



# On the Path



The Newsletter of the Southern Maryland Emmaus Community

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## By-Law Change to "ARTICLE IV. Board of Directors" "Section 3. Terms of Office"

### Current wording:

e) Board elections will be held at the June Gathering of the Community, with ballots printed in the June Newsletter. Those not present at the June Gathering may mail their ballot to the Community Registrar within 30 days of the nominations being publicized. Votes will be tallied 31 days after the nominations are publicized. Election shall be determined by a plurality of votes actually cast."

### New wording:

e) Board elections will be held at the June Gatherings of the Community, with ballots printed in the April/May newsletter. Those not present at the June Gatherings may mail their ballot to the Community Registrar and the ballot must be received before the June Gatherings. Votes will be tallied by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Election shall be determined by a plurality of votes actually cast.

### Rationale:

This change will allow more time for ballots to be received in the mail and will allow tallying of the ballots in a more timely manner. The new board members need to be notified in ample time to attend the July Board meeting.

*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.*

### Southern Local Gathering

February 10th  
Lexington Park UMC  
Potluck 5:00 p.m./Mexican Theme  
Gathering 6:00 p.m.  
(bring Chili, soup, or salad)

### Central Local Gathering

February 17  
Calvary UMC  
Fellowship 6:00 p.m. Bring Snack  
Gathering 7:00 p.m.  
(bring a light snack to share)

### Northern Local Gathering

March 24  
Living Springs Christian Fellowship  
Potluck 5:00 p.m.  
Gathering 6:00 p.m.  
(bring meat, salad, veggie or dessert)

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





## 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/](http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/)**

**Pilgrim and Team Applications and this newsletter  
may be downloaded from the web at [www.somdemmaus.org](http://www.somdemmaus.org)  
CLICK on "About Us" then CLICK "Documents"**

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## **Recurring Events of the Southern Maryland Emmaus Community**



**Central Gatherings: 7:00 p.m. Fellowship 6:00 p.m. Next Gathering - 2/17/07**

Gatherings are held monthly on the 3rd Saturday. The next Gathering will be February 17, 2007 at Calvary United Methodist Church in Waldorf.

**Southern Local Gathering: Lexington Park UMC 2/10/07 Potluck at 5, gathering at 6:00**

**Northern Local Gathering: Living Springs Christian Fellowship 3/24/07 Potluck at 5, gathering at 6:00**

**Board of Directors Meeting: February 17 3:30 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, 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  
Men & Women - Wednesday - 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Naval Air Station, Patuxent River  
Men, Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m.

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

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

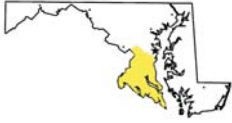
[www.somdemmaus.org](http://www.somdemmaus.org)

**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 1, 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](mailto: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 activities only, and will not be released to other organizations for any reason.*

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TBD <i>Sponsorship</i>		

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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.

## Seeking Volunteers

Please call or e-mail Karen Hower at 301-751-0967 [khower@comcast.net](mailto: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.



## Agape Team vs. Conference Room Team: Separate yet whole

Discussion continues to arise over what the Agape team's role is during the Teaming process and on the Walk. The Board of Directors has discussed this matter at numerous meetings and has consulted our regional representative.

Our current policy is: *Agape team members are full members of the Team.*

### During the Teaming Process:

- The Lead Agape team member will be chosen by the Team Selection Committee and the Lay Director.
- The Lead Agape team member is part of the Cadre and will attend all of the Cadre meetings prior to the first team meeting.
- Additional Agape team members (no more than two) will receive their assignments at the first team meeting and will attend all subsequent meetings.
- Agape team members will be included in all aspects of teaming: worship, reunion grouping, pre-viewing Talks, etc.
- Agape team members have the option of meeting separately while other select groups are meeting (such as Table & Assistant Table leaders, etc.)
- They receive name buttons.

### During the Walk:

- Agape team members are completely anonymous to the Pilgrims, respecting the cloistered environment of the Conference Room.
- They attend evening team meetings.
- They do not sign Bibles or join in the photo.
- Agape team members will not be recognized at Closing. (They will stand as part of the community that has supported the Walk.)

As you can see, the Agape team, as defined by our community as no more than three total members, fully participates in the teaming process yet exercises anonymous servanthood during the Walk. They benefit from, and offer their own gifts and insights to, the value of team formation. And then they offer themselves to God as living agape for the pilgrims. They humbly sacrifice acknowledgement and praise during the Walk: a critical step in leadership development.

Diane Walker  
Agape Coordinator





## 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	Donna Young	Prayer Partner Coordinator	Diane Walker
Community Historian	Jane Beswick	Prayer Vigil Coordinator	Kay Priest
Event Coordinator	Archie Verdiglione	Registrar	Donna Young
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*

## PRAY! PRAY! PRAY!

**James 5: 13 – 16** - *Are any of you suffering hardships? You should pray. Are any of you happy? You should sing praises. Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven. Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.*

Do you know we have a Community prayer chain? We do and it's not being used!!!

Every aspect of Emmaus is and always has been covered in prayer. We hear this and are shown this constantly on our Walk. It begins with our sponsor as they pray for God's guidance on approaching you. If that time is right and you fill out your application, the Community begins praying for your soon to be journey. This happens months before you join the other pilgrims for the weekend. You then visualize the prayer vigil and see how many people are praying for you the entire weekend when brothers and sisters in Christ from all over the world pray for us morning, noon and night for three days. How powerful was that!!

Every single area of the camp is anointed and prayed over before you arrive. Do you stop praying when you go home? Of course not!!! The need for prayer never stops and the power is still there but we aren't utilizing it. God calls on us to take care of each other in time of need and this is an avenue available to us to lift that someone up to the Lord and the community. Let's get this wonderful group of prayer warriors to work.

The Christian's most powerful resource is communion with God through prayer. The results are often greater than we thought were possible. Send your prayer requests to Cathy Lavoie at [lavoie20602@aol.com](mailto:lavoie20602@aol.com) or call her at 301.645.2717 and continue to PRAY! PRAY! PRAY!





## 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](mailto:newsletter@somdemmaus.org)***

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Emmanuel UMC	Lynn Glassbrook	revlynn@comcast.net	410-414-8109
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Corkran Memorial UMC	Stanley Harrell	sharrell@crosslink.net	301-449-6037
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Waters Memorial UMC	Dru McLaughlin	mikeanddru@comcast.net	410-535-4313

### Coming in March - 3 (count 'em) 3 Gatherings - No Waiting

We've got the Southern Gathering, and we've got the Central Gathering, and now beginning March 24th the community will be adding a Northern Gathering at Living Springs Christian Fellowship. Living Springs is located at 4831 Telsa Drive (suites J&K) in Bowie, Md. Donna Young (301-218-1257 or [dmy\\_psych@verizon.net](mailto:dmy_psych@verizon.net)) is the contact for questions on this latest addition to our gathering schedule.

As always you are welcome to attend any or all of the gatherings. Combined attendance at January's two gatherings was 90 - a great start, but let's see if we can do even better in February.





The Board will be meeting on February 17 at 3:30 p.m. at Calvary United Methodist Church.

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## January Dual Gatherings a Success

January marked the first time the Southern Maryland Community has tried the local approach to gatherings. A Southern Gathering was held at Lexington Park, and the regular Central Gathering at Calvary a week later. Both events reported good attendance with a combined total of ninety members.

See page one for information on the February gatherings, and help us to keep the gatherings a vital part of our community



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## Maryland Chrysalis - Weekends

High School (ages 15-18) February 16 -19

Young Adult (ages 18-23) July (dates tbd)

Visit [www.mdchrysalis.org](http://www.mdchrysalis.org) for more information



## Calling All Musicians

The southern Maryland Emmaus Community is currently holding local gatherings at two locations and in March will be expanding to three local site gatherings, and as the saying goes, the more the merrier. Look for the announcement in this newsletter about the latest site addition.

With this growth has come the need to add more musicians to allow us to adequately serve all three gatherings.

Also needed are praise teams to support the April Emmaus weekend community events and the 4th Day Seminar in May.

If you are interested in being a member of one or more of the Southern Maryland Emmaus Praise teams, please contact Rich Weaver at [rhythmuitar1@hotmail.com](mailto:rhythmuitar1@hotmail.com) or Janet Goodwin at [janet.goodwin1@gmail.com](mailto:janet.goodwin1@gmail.com).

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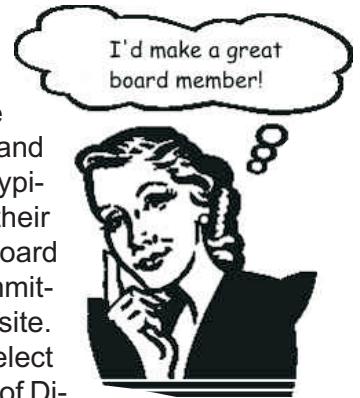


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PRAISE!



## Time to Step Up

From the Nominations Committee...The upcoming Board of Directors election is just around the corner and the Nominations Committee needs your help. We are seeking members of our Community who are willing to serve on the Southern Maryland Emmaus Board of Directors. Members of the Board serve three year terms. They typically meet the third Saturday of the month at 3:30pm 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.somdemmaus.org](http://www.somdemmaus.org) for a list of the various committees. Also, some of the committee chair position descriptions are located on our website. Simply sign onto the Members Area and select "Tools" at the top of the page. Then, select "Online Documents" and look for "Board Documents" in the list. 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 with Upper Room Emmaus. If you or someone you know is interested in serving on the Board, please contact one of the following Nominations Committee



members (their phone numbers and email addresses are listed in this newsletter under Board of Directors) by March 3rd: Marilynne Landweer, Jane Beswick, Archie Verdiglione, John Carns, or Rev. Charles Harrell

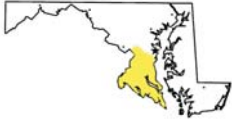
### Spring Walk Pilgrim Applications Due

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

Applications may be downloaded from [www.somdemmaus.org](http://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.*





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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?"*

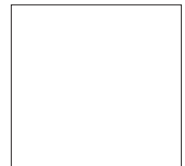
Luke 24:32

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

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