



*Peninsula Rainbow Emmaus Community*

# Newsletter

**OCTOBER 2010**



## **Candlelight Gathering PR61**

Saturday October 9, 2010 7PM

**First UMC Foxhill**

1 Salt Pond Rd, Hampton, VA 23664

## **Candlelight Gathering PR62**

Saturday Oct 30, 2010 7PM

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## **DODU**

Sat Nov 13, 2010 9-12am, dinner  
team critiques in afternoon  
Wesley UMC, Hampton, VA

## **November Gathering**

Friday Nov 19, 2010

7:00 P.M.

Parkview UMC, Newport News

## **Pilgrims of PR61**

Ron Aasland  
Art Baner  
James Beaugard  
Lonnie Byrd III  
David Cook  
Will Emeny  
Phillip Hayes  
Daniel Hogge  
Joe Hunnicutt  
Jack Kimball  
Steve Larson  
Lee Lasher Jr  
Mike Litchford  
Pat Martin  
Mark Mesic  
Arthur Mitchell  
Jack Neal  
Robert Lee Pavey  
Greg Paxton  
John Reynolds  
Jamie Riggs  
Benny Small  
Dale Stumpf  
Randy Thomas  
David Wilkinson  
Thomas Winkler  
John Wynn



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## **Community Lay Director's Note**

Wow! What a difference a month makes. Even though we are not yet at the deadline for Pilgrim applications for the upcoming Women's walk PR62 (as I write this) we know we have enough applications in hand for the walk to happen, and, we have (again as I write this) 26 Pilgrims for the Men's walk PR61. God is good, and he is definitely in charge of His Emmaus Walks – and that's a good thing.

I'd like to take a moment in this month's note to follow up on my message from last month, about the closing of the Holy Family Retreat Center. Even while we are working toward our final Walks at Holy Family, your PR Emmaus Board is working to find a replacement facility for us to hold our walks beginning next year. At this time, the short list (and it truly is a short list – there is no other facility like Holy Family available) being considered are those closest on the Peninsula that might be able to accommodate us. There are certainly facilities available on the Southside. Even though we have many faithful members on the Southside (I am one), this is the PENINSULA Rainbow Emmaus Community, so the board decided to limit the search to the peninsula.

Thanks to some proactive work by our faithful and long-time Community members Bruce and Beth Burroughs, we have settled on the possibility of the Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center (WCRC). Your PRE Board will be visiting the WCRC on Saturday, October 2, 2010 at about 10:30 AM. I would love to invite all of you to come with us, but that would overwhelm the WCRC staff that will be providing the tour. If you would like to take a look at the facility and what they have to offer, you can check out the website at <http://www.wcrc.info>

We are looking at this as an opportunity and a challenge, but we don't have a lot of time to make a choice. We have to get reservations in place for our 2011 walks. We will have to do extensive work on changing our process to meet the requirements of the new facility, and then re-write our walk materials to reflect the changes. We also need to launch an extensive communication campaign to get the word out to the community, and will probably need to do some Community Support type training for those who will be supporting our future walks in this area.

A lot to do, and not a lot of time; but we are meeting this challenge head-on and I pledge that we will keep you informed every step of the way. The board would also be interested in hearing from you on this issue (we have already heard from a few of you and we thank you for that). Please do not hesitate to call or email any of the board and share your thoughts with us. We'll be talking about this with you at gatherings and keeping you up to speed via the newsletter and email blasts.

My final request is that you continue to lift your PRE Board up in prayer as we work through this opportunity. We will need the strength and wisdom that will come to us through your prayers for guidance, unity of mind and purpose, and strength to see this through. What an incredible opportunity we on the PRE Board have to serve the Community and our God! May we never lose sight of the great trust that has been placed in us.

**In Christ's Love, Fred Salanitro PR43 Community Lay Director**

## **Team Selection**

The last fall Walks to be held at Holy Family Retreat Center are underway. Your Board is investigating other Walk sites for 2011 and beyond. In the meantime, I am still anxious for folks to contact me about serving on an Emmaus Team in the future. We need a pool of potential teamers that the Lay Director can contact if we do not have sufficient teaming applicants. For those who Team regularly who do not want to be an LD, let me know that, too.

To contact me, you can send a message to [newslettereditor@premmaus.com](mailto:newslettereditor@premmaus.com) or [bburroughs@cox.net](mailto:bburroughs@cox.net). You can also call me at (757) 645-3372 Bruce Burroughs.

## Spiritual Director's Note

Dr. Clyde M. DeLoach—Community Spiritual Director

I confess that I am jealous. Pastor Terry Jones of the Dove World Outreach Center in Florida managed to get world-wide attention for his proposed burning of the Quran on the anniversary of 9/11. Say what you will about his motivations, you have to hand it to him. He got a lot of publicity.

We are living in a strange time when a pastor of a tiny church can put our troops in peril by threatening to burn a holy book. At one point, he had more newsmen trailing him around than he had members in his church. We are living in a free country and he did have the right to perform his crazy deed. It is questionable, though, whether he was using good judgment.

As a pastor who never gets enough attention, I was very ambivalent as I watched the whole charade. I certainly do not agree with what he was doing but I would never turn down the opportunity to be on *Good Morning America* or some other such show. I smile and look properly humble, but who wouldn't want to be chased around for a little while by reporters who are hanging on our every word?

I am afraid that I feel myself getting more jaded by the moment. On the one hand, we have people who are ready to kill for religious principles and ideas but they are not ready to live for them. On the other hand, we have people who would not be caught dead doing anything religious, especially attending church, but they sure can work themselves up in a lather over things that pass them in the night such as burning the Quran.

To paraphrase G. K. Chesterton, Christianity has not been tried and found wanting; it has never been truly tried. Maybe Oswald Chambers had it right. We want to do something spectacular for Christ because then people would be looking at us and applauding us (and following us around with cameras). The true measure of a Christian comes from what he or she does in the everyday, workaday world where no one really notices or cares much except God.

To me the Walk to Emmaus offers a unique combination of the unusual and the everyday. You can take the Walk, which is often a mountaintop experience, but then you are left with what to do with your experience. The point of Emmaus, and, to me, the point of Christianity, is to put your personal experience into practice where the spiritual and the secular intersect: the local church and all of life. You may not make headlines or get on the *Today Show*, but you will be living out the life that Christ has called you to live.



## **Registrar's Report**

Can you believe it? PR61 is almost here! October 7<sup>th</sup>! And PR62 is just around the corner on October 28<sup>th</sup>!

Please make sure that you mark your calendars for Sponsor's hour, Candlelight and Closing. Wouldn't it be wonderful to fill 1st Fox Hill UMC up for both Candlelights?

PR 61 candlelight is Saturday October 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. PR62 candlelight is Saturday October 30<sup>th</sup> @7pm.

Sponsor's hour for PR61 is on Thursday October 7<sup>th</sup> @7pm at Holy Family. (Please bring your agape with you)

Candlelight for PR61 is Saturday October 9<sup>th</sup> @7pm at 1st Fox Hill UMC. (Come early to sign place mats)

Closing for PR61 is Sunday October 10<sup>th</sup> @4pm at Holy Family. (Wear your cross, name tag and bright colors)

The list of pilgrims for PR61 is at the top of the newsletter. Please lift each man and their family up in prayer. Remember that Christ is counting on each of us to do our part!

DeColores! Doe Breen PR24 Peninsula Rainbow Registrar [preregistrar@yahoo.com](mailto:preregistrar@yahoo.com)

## **Gatherings**

It's the wonderful time of the fall when we have the men and women's walks. The dates for the candlelight gatherings are October 9<sup>th</sup> and October 30<sup>th</sup>, both start at 7:00 PM; plan to get there a little early to sign place mats. Both gatherings will be held at 1<sup>st</sup> Fox Hill UMC in Hampton on the corner to Fox Hill Rd and Old Buckroe Rd.

The address for the church is 1 Salt Ponds Rd, Hampton, VA 23664 for your GPS

Here's the MapQuest link: <http://mapq.st/h/1-4pXbBZ7e>

*The November gathering will be at Parkview UMC in Newport News on Nov 19<sup>th</sup>. This is one week earlier than normal to avoid Thanksgiving. This is a VERY important gathering as we will vote in the new PR Emmaus board members.*

*The December gathering will be held in Matthews at Locust Grove UMC on the 17<sup>th</sup>. This also earlier than usual. Make sure to mark your calendars.*

God bless, R. Shaun Smith, PR51 Gatherings Chair

## **Treasurer 's Report**

WOW! August's Taste of Emmaus gathering was very successful. There was a great crowd and your gifts totaled \$516.15. This was a much needed boost to our treasury. Thank you very much. As I explained last month we are have a web-based database site:

IMS Internet Membership Systems

The link is: [http://prec.inetmember.com/Default\\_CMS.aspx](http://prec.inetmember.com/Default_CMS.aspx)

Please consider going to the link and registering. Please note that if your email address that I have in the database has changed or is incorrect, that you will need to go to the problems area of the login page and send a message noting your correct email address.

OR

Contact me at [rmmm@cox.net](mailto:rmmm@cox.net) with your name, date of birth, and email address and I will send you a user name and password.

Your PR Emmaus Community Treasurer..Rod Moore

## **Reunion Groups**

De Colores,

Has anyone been feeling like I have? A little run down? Tired? Worn out from the summer break, then the back to school rush? Missing that little something? Maybe, just maybe I have the answer for you! It is called your Reunion group. Where else can you go and fellowship with other Christians and share your pains, your troubles, and experiences as you walk the road you are on. But wait!!.....There's more!!!! It is also in this circle of friends that even more stuff happens. Who helps put together all the agape? Helps serve the meals during a weekend? I know everyone signs up individually, but did you ever think of as a group making bed or table agape? Or coming in to serve a meal? Most agape is easy to make especially in numbers and can be done at one meeting.

Lately in the community we have been losing groups. Since I have come into the community our list has drastically shrunk. I have on average been getting emails about one or two every month saying that their reunion group no longer meets. With that, there are some groups on the list that I have not been able to make contact with. They might soon be coming off the list as well. The last time I added a group to our communities list was almost 1 year ago. Now with the upcoming walks this fall, will we have enough groups to support all these new pilgrims? Looking at the roster for the men's walk there are going to be 28 pilgrims. When they finish this weekend journey are they going to have a group to go back to and keep that fire burning?

So this is my plea, if you need to fill that void you have been trying to fill, or rekindle that fire that is growing small because of the pace of life. Become part of a reunion group. Or if there is not one near you, have you thought of starting one?

George A Morris III

Group Reunion Chair, PR 53 Table of Mathew

## Secretary's Report

## Pray - Listen - Take Action

The foundation of the Upper Room's Walk to Emmaus is prayer. We pray for the team and the pilgrims even before we know their names. We pray throughout the weekend. We pray for other communities during their weekend walks.

I am asking you to pray for God to reveal the person who should serve on the Peninsula Rainbow Board of Directors. Pray, then listen, then take action. That person could be you. When that person is made known to you, call me at 757-240-5714 or email me at [vanurse417@aol.com](mailto:vanurse417@aol.com). I will gladly discuss the opportunities available to serve the Peninsula Rainbow Emmaus Community.

The elections will be held at our annual meeting which will be November 19, 2010. Four community members will be elected to serve on the Board for a three year term and one person will be elected to fill a one year term.

Remember - the most precious gift you can give to someone is your time!

### Virginia Leftwich, Secretary

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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](mailto:dosgstars@erol.com)  
Meets 1st Tuesday @ 7 p.m. at Aldersgate UMC

**Babe Chicks** – Contact: Debi McNichol, 761-0648, [justdlm@hotmail.com](mailto:justdlm@hotmail.com)  
Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month @ 8 a.m. at Panera Bread; Coliseum Dr., Hampton

**Beautiful Feet** – Contact: Dave Hirlinger, [hirlinger\\_dave@tqiinc.com](mailto: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](mailto:g3walker@nfx.net)  
Meets 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month @ 7:30 p.m.

**Bethany UMC** – Contact: Doe Breen, 804-642-0933, [doeann7481@yahoo.com](mailto:doeann7481@yahoo.com)  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:raakkulia1@aol.com)  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at 5 p.m.; Various Homes for Dinner in N. News [notibutchristreuniongroup@gmail.com](mailto:notibutchristreuniongroup@gmail.com)

**Parkview Starlights** – Contact: Sara Price, 595-6255, [pigs4sp@aol.com](mailto:pigs4sp@aol.com)  
Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at Parkview UMC, Briarfield Road in Newport News

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

**Reunion Group** – Contact: Mary Linda Womack, 757-766-0885, [chefette@cox.net](mailto: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](mailto:RShaunSmith@verizon.net)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 7 p.m., Wesley UMC, 2510 N. Armistead Ave., Hampton

**Warwick Memorial UMC** – Contact: Fred Townsend, 757-877-7916, [ftgolf@aol.com](mailto:ftgolf@aol.com)  
Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month at different homes



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