



Peninsula Rainbow Emmaus Community Newsletter



Oct 2011

October Gathering

**Friday Oct 28, 2011 7:00 PM
Warwick Memorial UMC
38 Hoopes Rd
Newport News, VA**



GATHERING NOTE

A big 'THANK YOU!' to all who attended the Taste of Emmaus

Happy Fall Y'All!

The leaves are starting to change colors, the temperatures are getting a little cooler, harvest time is upon us and with it comes a time of Thanksgiving.

In our time of thanksgiving there is value in remembering what God has done. Do you remember how loved you felt on your walk? That's the very epitome of God's love and He wants you to continue to share it. Come join with others in remembering your walk in praise and worship at our next Gathering. Your presence and prayers can help strengthen our Emmaus Community!

The Gathering for the month of October will be at Warwick Memorial United Methodist Church, 38 Hoopes Rd., in the Denbigh section of Newport News. It will be Friday, Oct. 28 at 7 p.m. Praying you can attend!

Here's the directions on how to get there.....

To view your map, click on the link below or copy and paste it to your browser:
<http://mapq.st/qTHHna>

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Cathy Williamson, Gatherings Chair

Community Lay Director's Note

Brothers and Sisters,

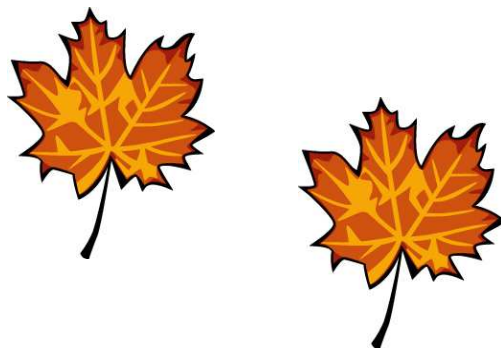
Fall is in the air! We've had some beautiful days of temperatures in the 70's and wonderful cool nights to sleep with the bedroom windows open. I love Fall! I'm looking forward to seeing how God will paint the landscape with oranges and reds. In my Monday evening woman's Bible study we are studying Angels. I'm finding this to be an eye opening study. Angels made the choice at the beginning of the universe to be with God, to be obedient to Him, to never question what He asks of them. They simply do as He asks. God has Seraphim who sing praises to Him continually in the highest realm (Isaiah 6:1-6). How humbling it is to think that He allows us, disobedient human sinners that we are, to worship Him. Oh, how HE loves us!

We had approximately 60 people at Taste of Emmaus. We worshipped God through fellowship, prayer and song. We shared testimonies and hugs. We celebrated Holy Communion together. We hosted 9 prospective pilgrims. It was a wonderful evening. If you were not at Taste of Emmaus, please know that you were missed. I'm looking forward to seeing each of you at our October Gathering!

Thank you for all of your prayers, positive notes, phone calls and emails. Thank you for your continued prayers for your Board of Directors and for your Emmaus Community. You are in my daily prayers. May God continue to bless each of you as you serve Him.

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FOURTH DAY NOTE Are you a "worshiper" or a "doubter"?

Let's start with these words from Jesus:

The Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20)

16 Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Are you a "worshiper" or a "doubter"?

We, the board and others, have tried in several ways to get more interest in being a "Community" and there have been some bright spots this year. Unfortunately, there have been more "dark spots" than light.

After the Taste of Emmaus gathering one thing I realized is this: It is the board's responsibility to create a place to have gatherings and walks and to put together teams for the walks; this is where the majority of our responsibility stops and yours, the Peninsula Rainbow Community, begins.

Gatherings are an opportunity to come and celebrate together our love for Christ. The board creates an environment for you to do so. It is your, the community's, responsibility to come and do so.

Sometimes our music isn't all that it could be, but God doesn't care, He just wants a joyful noise. The last two gatherings we've had to beg and plead to get musicians. Be a part of the solution, step up, volunteer, call community musicians and help them to get to the gatherings.

Walks are an opportunity for us to help others experience what we have, to help people come closer to God, to love Jesus even more than they do now AND to realize that they are loved more than they could ever imagine.

You, the community, are there to make this happen.

There are over 1,500 people that have walked PR Emmaus yet only 50 show up to gatherings. We have only had one set of walks for the past 2 years and were unable to have one this fall for lack of pilgrims. How is it that this many disciples, men and women that love God, who have had wonderful experiences on their Emmaus walk, and many more on their 4th Day, don't share what you've been so freely given?

It's time to step up, step up for your community, step up for Jesus, step up to share LOVE. This month we are taking nominations for the board, are you willing to be a more active part of your community? Are you willing to sponsor pilgrims for the spring walks?, are you willing to team?

Are you willing to serve?

God Bless, Shaun RShaunSmith@gmail.com 757-408-5433

Fourth Day Chair R. Shaun Smith PR51

Registrar's Message

Taste My Jesus [From www.godvine.com]

At the University of Chicago Divinity School each year they have what they called "Baptist Day." On this day each one is to bring a lunch to be eaten out of doors in a grassy picnic area. Every "Baptist Day" the school would invite one of the greatest minds to lecture in the Theological Educational Center.

One year they invited Dr. Paul Tillich. Dr. Tillich spoke for two and one-half hours "proving" that the resurrection of Jesus was false. He quoted scholar after scholar and book after book. He concluded that since there was no such thing as the resurrection, the religious tradition of the church was groundless, emotional mumbo-jumbo, because it was based on a relationship with a risen Jesus, who in fact never rose from the dead in any literal sense.

He then asked if there were any questions. After about 30 seconds, an old dark-skinned preacher with a head of short-cropped wooly white hair stood up in the back. "Doctor, I got one question." All eyes turned toward him. He reached into his sack lunch and pulled out an apple and began eating it.

"Doctor Tillich ... CRUNCH, MUNCH, my question is a simple question, ... CRUNCH MUNCH ... "Now I never read them books you read. CRUNCH MUNCH ... "and I can't recite the Scriptures in the original Greek ... CRUNCH MUNCH ... "And I don't know about Niebuhr and Heidegger ... CRUNCH MUNCH.

He finished his apple "All I want to know is: This apple I just ate ... was it bitter or sweet?" Dr. Tillich paused for a moment and answered in exemplary scholarly fashion: "I cannot possibly answer that message, for I haven't tasted your apple."

The white-haired preacher dropped the core of his apple into his crumpled paper bag, looked at Dr. Tillich and calmly said, "Neither have you tasted my Jesus".

The 1000 plus in attendance could not contain themselves. The crowd erupted with applause and cheers. Dr. Tillich thanked his audience and promptly left.

Our Community needs your prayer...a prayer asking for pilgrims for our next walks. It is a big responsibility to sponsor someone but a most rewarding one. As an instructor I enjoy gathering my materials together and organizing my thoughts in a program in which I have placed my love of the subject and my passion for the topic I am presenting.

As a sponsor I also feel the same emotions! Lead by the Holy Spirit, I know that I will offer the Pilgrim the opportunity to come face to face with the teachings of Christ. As you are aware, each pilgrim has a unique experience during their walk. Your preparation for sponsoring that pilgrim is the chance to fulfill God's calling to offer His word, His love, and His peace to the pilgrim.

Will you offer someone a chance to "Taste My Jesus"?

Stan Bowen, Registrar preregistrar@yahoo.com

The Cost of Discipleship

Jesus often told of the joys and benefits of belonging to the Kingdom.

In this passage he talks about what it might cost you.

Matt 10:34-37

“Don’t imagine that I came to bring peace to the earth!

I came not to bring peace, but a sword.

I have come to set a man against his father,

a daughter against her mother,

and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.

Your enemies will be right in your own household!

If you love your father or mother more than you love me,

you are not worthy of being mine;

or if you love your son or daughter more than me,

you are not worthy of being mine;

If you refuse to take up your cross and follow me,

you are not worthy of being mine,

If you cling to your life, you will lose it;

but if you give up your life for me, you will find it..”

This is a hard message to hear and understand. Jesus is asking for nothing less than total surrender to his will. It is natural for human

beings to love and defend our families and ourselves.

Jesus asks for even more than this. He asks us to put Him first.

Are we really ready to accept this challenge?

Have we forgotten that Christ is counting on us.

TREASURERS REPORT

August Financial Report:

\$2590.39 Balance as of 7/31/11

\$ 185.00 outflow

\$2405.39 Balance as of 8/31/11

Peninsula Rainbow Emmaus 2011 Financial Statement					
Date	check #	Description	Memo	Income	Payment
12/31/2010			carry over 2010 balance	2,731.00	
January				408.75	119.35
February				305.00	0.00
March				130.00	840.74
April				235.00	117.45
May				353.89	0.00
June				237.00	272.31
July				210.00	670.40
8/5/2011	663	CCLI	Copyright License		185.00
August				0.00	185.00
YTD Income				1,879.64	
YTD Payments					2,205.25
Balance					2,405.39
Notes:	** Deposit forfeited for the fall walks will be posted in September (\$2313)				
If you were (are) unable to attend the Taste of Emmaus or gatherings and would like to make a donation-					
donations can be made anytime by mailing a					
check to:					
Peninsula Rainbow Emmaus, P.O. Box 7743, Hampton, VA23666					

Lynn Landrum – PR Treasurer

Community's Links

Peninsula Rainbow Emmaus Website:

www.premmaus.com

Upper Room Emmaus Website:

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

Tidewater Emmaus Website:

www.tidewateremmaus.org

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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:
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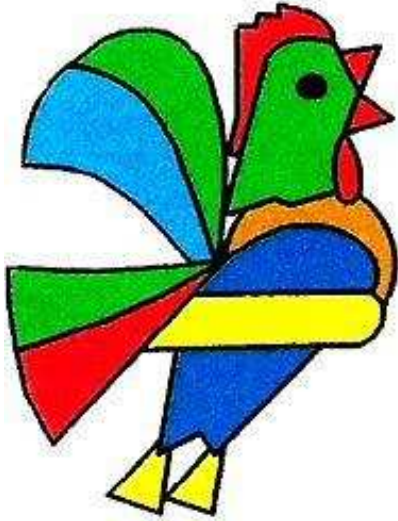
Aldersgate Heartwarmers- Contact: Rick Jacobson dosgstars@cox.net
Meets 1st Tuesday @ 7:00 PM Aldersgate UMC

Babe Chicks- Contact: Debi McNichol 761-0648 justdlm@hotmail.com
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