

Peninsula Rainbow Emmaus

Newsletter



Community Lay Director's Notes

How's your 4th Day?

I went to the Acquire the Fire event at the TED with our Youth Group the last weekend in March and those of you that have never had the opportunity I just want to TESTIFY what a phenomenal experience this was. It was loud and alive with the Holy Spirit who surrounded these young people growing in the favor of Christ. On Saturday they performed a 2 part skit that focused on the Judgment -- the time when we will stand before God and account for what we accomplished in this life for the Kingdom of Christ.

The teenager in this skit was a popular kid and had a lot to do, being pulled in so many different directions, with sports, fame, girls and his YOUTH GROUP. It was a detailed skit and very emotional for those of us who watched as he realized what was important because this child of God was saved and had given his life to Christ and believed that Jesus was Lord and Savior, he just didn't live in the fullness of that decision.

When the time came to cast the crowns at Christ's feet and be part of that multitude and of that worship, he had no crowns to give to His Lord and he was crushed at the realization that he had spent his life on things that were superficial and now had no importance. He would spend eternity with this reality.

That weekend we were asked to make a mirror out of a piece of cardboard wrapped with tinfoil for our Youth and bring them with us. As these 1000's of kids twinkled the little mirrors in the dim pale blue smoky light, I thought of how it will be when I stand before Christ and I envisioned what I would have to offer the One that is so precious to me.

There is a lot of work to do ---- this community needs workers, please support these upcoming walks with your prayers and your presence we need you! How I ask you again, how's your 4th Day? Are you busy with being busy or does your life reflect Christ? Are you working on your crowns? I am applying for a new job, metalworker- pays not the best but the benefits last for eternity! See you at Candle- Light and Closing!

DeColores!
I love you Guys,
Kandi Rowe
CLD



Spiritual Director's Notes

NOTE TO ALL SD's. There will be a meeting for all SD's at 7 PM Crooks UMC APRIL 22nd.

"You yourselves are our letter of recommendation, written on your hearts, to be known and read by all men; and you show that **you are a letter from Christ** delivered by us, **written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God.** Not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts." (II Corinthians 2,3)

The church in Corinth was not composed of perfect people. There was much trouble in the membership; personal dissension, partisan division, lack of commitment, and moral failure.

It seems as if those early Christians lived and struggled much the same way as the people in today's church. Yet, in spite of their failures and weaknesses, Paul reminded the Corinthian Christians..."**you are a letter from Christ.**"

Every local church throughout the world, including the church which you attend, is a letter from Christ. That is an awesome thought! The letter of your church may at times be shameful and embarrassing because of the un-Christian things that may be taking place in the membership. Yet, God still needs your church to communicate the message of his love to the people of the world.

Hear the good news! The process of confession, forgiveness, and reconciliation makes it possible for the church to be a letter from Christ that is inspired by **the Spirit of the living God.**

Let us all strive to seek God's forgiveness for our failures, and commit ourselves to become more like Jesus with each passing day. Then it will be possible for our church to offer to the people of the world a true letter from Christ which will bring joy, encouragement and faith to many.

De Colores!

Mike Nobles, ASD

4th Day Happenings

Greetings brothers & sisters! I hope your **calendar's are already marked for May 31, 2008**. It's time for DODU!! Sponsors, please remember you are not done with your pilgrim until you get them to DODU. Don't leave them to flounder in the Emmaus Community waters – bring them to DODU so they can learn more about our community and they will be able to share in becoming a sponsor or a team member. **Please make sure your pilgrim has this date marked on their calendar as well.**

Where will DODU take place? St Luke's UMC, 300 Ella Taylor Rd in Yorktown.

Time: 9 am to 12 noon. **A covered dish will follow.**

Don't forget candlelight on April 19th. Please keep the Team & Pilgrims of PR53 in prayer.

In His service...

Your Sister in Christ,
Debbie Salanitro
4th Day Chair

Music Chair



I know we all like the music we sing at the Emmaus events. I need some help! If you would like to be part of the team (either instrument or singer) please send me your e-mail address and I will send music prior to the gatherings. We will gather about 6:00pm at the church to run through the line up and work out any rough parts. Come join the fun. It really is uplifting to see all those happy faces lifting praises to our Lord. Everyone needs to see it from our side looking out. It is a glorious sight to see. Come help lift our Lord up in song. If you have a favorite song you would like sung, please let me know and I will do my best to include it in the line up. Thank you.

Harriette Suggs
Community Music Chair

Team Selection

Thanks to those of you who have responded to the need for teamers. Please be in prayer for the team

and pilgrims at this time. Following is the list of teamers for both men and women:

The men of PR 53:

Stan Bowen, Anthony Budzik, Bruce Burroughs, Vic Delpiero, Ray Dinger, Bob Downs, Boyd Easter, Joe Eley, David Fields, Becky Gwaltney, Chris Harbeck, Wayne Hunley, Rick Jacobson, Rick Kessler, Jerry Lawson, George Leftwich, Jim Manner, Ed Merry, Rodney Moore, Mike Nobles, Steve Rowe, Fred Salanitro, Shaun Smith, Phil Stout, Burrell Taylor.

The women of PR54:

Debbie Boyce, Connie Bowen, Kathryn Budzik, Beth Burroughs, Susan Hammond, Tracy Cole, Joy Drummond, Michele Gelbaugh, Jenny Hall, Margaret Harbeck, Doe Hart, Sandi Hodges, Amber Hurt, Lynn Landrum, Star Lester, Shannon Massey, Marsha Miller, Carol Paige, Paul Phillips, Debbie Salanitro, Donna Smith, Carla Stearns, Nancy Strickland, Harriette Suggs, Nancy Terrell, Jill Webb.

Hold these servants up in prayer.

De Colores!
Sharon Jones, PR 31
Team Selection Chair

Registrar's Report

Preparations are well under way for the men's walk, PR53, April 17th – 20th and the women's walk, PR54, May 8th – 11th. Please keep the teams in your prayers.

The PR53 men's pilgrim list is complete. Keep them in your prayers as well. I also encourage you to be making your agape and writing letters.

Please mark your calendars for the following important events.

Send off is Thursday, April 17th, at Holy Family at 7pm. Sponsor's hour follows. Please have all sponsor fees. Make the check out to PRE or Peninsula Rainbow Emmaus. Have the name of your pilgrim on the note line. If you do not know the total that is due, please contact me at: 850-1959. For any pilgrim's whose application was received after January 2008, the pilgrim's fee is \$50.00 and the sponsor's fee is \$150.00. Before January the pilgrim's fee is \$25.00 the sponsor's fee is \$150.00.

Candlelight is Saturday, April 19th at 7pm. It is being held at St. Marks UMC, 99 Mercury BLVD,

Hampton. Remember how much Saturday night meant to you? Seeing the beautiful faces in the candlelight and having the agape on your bed, after a long, emotional roller coaster of a day. It kept getting better too.

Closing is at Holy Family at 4pm on Sunday, April 20th. Remember to park on the side by the kitchen, walk around the back of the building to go in the side door to the talk room. The pilgrims will be in the sanctuary so we need to remember to be quiet.

Please help make this walk as memorable for these pilgrims.

David Abbott	Phil Barker
Larry Bluxome	Jeff Britt
Dan Elmore	David Farmer
Lyles Forbes	Lee Hibbert
Tap Joyner	Don Kent
Ken Kittrell	Glenn Lovell
Rob LuTinski	George Morri
Andy Rtherfor	Greg Schon
Charlie Sparkman	Dave Taylor
Kevin Thompson	

If you have any applications for the women's walk, PR54, please send them in as soon as possible. We currently have 14 women registered for this walk. The close date is April 8th, so please get your applications in to ensure a spot for your pilgrim. You can email the pilgrim application and sponsor form to me at: preregistrar@yahoo.com and then put it in the mail along with the pilgrim application fee.

Thanks!
Tracy Cole PR 31

Community Roster

We have been working on finalizing a community roster/directory over the past few months. To develop this, we have used the information that was provided on your pilgrim application and/or walk rosters. Have you had any information change since you walked? Has your name, address, telephone number, church affiliation, or your e-mail changed? If so, please e-mail me at preregistrar@yahoo.com with your changes then I can update your information on the roster/directory.

Thanks!
Tracy Cole PR 31

Agape Guidelines

Agape comes in many forms throughout the weekend – prayer, food, gifts, letters from the community as well as close friends and family, etc. Each bit of Agape builds on previous Agape throughout the weekend, as do all aspects of the Walk.

Friday we emphasize the love of God. When Agape is introduced in the afternoon, it is general Agape to the walk as a whole – the banner, letters from other communities, the prayer wheel, etc.

Saturday pilgrims are invited to respond to God's message of love through Jesus Christ as loved by the community of faith. Other forms of general Agape – pins, buttons, bookmarks, etc. are given to the pilgrims and team at meals or at their tables at the discretion of the Weekend Lay Director.

Saturday evening the pilgrims see the community as a body that is supporting them through prayers and presence. The bed Agape they receive are from that community, sent to each pilgrim individually. It should be no bigger than what can fit in a normal size envelope. This is not a time for individual gifts. Whatever you make or send for bed Agape, there must be one for every pilgrim.

On Sunday we stress changing God's world through our personal faith walk. As part of their return to the community from which they came, pilgrims will receive the personal letters that sponsors have obtained from family and friends. A guideline is that each pilgrim will receive 10 to 12 letters. Sponsors, please mark these special letters with a circled "F" on the outside of the envelope. If all of the letters you collect are enclosed in a larger envelope, please indicate on the large envelope that it contains multiple letters – otherwise we may mistakenly distribute this package at the wrong time.

Please do not wait until the last moment to bring your Agape. Try to have it all ready for delivery to the walk site on Thursday night at Sponsor's Hour.

Saturday night bed Agape and Sunday personal letters should be dropped off no later than noon on Saturday.

Agape that is received at the Candle Light Service will be taken back to Holy Family. The Community Support Director will, to the best of his/her ability, sort and distribute this Agape. However, we will not be able to guarantee that it will be disbursed that night due to the volume of Agape and the lateness of

its arrival. Please try to avoid bringing Agape that late into the walk.

As you think about Agape, keep in mind that it is God's profound grace and love that we are showing – simplicity is a great rule for Agape!

Individual gifts should be given to the pilgrims after closing as 4th Day Agape.

Gatherings Chair

From the gathering chair

Over the last couple of months, we have been having a contest at our gatherings. The first month was an Emmaus hat. Our last gathering was an Emmaus type shirt or vest. Jo Anne Lawson was our last winner. She will be able to use the \$25 credit for either team fees or pilgrim fees. At our next gathering the theme will be a mystery!! You'll have to be at the gathering to know what the theme is. Come prepared for the best you can be at candlelight. Remember the colors are more plentiful on Saturday than they were on Thursday but not quite as colorful as Sunday!! Be there to be able to qualify for the prize. Where is there? Our gathering/candlelight will be at St. Marks UMC, 99 W. Mercury Blvd., Hampton. This is a change from our usual location so don't go to the wrong church. Come early enough to sign the placemats that will be used Sunday morning at breakfast. See you April 19 at St. Marks at 7pm. The women's team will also be introduced. Let's have a good turnout for the men's candlelight. Bring your agape Thursday night at Sponsors Hour. Come and be prepared to win our monthly contest.

DeColores!

Sara Price

Gatherings Chair

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PRAYER FOR OTHER EMMAUS COMMUNITIES

The following are other Emmaus communities with whom we have exchanged community agape letters for our respective walks in 2008, and who have indicated that they will have walks in April. We ask that you include these communities and their walks in your prayer life.

Northern Lights Emmaus Community, Southwest Ohio, Men's Walk #24
The Western New York Emmaus Community, Women's Walk
Maryland Walk to Emmaus Community, Men's Walk #153, Women's Walk (deaf) #154
Heart of Florida Emmaus Community, Men's Walk #18, Women's Walk #18
Mountain Top Emmaus, Hayesville, NC, Men's Walk #139
Loudon Valley Emmaus Community, Men's Walk #59, Women's Walk #60
Kanawha Valley Emmaus Community, Charleston, WV, Women's Walk #66
New River Valley Walk to Emmaus, Southwest VA, Men's Walk #39, Women's Walk #40
Three Rivers Walk to Emmaus, Western PA, Men's Walk #65, Women's Walk #66
Still Waters Emmaus Community, Dayton, TN, Men's Walk, Women's Walk
Cape of Good Hope Emmaus Community, South Africa, Men's Walk #57, Women's Walk #58
Greater Indianapolis Area Emmaus Community, Men's Walk #152
Shenandoah Valley Emmaus Community, Harrisonburg, Men's Walk #61, Women's Walk #62
Heart of Carolina Emmaus Community, Raleigh, Women's Walk #100
Ohio Valley Emmaus Community, Southeastern Ohio, Women's Walk
Grace Emmaus of Silicon Valley, CA, Men's Walk #9, Women's Walk #10
Denton Area Emmaus Community, Denton, TX, Women's Walk #34
Mountain Top Emmaus Community, Northeast PA, Chrysalis Girl's Flight, Chrysalis Boy's Flight

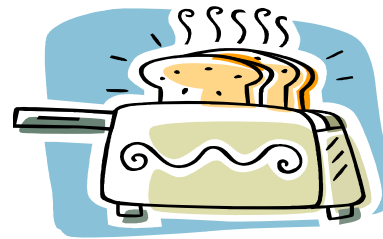
Loren King, Agape Chair
Community Support Chair



“Want to be Your hands, Want to be Your feet... I'll go where You send me, go where You send me”.....

Sing with me now ☺ Do you ever get a song stuck in your head, O.K. enough with the rambling. I am your “New” Community Support Board member...Terri Walker. My Job is to make sure we have enough help to support the Men's and Women's walks. Christ needs you to serve on PR 53 and PR 54. Maybe teaming is just not going to work out for you this Spring....Sponsoring a pilgrim is not happening either...but you can serve a meal....put out bed agape....or clean up after closing. It takes the whole Body to get the job done. Every part is important no matter how big or small. If you are willing to be His Hands or Feet...please let me know. You can email me at pzb2god@earthlink.net or wait until I send out emails to the community and just hit reply ☺

Below is a list of areas where your help is needed:



- **Serve a Meal**
- **Put out Bed Agape**
- **Runners**
- **Set up for Candle Light**
- **Clean up from Candle Light**
- **Set up for Closing**
- **Clean up from Closing**

Hurry space is limited, get signed up today!!!!

Terri Walker PR-22

Directions to St Marks UMC

At exit 264 on I 64 take exit to Mercury Blvd toward the Coliseum. Continue on US258 Mercury Blvd for approximately 2.8 miles and St Marks will be on your left.

PENINSULA RAINBOW REUNION GROUPS

If you do not see your reunion group or need to change any info please call me @ (757) 224-6285.
De Colores – Rodney Moore Group Reunion Chair

Aldersgate Heartwarmers- Contact: Rick Jacobson dogstars@cox.net

Meets 1st Tuesday @ 7:00 PM Aldersgate UMC

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

Meets 3rd Saturday each month @ Denny's on Mercury & Cunningham, Hampton

Beautiful Feet-Contact: Dave Hirlinger davehi@cox.net

Meets last Saturday of each month 9:00 AM @ Northhampton Presbyterian in Hampton

Bellamy UMC- Contact: Martin & Teri Walker pzb2god@earthlink.net

Meets 1st & 3rd Friday of month @ 7:30 PM

Bethany Reunion Group- Contact: Doe Hart (804) 642-0933 Doeann7481@yahoo.com

Crooks Memorial UMC – Contact: Paul Phillips (757) 898-6702

First Sunday @ Five- Contact: Rodney Moore 224-6285

Meets 1st Sunday @ 5:00PM

Five Forks—Contact: Sharon Schwartzlow 220-0431 jschwart@widowmaker.com

Meets Fridays 7:30 AM @ The Garden Café on Hwy 5 & Ironbound Rd.

Gloucester Presbyterian Church-Contact: Barbara Coulson 804-693-8502

Meets every Wednesday @ 12:00 noon

Harbor Lights-Contact: Debbi Brightbill 757 850-2368 dbrightbill@cox.net

Meets last Sunday each month 4:00 PM Harbor Pointe Community Church

Helping Hands-Contact: Lori Irwin lirwin@sigfin.com 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

Meets @ Lee's Restaurant Sundays @ 8:00 AM

Lamplighters (day group)- Contact: Alann Hudson 851-9060

Meets Wednesdays @ 1:00 Pm @ Alann's home

Lamplighters (night group)-Contact: Arie Ritchie 850-1559

Meets @ Foxhill Central UMC Wednesdays @ 8:00 PM

Light Of Christ-Contact: Michael Uenking 864-6954 michael.d.uenking@nasa.gov

Meets every Friday 12:00 non @ NASA

Morrison Reunion Group- Contact Shaun & Donna Smith puffdog52@verion.net

Meets First and Third Tuesday night at 6:00 PM @ Morrison UMC 236 Harpersville Rd

Online for Christ-Contact: Star Lester (804) 824-4301 starider52@aol.com

Meets 3rd Sunday @ 8:00 PM online

Parkview Starlights-Contact: Sara Price 595-6255 pigs4sp@aol.com

Meets 3rd Tuesday of month @ Parkview UMC

Pass It On-Contact: Connie Schubert 986-3279

Meets 1st & 3rd Thursdays @ 7:00 PM Magnolia UMC/Suffolk

Reunion Group-Contact: Mary Linda Womack 766-0885 chefett@cox.net

Meets 1 or 2 times a month @ Womack's Home

The Wanderers-Contact: Kay Darone 224-9165

Meets Sunday nights 6:30-8:00 113 Galaxy Dr./Yorktown

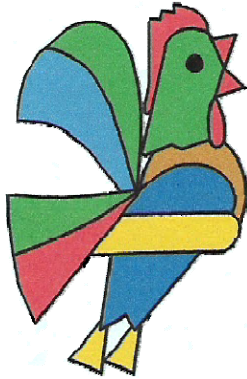
Thursday Morning Boys- Anthony Budznik 327-0779 Budziknav2@aol.com

Meet Thursday Mornings Cavanaugh's Bagel Shop

Warwick Memorial UMC- Contact: Fred Townsend 877-7916 ftgolf@aol.com

Meets 3rd Thursday each month/different homes

The next Peninsula Rainbow Emmaus gathering will be at:



ST Marks UMC

99 West Merchury Blvd

Hampton, VA

Gathering Date – April 19th - Starting at 7 PM
Please bring a favorite dish or snack to share during the social hour.

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