



# *Peninsula Rainbow Emmaus Community Newsletter*



## *January 2012*

### **Digging Deeper**

Celebration and Training

for the Entire Peninsula Rainbow Emmaus Community  
Breakfast, Fellowship, Deep Training, and

**CHILI Cookoff**

**Saturday Jan 21, 2012 8:30 AM to 1 PM**

**Wesley UMC**

2510 N. Armistead Ave, Hampton, VA 23666

### **January 2012 Gathering**

**Friday, January 27 at St. Luke's UMC**

**300 Ella Taylor Rd. in Grafton at 7 pm**

*“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;  
I have summoned you by name;  
you are mine.*

*When you pass through the waters,  
I will be with you;*

*and when you pass through the rivers,  
they will not sweep over you.*

*When you walk through the fire,  
you will not be burned;*

*the flames will not set you ablaze.*

*For I am the LORD, your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior  
Isaiah 43:1-3*

## New Community Lay Director's Note

**“Though none go with me still I will follow. “**

Your Peninsula Rainbow Emmaus Board has selected me to be your Community Lay Director for 2012. I was neither looking for or expecting this new assignment. I arrived at the December Board meeting assuming that I would remain in my comfort zone, editing the monthly newsletter for the coming year. At the urging of several friends, I have accepted responsibility for this new position.

I care deeply about this Emmaus community and I am honored to be chosen. Still, the night after that December board meeting, I slept very little. A great many things were running through my head. Our community, as well as others, is struggling right now. We are short of spiritual directors, short of money, and short of community involvement. We were unable to get enough pilgrim applications to move forward with walks last year, and have not yet begun the process for hosting 2012 walks. It would be easy to lead a community with no obvious problems. This on the other hand, is going to be like wrestling a grizzly bear.

I also began to realize that leading the local Emmaus community has extended implications. If we are who we are supposed to be, then our members are leaders of their local churches. That means that a CLD is responsible for leading the leaders. Will the things I say and do, inspire and influence church communities across the Peninsula and beyond the rivers on both sides? Its too much. I found myself praying a simple prayer; "Lord show me how to lead your people. I don't have a clue."

After some prayer and thought, several things have become clear to me.

- 1) One thing that seems very definite is this; I need help! I can accomplish very little by myself. I keep hearing the lyrics from an Emmaus song: "Though none go with me, still I will follow." When we decide to follow Jesus, sometimes we feel like we are walking alone, but we never are. It just feels like none go with us. We need to remain faithful even when the situation seems hopeless, and remember that He walks with us. I believe the Emmaus movement grew from the will of God and will prosper again in God's time. We need God, and we need each other to restore the power of Emmaus. This is not over yet.
- 2) There seem to be a lot of people who have lost interest in the Walk to Emmaus. Some have become so busy that they no longer make time for Emmaus activities. Some left the community because someone said or did something that hurt or offended them. Some also question if the season for the Walk to Emmaus has come and passed. I've heard others badmouthing us, saying that "those Emmaus people" caused conflicts in the local church, leading to members leaving the congregation. Bad press is nothing new to Christian leaders. Take a minute to look up Acts 17:5-6 and hear what the world had to say about those trouble makers Paul and Silas. We can't fix what's been done in the past. We can't eliminate all the bad feelings. We can only try to put the past and the negative comments from "the world behind us" and put "the cross before us"

- 3) The need for the Walk to Emmaus is still with us. There are still lots of dead or dying congregations among us. There are lots of uninspired, bored church members searching for love, meaning, purpose and forgiveness. There are still plenty of hurting people in the world waiting to be introduced to Jesus. They need our witness. The churches need inspired leaders. The Walk to Emmaus can still help relight the pilot light in dying congregations. We can be part of the solution. We need to rediscover our purpose.
- 4) We have to change to survive. Some of the things we are doing are not working, and we need new ideas to move forward. There is nothing wrong with the Emmaus model. I'm not advocating changing the plan for the weekend. I think most of the things that need to change are either before a weekend or in the followup. We need to make sure that sponsorship is strong before, during, and especially after the walk.

So I think we need some new ideas. Do you have some? Let us know. Come help us wrestle that bear. We also need to remain faithful, trust God, and do everything with excellence. We need to be a community that loves each other, loves God and works to change the world. Pray for this community. May we all have a blessed New Year. DeColores!

**Phil Stout PR 28 CLD for 2012** [pajstout@juno.com](mailto:pajstout@juno.com) **757-927-5901**

## SECRETARY'S NOTE

### THANK YOU:

Doe Breen	Shaun Smith
Cathy Williamson	Joe Hunnicutt
Gwen Rutherford	Virginia Leftwich
George Morris	

The Community thanks you for your service on the Board

We are also saying thank you and good bye to our Assistant Spiritual Director, Carla Stearns. Her love and support of this Community will continue to make a difference.

### CONGRATULATIONS:

Marsha Germek	Lou Rader
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The Community thanks you for answering the call to serve as new Board Members.

The Lord says, "*I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you.....*" Psalm 32:8 NLT.

May it be so for our former Board members, our new Board members and our Community. May 2012 be as God directs each of us.

Virginia Leftwich, Secretary, 2011

**Virginia Leftwich, Past Year's Board Secretary**

**We are still looking for a few more good people!**

## **FOURTH DAY CELEBRATION – DIGGING DEEPER**

We have an event planned for Saturday January 21<sup>st</sup> called **Digging Deeper**. Unlike a Day of Deeper Understanding(DODU), Digging Deeper is not just for new members who walked recently. It is intended to be a celebration and reaffirmation for **all** of the Peninsula Rainbow Emmaus community.

Many people who walked several years ago, may have forgotten some of the details of the walk, and even if your memory is perfect, the Upper Room has made some changes to the Emmaus model over the years. You can **not** assume, that you all ready know all there is to know about the Walk to Emmaus.

The PR Emmaus Board is particularly concerned about sponsorship. We have seen some errors over the last few years that suggest that at least some PR members need a refresher on how to sponsor. Good sponsors have obligations to their pilgrims and the greater community. We all need to know what those responsibilities are. **If you are thinking of sponsoring a pilgrim on a future walk, even if you have sponsored before, you really need to make an effort to attend Digging Deeper.**

Do you know what to tell your pilgrim if they ask about candlelight or the Sunday letters? Did you know there is a new opening film for Thursday evening? Do you know all of your obligations as a sponsor before, during, and after a walk? I expect most of you will discover some things you did not know. This is an opportunity for you to be retrained so that you can become a truly excellent sponsor.

We hope that Digging Deeper will also be a celebration. There will be a simple breakfast before the training sessions. As always we'll have music and fellowship. Afterwards , lunch will be a **CHILI Cook off**. Please bring a batch of your favorite chili recipe and side dishes that cool your mouth. This should be a lot of fun on a cold January day. Our community needs renewal and growth. We can not do it without you. Come enjoy!

### **Fourth Day**

#### **Gatherings Note**

#### **Happy New Year!**

Praying this finds one and all basking in God's love and pondering what He has in store for us in 2012! If we could feel as close to God as we do at Christmas and at a Candlelight Service we would all have more peace in our lives.

2012 starts off with many new members on the PR Emmaus Board and other new beginnings in each of our lives. If you haven't been to a Gathering in a while please consider making attendance at them one of your New Year's Resolutions! We would love to get reacquainted, and your smiling face would add joy to the Gathering! It would be a wonderful way to meet the new board members and support your PR Community! Our new Gatherings Chair, **Lou Rader**, would love to have you join us.

The next Gathering will be Friday, January 27 at St. Luke's United Methodist Church at 300 Ella Taylor Rd. in Grafton at 7 pm.

<http://mapq.st/sWIZXU>

"The God of peace be with you all." Romans 15:33 DeColores!

**Cathy Williamson, (Gatherings Chair 2011)**

## **Newsletter Editor**

I have enjoyed toying with the Emmaus newsletter during the past 17 months. I have tried to deliver a newsletter that was clean, attractive, mistake free and timely. It has been at times aggravating and at times rewarding. Thank you for allowing me to serve you as your newsletter editor. Surprisingly, I think I will miss this monthly task. Marsha Germek will be taking over next month and I'm sure she will do a fine job.

**Phil Stout (Editor for 2011)**

## **TEAMING NEWS for 2012**

I still have the team applications for PR63 and PR64 – the fall 2011 Walks that were postponed. Even though we do not have dates or even locations for the Walks in 2012, I thought I would check and see how many of these applicants are still interested in teaming in 2012 and to remind the rest of you that we are always in need of new as well as experienced teamers.

Here's the list of applicants for PR63 (Men's Walk) (some applications were withdrawn and are not included here): D. Chapin, J. Bjers, M. Breen, S. Bowen, W. Emeny, R. Freiler, Rev R. Gwaltney, Rev B. McClain, Rev E. Merry, G. Paxton, L. Rader, Rev T. Rodriguez, A. Rutherford, S. Rowe, A. Schubert, B. Taylor, D. Toothman, and D. Williamson.

Here's the list of applicants for PR64 (Women's Walk) (some applications were withdrawn and are not included here): C. Bowen, E. Burroughs, J. Chapin, J. Drummond, S. Duke, N. Gumbert, D. Hartz, D. Johnson, L. Landrum, C. Martin, S. Massey, M. Miller, L. Paiva, V. Pittman, L. Prey, N. Rickabaugh, R. Rodriguez, Rev T. Rodriguez, K. Rowe, Rev P. Seeley, S. Schwartzlow, S. Staples, A. Wahlstrom, and J. Webb.

Again, we do not have dates or locations for the 2012 Walks. If you are listed above and want your application withdrawn for any 2012 Walks, let me know ([bbburroughs@cox.net](mailto:bbburroughs@cox.net)). If you are not listed above and would like to team in 2012, I would like to know that as well.

Hope to see you all at the Digging Deeper session on 21 January 2012, when we can review teaming in greater detail.

DeColores, Bruce Burroughs, PR#1, Team Selection

**DeColores, Bruce Burroughs, PR-1, Team Selection Chair**

## **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!](#)

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### November Financial Report:

\$ 730.54 Balance as of 10/31/11

\$ 331.00 11/19/11 Gathering Offering & 1 Pilgrim fee

\$ 25.00 outflow

\$1036.54 Balance as of 11/30/11

### Peninsula Rainbow Emmaus 2011 Financial Statement

Date	check #	Desc.	Memo	Income	Payment
12/31/2010			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>
<b>April</b>				<b>235.00</b>	<b>117.45</b>
<b>May</b>				<b>353.89</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>June</b>				<b>237.00</b>	<b>272.31</b>
<b>July</b>				<b>210.00</b>	<b>670.40</b>
<b>August</b>				<b>0.00</b>	<b>185.00</b>
<b>September</b>				<b>551.00</b>	<b>2,313.00</b>
10/5/2011	665	IMS	Hosting & Mgt for Oct., Nov. & Dec. 2011		59.85
10/29/2011		Deposit	Offering from October gathering	157.00	
10/31/2011		SunTrust	Maintenance Fee (acct below \$1000)		10.00
<b>October</b>				<b>157.00</b>	<b>69.85</b>
11/2/2011		Deposit	Pilgrim Fee for Bob Nardozzi	180.00	
11/21/2011		Deposit	Offering from 11/19/11 gathering	151.00	
11/22/2011	Debit Card	Va. SCC	Annual Registration		25.00
<b>November</b>				<b>331.00</b>	<b>25.00</b>
<b>YTD Income</b>				<b>2,918.64</b>	
<b>YTD Payments</b>					<b>4,613.10</b>
<b>Balance</b>					<b>1,036.54</b>

**Correction to October report: \$10.00 bank fee assessed for balance falling below \$1000.00; plans are to possibly move the account to a credit union in January 2012 to avoid fees.**

Thank you for the opportunity of serving as your treasurer in 2011, I look forward to serving in this capacity in 2012. If there are any questions or concerns relating to the PRE finance report, please give me a call at any time.

**Lynn Landrum, Treasurer**

## Peninsula Rainbow Emmaus 2012 Board of Directors

Position	Name	Home Phone	Cell Phone	Email	Class
Comm. Lay Director	Phil Stout		757-927-5901	pajstout@juno.com	2013
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Asst. Comm. Spiritual Director					
Secretary/Newsletter	Marsha Germek		804-915-3639	sashablueicess@yahoo.com	2014
Treasurer	Lynn Landrum	757-850-3398	757-871-8058	lynnlandrum53@yahoo.com	2012
Agape/Community Support/Supplies	Steve Rowe	757-539-4198	757-282-8336	asr2499@gmail.com	2012
Fourth Day	Wayne Hunley		757-869-5335	Wayne.Hunley@ngc.com	2012
Music/Gatherings	Lou Rader	757-867-9714	757-813-0000	Lourader@cox.net	2014
Registrar	Stan Bowen	757-538-2810	757-373-7422	Stanley.B.Bowen@gmail.com	2013
Reunion Groups					
Team Selection	Bruce Burroughs	757-645-3372		bbburroughs@cox.net	2012

### Peninsula Rainbow Emmaus Reunion Group Listing

**We know that there are many other reunion and accountability groups in addition to those listed. If you do not see your reunion group or need to change any information please call:**

**George Morris, Reunion Group Chair @ 757-508-2516 - De Colores!**

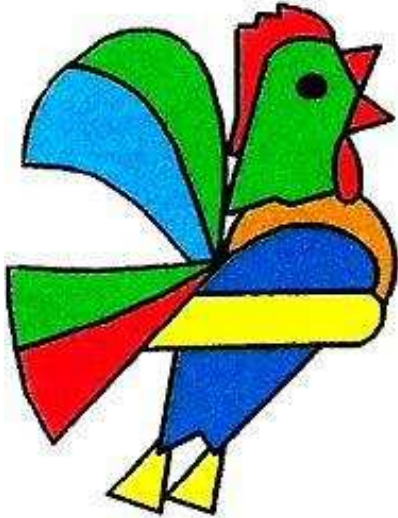
Aldersgate Heartwarmers- Contact: Rick Jacobson dosgstars@cox.net  
Meets 1st Tuesday @ 7:00 PM Aldersgate UMC

Babe Chicks- Contact: Debi McNichol 761-0648 justdlm@hotmail.com  
Contact Debi for meeting time and location.

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

Fishnet(online) **Contact Becky Gwaltney [bdramatic@aol.com](mailto:bdramatic@aol.com)**



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God is with you!***

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