



# On the Path



The Newsletter of the Southern Maryland Emmaus Community

June, 2006 Walk In the Light Volume 6 Issue 3

## Go Vote!

It's election time for the Southern Maryland Emmaus Community's Board of Directors. You'll find the ballot and all the instructions for voting on page 5 of this newsletter.

You'll have 30 days to vote with ballots due in hand or postmarked by July 5. You can vote with the ballot, by e-mail or at the gathering in June. It doesn't matter, but your vote does.



## De Colores

99 verses and counting

Last month we challenged you to come up with new verses for that old favorite De Colores. While we weren't overwhelmed with submissions, Bright Thompson from Southern Maryland Emmaus Walk # 15 offers the following. Move over you Babe Chicks!

## DE COLORES

De Colores

De Colores the pilgrims arrive at the  
campground at sunset

De Colores

De Colores their eyes are wide open  
in anticipation

De Colores

De Colores, they gather in groups  
as the night moves along

De Colores, and all of the thrill of the moment  
is captured in this happy song.

(Repeat)



## Fall Walks

Men's Walk # 21 - October 12-16

Women's Walk # 22 - October 19-22

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

This Week: 6/5/2006

Emmaus Community Stats  
31 Weekends in  
16 States and  
3 Countries  
13 Women's Weekends and  
18 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"



## 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 - June 17.**

Gatherings are held monthly on the 3rd Saturday. The next Gathering will be June 17, 2006 at Calvary United Methodist Church in Waldorf.

**Board of Directors Meeting: 3:30 p.m June 17, 2006**

Board meetings are held prior to the Gathering on the 3rd Saturday of each month. The next board meeting will be June 17, at Calvary United Methodist Church.

## 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, November 18, at 4:00 p.m at Calvary UMC 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 Clark Holmes, [janmhol@verizon.net](mailto: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 Thursday - 11:30 a.m.  
Women Thursday - 11:30 a.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.

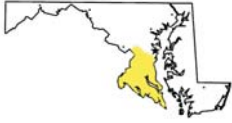
[www.somdemmaus.org](http://www.somdemmaus.org)

**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 July 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](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

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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.

## It's Time to Go to the Polls! (Or is that Poles?)

Each June in the Southern Maryland Emmaus Community we have the opportunity to elect new members to the Board of Directors, and this June is no exception.

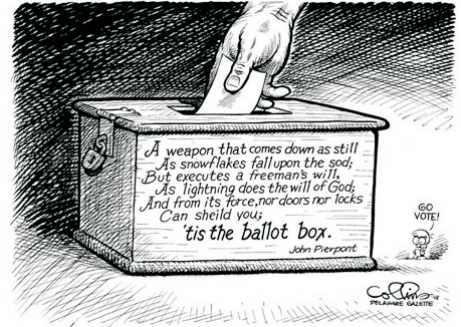
The ballot listing the nominations is below. Please prayerfully consider these names and vote according to God's will for this community. Each person can cast one ballot (that is one ballot per voter, not per nominee) and we use the honor system.

There are three ways to vote:

1. You can come to the June gathering and vote in person
2. You can print out this ballot, fill it in and mail it to:

Southern Maryland Emmaus Vote  
P.O. Box 1242  
Leonardtown, Md. 20650

3. You can indicate your choices in an email and sent it to: [vote@somdemmaus.org](mailto:vote@somdemmaus.org)



**All ballots are due (or must be postmarked by), July 5, 2006**

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### Southern Maryland Emmaus Board of Directors Ballot

The SME Community needs to elect 5 three-year term lay members, 1 two-year term lay member, and 1 two-year term clergy member for service on the Board of Directors.

Please vote for no more than 6 (six) lay members and no more than 1 (one) clergy member.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Janet Goodwin (Lexington Park UMC) | <input type="checkbox"/> Bright Thompson (La Plata UMC)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Karen Hower (La Plata UMC)         | <input type="checkbox"/> Archie Verdiglione (Calvary UMC) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anita Nalls (Trinity UMC)          | <input type="checkbox"/> Allen Wilkerson (Calvary UMC)    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gordan Piscacek (Bethel UMC)       | <input type="checkbox"/> Donna Young (Living Springs UMC) |

#### Clergy Member:

- Sue Shorb-Sterling (Olivet UMC)

**Ballots due July 5, 2006**





## 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*

### Lady Musicians Needed

The Team Selection Committee is on the hunt for all women in the Southern Maryland Emmaus Community who play a musical instrument. If you, or someone you know, can tickle those ivories, strum that guitar, beat that drum, or what have you, please let me know.

Okay, so maybe you don't know any women who are currently in the Community that play an instrument, but you know someone at your church. Sit down with God and ask him if that woman would be a good person

### Pass It On!

One of the favorite activities on an Emmaus Weekend is to try to catch someone unawares by tagging them with a clothespin representing God's love.

It's time to once again be praying about passing on God's love by sponsoring pilgrims for the fall weekends. The deadline for submitting applications for both weekends is August 12, 2006. This gives the pilgrim selection committee time to pray over the pilgrims and the registrar time to notify pilgrims and sponsors so that they can prepare.

Once we've experienced God's love, we can't keep it to ourselves: we have to pass it on. Please give your prayerful consideration to giving this wonderful gift. Blank applications can be found on the website. Com-

pleted applications can be mailed to the post office box in Leonardtown.

We will also take musical men. That would be for the men's teams, not the women's teams. Thanks for your help.

The Team Selection Committee Chair  
 Laura K. Yax  
 email: [LKYax@comcast.net](mailto:LKYax@comcast.net)

pleted applications can be mailed to the post office box in Leonardtown.

**Opportunity to Serve:** Is God calling you to serve our Community in a special way? If so, the Southern Maryland Emmaus Community is looking for someone to be the Community Prayer Point of Contact (PPOC). Via email, this person receives and collects all the Community prayer requests and forwards them to the PPOCs for the various churches in our community. If you feel God is calling you to this important position, please contact Marilynne Landweer at [mlandweer@verizon.net](mailto:mlandweer@verizon.net) as soon as possible.





## 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	revlynng@comcast.net	410-414-8109
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Lexington Park UMC	Sandi Hauenstein	Sandi@hauenstein.com	301-994-3363
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Olivet UMC	Sue Shorb Sterling	sues@intergate.com	410-394-0773
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St. Paul's UMC (Leonardtown)	Wendy Headrick	wbheadrick@usa.net	301-475-3278
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Smithville UMC	Kathy Massaro	emmaus93@comcast.net	410-257-1953
Trinity UMC	Traci Conklin	TRConklin@comcast.net	
Trinity Baptist Waldorf)	Karen Smith	musicladykaren@yahoo.com	301-274-2504
Waters Memorial UMC	Dru McLaughlin	mikeanddru@comcast.net	410-535-4313

### 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).**



“Yet, O Lord, you are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.” Isaiah 63:8

This will be my last newsletter article as your Community Lay Director and the Chair of the Southern Maryland Emmaus Board of Directors. This is a bitter-

sweet time for me. However, this is my second year in a three-year term, so I do have one more year to serve on the Board. After the Community has elected the new Board members in June, the Board will elect new Board officers in July. The new officers will be announced at the July Gathering.

Initially, as Community Lay Director, I was very uncomfortable being in front of the Community at the Weekend events and Community Gatherings. I was extremely shy as a child – my first grade teacher wrote that on my report card and throughout the year she would note that she had a difficult time drawing me out of that shyness. Throughout my early education, other children teased me endlessly, which made my shyness worse. I took two Public Speaking courses – one in high school and one in college. It helped some, but not much. I just never have enjoyed getting in front of people. Some of you have heard me state how I hated Friday night on my weekend, when we had to get up and perform a skit in front of the others on the weekend. That is when I was ready to walk home (we lived near the retreat center and I could have easily done that!).

I have come a long way since then. God indeed has shaped and molded me. He has given me the courage and strength to perform my duties as your Community Lay Director. I could not have done it without Him and I give Him all the credit and all the glory. Even though I have made mistakes along the way, I have done the very best I could to serve this Community. We are very blessed to have a Board which has been there to pick me up when I stumbled and which has placed me back on the right path when I started going down the wrong path. Thank you, dear Board! Even though I haven't said it often enough, I do appreciate each and every one of you.

There have been some very difficult decisions the Board has had to make this past year. We have had our first set of weekends at Melwood and currently are evaluating where to go from there. We have done our best to follow the National Model. The Board agreed to follow the Model when we signed the Letter of Agreement (LOA), which authorizes us to be an Emmaus Community, in front of the Community at the Gathering in March. We have been very intent on living up to that agreement and hope that continues in the future. The Model is there for a reason – it works!

With that in mind, Greg Engroff, our Regional Representative, visited us in March and provided training for the Board on Friday night and training for the Community on Saturday. According to our LOA, this training is to be done every three years. Greg followed up with a letter, which indicates some areas we need to change in order to be in accordance with the National Model. Moreover, Greg has told us these changes are to be completed within this year. The changes include: (1) table leaders and assistant table leaders should be housed in the same building and rooms as the pilgrims; (2) team members are to be discouraged from writing letters to the pilgrims during the weekend (this should be done after the weekend); (3) the back leaders table should not perform skits/summaries/songs; (4) the pilgrim should be seated with the community at closing; and (5) handouts (other than if you use more than 2 or 3 Scripture quotes) are not allowed for talks on the weekend.

Greg's letter expounds on why each of these areas is to be implemented. The Board will be addressing these issues, along with a list of other suggestions Greg proposed at the training. For some, change is very difficult. But, change is really good and often necessary. We need to be open to change and allow God to mold us and shape us into the Community He wants us to be. These are exciting times in the life of our Community and we have much to be thankful for. Are we open, willing, and ready to be molded and shaped to become all that God wants us to be as a Community?

De Colores!  
Marilynne Landweer





When has the Lord blessed you this month? When have you seen or experienced His Hand extended to you or those around you in love? We are a community of believers that thrives on hearing about the work of the Holy Spirit in our midst. Won't you share your story?

At each monthly Gathering, there is a time for Fourth Day Witness. We're re-tuning our understanding of this time to respond to our Upper Room Regional Rep's advice. Fourth Day Witness is simply a

5-minute (maximum) sharing of one person's story. It's not an Emmaus "talk," just a sharing. Perhaps this description opens your heart more to the possibility of sharing at a Gathering. I hope so.

Remember, it doesn't matter when you Walked or if you've spoken at a Gathering before or not. When the Spirit moves you to share a witness, that's the time. I have a Witness lined up for June, but there are plenty of months after that!

The Fourth Day Witness clipboard will be circulating! Please sign up!

Linda Flanagan, Gathering Chair

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### Applications Due for Fall Walks

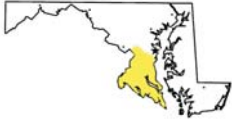
Team Applications were due by May 6

Pilgrim Applications must be received by August 12

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?"*

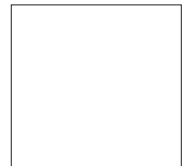
Luke 24:32

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