also ask for your continued prayers and support for your PRE Board as we go about the business of leading this Community, recognizing that any change, even a change for the better, is always accompanied by drawbacks and discomforts.

De Colores!
Fred Salanitra, PR43

Spiritual Director's Note

Dear Fellow Pilgrims,

You might say, "Wait a minute, I'm not a pilgrim anymore! I've already walked!" Do you remember how you felt on that Thursday evening, with all those nutty people clapping and cheering, taking your watch and cell phone from you and sending you into a room with strangers with nothing but a hug and a kiss? Of course, from the other side on Sunday evening, it made a little more sense to us. Yet remember that last talk of the weekend when your brain and heart are both complete mush? It's called Fourth Day, and we were reminded that though our weekend Walk with Jesus was over, the journey still continues. Until that day when we see Jesus face to face, we will always be pilgrims on a journey with some sense of our final destination, but in the meantime, we focus on the path in front of us and continually learn as the Holy Spirit leads us.

It has been my pleasure to walk this part of my journey with all of you in this Emmaus Community. You have all been a means of grace to me, to Bekah, and to Chloe as we have journeyed through this last stage of the United Methodist ordination process. Our initial Walks and each time we've teamed have been times of renewal. I hope you realize the great encouragement that you have been to us and that you are to each other as we all work with the Holy Spirit for renewal in our churches!

Our journey now takes us to Fairfax, VA, where I will be the new associate pastor at Pender UMC as of July 1st. We will miss all of you in this Community, especially those that we have gotten to know well, even as we look forward to new challenges and opportunities. You will all remain in our prayers, and we ask for your continued prayers as well, especially as we prepare to welcome a son into our family in September! I'm sure that many of us will keep in touch (Thank God for Facebook!), and we hope our paths will cross again one day.

I invite you all to the Virginia Conference Service for the Ordering of Ministry on Monday, June 14, 7:30pm at the Norfolk Scope. I recommend arriving as early as possible to find seating, especially if you come as a group. I will be ordained as an Elder at that service, and our own Don Blagg will be licensed as a local pastor!

May God continue to guide each of you, through the Holy Spirit, on our journey together as we walk with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Dan Elmore, PR53

Reunion Groups Chair

I would like to start by reminding all of the Reunion Groups about the challenge of sponsoring their 2 pilgrims for the fall walks. What I sight I would be to see Holy Family overflowing with pilgrims. On another note, let's see how many reunion groups we can get represented at the next gathering at Christ United Methodist Church in June.

As I mentioned in last months article I want to make myself available to all the Reunion Groups to ask questions, make suggestions to bring back to the board. So if you are having a meeting coming up please feel free to invite me.

Finally please take a minute and review the Reunion Group list to make sure I have all the current information for your group. Especially addresses and meeting times, I am in the process of creating a new database for the community complete with a map so new members will be able to search and find one that is close to them.

De Colores
George Morris, PR53
Group Reunion Chair

Team Selection Chair

This month's topic concerns the Table Leader (TL) and Assistant Table Leader (ATL). The TL is the most important job in the conference room. Pilgrims experience much of the Walk to Emmaus at the table and its small group. The TL makes all the difference in a Pilgrim's Walk experience. The ATL supports the TL by full participation and cooperation with other table members. ATLs befriend withdrawn Pilgrims and become a caring presence as a table member rather than a recognized leader. Being an ATL is often the first assignment for a first-time teamer.

TLs and ATLs are recognized Thursday evening and named publicly on Friday morning. Their positions are not secret. TLs facilitate table interaction and support building a small Christian community among table members – a reunion group. TLs set an example, are human and authentic, guide by example, create a caring atmosphere, start and guide discussion, are unassuming (not dominating or being the center of attention), and lead as a “friend among friends.” This low-key leadership may seem difficult, but there should be no question about who the table leaders are. The TL is the first and last to be at the table. Besides the Assistant Lay Directors, TLs are the prime candidates to give talks.

ATLs are not deceptive about their team role. The challenge is to be one with the Pilgrims without calling attention to themselves. They are never dishonest with the Pilgrims about their position. ATLs guide by example, not position. Their important role is to be themselves as God's agents. Their role provides an opportunity to serve and grown in humility. Sometimes it may be necessary for an ATL to give a talk.

Finally, TLs and ATLs have no special privilege over Pilgrims – they are also Pilgrims in need of God's grace and guidance. They take no false pride because they have been on an Emmaus Walk and do not talk about it unless asked. They never compare Walks to one another.

I encourage you to consider being one of God's servants this fall or in the future and submit your application. You will find paper and email versions 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 at a Gathering. Your Community always needs you to serve.

***De Colores,
Bruce Burroughs, PR 1***

Gatherings Chair

You have been heard and your board is responding. Based on the survey last year the community wants to **move gatherings back to Friday** and we are going to do just that, Starting in June with the gathering at **Christ UMC, 133 Deep Creek Rd Newport News, VA,**

We will begin the Gathering at 7:00 PM Friday night, June 25th, with snacks and fellowship afterward. The following link will take you to the map for Christ UMC.:

<http://www.mapquest.com/maps?city=Newport+News&state=VA&address=133+Deep+Creek+Rd&zipcode=23606-2219&country=US&latitude=37.077481&longitude=-76.502919&geocode=ADDRESS>

The next gathering is July 23rd at **East Hampton UMC, 714 East Pembroke Avenue, Hampton, VA 23669-3233**

R. Shaun Smith, PR51

Community Registrar

Is **GOD** calling you to sponsor?

Did you know that it is never too early to mail in your pilgrim applications for the fall walks? I've had people say to me that they have an application....well...please don't hold onto it. Mail it in today! If 10 people mail in those apps we would know that the fall walks are going to happen! Pray! Fall Walk dates:

Men PR61 October 7-10
Women PR62 October 28-31

***May God bless you today and everyday!
Doe Breen, PR24***

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If you do not see your reunion group or need to change any info please call:
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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 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

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 @ 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, Willroy 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

Light of Christ – Contact: Michael Uenking, 757-864-6954, michael.d.uenking@nasa.gov
Meets every Friday at noon at NASA in Hampton

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

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, 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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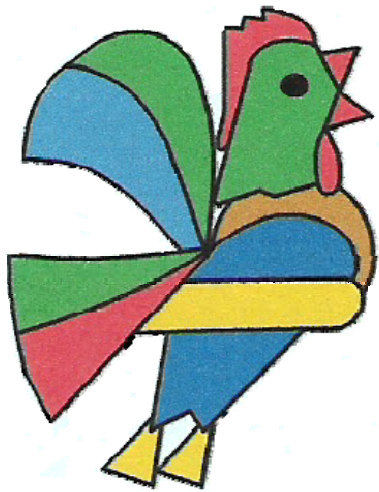
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Coming in August:

PRE Board – August 3, 7PM St. Luke's UMC
Gathering – Taste of Emmaus (TOE) Friday August 27
Food @ 6 PM; Gathering @ 7 PM
St. Mark's UMC, Hampton



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