



On the Path



The Newsletter of the Southern Maryland Emmaus Community

April, 2008 Walk In the Light Volume 8 Issue 3

By-Law Change to "ARTICLE IV. Board of Directors" "Section 2. Composition"

Current wording:

"The Board will consist of fifteen (15) elected lay members, the Southern Maryland Emmaus Community Spiritual Director and the Southern Maryland Emmaus Community Assistant Spiritual Director. Each member of the Board shall have one vote."

New wording:

"The Board will consist of fifteen (15) elected lay members, the Southern Maryland Emmaus Community Spiritual Director, the Southern Maryland Emmaus Community Assistant Spiritual Director, and a Southern Maryland Chrysalis Board Representative. Each member of the Board shall have one vote."

Article VII of the by-laws state that we need to circulate the changes to the By-Laws to the Community via the Community Newsletter. If 25 community members object to the new amendment, then it will not be adopted. Any objections must be received within 60 days of the mailing of the notification.

Spring Walks at West River

Don't forget - the walks are back at West River. All community events will take place in the dining hall at West River.

See page 2 for the community event days and times.

Local Gatherings

Southern Gathering:

Lexington Park UMC
2nd Saturday of each month
5:00 p.m. Potluck, 6:00 p.m. Worship

Central Gathering:

Calvary UMC
3rd Saturday of each month
6:00 p.m. Fellowship (bring snack)
7:00 p.m. Worship

Northern Gathering:

1st Laurel UMC
4th Saturday of each month
5:00 p.m. Potluck 6:00 p.m. Worship

In addition to the monthly gatherings, plan to join as a community at Candlelight and Closing of each Walk. In a month when a 4th Day Seminar is scheduled (May & November) we will have one Gathering only at Calvary UMC immediately following the Seminar.

There will be no gatherings in April, May, October, or December due to Walks or holidays.





Spring Walks - 2008 - West River

Men's Walk # 27 - April 17 - 20

Women's Walk # 28 - May 1 - 4

Men's Walk #29 October 30 - November 2

Women's Walk # 30 November 6 - 9

Make plans to attend the community events for each walk:

Thursday - Sponsor's Hour - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday - Candlelight - 8:00p.m.

Sunday - Closing - 4:00 p.m.

This Week: 04/07/2007

Emmaus Community Stats

73 Weekends in

27 States and

3 Countries

33 Women's Weekends and

40 Men's Weekends



Sign up to pray for
our walks (and others)
online at:
www.3dayol.org

Pilgrim and Team Applications and this newsletter
may be downloaded from the web at www.somdemmaus.org
CLICK on "About Us" then CLICK "Documents"

Recurring Events of the Southern Maryland Emmaus Community

Central Gathering: 6/21, Calvary UMC, Waldorf 7:00 p.m. Fellowship 6:00 p.m.

Southern Local Gathering: Lexington Park UMC 6/14 Potluck at 5, gathering at 6:00.

Northern Local Gathering: Living Springs Christian Fellowship 6/28 Potluck at 5, gathering at 6:00.

Board of Directors Meeting: 5/17 1:00 p.m. at Calvary UMC



4th Day Seminars

The 4th Day Seminars are held in the spring and in the fall following the men's and women's walks. The next seminar date is May 17, 2007, 4:00 p.m. at Calvary United Methodist church in Waldorf. Attendance at a 4th Day Seminar is required in order to sponsor pilgrims, and highly recommended for those who wish to team.



Southern Maryland Emmaus Community Reunion & Accountability Groups

The Reunion Group Coordinator, Gordon Piscacek, would like to hear about any active Groups in Southern Maryland. If you are having difficulty finding a Reunion Group, contact Gordon. Experience the 4th Day feeling with your fellow Emmaus travelers.

Bethel UMC, Upper Marlboro

Co-ed - monthly first Wednesday - 6:00 p.m.

Calvary UMC, Waldorf

Men Tuesday - 7:15 p.m.

Women Thursday - 5:00 p.m. at Panera's

First UMC, Laurel

Men Saturday - 7:00 a.m.

Women Saturday - 8:30 a.m.

Good Shepherd UMC, Waldorf

Women Tuesday 7:30 p.m.

Call 301-653-7570 for directions (not at church)

Men Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.

La Plata UMC, La Plata

Women Tuesday 1:00 p.m.

Lexington Park UMC, Lexington Park

Co-ed Tuesday 7:30 a.m. Bob Evans

Co-ed Thursday - 11:30 a.m. (home setting)

Living Springs Christian Fellowship, Bowie

Co-ed Tuesday - 6:00 p.m.

Naval Air Station, Patuxent River

Men, Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m.

Olivet UMC, Lusby

Meets at pastor's house monthly on
third Friday 6:00 p.m.

Shiloh UMC, Bryans Road

Co-ed - Tuesdays 6:00 p.m.

Waters Memorial UMC, St. Leonard

Pastors, Tuesday -1:00 p.m.

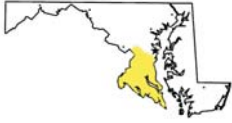
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Deadline for next issue is June 1, 2008. The preferred method of submission is as an MSWord document file or a WordPerfect file sent via e-mail to the following address: Newsletter@somdemmaus.org. Very short articles or notes may be sent in the body of the e-mail message. Please send your comments and recommendations as well to the editor, Dan Brennan, at the e-mail address above.



Southern Maryland Emmaus - Leadership & Service



Board of Directors

Personal information contained in this newsletter is intended for Emmaus
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NOTE: Updating of this list is in progress

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Southern Maryland Emmaus is affiliated with the International Emmaus Movement of The Upper Room, Nashville, Tn. Emmaus is a program offering of Upper Room Ministries of The United Methodist Church. Our purpose is to inspire, challenge, and equip church members for Christian Action.

Please contact the POC for your church as listed in this newsletter if you are not receiving the newsletter. If your church does not currently have a POC, please prayerfully consider volunteering for that role.

Appointments Affecting the Southern Maryland Emmaus Community



Lory Cantin to Fallston UMC as an associate pastor

Lory Cantin is a native of Washington, DC, and has served for the past two years as the student associate pastor at Solomons UMC, where her work has focused on ministry with children and youth, along with education ministries. Cantin describes herself as a person who likes to help others put the pieces together. For more than twenty years she worked in the insurance industry specializing in property and causality claims. There she developed a love for disaster response work, helping people put their lives together after devastating occurrences, all across the United States. When at home, she enjoyed years as a local church educator, church wide volunteer and district lay speaking educator. She answered her formal call into ordained ministry several years ago and enrolled in Wesley Theological Seminary where she will graduate with a M.Div. this May. She will also be commissioned as a probationary Elder in the Baltimore-Washington Conference. While at Wesley, Cantin pursued her interests in the Bible in art, Christian formation and biblical exegesis. Her hobbies include scrap booking, gardening and keeping up with her high energy family. She sees her appointment to Fallston UMC as a wonderful opportunity to develop new ministries with small groups, and to help further develop the worship and education ministries of the church, especially with young people.



Daniel Montague from Waters Memorial, St Leonard, Md. to Sleepy Creek Charge in Berkeley Spring, W.Va.

Daniel Montague has served Waters Memorial UMC since 2002. Prior appointments include Pikeside UMC in Martinsburg, Bolivar Charge in Harpers Ferry, and Lewistown in Thurmont. Montague transferred from the Virginia Annual Conference in 1992. He was a student pastor at Wesley Seminary, serving Mowatt Memorial UMC in Greenbelt. He is a graduate of Virginia Tech and is proud to be a "Hokie" for Christ.

While at Waters Church, he led the congregation through district approval for their building program and the congregation now enjoys space for Sunday School, offices and handicapped access. The congregation also progressed in their contemporary service from singing with CDs to a live band. Montague has served on several Walks to Emmaus. In the community, he served in the Lions Club and in Cub Scout leadership.

The gifts that God has given him include preaching, worship leading, teaching, listening and pastoral presence. He served the district in the area of Religion and Race. He is inspired by John 10:10 in which Jesus says, "I have come that they may have life and have it to the full."(NIV)

Seeking Your Help as SO. MD Emmaus Supports West River Capital Campaign

So. MD Emmaus has made a three year \$1,500 pledge (\$500 per year) to the West River Center Capital Campaign. During the Candlelight services for the 2008 Walks and at local Gatherings we will take a second offering that will be used to help fund this pledge.

West River is in the process of constructing a new dining hall and making other improvements that will enhance the experience of all who use the facility.

We have used West River for many of our previous Walks to Emmaus and we are committed there for all 2008 and 2009 Walks. Please help us support this worthy cause by prayerfully considering what you are able to contribute.

Thank You & God Bless



Southern Maryland Emmaus - Leadership & Service

Most Southern Maryland Committees are chaired by members of the Board of Directors, but service on those committees is open to all community mem-

AGAPE Support	Diane Walker	Newsletter	Dan Brennan
Child Care	Vacant	Prayer Partner Coordinator	Diane Walker
Community Historian	Len Lent	Prayer Vigil Coordinator	Sara Martin
Event Coordinator	Vacant	Registrar	Roy Downs
Comm. Spiritual Director	Sue Shorb-Sterling	Reunion Group	Gordon Piscacek
Entertainment	Dan Brennan	Team Selection Coordinator	Linda Flanagan
Facility Representative	Tim Reed	Fourth Day Seminar	Board Reps from walks
Gathering Coordinator	Vacant	Pilgrim Selection	Roy Downs/Donna Young
Supply	Vacant	Music Director	Rich Weaver
Comm. Lay Director	Janet Goodwin	Sponsorship	Ruth Dixon

**Communications includes e-mail, P/POC, Web, Directory and Newsletter sub committees*

Team Selection Changes

In February 2008, the Board of Directors approved a change in the team application process. These changes are aimed at improving the process by keeping team applications for an entire year rather than just for a specific walk.

Applications will no longer be designated for a particular Walk. Instead, they will be active for a one-year period and kept on file in a pool of applications. When a Community member fills out a team application, the Team Selection co-chairs will review the application for completeness, make sure that eligibility criteria are met, and note the applicant's teaming history (positions, talks given, etc.) This information will be recorded on a cover sheet. The application and cover sheet will be in an active file to be used for Walks during a given year. The application packet will go before the next Board meeting for Board approval. Once approved, the application is kept on file in a pool of eligible applicants.

When it comes time to select the team for the next Walk, the Team Selection committee will consider all the approved applications to fill team positions. Even if a person is selected to team on one Walk, the application remains in the active file for the rest of the year. At the end of each year, all community members interested in teaming for the next year will need to apply again to serve on a team.

Community members can submit team applications at any time of the year, but we hope to receive most of them by Nov. 30 for the following year. The team application form will be updated to reflect these changes, starting with the Fall 2008 Walks.

Additionally, community members should identify new community members who might be interested in serving as new Team member from each Pilgrim roster. This will be emphasized at 4th Day and other Community events.

Team Selection Co-chairs

Linda Flanagan
Lisa Hegedus

Prayer Vigil Sign-ups Needed

Please sign-up today to support the Spring Walks through your prayers. Remember how important the 72 hour prayer vigil was to your own walk.

Please visit www.3dayol.org today to add your name to the list. If you don't have internet access, ask a friend to register for you.





Southern Maryland Emmaus - Prayer Points of Contact

This is the person to contact for newsletter distribution

***If your church is not listed, please volunteer to be the Prayer POC
send your name, e-mail address and telephone to newsletter@somdemmaus.org***

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Emmanuel Baptist	Dick Fogg	upper12_4us@peoplepc.com	410-257-5015
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Good Shepherd UMC	Linda Flanagan	lflanagan@ccboe.com	301-645-1375
Bethel UMC	Jan Holmes	janmhol@verizon.net	410-798-8393
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La Plata UMC	Bonnie Thompson	bonbri@comcast.net	301-934-4321
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Lexington Park UMC	Kathie Wright	kaatrobjas@verizon.net	301-862-4048
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Mt. Zion UMC	John Carns	john.carns@mantech.com	301-645-4534
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Olivet UMC	Bob Bohn	bkbohn@comcast.net	410-326-0645
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Trinity Baptist Waldorf)	Karen Smith	musicladykaren@yahoo.com	301-274-2504
Waters Memorial UMC	Dru McLaughlin	mikeanddru@comcast.net	410-535-4313

New Southern Maryland Website Coming Soon

Very soon the community website will be moving. The new site is currently under construction and in testing, so our existing site will continue to be used until we are given the OK to move. Pat Knowland has been working hard to prepare the site to serve the community. Watch for more information.

Southern Maryland Emmaus Men's Walk #27 - April 17-20

Pilgrims	Church	Team	Position
Jacques Banks	Indianhead UMC	Everett Baker	Table Leader
Michael Blizzard	Good Shepherd UMC	Bob Bohn	Board Representative
Warner Brown Sr.	First UMC of Laurel	Gary Cox	Table Leader
Will Cates	Calvary UMC	Dean Gass	Assistant Lay Director
James Foote	Olivet UMC	Josh Gonzalez	Assistant Agape
Tony Jaramillio	Waters Memorial UMC	Pat Goodwin	Weekend Lay Director
Justin Lindsey	Lexington Park UMC	Joe Hegedus	Assistant Lay Director
Ty Massie	Waters Memorial UMC	Lawrence Janey	Assistant Table Leader
Noel Russnogle	1st Saints Community - St. Paul's	Phil Logan	Assistant Spiritual Leader
Allen Salmi	South Potomac	Bruce MacMillan	Assistant Lay Director
Brian Weber	St. Paul's Lusby UMC	Mike McLaughlin	Table Leader
Brian Frounfelker	1st Saints Community - St. Paul's	Dale Merkle	Agape Lead
		Daniel Montague	Spiritual Director
		Rick Pitonyak	Assistant Table Leader
		Ed Plotts	Assistant Table Leader
		Rich Ulrey	Assistant Agape
		Rich Weaver	Music Director
		Roy Wilson	Assistant Music

Duties and Responsibilities of Southern Maryland Emmaus

Agape Coordinator

- 1) Provides training and support for each Weekend Agape Team
- 2) Recruits drop-in volunteers to serve each Walk, including hourly help (site specific), Saturday night dinner help and entertainment, and photographer
- 3) Submits newsletter articles and email notifications to educate and remind community of Agape needs, Walk events, and policies
- 4) Serves as back-up support to ALD(s) who are responsible for contacting community volunteers providing Walk needs, such as, buttons, lanyards, bed tags, etc. and ensuring team members giving talks have Prayer Partners
- 5) Secures a team of volunteers to clean-up after each Walk
- 6) Recruits & supports the following:
Prayer Vigil Coordinator (pleas for names/creates chart)

- Snack Coordinator (retrieves leftovers)
- Supply Coordinator (secures supplies & maintains trailer bins)
- Wall Agape Coordinator (community letters)
- Prep Agape Volunteers (bed tags, lanyards, buttons, entertainment, photographer, etc.)
- 7) Retrieves leftover agape at the end of each Walk
- 8) Acts as Community Liaison regarding all agape matters
- 9) Attends monthly Board meetings and actively supports
Community at Gatherings, Candlelight, and Closing
- 14) Maintains an Agape Support Manual outlining procedures, policies, and helpful insights (for Weekend Agape Team use)
- 15) Maintains a list of active volunteers

Southern Maryland Emmaus Women's Walk #28 - May 1-4

Pilgrims	Church	Team	Position
Kimberly Allen	Gospel Church	Angie Barnes	Assistant Table Leader
Cindy Banks	Indianhead UMC	Carol Barton	Assistant Table Leader
Ida Browne	First Church of Laurel	Susan Beaudwin	Table Leader
Mary Browne	Bowie UMC	Sherri Comer-Cox	Assistant Lay Director
Karen Burns	Grace Brethren Church of Calvert City	Pat Dawson	Assistant Table Leader
Adelia Cardoso	Good Shepherd UMC	Jan Drass	Agape Lead
Marian DeMay	Olivet UMC	June Fauber	Table Leader
Wanda Foote	Olivet UMC	Linda Flanagan	Board Representative
Ida Jean Glover	La Plata UMC	Janet Goodwin	Music Director
Donna Hindle	La Plata UMC	Karen Gould	Assistant Spiritual Director
Michelle Holter	New Life Wesleyan	Sheila Hanson	Weekend Lay Director
Joy Johnson	Church of Redeemer	Charles Harrell	Assistant Spiritual Director
Kendra Logan	Trinity UMC	Lisa Hegedus	Assistant Lay Director
Nancy Massie	Waters Memorial UMC	Cathy Lavoie	Music Assistant
Blairlee Owens	First UMC of Laurel	Becky Merkle	Agape Assistant
Cynthia Reddoch	Waters Memorial UMC	Cheryl Merkle	Assistant Lay Director
Beth Russnogle	1st Saints Community - St. Paul's	Jeanne Parr	Table Leader
Donna Salmi	South Potomac	Marlene Phillips	Agape Assistant
Gloria Simpson	Linden-Lithicum UMC	P.J. Pitonyak	Assistant Table Leader
Brenda Smith-Thomas	First UMC of Laurel	Terri Potter	Table Leader
Kim Swann	Lexington Park UMC	Kay Priest	Table Leader
Mary Kay Totty	Providence-Ft Washington	Sue Shorb-Sterling	Spiritual Director
Dawn Townsend	Calvary UMC	Kelly Tygrett	Music Assistant
Sandy Washington	La Plata UMC	Ken Walker	Assistant Spiritual Director
Connie Wells	Lexington Park UMC	Shelley Wilson	Assistant Table Leader

Southern Maryland Emmaus Historian

Position Description

The historian collects, organizes, and preserves the record of activities, documents, and other items of potential future interest to the Southern Maryland Emmaus Community. Historian records provide a rich source of files that can be researched to provide detailed accounts of past and current events, and insight about past history for making current and future decisions. The following are historically important records and documents to be collected and preserved by the historian:

- 1) List of members of the Board of Directors
- 2) Position descriptions for all Board positions (including updates)

- 3) By-laws (including changes)
- 4) Operating Policies and Procedures (including updates)
- 5) Community newsletters
- 6) Board of Director meeting minutes, agendas, treasurer reports, and other related meeting documents
- 7) Team and pilgrim names for each weekend walk, and photos if available
- 8) All incoming and outgoing correspondence
- 9) Weekend walk site contracts
- 10) Reports from all Board of Director subcommittees and task forces
- 11) Annual Letters of Agreement with the Upper Room
- 12) Directory of community members (when available)



Chrysalis News

Decolores Everyone!

This is Alan Hemming and chair of the Chrysalis in Southern Maryland. The Steering Committee has been working extremely hard to start up a strong Chrysalis community.

First off, the Steering Committee would like to thank all of you for your support and prayers. The HOOTS (they're a hoot, haha) have been a success and I have heard good feedback about them. Our next Hoot is going to be held on June 7th, at 7:00 p.m. at Trinity UMC.

We also have some exciting news: We are having flights in Spring 2009! They will be held in March of 2009 at Camp St. Charles. Camp St. Charles is located in between 234 and the Potomac River Bridge, in Charles County, MD. We will be holding separate weekends, one guy weekend and one girl weekend. So now we ask for prayer for the future team and caterpillars, as God calls each of them.

We also ask that you prayerfully start considering teaming or sponsoring. The application is being finalized right now and should be ready for release in a month or so. And to clear up anything, the weekends would not interfere with the Easter holiday season or Spring Emmaus weekends! If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to email me at alan.hemming@gmail.com. Until next time we meet again,

Fly With Christ!!!!!! God Bless,
Alan Hemming

Supply Coordinator Position Description

- Replenishes supplies after each Walk
- Keeps trailer organized
- Receives trailer items during clean-up after a Walk
- Stores supplies sensitive to outdoor temperatures (such as candles)
- Recruits someone to haul trailer to and from Walk site
- Contacts Agape Coordinator as needs arise

How to Submit an Article to *On The Path*

As the editor of *On The Path*, nothing gives me greater pleasure than to receive the support of community members through the submission of articles and other material for publication. Not only does it save me from having to find ways to fill empty space, but it results in a much more interesting and timely publication for our members.

DO

- Use a word processor to write your document
- Submit the article as an attachment to an e-mail message to: newsletter@somdemmaus.org
- Submit your article by the due date listed in each newsletter issue
- Proofread your article for spelling and grammar

DON'T

- Use fancy or special fonts, formatting, tables, or other embellishments. They will be lost when your file is imported into the page layout program used for the newsletter, and will create additional work for the editor.
- Avoid typing the text of your article into your e-mail message unless it is very brief. This requires additional formatting on the receiving end.

So, to encourage you to submit your thoughts and to help me keep my sanity, I wanted to share with you a few DO's and DON'Ts to consider when preparing your article for submission.

Thanks to all who help to make this a truly community publication. Dan Brennan - Editor

Southern Maryland Emmaus Annual Nominating Committee Process (3/19/08)

The Nominations Committee is formed every year by February, and will be made up of the outgoing board members. The purpose of the nominating committee is to prepare a list of lay community members who are willing to be considered to serve on the Board of Directors for a three year term beginning in July of the current year. For 5 anticipated Board vacancies, it is recommended that 8 names be presented (with a minimum of 5 names) as "Members At Large" by the Nominating Committee to the Board of Directors at the March Board meeting. Once the Board approves names, the Nominating Committee members should call potential candidates to assure that each is asked and accept the nomination to serve.

In addition, a notice is published in the April newsletter alerting community members that they can submit the names of lay community members as candidates to be considered to serve on the Board of Directors for a three year term by April 30. Community nominations should be made in writing to the Chairperson of the Nominations Committee. These names are added to the final ballot without Board approval.

The outgoing Spiritual Director serving on the Nominating Committee, with the lay members of the Nominating Committee also prepares a list of two candidates for Assistant Spiritual Director. Nominations should reflect a balance of male and female representation. In order to be considered, candidates for Assistant Community Spiritual Director must meet the following two qualifications: 1) Served as a Weekend Spiritual Director; and 2) Elder in United Methodist Church. The Board votes for this position, and calls are made to the nominees by the Community Lay Director to see if they accept the nomination to serve.

The Nomination Committee will then prepare a ballot for community wide voting, with Members at Large nominees. The ballot is printed in the June newsletter with instructions for voting. An informational note should be added like "in an effort to maintain gender balance/equal representation, there are 3 women and 2 male vacancies in 2008."

This necessitates a special edition of the newsletter since it is not published every month. Each community member is allowed to vote only once. Ballots can be completed, signed and turned in at the June gathering(s), or by mail to the Registrar no later than the date of the last planned June local gathering.

The Board Secretary and Registrar are responsible for tallying the board ballots. The tally should be turned in to the Community Lay Director no later than June 30 so that he/she can notify the nominees with the highest number of votes who then become newly elected Board members. Completed ballots are kept on file by the Secretary for 1 year. In the case that a mid-term Board vacancy occurs, the Community Lay Director can choose to ask the nominee with the next highest number of votes to serve out the remainder of the Board term created by the vacancy. As with the general election, males will be asked to fill vacancies created by outgoing male Board members, and visa versa for females.

Still Needed

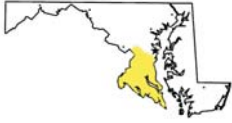
Central Gathering Coordinator - contact Janet Goodwin

Child Care Coordinator AND Child Care Volunteers - contact Janet Goodwin.

Nominations Accepted

The upcoming Board of Directors' election is just around the corner and the Nominations Committee is accepting names for the June ballot. We are seeking members of our Emmaus Community who are willing to serve on the Board. Members of the Board serve a three year term. Meetings are held on the third Saturday of the month at 3:30 p.m. at Calvary UMC in Waldorf. At their first meeting in July, each Board member volunteers to serve on one of the various Board committees. Visit our website at [www.emmaus.org](#) for a list of the various committees. Each year the Board of Directors signs a Letter of Agreement with the Upper Room Emmaus stating that we will adhere to the Upper Room Emmaus model. Board members must be willing to keep this covenant. If you or someone you know is interested in serving on the Board, please contact Diane Walker, Nominations Chair, at dwalker@emmaus.org or (301)862-9280 or any other committee member. Thank you!

Nominations committee members: Ruth Dixon, Roy Downs, Linda Flanagan, Len Lent, Gordon Piscacek, and Rev. Sue Shorb-Sterling



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Luke 24:32

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