



On the Path



The Newsletter of the Southern Maryland Emmaus Community

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Local Gatherings Begin in January

Been to a Gathering lately? Too far? Day and time not good for you? The Board of Directors has recently voted to initiate local area Gatherings. Currently our Emmaus community meets at one location. As we've grown and welcomed in more pilgrims from churches that are geographically far apart we see a need to offer Gathering places that would be more convenient. Our regional Walk to Emmaus representative suggested we try a new format that has worked well in his area.

Beginning in January two local Gatherings will be scheduled each month. A Southern Gathering (on the 2nd Saturdays) in Lexington Park and a Central Gathering in Waldorf (on the 3rd Saturdays). Plans are underway to begin another Gathering in the Northern part of our region in the near future. Our hope is that everyone can get to a Gathering that is closer to home.

Of course this means we will not see everyone on a monthly basis but we will have opportunities throughout the year to gather as "one community". On the months we have Walks we will gather as one for Candlelight and Closing. And we will have an additional chance after each 4th Day Seminar.

We know that with growth and change there are always mixed feelings. Decisions must be made that seem best for the community as a whole. And as a group we are called to look outward and, most importantly, upward. Our attendance at Gatherings has been sporadic and the Board of Directors has prayed about how we can encourage greater attendance that will, in turn, strengthen our community.

We encourage each of you to attend a local Gathering that is convenient to you. You could even attend both, if your schedule permits. And in the months ahead we value your comments and ideas about how we can continue to make our Gatherings more convenient and meaningful to our community at large.

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Southern Local Gathering

January 13th
Lexington Park UMC
Potluck 5:00 p.m.
Gathering 6:00 p.m.
(bring Chili, soup, or salad)

Central Local Gathering

January 20th
Calvary UMC
Fellowship 6:00 p.m.
Gathering 7:00 p.m.
(bring a light snack to share)

Childcare is available and drinks and paper products are supplied at both gatherings.



Note:

**There is NO gathering
in December**



Spring Walks - 2007

Men's Walk # 23 - April 19 -22

Women's Walk # 24 - April 26 - 29

Reminder: Spring walks will be held at the Melwood Retreat Center

Deadline for Pilgrim Applications for spring walks is February 20

This Week: 12/10/2006

Emmaus Community Stats

11 Weekends in

6 States and

1 Countries

2 Women's Weekends and

9 Men's Weekends



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

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

Events are held at Calvary United Methodist Church unless otherwise indicated
3235 Leonardtown Road, Waldorf, Maryland

Central Gatherings: 7:00 p.m. Fellowship 6:00 p.m. Next Gathering - 1/20/07

Gatherings are held monthly on the 3rd Saturday. The next Gathering will be January 20, 2007 at Calvary United Methodist Church in Waldorf. There will be no Gathering in December.

Southern Local Gathering: Lexington Park UMC 1/13/07 Potluck at 5, gathering at 6:00

Board of Directors Meeting: December 18, 2006 1:00 p.m.

Board meetings are held prior to the Central Gathering on the 3rd Saturday of each month.

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

Bethel UMC, Upper Marlboro
Men & Women - Wednesday - 6:00 p.m.

Calvary UMC, Waldorf
Men Tuesday - 7:15 p.m.
Women Thursday - 5:00 p.m. (Panera's)

Common Grounds Coffee Shop Prince Frederick
Women Fridays 6:15 a.m.
Men Fridays 7:30 a.m.

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)

La Plata UMC, La Plata
Women Tuesday 12:00 p.m.
Men 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.

Southern Calvert Country Region
women Saturdays 9:00 a.m. at Southern
Pines Community Center Seniors Lounge

Waters UMC, St. Leonard
Pastors Tuesday -1:00 p.m.

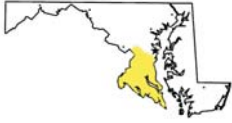
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Have you registered yet? You need to register in order to access the members only area of our new website. This area will have items of interest to our members, as well as profiles of all those who have registered. Let us know what you would like to see in the members area as well as the public areas of the site. Register today.



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Deadline for next issue is January 3, 2007. 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



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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.

Spring Walks at Melwood

Our Spring walks will again be held at the Melwood Retreat Center. Other options for the fall are being investigated by the Board of Directors.

Directions; Melwood is located about 13 miles away from the intersection of Route 301 and Route 6 in La Plata. Go West on Route 6 approximately 11.5 miles. Turn left onto Route 425 and go approximately 2.5 miles. Melwood will be on the right. The sign at the entrance says Melwood in small letters, but has the name **Camp A-Kom-Plish** in large letters. See the picture of the sign and of the Rt. 6/Rt 425 intersection and the map of the site.



Let's Party!

Every Walk to Emmaus weekend needs a mountain of Agape for beds, tables, chairs, meals, walkways, etc. Have you ever considered planning an Agape Party? Invite your reunion group, local church folks that have attended a Walk, or even pilgrims from your table to join you at your home or pre-approved church room for fellowship and preparation of Agape.

What will you need?

- ☺ A list of who to invite
- ☺ A place to spread out & work on several (potentially messy) projects
- ☺ Ideas and samples
- ☺ Supplies to make each item

You might want to consider a potluck meal first before you begin. Keep it simple. Make it fun, make it joyful....make it a gift of agape for future pilgrims. Love because you have been loved!

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Seeking Volunteers

Please call or e-mail Karen Hower at 301-751-0967 khower@comcast.net to assist in the various setup & cleanup activities for both our men's & Women's Spring walks.

There is much to do, particularly to prepare for the community activities. So, even if you cannot be a member of a team, you can support the weekend by helping with setup.

Sponsors are reminded that part of their responsibility to their pilgrims is to insure that they have an opportunity to attend a 4th Day Seminar. This is required for sponsorship, and highly recommended prior to teaming.



The next 4th Day Seminar will be at Calvary United Methodist Church in Waldorf, on May 19, at 4:00 p.m. The Seminar is two hours filled with music and information, and is a sure fire way to introduce your pilgrim to the Southern Maryland Emmaus Community.

During the afternoon, pilgrims and sponsors learn about teaming, sponsorship, reunion groups, and much more through skits, talks, and other unique educational methods.

The seminar is followed by a pot luck supper, and a mini-gathering. Don't just tell your pilgrims about the seminar, bring them. They'll be more comfortable, and you'll know that you've done all you can to insure they're 4th Day gets off to the best possible start.

Contact Dan Brennan if you need additional information about the seminar.



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
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Community Historian	Jane Beswick	Prayer Vigil Coordinator	Kay Priest
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Comm. Spiritual Director	Charles Harrell	Reunion Group	Gordon Piscacek
Entertainment	Diane Walker	Team Selection Coordinator	Linda Flanagan
Facility Representative	John Carns	Fourth Day Seminar	Board Reps from walks
Gathering Coordinator	TBD	Pilgrim Selection	Roy Downs
Supply	Dru McLaughlin	Music Director	Janet Goodwin
Comm. Lay Director	Len Lent	Sponsorship	TBD

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

Reunion Groups

By: Gordon Piscacek
Reunion Group Coordinator



Experience the 4th Day feeling with your fellow Emmaus travelers. Meet with those who share a common knowledge of Christ and who want to grow in that knowledge by sharing with others in a life of grace.

Reunion Groups help us continue our daily pursuit of a life lived in the grace of God. They provide a means to be in touch with God's power through contact with fellow Christians to share joys and to admit weakness while seeking guidance.

The where and when of those groups do not matter as much as the regularity with which they meet. Regular attendance is the strength of the reunion group.

Those of you who have not been attending the Reunion Group meetings fairly regularly, I am sure you have been missed.

Our calendars and our busy lives can get the best of us sometimes. When your Walk to Emmaus concluded

and you received the cross and lanyard, your own walk with Christ did not end. It continues daily. As you continue your walk it is helpful to meet with your Christian friends to talk about joys and successes and also to talk about failures or weak points. You can receive strength from your Christian friends as you continue your daily walk with Christ. Remember the words printed on the cross you received: "Christ is counting on you". Do not forget or neglect meeting with your Christian friends in a Reunion Group. Attend, and attend regularly. Remember also, what is said in the group stays in the group.

Don't forget the guidance in Hebrews 10:24-25: "Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another."

This newsletter lists many reunion groups of the Southern Maryland Emmaus Community. The listing may not be complete. If you would like others listed, or if corrections need to be made to those listed, please let me know.





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
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The Board will be meeting on December 18 at 1:00 p.m. at Calvary United Methodist Church.

Love the Newsletter - or Not?

Either way, we'd like to hear from you. What do you want in your newsletter? What features do you like, which ones would you change, what information do you want that you can't find? Help us to make this publication as useful as we can.

And while you're thinking about it, why not write an article yourself. Share your 4th Day experience, talk about your weekend. The choice is yours. Just send to newsletter@somdemmaus.org, and if it fits, we'll include your piece in a future edition.

Let us know how we're doing.

The Communications Team



The Sponsor's Responsibilities

Sponsorship is an act of love for God, for the participants in the Walk to Emmaus, for the Emmaus Community, and for the church. It is a demonstration of agape love. A sponsor will:

- Pray for the participant's openness to God's call to discipleship.
- Make an appointment with the participant (or participating couple) to discuss his or her participation in Emmaus.
- Invite the participant to take part in Emmaus for the sake of a more vital relationship with Jesus Christ. The sponsor shares his or her faith, explains the basic purpose, elements, and follow-up dimensions of the Walk.
- Ask the participant to make a commitment by filling out a registration form. If the participant is married, the sponsor will speak with both partners and encourage an equal commitment by both spouses.
- Support the participant's Walk through prayers and otherwise. The sponsor will also support the participant's family by house-sitting, baby-sitting, watering plants, picking up mail, feeding pets, or just checking in with a spouse to see if any help or support is needed.
- Encourage the participant in his/her continued journey and take the participant to Emmaus "gatherings" after the Walk weekend is over.
- Help the participant re-enter his or her church and consider ways to act out new commitment and enthusiasm.
- Help the participant sponsor others.

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Visit www.upperroom.org/emmaus for more information on sponsorship.

Proposed 2007 Southern Local Gathering Schedule

Location: Lexington Park UMC

Date	Potluck Theme
January 13	Chili, soup & Salads
February 10	Mexican
March 10	"Green"
April - Candlelight/Closings	
May 19 (after 4th Day Seminar)	General potluck
June 9	Italian
July 14	Red, White & Blue Cookout
August 11	TBD
September 8	TBD
October - Candlelight/Closings	
November (TBD)	
December - No Gathering	



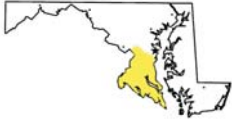
Start Walk Pilgrim Applications Due

Prayerfully consider sponsoring a pilgrim
Application deadline is February 20, 2007

Applications may be downloaded from www.somdemmaus.org
or you may pick them up at any of our gatherings.

And behold, two of them were going that very day to a village named Emmaus, which was about seven miles from Jerusalem. And they were talking with each other about all these things which had taken place. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus Himself approached and began traveling with them.





"Walk in the Light" - Southern Maryland Emmaus
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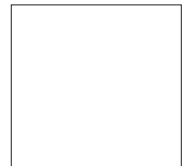
"Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?"

Luke 24:32

Information on the Southern Maryland Walk to Emmaus, as well as pilgrim and team applications may be found on our website:
www.somdemmaus.org

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