

On the Path



The Newsletter of the Southern Maryland Emmaus Community

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Sponsorship – Christ in Counting on YOU!

I pray you are counting on Christ.

As I began to think about this article we were preparing for the spring walks - fall seemed so far away and yet it is just around the corner. The fall men's walk is scheduled for November 5 and the women's walk for November 11th so now is really the time to begin thinking and praying about candidates for you to sponsor. I know when I left my pilgrim walk I came out with a long list of people who I would like to send on the Emmaus experience. As I began to pray about whom to sponsor it did not end up being anyone from that original list. Imagine that... God had a plan that was different from mine. Are you praying for God to lead you in the direction he would have you go? Should I sponsor and if so, who? Should I team? Or should I just let time go by and do nothing?

Remember - Christ is counting on you!

The goal of Emmaus is to equip people for leadership in the church – to develop, to strengthen, to encourage, to rejuvenate them in order for them to serve as Christ's hand and feet to a hurting world; To challenge them to live in the agape love that the Lord offers.

So then what does it take to be a GREAT sponsor?

Prayer – God wants to talk to you about his wishes. Seek Him in this decision.

Courage – No one likes to be rejected – bathe your consideration in prayer – prayer for your decision, prayer for the potential pilgrims. Be assured that God is in control and it is His timing that will prevail - Then Just Do It.

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Community Gathering

The next community wide gathering will be held on June 20, 2009 at Calvary UMC in Waldorf, Maryland, starting at 5:00 p.m. with a pot luck dinner, fellowship, music, and gathering. Don't forget to wear your agape!

Monthly Local Gatherings are suspended during the summer months in favor of the community wide events.

Watch this space for changes in gatherings for coming months.

Community Picnic

1st annual Southern Maryland Emmaus picnic will be held Saturday, July 11th at Gilbert Run Park from 1:00 – 6:00. Grills, charcoal, sodas, water and paper products will be provided. Bring meat to grill and a dish to share. Last names A thru L, bring a side dish (salad, chips etc.) to share; M thru Z bring fruit or dessert to share. Other items you might want to bring – bug spray, chairs, blanket. Games and prizes for all ages!!





Fall Walks - 2009 - West River

Men's Walk # 33 - November 5 - 8

Women's Walk # 34 - November 12 - 15

Make plans to attend the community events for each walk:

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

Saturday - Candlelight - 8:00 p.m.

Sunday - Closing - 4:00 p.m.

This Week: 6/1/2009

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

Pilgrim and Team Applications and this newsletter may be downloaded from the
web at www.somdemmaus.org
CLICK on "Document, Lists and Newsletters"

Recurring Events of the Southern Maryland Emmaus Community

Special community-wide Gathering For June 20, 2009



5:00 p.m. Fellowship 6:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner

7:00 p.m. Worship

Calvary United Methodist Church

4th Day Seminars

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 November 21, 2009, 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, Mary Ulrey, would like to hear about any active Groups in Southern Maryland. If you are having difficulty finding a Reunion Group, contact Mary. 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 Saturday - 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
Men Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
Women Monday 7:30 p.m.
Women Tuesday 7:30 p.m. (not at church
call 301-645-5370 for directions)
Women Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
Women Tuesday 8:45 a.m. (not at church
call 301-645-6414 for directions)

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
Monthly on first Monday
6:30 p.m. at Tony De May's home

Shiloh UMC, Bryans Road
Co-ed Tuesdays 6:30 p.m.

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

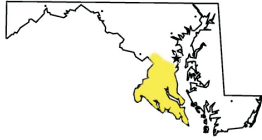
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Our webmaster is Pat Knowland



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Deadline for next issue is August 1, 2009. The preferred method of submission is as an MSWord document file or a WordPerfect file sent via-e-mail to the following address: dbrennan6@verizon.net. 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.

Prayer Coordinator

Cathy Lavoie

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Southern Maryland Emmaus - Leadership & Service

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Piety

Now I'm here to tell you
that in this society
you will seldom hear the meaning
of the word "piety."

It's to be aware, show the Lord
that you have the desire
to set the world on fire
teaching His everlasting love.

Telling him you love and trust him
about three times a day.
Meditate, appreciate, and
let other know
He's the life, the truth, and the way

That He's the God of goodness, and forgiveness
the only God from above
and we must always have the faith
knowing all things are possible with His love.

From the Table of Ruth SM Walk # 32

CiSM

Chrysalis in Southern Maryland

Ages 15 to 23

The first weekend Flights for CiSM are getting
close and now is the time for the entire Emmaus
Community to support our new Caterpillars!

We are in need of your prayers and Agape!

Totals for per flight are
30 team and 24 Caterpillars.

The dates for the first flights are being decided. We
are in need of your prayers and support.

Agape may be left at Gatherings, or given to a
member of the Chrysalis Steering Committee

Thank you for your support



Southern Maryland Emmaus - Prayer Points of Contact

If your church is not listed, please volunteer to be the Prayer POC. Send your name, e-mail address, and telephone number to dbrennan6@verizon.net

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Southern Maryland Emmaus Annual Community- Wide Picnic

When: Saturday July 11, 2009

Where: Gilbert Run Park, Amphitheatre (rest rooms, picnic tables, grills, volleyball and horseshoe pits available at site)

This scenic wooded park also includes hiking and nature trails, playground areas, nature center, lake with canoe, rowboat and pedal boat rentals.

Time: 1-6 pm

Cost: \$4.00 per car for parking
\$2.00 if you bring this flyer with you

What to bring: A smile, meat for your family to grill, and
Last names ending in A-L- Side dish like salad, chips etc
to share
Last names ending in M-Z- Fruit or dessert to share

Drinks/charcoal/paper products will be provided by Emmaus Board of Directors



Join us for games, prizes, fun, food, fellowship and a mini-gathering!

Bring a friend, weekend table mate, pilgrim you sponsored, or anyone else you'd like to share the afternoon with!

Directions from points north of Waldorf:

Take Route 495 East to Exit 7A- Route 5 South/Branch Ave toward Waldorf
Slight left at Mattawoman Beantown Rd/MD-205/MD-5
Turn left at Leonardtown Rd Rt 5
Turn right at Route 6
Park is located on Route 6- there is a large telecommunications tower at the entrance to the park
Amphitheatre is the first pavilion site on the left
Park in the first lot on the right
Please use caution crossing the street to the amphitheatre

Directions from points south of Waldorf:

Take Route 5 North/Three Notch Road
Turn left on Route 6
Park is located on Route 6- there is a large telecommunications tower at the entrance to the park
Amphitheatre is the first pavilion site on the left
Park in the first lot on the right
Please use caution crossing the street to the amphitheatre

For information, park office number is 301-932-1083

Time – To pray; to consider; to talk with potential pilgrims and be prepared to respond to their questions.

Sacrifice – to give selflessly of your time as you consider who you should sponsor, to approach the potential pilgrim with the concept of Emmaus, to support them as they ponder the decision, and when they have agreed to go - to provide the practical assistance they will need in order to put the cares of the world behind and give their attention to the weekend.

Discernment – Is the timing mine or God's?

Followup – relationship, relationship, relationship. Provide **encouragement** for the pilgrim to step out in faith in new areas of ministry. Assist with **accountability** by encouraging your pilgrim to be in a reunion group – an ongoing group or to start one of their own – maybe with you.

Connection – gatherings are a great way to help pilgrims stay connected to the Emmaus community; host a agape party; encourage them to team or to support community events with their service – not just their attendance.

Did you know that you could submit a pilgrim or team application for the fall walks right now? We accept applications all year long. Wouldn't it be a wonderful problem if we were to fill our 24 slots for each walk long before the deadline.

Christ is counting on YOU!

The Emmaus Website () has the practical things you will need: Pilgrim applications, Team applications, walk dates.

A successful community of any kind takes commitment by the members. Are you committed to idea of Emmaus; to the success of the community of God in Southern Maryland and beyond; in this Emmaus community? Have you prayerfully considered who God would have you sponsor? There is no time like the present..... Let's start at the beginning....with God because Christ is counting on YOU!

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Use of Emmaus Distribution Lists

POCs and all Emmaus Community members are reminded that the E-mail distribution lists of Southern Maryland Emmaus members are to be used solely for official Emmaus information or prayer requests. Please do not share those lists outside of the community or use them for other purposes.

Prayer Requests

Prayer requests to be shared with the community may be sent to our Prayer Request Coordinator, Cathy Lavoie at this e-mail address: lavoie20602@aol.com. She will be responsible for distribution to the community.



Dear Emmaus Community,

Hello, my name is Sarah Smith and I am the youth agape coordinator for Chrysalis in Southern Maryland (CISM). As our first set of weekends are approaching the agape committee is seeking help from the Emmaus community by asking for agape donations specific items we need are:

1. Caterpillar pins
2. Cocoon pins
3. Butterfly pins
4. Lanyards
5. Tissues
6. Non scented white candles
7. Trash Bags
8. Poster board or poster paper
9. Post –It- Notes pads
10. Notebook paper
11. Rubber bands
12. 3x5 Index Cards
13. Glue
14. Transparent tape
15. Masking tape

Agape can reflect the theme of the day; however general agape is always accepted and appreciated

Day One

Faith

A Day of Dying to Christ

Symbol: Caterpillar

Day Two

Hope

A Day of Rising with Christ

Symbol: Chrysalis

Day Three

Love

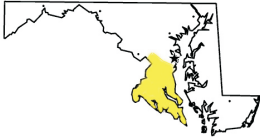
A Day of Flying with Christ

Symbol: Butterfly

All items will be collected at Gatherings and Hoots. Or Call Jane Elliott at 301-934-2786 or e-mail her at kcandjane@dishmail.net to have them picked up.

Other General Agape needed as always snacks and drinks!

We thank you for your support!!!



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Visit us on the web at www.somdemmaus.org

"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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