

Peninsula Rainbow Emmaus

Newsletter



Community Lay Director's Notes

Hello Community,

Here we are in the middle of PR 54, there is so much going on in the community and within our individual churches that sometimes you need to take the time and reflect. We have increased our community again and after DODU we will begin to prepare for the fall walks and all that happens in that season. Then before we can write a memory down the time has vanished and again it will be spring.

As CLD, I am interested in the history of this organization and I find myself looking over the documents that I have been given, trying to piece together how situations were handled or what happened when this issue came up. There is a lot of history in the organization and all the disks and papers and stuff we have accumulated need to be archived. Most of this info is the day to day workings of a God lead organization but as I lead this board I realize that the same questions have been asked time and time again.

Usually, board members rotate off every three years so this leaves us often times asking and answering the same questions. It would be much easier if we had a resource or as I would call this position a Historian. You will hear more about this at the next two gatherings, so come out and offer your suggestions.

DeColores!
I love you Guys,
Kandi Rowe
CLD



Spiritual Director's Notes

It happens, just the opposite of what we expect. That's how it is most of the time in the Bible. It is usually the case with Jesus' teaching. When Jesus taught on the mount to his disciples and the crowd what they heard was not what they expected. Love your enemy and turn the other cheek. Blessed are the poor, the weak and those who suffer persecution. The Christian life isn't about power, position and wealth. It isn't about who is the strongest, fastest or even the bravest. The beatitudes tell us these truths from Chapter 5 of Matthew's Gospel. Those people who know they have great spiritual needs are happy. Those who are sad now are happy, because God will comfort them. Those who are humble are happy, because the earth belongs to them. Those who want to do right more than anything else are happy, because God will fully satisfy them. Those who show mercy to others are happy, because God will show mercy to them. Those who are pure in their thinking are happy, because they will be with God. Those who work to bring peace are happy, because God will call them his children. Those who are treated badly for doing good are happy, because the kingdom of heaven belongs to them. People will insult you and hurt you. They will lie and say all kinds of evil things about you because you follow me. But when they do, you will be happy. Rejoice and be glad, because you have a great reward waiting for you in heaven. What is there to be happy about as Jesus teaches those listening to him? Because, it is in their weakness and suffering that the mercy and strength of God is great. It is through the trials of this life that God perfects his people. Look at the writings of Paul, John, Peter and the teachings of Jesus. Look at the lives of Jesus, Paul, Peter, James and the saints through out the history of the church. Let us read Foxe's Book of Martyrs and we see that God shines through our weaknesses, scars and breaks. It isn't the beautiful people that radiate the grace and mercy of God, but the broken.

For the pure nard to flow out the vessel has to be broken. A beautiful song by Jason Gray says it best. Under your blade, as you carve out you image in me. You cut to the corer, but still you want more, as you carefully, tenderly, ravage me. As you peel back the bark, and tear me apart, to get to the heart of what matters the most. I'm cold and I'm scared as your loves lays me bare. In the shaping of my soul, the cut makes me whole. Mingling here your blood, and your tears, as you whittle my kingdom away. But I see that you suffer, too. In making me new, for the blade of love, cuts both ways. As you peel back the bark, and tear me apart, to get to the heart of what matters the most. I'm cold and I'm scared as your loves lays me bare. In the shaping of my soul, the cut makes me whole.

Hidden inside the grain, beneath the pride and the pain; is the shape of the man you meant me to be. Who, with every cut, now you try to set free.

With every day, you strip more away. But in the shaping of my soul, the blade must take its toll. SO God give me strength to know. That each cut makes me whole.

DeColores

Doc Paul Spiritual Director

4th Day Happenings

Greetings Brothers & Sisters! Yippee...it's time for DODU!

Hallelujah! Sponsors, please gather your Babe Chicks so they are not treading the Emmaus Community Waters, bewildered – bring them safely ashore so they can learn more about our community and they will be able to share in the joy of being a team member on an up-coming walk or sponsor a pilgrim.

Where: St. Luke's UMC
300 Ella Taylor Rd
Yorktown

Time: 9 am to 12 noon

A covered dish will follow! Bring copies of your recipe to share with the community. We have some awesome cooks who know how to please.

Remind the Babe Chicks the dress for the day is casual & tacky!

To God be the Glory...

**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 a part of the team (either playing an instruments or singer) please send me your name & email address and I will send out the music to you prior to gatherings. Our musicians list still has some holes to fill (missing phone numbers or email addresses). HELP fill in the blanks, would you please? Come join in the fun...we meet at the gathering church about 6pm to practice before the gathering starts at 7pm. Come help lift our Lord up in song...this includes our new Babe Chicks, who have just completed their walks. 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. Thanks 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 women of PR54:

Carla Stearns, Paul Phillips, 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**

Pilgrims of PR54

Beth Abbott, Betty Barker, Kay Barstow-Gentry, Wendy Burchett, Tobey Edwards, Juliana Ewur, Candace Forbes, Joyce Hardy, Pat Hill, Kerri Houseman, Rosetta Hudgins, Shannon Lovell, Jeanne Miles, Teresa Morris, Ginny Potts, Jan Reynolds, Pam Robnett, Dawn Routten, Gwen Rutherford, Jo Smith, Tiffany Speas

Registrar's Report

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of the men and women of PR 53 and 54 and I look forward to seeing you at DODU! I also want to thank all of the sponsors for your servant heart and for helping to make your pilgrim's weekend so special.

I am currently receiving applications for the spring men's and women's walks. If you have an application to mail in – do so now. If you have a person God has put on your heart to sponsor, don't wait any longer - ask them and mail in their application. These are God's walks, but we need to do our part by being His hands and feet in this community.

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 off of the pilgrim applications and walk rosters. If any of your information (name, address, phone, church affiliation, or e-mail) has changed since you walked, please email me at preregistrar@yahoo.com to update your information in the roster.

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

Last month at the gathering/candlelight, I announced that the contest for May was based on participation at both candlelight and closing at the men's walk. I have amended it. If you participated in both events, you get 2 (yes count them, two) entries into the contest. That means if you were part of the community, ***team or pilgrims***, you get 2 chances to win the \$25 credit towards either team fees or pilgrim fees. In addition if you are this month's gathering/candlelight, you get another chance to win. If you are present for all 3 events, you have 3 chances to win!! Of course you can only win once this month but your chances of winning are greater. The gathering/candlelight starts at 7pm with placemat signing and followed by music at 7:30. Be there so that you can win a chance in the lucky drawing that will happen before candlelight. See you at St. Marks UMC, 99 Mercury Blvd. in Hampton. Cindy Rader was glad to be at the last gathering since she was the winner. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call or e-mail me. Sara Price 757-595-6255 or Pigs4SP@aol.com

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 May. We ask that you include these communities and their walks in your prayer life. Greater Cincinnati Emmaus Community, Men's Walk #83

Maryland Walk to Emmaus Community, Women's Walk #155

Sonlights in Puerto Rico Emmaus Community, Women's Walk #40

Golden Spread Emmaus Community, Amarillo, TX, Men's Walk #203

Mountain Top Emmaus, Hayesville, NC, Women's Walk #140

Cape of Good Hope Emmaus Community, South Africa, Women's Walk #59

Ohio Valley Emmaus Community (Southeastern Ohio Area), Men's Walk

Garden State Walk to Emmaus, New Jersey, Men's Walk, Women's Walk

Loren King, Agape Chair

Community Support Chair

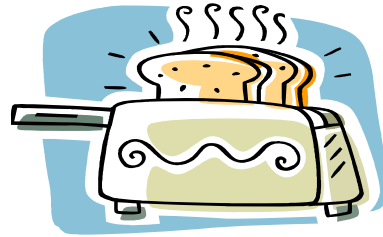


“Want to be Your hands, Want to be Your feet... I'll go where You send me, go where You send me”.....

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

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

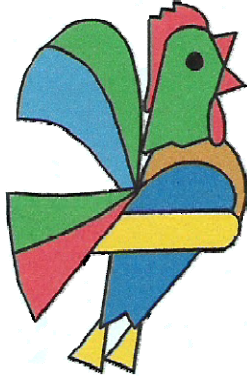
Thursday Morning Boys- Anthony Budznik 327-0779 Budziknav2@aol.com

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 – May10th - Starting at 7 PM
No Social Hour

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