



# On the Path



The Newsletter of the Southern Maryland Emmaus Community

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## It's a Matter of Faith

When you write a check and send your money to a charity that has asked for your help, do you really know where it is going or how it is going to be used? In reality we really do not, but our expectation and belief is that it will be used for the purpose stated in the request. We have faith in the organization.

How about a stranger who knocks on your door and asks for help with gas, or with food, or with a place to stay for the night? What confidence would you have that money given to that person would be used for the purpose given? Odds are for most of us the answer would be that we have very little confidence. Our faith may not be as strong here.

As the Administrative Assistant at Calvary, I receive numerous requests almost every day for assistance with gas, food, housing, prescriptions and more. And many of them come in the form of a knock on the door. As a church Calvary is committed to doing what it can to help those in need. In doing so, I try to verify as much as I can that the individual really has need, and that the assistance given will be put to the use intended. But in the end it's a matter of faith.

It would probably not surprise you to learn that we've been wrong on occasion. There have been times when we've learned after the fact that the individual who approached us had been deceptive, and had used the money given for a quick drink or some other less noble purpose. Our faith was tested in these cases.

But there have been surprises as well that have caused us to rejoice. Just this past week a young man, perhaps 18 or 19, came to the church to say that he was virtually out of gas, and would the church help him.

I was skeptical. But I provided the youth with a gas voucher which could be taken next door to a station with which we had an agreement. The voucher was for \$10.00. As I always do, I invited the young man to join us some Sunday for worship. I did not expect to see him again.

Oh ye of little faith, I thought to myself the following day when I answered the door and it was the same young man. I thought, "He's back for more gas." Can you imagine my surprise when he reached into his pocket and handed me \$10.00. He told me that he wanted to repay the kindness that been shown to him the day before.



*Without Faith it's Impossible!*  
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It is so easy to become judgmental about people, and we need a knock in the head now and again to remind us that God gives us resources for one reason only - and that is to use those resources to help His people.

When we share what we have with those we perceive to be in need does it really matter that we don't know how our gifts will be used? God doesn't ask us to be judges of others, only to be servants, and to share His wealth. As Emmaus Pilgrims we understand better than most the meaning of servanthood. God will bless us for giving regardless of what the receiver does with our gift.

When we give what we have to others, it is a matter of faith, and a demonstration of the love that God has for each and every one of His children.

The Editor



## Spring Walks

**Men's Walk # 19 - April 20 -23**

**Women's Walk # 20 - April 27 -30**

**Reminder: All walks in 2006 will be held at the Melwood Retreat Center**

**This Week: 2/1/2006**

**Emmaus Community Stats**  
**32 Weekends in**  
**12 States and**  
**1 Countries**  
**15 Women's Weekends and**  
**17 Men's Weekends**



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## Recurring Events of the Southern Maryland Emmaus Community

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

**Gatherings: 7:00 p.m. Fellowship 6:00 p.m. Next Gathering - February 18.**  
Gatherings are held monthly on the 3rd Saturday. The next Gathering will be February 18, 2006 at Calvary United Methodist Church in Waldorf. NOTE: No Gathering in March

**Board of Directors Meeting: 3:30 p.m February 18, 2006**

Board meetings are held prior to the Gathering on the 3rd Saturday of each month. The next board meeting will be February 18. NOTE: No Board Meeting in March.

## 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 is scheduled for Saturday, May 20, at 4:00 p.m. 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 Clark Holmes, janmhol@verizon.net. 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)

First UMC, Laurel  
Men Saturday - 7:00 a.m.  
Women Saturday - 8:30 a.m.

Lexington Park UMC  
Men Thursday - 12:00 p.m.  
Women Thursday - 12:00 p.m.

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

Common Grounds Coffee Shop, Pr. Frederick  
Men Friday - 7:30 a.m.  
Women Friday - 6:15 a.m.

Lexington Park UMC, Lexington Park  
Men Sunday - 6:00 p.m.  
Women Sunday - 6:00 p.m.

Good Shepherd UMC, Waldorf  
Women Tuesday 7:30 p.m.  
Call 301-653-7570 for directions (not at church)

Southern Calvert County Region  
Southern Pines Community Center Senior's Lounge  
Women Saturday - 9:00 a.m.

Living Springs Christian Fellowship, Bowie  
Co-ed Tuesday - 6:00 p.m.

La Plata UMC, La Plata  
Women Tuesday 12:00 p.m.  
Men Tuesday 1:00 p.m.

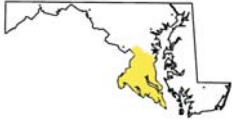
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**Have you registered yet?** You need to register in order to access the members only area of our new website. This area will have items of interest to our members, as well as profiles of all those who have registered. Let us know what you would like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



## On The Path

Deadline for next issue is April 3, 2006. 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.

Contact the Editor if you need a copy sent via snail mail.

## Did You Know/Remember?!?

That the So. Md. Emmaus community was formed in the fall of 2001?

That 110 men and 180 women have attended So. Md. Emmaus weekends?

So. Md. Emmaus has its own website with lots of information – SIGN UP – it's EASY – just go to <http://somdemmaus.org>

Gatherings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday every month, with the exception of December. All are welcome, including people that have not attended Emmaus weekend and/or are interested!

Pilgrim applications can be submitted year round, not just right before a weekend!

Team applications can be submitted year round!

That the teaming process begins months before the actual weekend?

That there are 17 agape drops over the entire weekend – totaling approx. 3200 pieces (50 each piece) – so start making AGAPE for the upcoming walks!!

Each day of the Walk has an Agape “theme”: Friday (God), Saturday (Jesus), Sunday (Holy Spirit).

That people of Emmaus communities from all over the world, sign up for the 72 Hour Prayer Vigil?

That you can help on Emmaus weekends from home; work; on-site in a lot of different ways? – contact Diane Walker at [redruth@mindspring.com](mailto:redruth@mindspring.com) to ask!

And last but not least – that **PRAYER** is number 1 in everything!!

Submitted by Janet Goodwin

## By-Law Change to Article IV Section 11

From time to time the Board Chairperson has to nominate a person to fill a vacancy by a Board member who cannot complete his/her term. The Board of Directors would like to change this article of the By-Laws to allow Board members who were "nominated" to less than full-term positions be eligible for the ballot in the next regular election.

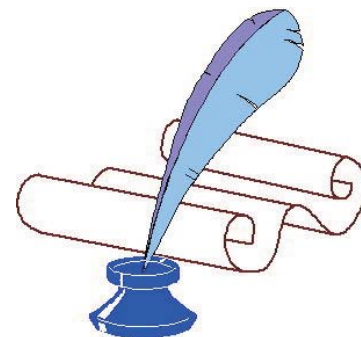
In order to change the By-Laws, Article VII states that we need to circulate the change to the Community via the Community Newsletter. If 25 community members object to the new amendment, then it will not be adopted. Any objections must be received within 60 days of the mailing of the Newsletter.

### **CURRENT READING:**

"The Board may elect persons, upon nomination by the Chairperson, to fill vacancies until the next regular election. Such persons are eligible for election by the Community at such regular election."

### **NEW READING:**

"The board may elect persons, upon nomination by the Chairperson, to fill vacancies for the remainder of that vacant term. Such persons would then be eligible for election by the community to a full term at the next regular election following the completion of that vacant term."





## 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	Jacque Benjamin	Prayer Partner Coordinator	Jan Holmes
Community Historian	Jacque Benjamin	Prayer Vigil Coordinator	Kay Priest
Event Coordinator	Len Lent	Registrar	Ruth Dixon
Comm. Spiritual Director	Lynn Glassbrook	Reunion Group	Clark Holmes
Entertainment	Diane Walker	Team Selection Coordinator	Laura Yax & Linda Flannigan
Facility Representative	John Carns	Fourth Day Seminar	Board Reps from walks
Gathering Coordinator	Linda Flanagan	Pilgrim Selection	Laura Yax Roy Downs
Supply	Dru McLaughlin	Music Director	Janet Goodwin/David French
Comm. Lay Director	Marilynne Landweer	Sponsorship	Alan Wilkerson/Len Lent

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

### You are cordially invited:

What: UPPER ROOM EMMAUS TRAINING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

When: Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

Time: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Facilitator: Greg Engroff, Regional Representative

Please mark your calendar now for this important event. This training happens only every three years. Of course, there will be fellowship and music followed by training sessions on the explanation of Emmaus, sponsorship, team selection, team formation, Three Day Overview, as well as a question and answer period. Lunch will be provided by several Waldorf Reunion Groups and Communion will be served at the end of the training. Please come and support this training event – you will be glad you did!

### Meet Greg Engroff our Upper Room Emmaus Regional Representative.

Greg is very happily married to Carol, has 4 children, and was born and raised in Lancaster County; He took his walk in the fall of 1988, served as Weekend LD in 1992 and 2005, was the Community Lay Director 1998 & 1999 and is still serving as Registrar. He has

been on the Board of Directors for 12 of the 18 years that he has been involved in Walk to Emmaus. At church (Grandview UMC) he serves as coordinator of Group Reunions, plays in bell choir, is a lay reader, and teaches spiritual gifts and other classes (currently teaching about Christian principles on money management). Greg says that he loves the Emmaus movement so much that he wanted to help others with their Community. So, he became a certified trainer and now, the North East Regional Representative for Walk to Emmaus.





## 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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### **Please Review**

**Please review the list above and help us to insure that your church is properly represented by an Prayer Point of Contact. If you spot errors or omissions, please e-mail the corrections to: [communications@somdemmaus.org](mailto:communications@somdemmaus.org).**



“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:6-7).

“I can do everything through him who gives me strength.” (Philippians 4:20)

It's another New Year and with it comes *new* and exciting events and challenges for our Community. These two Scripture verses came to mind as I was writing this article. When we face *new* things, it can be scary and overwhelming. Will people come? Is it going to work? How are we going to make this change or that change? The first verse tells us not to be anxious, but pray. The second verse gives us encouragement – Christ is the One who gives us our strength. We can't do it on our own. I need to remember these two Scriptures as we have several *new* events and challenges ahead of us in this New Year.

First, as I mentioned in the previous newsletter, we will be having our triennial Board and Community training by Upper Room Emmaus in March. Since that newsletter was published, we have been assigned a *new* Regional Representative, Greg Engroff, who will be conducting the training on March 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at Calvary UMC in Waldorf. This training occurs the third Saturday, when we normally have our monthly Gatherings. Due to the all day training, there will be NO March Gathering. Some of you may remember that our previous Regional Representative, Bob Brandt, died over a year ago. Since Greg just recently became our Regional Representative, I do hope that you will show your support for him by attending this training event. Friday evening, March 17<sup>th</sup>, the training will be specifically for the Board of Directors. Then, on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, the training will be for the entire Southern Maryland Emmaus Community. Look for more information about this training in this newsletter. I think you will find the training very informative – I attended one that Bob Brandt led before he died and I found it very

helpful. Please remember that this training occurs only every three years, so you won't want to miss it!

Second, we will be having our next set of weekends at our *new* location, Melwood Retreat Center, in April (Men's Weekend, April 20 – 23 and Women's Weekend, April 27 – 30). Because of these two weekends in April, there will be NO April Gathering. And, don't forget in May, we will have the Fourth Day Seminar, Potluck and Gathering at a different location - Prince Frederick UMC.

Finally, in June we will be electing *new* members of the Board of Directors. After the elections, a *new* Community Lay Director and Spiritual Director will be elected by the Board. So, there are many upcoming *new* events happening over the next six months. I ask your continued prayers for our Community and our Board of Directors as we encounter these and any other *new* and exciting events and challenges in the future. I ask you to “not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God” (Philippians 4:6).

De Colores!  
Marilynne Landweer  
Community Lay Director

**Reminder: No Gathering March 18<sup>th</sup>** – instead of Gathering, come to the Upper Room Emmaus training event from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm that day.

**No Gathering in April** – support Candlelight and Closing for the two Weekends being held in April (Men's Weekend (April 20 – 23) and Women's Weekend (April 27 – 30)).

**In May - Fourth Day Seminar**, Pot Luck, and Gathering May 20<sup>th</sup> at Prince Frederick UMC in Prince Frederick.



## Supplies Needed

The following is a list of items that our community will need to purchase before the next Walk. If you would like to donate an item, please contact Diane Walker at [redruth@mindspring.com](mailto:redruth@mindspring.com) or call her at (301)862-9280. Thank you!

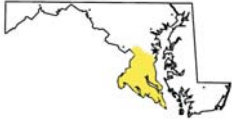
1. 6 – programmable 12 cup coffee pots
2. 1 – 30 cup coffee pot
3. 1 – 12 cup plastic pitcher
4. plastic bowls (for snack table) (large for chips, etc.)
5. plastic trays (for snack table) (for candy, nuts, etc.)
6. baskets (for snack table) (for candy, nuts, etc.)
7. napkins
8. cups for hot drinks
9. small plastic or paper cups for juice
10. large plastic cups for drinks – 16 oz.
11. small plastic plates
12. small plastic bowls
13. coffee – regular and decaf
14. variety of tea bags – regular, flavored, decaf
15. creamers
16. sugar, Splenda, Equal, etc. (individual packets)
17. hot chocolate
18. stir sticks
19. plastic silverware
20. cutting boards
21. sharp knives
22. paper towels
23. dish towels
24. dish soap
25. trash bags – large and small
26. shower mats (rugs) for bathrooms
27. roll of white paper to cover windows

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## Prayer Vigil Coordinator Needed

I am currently recruiting a new volunteer to coordinate the 72-hour prayer vigil needed for each Walk. This individual will set up the Walks on the web site, inform the community via email, Gatherings, and Newsletter about slots still open, and create a master copy for each weekend. If you are interested, please contact Diane Walker at [redruth@mindspring.com](mailto:redruth@mindspring.com).





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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?"*

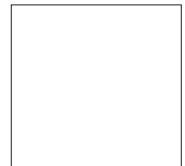
Luke 24:32

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