



# Peninsula Rainbow Emmaus Community Newsletter



## June 2011

### June 2011 Picnic/Gathering

**Come Visit  
our new Walk Site!  
Camp Piankatank  
1586 Stamper's Bay Rd  
Hartfield, VA 23071  
Sat June 11, 2011  
Arrive 1PM fellowship  
Guided Tours at 2, 3, 4 PM  
4:30 PM Pot Luck Dinner  
6:00 PM Gathering & Worship**

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**July Gathering  
July 22, 2011 7PM  
Christ UMC  
Newport News, VA**

**August Gathering  
Taste of Emmaus**

## The Calling

Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is to you, and to your children, and even to the Gentiles—all who have been called by the Lord our God."

Acts 2: 38-39

## Community Lay Director's Note

Brothers & Sisters,

On May 11th I sent a letter outlining ways that this community needs you. I am overwhelmed by your responses. In those emails and calls there is a common comment...I didn't know that I was needed. Well just in case you haven't gotten the message, **YOU are needed**. Remember at the end of your walk weekend you heard 'Christ is Counting on You' and you responded 'And I am counting on Christ'. To have Peninsula Rainbow Emmaus be a vibrant ministry it takes all of us doing our part. I love you and want to see you! You are important.

Where is God calling you to serve him in this community? Praying, Teaming, Sponsoring or using your Musical Talent? Are you clergy? Laity and Clergy are to be partners in this ministry. We are struggling with having clergy present and active in our community.

Are you able to help financially? No donation is too small. In addition to our regular expenses we need to replace our 2 laptops and projectors. Together with prayer and action we can make anything happen!

We as a Body of Christ are called to strengthen our churches, to love one another unconditionally and to Worship God with gratitude and joy. I love that my Walk to Emmaus has helped strengthen my relationship with Jesus Christ. I am grateful for my Christian brothers and sisters who have mentored me on this journey. Ten years ago I had no idea that I needed to be closer to Jesus. Today I can't get enough of Him. My Emmaus weekend helped to change my life. I thank God every single day for blessing me with this experience.

Call or email me and we can talk about where you are needed. Come to Wesley UMC on May 27th and Camp Piankatank on June 11th so we can worship God together. "And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them."~ Romans 8:28, NLT  
I love you and I miss you. I'm looking forward to seeing you soon.  
DeColores!

**Doe Breen PR 24 CLD [doeann7481@yahoo.com](mailto:doeann7481@yahoo.com) 804-642-0933**

**God Needs You. He has called you – by name.**

**Christ is counting on you....**

**to be His Hands and Feet in your local community,**

**to be a leader in your local congregation, and to**

**encourage future leaders through sponsorship!**

**Mens Walk PR63 Sept 29 to Oct 2, 2011 LD- Jerry Lawson**

**Women's Walk PR64 Oct 13 to 16, 2011 LD- Kandi Rowe**

**Are you living into your Fourth Day? Are you counting on Christ?**

## COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR'S NOTE

### Lively or Dead?

Most "church growth experts" agree that we now live in a "post-Christian" or "unchurched" society. That does not mean that people no longer believe in God. What it means is that people today have separated the miracle of faith from the institution of the church. One researcher suggests that between 70 and 85 percent of unchurched people identify religion as important or very important in their lives. Between 40 and 60 percent say they pray to God daily or weekly. In other words, many people today identify themselves as people of faith, but choose not to be a part of a congregation. This is not the case in a "churched" society. But **we don't live in a "churched" society any more** especially in Hampton Roads, Virginia where over 70% of the people in the area do not attend church on Sunday morning! We live in an "unchurched" society where people don't see the Church as necessary for faith and faith development. This fact, which seems to us a paradox, is a reality for over 80 million unchurched people living in this country.

Congregations that take seriously the "Great Commission"-to make disciples of all people- have made the transition from an "inward focused" approach to evangelism to an "Outward Focused" approach. The question I've been dealing with lately is whether our churches have made this transition. We most certainly have in some ways but we have a ways to go in others.

If a congregation does not make the transition from the inward focus to the outward focus it will eventually die. Let me give you some comparisons and contrasts:

#### Inward Focused Church

Primary focus of ministry is on the needs and desires of current members.

Believe "Mission" refers to bringing Christ to heathen people in foreign countries.

See evangelism as the job of the pastor, professional missionaries and/or the "Outreach Committee."

Believes that people join a particular congregation because of its denomination.

Worships the same way it always has, and expects new people to accept it and understand it.

#### Outward Focused Church

Sees itself as a "mission outpost" in an important mission field. "You are now entering your mission field!"

Believe that everyone is involved in the mission and outreach work of the congregation. Neighborhood is the primary mission field!

Take good care of current members but primary focus is to reach out with the love of Jesus to a broken and hurting people who are not currently members.

Knows that people join a particular congregation because of the quality of its ministries and outreach.

Discovers new ways to worship that are more relevant and inviting to people who are not currently a part of the congregation.

It is a lot more work being a congregation in an Outward Focused Church. But it's also a wonderfully exciting challenge! I really like what we're doing in a lot of our churches, but I think we can do it better, and with God's help, continue to bring the good news of Jesus Christ to this unchurched environment in which we live.

One final thing I'd like to share with you that I found in one of my files:

A lively church has parking problems;  
a dead church doesn't.

A lively church has lots of "noisy" children and young people;  
a dead church is fairly quiet.

A lively church often changes the way things are done;  
a dead church doesn't.

A lively church often asks for more program and mission money;  
a dead church tries to keep plenty of money in the treasury.

A lively church asks people to open up and risk involvement;  
a dead church plays it safe and never risks.

A lively church sees challenges and opportunities;  
a dead church sees problems and dangers.

A lively church apologizes, forgives, and seeks forgiveness;  
a dead church never makes mistakes.

A lively church uses its tradition and facilities to serve people;  
a dead church uses people to preserve facilities and traditions.

A lively church believes in God's future and "lets go" with faith;  
a dead church believes in the past and "holds on."

A lively church is filled with committed givers;  
a dead church is filled with tippers.

A lively church dares to dream great dreams for God's kingdom;  
a dead church has nightmares.

In Christ for the unchurched,

**Jeff Cannon Community Spiritual Director**

*You are the church! Are you inside out? Are you a lively faithful fourth day servant?*

## **FOURTH DAY NEWS**

### **EMMAUS AND CHRYSALIS PRESENTATIONS AT YOUR CHURCH**

I don't like to start out on a negative note, but...I am disappointed that no one has asked to have an Emmaus or Chrysalis presentation at their church. The future success of OUR community is in "4th Day" living, not the walks. We need to strengthen Emmaus in our local churches. Doe's presentation at Wesley was very successful, and I know it will bring another person closer to Christ that we might not have known about otherwise. We've had 2 girls "fly" Chrysalis this year and they are also anxious to share their experience with your youth group. These are great opportunities, please take advantage of them.

God Bless, Shaun Smith      [RShaunSmith@verizon.net](mailto:RShaunSmith@verizon.net)      757-408-5433

**Shaun Smith PR51 Fourth Day Chair**

## **AGAPE – Offerings of Unconditional Love**

June is the month of weddings.....which means love. I love love.....The picnic at Piankatank will be here before we know it. I hope all of you will come out and see the new place for the walk. We will be making some agape that day, so be sure to come and join us. I do hope each of you have been making agape so far this year, and that we will have loads to give to our pilgrims on this first walk at our new place.

The end of September will be here before we know it so let's all get busy and show the new pilgrims all the love that we received on our walks. DeColores!

**Gwen Rutherford PR54 Agape Chair**

## JUNE 11<sup>th</sup> PICNIC GATHERING at CAMP PIANKATANK



Tired of fighting traffic? Do as Jesus did. Luke 5:16 tells us that Jesus went away to a lonely place and prayed. Take a friend with you because in Matthew, God tells us that where two or three are gathered in Jesus name, He is there among us.

Once you've gathered friends or family members, pack up a picnic dinner, snacks to share, folding chairs or blanket, your bathing suit and take a scenic drive to beautiful Camp Piankatank in Hartsfield Virginia.

Not sure how to get there? Follow these directions from Hampton.

Mapquest <http://mapq.st/lxzUTJ>

The entire camp has been reserved for our Peninsula Rainbow Emmaus Community. You may arrive anytime after 1 p.m. Steve and Niki Gourley (Camp Directors) and their staff will be giving tours at 2, 3 and 4 pm. The swimming pool will be open from 1 until 4 pm. For safety purposes, children must have an adult with them (a lifeguard will be on duty). There will be an agape crafts area open for all age groups from 2 - 4 pm. We will be making agape for the fall walks, so come prepared to be creative and have fun.

The camp does have refrigerators available for us to use, so you can bring your cold items to the dining hall. There's also an oven to keep hot items warmed. We will begin setting up for dinner at 4 pm and have a buffet style, covered dish pot luck meal at 4:30. Clean up will be around 5:30 pm and Gathering worship will begin at 6 pm. We will share in Holy Communion. After being refreshed in the great outdoors we will be closing around 8 pm to head home.

We are looking forward to showing you the beautiful site that was chosen for our fall walks and to have fellowship with you!

DeColores!

Ruth Rodriguez and Cathy Williamson

**Cathy Williamson - Gatherings Chair**

### **TEAMING FOR PR63 AND PR64**

I hope that you all will be at the Community picnic at Camp Piankatank this month. It would be a great opportunity to tour the site for the fall Walks. I also hope that you will bring along a Teaming Application. If you don't bring one, I have one there for you.

We need applications from first-time teamers, second- and third-time teamers, and experienced teamers. We are looking at holding Team selection in late July because teaming must start soon after in August. You'll find a Team Application on the website if you cannot bring one to the picnic.

These two Walks will be a challenge for us, but we will not be alone. We trust that God will equip us to prepare for, and conduct, the Walks for His glory. DeColores.

**Bruce Burroughs, PR1, Team Selection Chair**

**Is Christ calling you to be 'one part' of an Emmaus team?**

## TREASURERS REPORT

### April Financial Report:

\$2614.66 Balance as of 3/31/11

\$ 235.00 donations/offering

\$ 117.45 outflow

\$2732.21 Balance as of 4/30/11

### Peninsula Rainbow Emmaus 2011 Financial Statement

Date	check #	Description	Memo	Income	Payment
12/31/10			carry over 2010 balance	2,731.00	
<b>January</b>				<b>408.75</b>	<b>119.35</b>
<b>February</b>				<b>305.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>March</b>				<b>130.00</b>	<b>840.74</b>
4/6/2011	658	Internet Membership Systems	Hosting & Management for April, May, June 2011		59.85
4/8/2011	debit card	ICDSOFT.com	1 yr. web hosting fee		57.60
4/16/2011		deposit	offering from April gathering (\$210)	235.00	
			donation rec'd in mail (\$25)		
<b>April</b>				<b>235.00</b>	<b>117.45</b>
<b>YTD Income</b>				<b>1,078.75</b>	
<b>YTD Payments</b>					<b>1,077.54</b>
<b>Balance</b>					<b>2,732.21</b>

Notes: Currently ytd account balance is + \$1.21; the balance includes a \$100.00 anonymous donation received in March to cover part of rental of Camp Piankatank for the June gathering. If there are any questions or concerns relating to the financial report, please contact me via e-mail at [lynnlandrum53@yahoo.com](mailto:lynnlandrum53@yahoo.com) or via phone at 757-850-3398.

### Lynn Landrum – PR Treasurer

#### Secretary's Note – God is calling you! Do you hear Him?

Answer the first time He calls! Even if He gets a busy signal, He will call again! He needs you! We need you! What an awesome God we serve and what a privilege to serve by being a member of your **Peninsula Rainbow Emmaus Board of Directors**. We are excited about the opportunity of adding new Board members beginning in January 2012 who will serve for three years. We are also excited about adding one person for a one year term and one person for a two year term.

Please pray about joining us to serve your community by being a member of the Board. Email me, Virginia Leftwich at [vanurse417@aol.com](mailto:vanurse417@aol.com) or call me at 757-240-5714 and share how you feel God is calling you. I will be happy to discuss in detail the opportunities to serve.

**“And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.” Romans 8:28 NLT**

### PR Secretary – Virginia Leftwich

## **REGISTRAR'S REPORT Sponsorship**

In May we celebrate Mother's Day with flowers, in June our Fathers may receive a new tie, but what do we get for our Pastor on National Clergy Appreciation Day in October?

Why not give them a 72 hour "Spa Treatment". You know the one! The one where they are cradled in the arms of Jesus, massaged by the Holy Spirit and treated with that special balm of Agape. Doesn't your Pastor deserve that special "Gift"? Now is the time to begin the process. We know that God decides whom we should sponsor and when. We simply need to remain attentive to God's leading and patiently "wait on the Lord!" Pray, discuss and answer any questions your Pastor might have. When the time is right, it will happen.

Now some of you might be asking, "What if my Pastor has already walked?" Great! Approach them and talk about serving on a team. Pilgrim & Teaming Applications are available on our website [www.premmaus.com](http://www.premmaus.com).

While I'm on the subject of our Fall Walks, do you know that special person in your congregation? You know the one, the one who could use a boost in their spiritual journey with Jesus Christ. We have space available for up to 30 Pilgrims for each walk. Don't wait until the last minute. Download the application today and keep it with you. Make sure you are ready when they are.

### **Men's Walk September 29 - October 2, 2011 (PR63)**

*Pilgrim Application due by August 29*

### **Women's Walk October 13 - 16, 2011 (PR64)**

*Pilgrim Application due by September 13*

If you need any assistance or have any questions concerning the application, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at: [preregistrar@yahoo.com](mailto:preregistrar@yahoo.com) or (757) 538-2810. YBIC Stan Bowen

**Stan Bowen, Registrar for Peninsula Rainbow Emmaus Community**

**Christ is counting on You!**

### **Community's Links**

Peninsula Rainbow Emmaus Website: [www.premmaus.com](http://www.premmaus.com)

Upper Room Emmaus Website: <http://www.upperroom.com/emmaus/>

Tidewater Emmaus Website: [www.tidewateremmaus.org](http://www.tidewateremmaus.org)



Visit us on facebook at Peninsula Rainbow Emmaus Community!

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## Peninsula Rainbow Emmaus Reunion Group Listing

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 [dogstars@cox.net](mailto:dogstars@cox.net)  
Meets 1st Tuesday @ 7:00 PM  
Aldersgate UMC

### Babe Chicks

Contact: Debi McNichol 757-761-0648  
[justdlm@hotmail.com](mailto:justdlm@hotmail.com)  
Contact Debi for meeting date, time, and location

### Beautiful Feet

Contact: Dave Hirlinger [davehi@cox.net](mailto:davehi@cox.net)  
Meets last Saturday of each month 9:00am @  
2nd Presbyterian Church Newport News

### Bethany UMC

Contact: Doe Breen 804-642-0933  
[doeann7481@yahoo.com](mailto:doeann7481@yahoo.com)

### Faithful Frogs

Contact: Linda Trier, 757-562-7925,  
[raakkulia1@aol.com](mailto:raakkulia1@aol.com)  
2nd and 4th Thursday at 6 p.m., Grace Memorial  
UMC,  
31036 Peachtree St., Sedley

### Gloucester Presbyterian Church

Contact: Barbara Coulson 804-693-8502  
Meets every Wednesday 12:00 noon

### Helping Hands

Contact: Lori Irwin [lirwin@sigfin.com](mailto:lirwin@sigfin.com)  
757-393-1161  
Meets every Wednesday @ Magnolia  
UMC/Suffolk @ 7:00  
Women's group/bible study & agape

### Kilmarnock UMC/Men's Group

Contact: Jay Siddons [jaysiddons@hotmail.com](mailto:jaysiddons@hotmail.com)  
Meets @ Lee's Restaurant Sundays @ 8:00 AM

Not I But Christ Reunion Group Contact: George  
Morris, 757-508-2516,

[notibutchristreuniongroup@gmail.com](mailto:notibutchristreuniongroup@gmail.com)  
3rd Saturday at 5 p.m.

### Parkview Starlights

Contact: Sara Price 757-595-6255  
[pigs4sp@aol.com](mailto:pigs4sp@aol.com)  
Meets 3rd Tuesday of month @ Parkview UMC

### Pass It On-

Contact: Connie Schubert 757-986-3279  
Meets 2nd Saturday @ 7:00 PM Magnolia  
UMC/Suffolk

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

### 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,  
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3rd Monday at 7 p.m., Wesley UMC, 2510 N.  
Armistead Ave., Hampton

### Warwick Memorial UMC

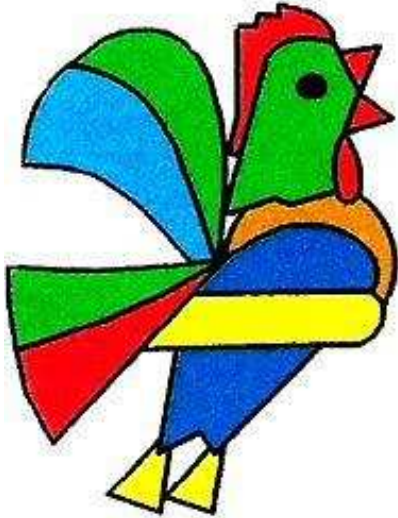
Contact: Fred Townsend 757 877-7916  
[ftgolf@aol.com](mailto:ftgolf@aol.com)  
Meets 3rd Thursday each month/different  
homes

### "Fresh Beginnings Reunion Group"

1st Thursday of each month at 7 pm Magnolia  
United Methodist Church  
1764 Wilroy Rd. Suffolk  
Linda Stroud 757-377-6413  
John Stroud 757-377-6180

### Williamsburg Area Reunion Group.

Contact Ruth Rodriguez  
Meets 2nd Thurs of month at 7PM  
Contact Ruth 937-248-8076 or Tom 757-291-  
4195 for dates and Location.



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Do you have comments or questions on the newsletter?  
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