



Peninsula Rainbow Emmaus Community

Newsletter

SEPT 2010

September Gathering

Friday, Sept 24, 2010 7:00 PM

Magnolia UMC

1764 Wilroy Rd.
Suffolk, VA 23434

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

First UMC Foxhill

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



Christ is counting on YOU

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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

Many of you have probably heard by now, and for some what I am about to talk about is going to be new information. What I am referring to is the message we received from the Holy Family Retreat Center that they are closing their doors permanently on December 31, 2010.

Holy Family is very dear to most if not all of our PRE Community, since with only one exception that I am aware of, all of our Weekend Walks have taken place there, and so many of our Community have served on weekend teams many times there as well. It has been this Community's home for nearly thirteen years, and we will certainly miss it.

A couple of years ago, your PRE Board of Directors looked at possibly moving from Holy Family due to rising costs, trying to keep the cost for pilgrims and teaming as low as possible. Several sites were reviewed, but in the end a deal was struck with Holy Family to hold the line on costs and we stayed there. Now, we don't have a choice. We must find a new site to hold our Weekend Walks. We have very little time to do so considering we must find a suitable place, negotiate costs, schedule Walk Weekends, and make changes to our processes to account for changes in facilities and what will or won't be available (such as food service) by the end of the year.

Your PRE Board has a very tough job to do in choosing a new site for next year and beyond. **We will need your prayers and your love** as we investigate, discuss, negotiate, and make a decision that we believe best serves our needs for the Weekend Walks, and the needs of our Community Members. This will not be an easy task for us, but you have elected us to lead this PRE Community, and we will do so to the best of our ability.

We will do our best to keep you informed and communicate as early as possible the changes that are inherent in moving to a new facility. We have a lot to consider, not the least of which is the potential impact to our Community members. If you have any ideas, we would like to hear them. You can contact me or any board member and we will bring your ideas into consideration.

Finally, we now know PR61 and PR62, our fall walks, will be the last at Holy Family, so I am calling on the Community to fill Holy Family to overflowing for both walks at the sendoff/ sponsor's hour and closing; and do the same for both candlelight services. Let's say goodbye to Holy Family **IN A BIG WAY!** We will grieve for a time, but this season will pass and we will carry on because this Community's mission to strengthen the Body of Christ is too important to fail. We can not allow this setback to defeat us. De Colores!

In Christ's Love!

Fred Salanitro, PR43 Community Lay Director



Spiritual Director's Word

I read a powerful sermon illustration recently. James Hudson Taylor was a missionary to China and was out at sea one day with his disciple and Christian convert, Peter. Peter, who did not know how to swim, fell from the boat. Luckily, he drifted into the path of some Chinese fishermen. Taylor knew that he could not get to Peter in time to save him and so he yelled out to the fishermen to reach out and grab him. The fishermen, however, ignored Peter and continued to pull in the fish that they had in their nets. As Taylor frantically yelled at the fishermen to save his friend, they finished with their catch and only then did they pull out the unfortunate Peter. By this time he was dead.

Taylor used this story when he was trying to encourage his English students to take up the cause of Chinese missions. He asked them what they thought of the Chinese who allowed Peter to drown. Most of them used words like uncaring or selfish or cruel. Taylor saw things differently. He said that the Chinese fishermen were just like us. They were too busy to reach out and save someone who was only a grab away. How many times do we pass by someone in our lives who needs to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ because we are simply too busy? Are there people who are drowning in their heartaches or loneliness or sins who need Jesus and the church today and we do not take the time to invite them to join us.

I will never forget going to a restaurant with my wife several years ago. The young lady who waited on us had a black eye that she had carefully covered with make-up. I watched her throughout the dinner and was moved to say something to her. It seemed fairly obvious from her demeanor that the eye was not the result of an accident but that it most likely resulted from some kind of domestic violence. I wanted to, at the very least, give her my card and tell her that she could call me or the church for help. I did not do it. I did not do it because I feared being rejected or, worse, being seen as a silly old man coming on to a young girl. After the dinner, I asked my wife if she thought that my suspicions were accurate and she agreed with me. I went back the next night and several nights after that in an effort to find her but I never saw her again.

We may think that we would never be so callous as to allow someone to drown if we could reach out and pull them onto the boat. Nonetheless, we can be made cowards by circumstances and we can allow our busyness to insulate us from the plights of others. The Good News is that Christ forgives me for my failures and gives me and you the chance to share the gospel with those in need.

Dr. Clyde DeLoach, Community Spiritual Director

Team Selection

Team selection for the fall Walks is finished and the teams are now preparing themselves for the Walks. The PR61 Men's Team was introduced this month and the PR62 Women's Team will be introduced next month.

Next year will bring changes to the Community and the facilities that we have used since 1996. Fortunately, we have the ability to overcome these minor obstacles with God's help and continue to grow the Peninsula Rainbow Emmaus Community for His glory.

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 or bbburroughs@cox.net. You can also call me at (757) 645-3372.

DeColores, Bruce Burroughs, PR1, Team Selection

Community Registrar

Registrar Report for September 2010

Has God been calling you to sponsor someone this fall? Now is the time to act upon that nudge and send in their application! We currently have 16 applications for PR61 and 12 applications for PR62. Praise the LORD! Taste of Emmaus was wonderful. I want to thank all those sponsoring this fall for bringing your pilgrims with you. What a joy it was to put a face to the names that I have been praying for.

The upcoming walks will be the last two walks that Peninsula Rainbow Emmaus will hold at Holy Family. Yes, you read that right. Holy Family Retreat Center is closing it's doors at the end of December. My prayer is that we fill Holy Family up with both these fall walks. So, Get on the list for the fall walks...the spots may disappear quickly!!!

The deadline for PR61 is fast approaching! September 6th will be here before you know it! That's right...September 6th is the application deadline for PR61. September 27th is the application deadline for PR62. I have heard from many of you that you have applications to send in...well...now is the time. Please do not delay!

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 7 - 10, the application deadline is September 6th.
The women's fall walk dates are October 28 - October 31, the application deadline is September 27th.

To download a pilgrim application please go to
<http://www.premmaus.com/AmendedPigrimApp09.pdf>

Mail the completed application along with a \$50 deposit to the address listed on the application.

May God our loving Father guide each of us and our community.

Peninsula Rainbow Registrar Doe Breen, PR24
Peninsula Rainbow Registrar

Agape Chair

Hello Community,

By the time you read this, the Prayer Wheel for PR 61 will have been filled and the PR 62 Wheel is likely quickly filling. If you have not taken a prayer time, I hope that you will consider doing so. Everyone is not able to physically attend a weekend as team, or in some other on-site community support function; **but**, everyone can find time to support the weekend through prayer. Remember, that these prayers are an integral part of every Walk to Emmaus weekend and the introduction of the prayer wheel on Saturday is always a memorable part of the experience for the Pilgrims.

The mens' walk (PR 61) pilgrim / team roster will be sent out via email as soon as the pilgrim list is confirmed. Be thinking about what kind of bed agape that you will be preparing for the weekend. Recent walks have seen a decrease in the amount of Saturday night agape and I would like to see an increase for PR 61 & 62. That pile of "love" that the pilgrims find on their bed

Saturday after candlelight is another one of the memorable surprises that are so important to the overall experience for the Pilgrims. I know that you will come through for these two walks.

Thank you in advance for all you will do to support PR 61 & 62!

DeColores

Steve Rowe – Agape Chair

Community Database / Treasurer's Report

Article From Treasurer:

Thank you for your support of our community. Your gifts are appreciated and absolutely necessary. We collected \$241.00 at July's gathering. For those of you who are not aware, pilgrim and sponsor fees cover only the cost of the housing and meals for the walks. All other supplies are covered by your gifts.

IMS Internet Membership Systems, Emmaus and Chrysalis Date Management Systems

With the permission of your Emmaus Board of Directors, I have been working with a web-based database system to help manage our community. There is currently no cost to our community. For those of you who may not have served on our board, there really is a lot of work by the board and the board's various chairs. Many times during my tenure on the board the information that was used to manage walks, select teams, email community, newsletters, etc. were managed with pass down rosters with different formats and incomplete information because there was not a central point for maintaining this information. This database can meet all of our needs while maintaining an ongoing history of our walks, gatherings, boards, newsletters, community legal documents and more.

I will caution that the database is still under development and needs feedback from you, our PR Emmaus community.

You can start by logging into the site below and registering. If you have problems attempting to register or login, just contact me at rtmm@cox.net or csmrtm@hotmail.com.

You can also contact me after 4 PM weekdays at 757-224-6285.

Link:

http://prec.inetmember.com/Default_CMS.aspx

Your PR Emmaus Community Treasurer Rod Moore

Emmaus Board – Opportunities to Serve

The most precious gift you can give is the gift of your time. Are you using your spiritual gifts? **1 Peter 4:10 states "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."**

There are many ways you can share your gifts by serving on the Peninsula Rainbow Board of Directors. First, pray about it. Second call me, Virginia Leftwich at 240-5714 or email vanurse417@aol.com. We can discuss the opportunities available on the Peninsula Rainbow Board. Elections will be at our November Gathering. I am waiting for you to call!

PRE Board of Directors

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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

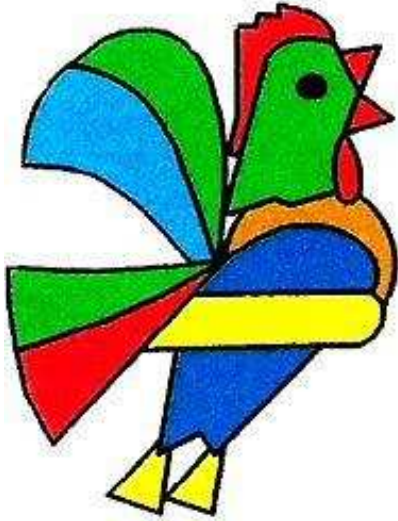
Parkview Starlights – Contact: Sara Price, 595-6255, pigs4sp@aol.com
Meets 3rd Tuesday of each month at Parkview UMC, Briarfield Road in Newport News

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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Do you have comments or questions on the newsletter?
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