

Peninsula Rainbow Emmaus

Newsletter



Community Lay Director's Notes

Life is really busy ---- sometimes so busy that the things that are the most important to us pass us by without us really experiencing them. With these 2 walks coming up I want us to remember how important this community is to us and how important it is to plan to be active. You will find all dates for these 2 walks in this newsletter and we need your commitment to come to send off, make your favorite food, make agape', come to candlelight and sign the place mates, and to come to closing. We have 2 great Lay Directors and 2 great teams that need our support.

I implore you to find your calendar(s) and write these dates in them all, and if you have to choose, please choose to support these walks with your love, time, prayer and your presence. So, take a moment and think about your walk and how good it was to feel God's love through the agape you received, then think about what you can do for these two upcoming walks; the best gift is you and some brownies. We have so many good things happening in our community and the board is working to make Peninsula Rainbow Emmaus a strong vibrant community.

Please make sure to read in the gathering notes about the criteria for the next drawing at March's gathering. Come out and be a part of this growing community. You will surely be blessed.

DeColores!
I love you Guys,
Kandi Rowe
CLD



Spiritual Director's Notes

**Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers; go make it as secure as you can." So they went and made the sepulcher secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.
(Matthew 27:25-26)**

If Jesus had died during our day and time, instead of more than two thousand years ago, his grave would probably have been guarded in a different fashion.

Scientists would have installed sensory devices both inside and outside the tomb. Medical experts would have been present to observe instruments designed to record any of Jesus' life signs, or the lack of them. Theologians and philosophers would have been on hand to record their impressions on tape. Photographers would have been there to focus their cameras on anything visible.

Because scientific and scholarly measurements of the resurrection of Jesus did not take place, that remarkable event has been vigorously denied, doubted and rejected as an idle tale by many people down through the ages. The only proof of the resurrection that we have today is Jesus living in the lives of his followers. Easter morning we will joyfully sing Alfred H. Ackley's great hymn, "He Lives".

**I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today;
I know that He is living, whatever men may say.
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer
and, just the time I need Him, He's always near.
He lives, He Lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's
narrow way. He Lives, He lives salvation to
impart! You ask me how I know He lives. He lives
within my heart.**

I rejoice to see Jesus living in the hearts and lives of those who call him Lord! Let us celebrate the good news of the resurrection not only on Easter Sunday, but every day of our lives!

**De Colores!
Mike Nobles, ASD**

4th Day Happenings

Happy 4th Day dear Brothers & Sisters! The Spring Walks are just around the corner and you know what that means...yep, DODU will follow close behind. It's not too early to mark those new 2008 calendars for the Spring DODU. Mark those calendars: when: May 31, 2008. Time: 8:00a.m. - 2:00p.m. More info to follow in the next newsletter.

Blessings to you all today, tomorrow & always.

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, Kathryn Budzik, Beth Burroughs, Jeff Cannon, 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

WANTED

PILGRIMS
to experience the
“WALK TO EMMAUS”

PR 53 Men's spring walk is approaching fast. April 17-20 (10 pilgrims to date)
(application deadline March 17th)

PR 54 Women's spring walk is also approaching fast. May 8-11 (8 pilgrims to date)
(application deadline April 8th)

We need at least 15 pilgrims for each walk to take place. The men's closing date is less then 2 weeks away.

If God has placed someone on your heart to sponsor please go to the website www.premmaus.com and print the pilgrim application along with the sponsor form and mail them in to the address on the form. Please remember to send in both forms along with the application fee of \$50.00. If you know that you are going to send in an application, please email me the information so I can be on the lookout for the application to come in and to make sure the application makes the cutoff date. You can also scan in the applications and email them to me if you are close to the cutoff date

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

Sponsorship Tips

1. Make a note of the contact/next of kin on the pilgrim app., contact this person by phone or by letter (there is a sample letter attached if you want to use it) and get started collecting personal agape letters (aka “family” letters).
2. A guideline for family letters is 10 to 12.
3. Contact your pilgrim during the week before the walk to make sure they can still attend and to reassure them and answer any questions.
4. If your pilgrim has special dietary needs, the sponsor is responsible for arranging to have the food for their pilgrim at the walk.
5. If your pilgrim can no longer attend, contact the registrar ASAP to notify.
6. Take your pilgrim to dinner and bring them to send off at Holy Family no earlier than 6:30 pm.
7. Bring general agape and family letters with you Thursday night and give them to community support. Write an “F” on the outside of the family letters.
8. If your pilgrim decides they do not want to stay at the walk, take them home – it’s not their time. Do not try to talk them into staying – Emmaus is not right for everyone.
9. Once the pilgrim has entered the talk room, you go into the chapel for sponsor’s hour where we sing and hear from the LD and SD for the walk. You will pray over the cross for your pilgrim and then we will share communion. You don’t have to be a sponsor to attend sponsor’s hour.
10. Make sure the \$150 pilgrim fee is given to the registrar before leaving sponsor’s hour. Please write the pilgrim’s name on the envelope or in the check memo.
11. Come to gathering and candlelight at Fox Hill Central (501 Beach Rd in Hampton) on

Saturday night at 7 pm. Sign the placemats while you are there.

12. Come to closing at Holy Family on Sunday at 4, pick up your pilgrim’s belongings and welcome your pilgrim in song. Following closing, some people go to dinner, some go straight home – ask your pilgrim what they would like to do, but please make sure your pilgrim gets to their front door safely at some point Sunday night.
13. Your job is not done at closing – follow up with fourth day activities – DODU, gatherings, help them get started in a reunion group, check in with them periodically to see how they are and encourage them.

Gatherings Chair

At our last gathering, there was a sea of people wearing hats. It was nice to see so many people participate. Our winner’s name was picked out of a hat. Congratulations go out to Ray Stearns. He can use the certificate either for team fees or pilgrim fees. This month our contest will be for the best Emmaus type shirt or vest. That means it has to be colorful or studded with lots of agape pins. I would really like to see a Peninsula Rainbow when I look out at everyone. Our next gathering will be at St. Andrews UMC in Portsmouth. Bring a snack to share and plan on spending some quality time with our Emmaus brothers and sisters (and of course God!).

All of our money that is given at gatherings goes to either scholarship fees or supplies. Please consider giving more than you normally do. Our money that is given this month at the gathering will go towards helping defray the fees that might be standing in the way of God touching everyone that needs His touch. Please give generously.

Candlelight and gatherings for April and May will be at St. Marks UMC on Mercury Blvd. in Hampton. Make note of this so that you don’t go to the wrong church. The men’s team for the April walk will be introduced at the gathering.

See you March 28 at 7pm at St. Andrews UMC in Portsmouth.

DeColores!

Sara Price

Gatherings Chair

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PRAYER FOR OTHER EMMAUS COMMUNITIES

The following are other Emmaus communities with whom we have shared community agape letters for our respective walks in 2008. We ask that you include these communities and their walks in your prayer life. These communities have had or will have walks in the months of January, February, and March.

JANUARY

Greater Cincinnati Emmaus Community, Men's Walk #82

Southeastern Florida Chrysalis Community, Girl's Flight #37

Southern Ohio Chrysalis Community, Girl's Flight #39

FEBRUARY

Greater Cincinnati Emmaus Community, Women's Walk #98

Greater Findlay Area Emmaus Community, Findlay, Ohio, Women's Walk #73

Southeastern Florida Chrysalis Community, Boy's Flight #37

Southern Ohio Chrysalis Community, Boy's Flight #39

Golden Spread Emmaus Community, Amarillo, TX, Men's Walk #201

Heart of Carolina Emmaus Community, Raleigh, Women's Walk #99

Green Country Emmaus, Tulsa, OK, Men's Walk

MARCH

Greater Findlay Area Emmaus Community, Findlay, OH, Men's Walk #58

Northern Lights Emmaus Community, Southwest Ohio, Women's Walk #29

Western New York Emmaus/Chrysalis Community, Men's Walk

Maryland Walk to Emmaus Community, Men's Walk #152

Golden Spread Emmaus Community, Amarillo, TX, Women's Walk #202

Mountain Top Emmaus, Hayesville, NC, Women's Walk #138

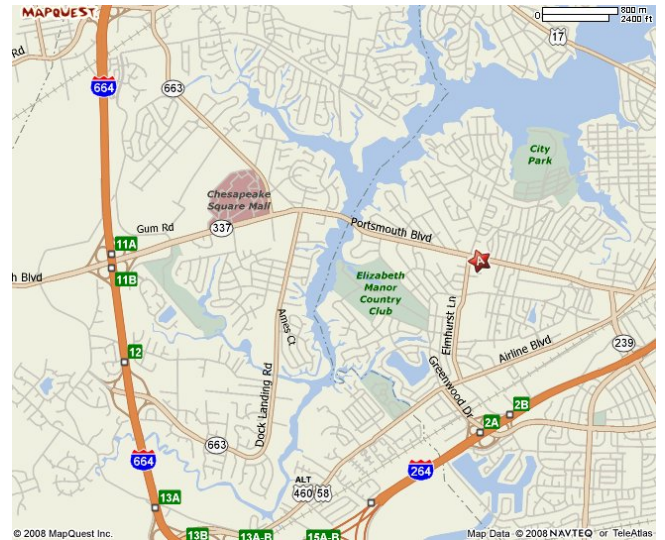
Kanawha Valley Emmaus Community, Charleston, WV, Men's Walk #65

Green Country Emmaus, Tulsa, OK, Women's Walk

Foothills Emmaus Community in upstate South Carolina, Men's and Women's Walks

Kairos Prison Ministry, for 42 men at the Mark Stiles prison in Beaumont, TX

Loren King, Agape Chair



**Directions to St. Andrew's UMC
5615 Portsmouth Blvd.
Portsmouth, VA 23701**

From the Peninsula:

- Take I-664 (Monitor-Merrimac) South toward Suffolk
- Turn Right onto 2nd Portsmouth Blvd. exit – **11B**, East toward Chesapeake Sq. Mall
- Continue East on Portsmouth Blvd. past Chesapeake Sq. Mall and over bridge into Portsmouth
- **The 3rd stoplight after bridge is Elmhurst Lane, you will see St. Andrew's ahead on the corner (right-hand side)**
- Turn right onto Elmhurst Lane and then left into Parking Lot at rear of church

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 every other 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

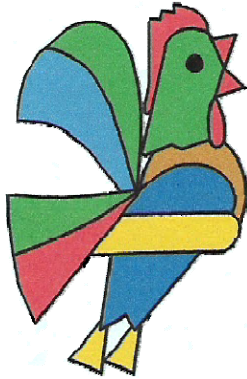
Thursday Morning Boys- Anthony Budznik 327-0779 Budziknav2@aol.com

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 Andrews UMC
5615 Portsmouth Blvd
Portsmouth, VA 23701

Gathering Date – March 28th - Starting at 7 PM
Please bring a favorite dish or snack to share during the social hour.

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