



On the Path



The Newsletter of the Southern Maryland Emmaus Community

October, 2006 Walk In the Light Volume 6 Issue 5

Fall Walks Are Here!

October means it's time for the Fall Walks. Once again we will be at Melwood, and there are a few things we want everyone to know about our location.

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.

From points North of La Plata: Take Route 301 South to La Plata then right onto Route 6 West and follow the directions above.

From St. Mary County: Take Route 5 to Route 6 West to La Plata. Cross Route 301 and follow the directions above.

From points South of La Plata: Take Route 301 North to La Plata then left onto Route 6 West and follow the directions above.

Parking: If the weather is dry, we will be able to park in the field by the basketball court. We can park 8 or 10 cars by the dining hall, and 10 or 15 on the basketball court and some along the road. We **cannot** block the fire lane that loops around the lodges. If more parking is needed for candle light and closing we should park in the big lot by the entrance. . **Carpooling** will be very helpful because parking close to the center is limited.

See Melwood Pg. 5



Rt 6 & Rt. 425 Intersection



Entrance to Melwood



Closeup of Melwood Sign



Fall Walks

Men's Walk # 21 - October 12-15

Women's Walk # 22 - October 19-22

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

This Week: 10/1/2006

Emmaus Community Stats

142 Weekends in
32 States and
5 Countries
75 Women's Weekends and
67 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

Gatherings: 7:00 p.m. Fellowship 6:00 p.m. Next Gathering - November 18.

Gatherings are held monthly on the 3rd Saturday. The next Gathering will be November 18, 2006 at Calvary United Methodist Church in Waldorf. There will be no Gathering in December.

Board of Directors Meeting: To Be Announced

Board meetings are held prior to the Gathering on the 3rd Saturday of each month. The next board meeting will be announced.

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 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.

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
Co-ed Tuesday 7:30 a.m. Bob Evans
Co-ed Thursday - 11:30 a.m. (home setting)

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.

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

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.



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Deadline for next issue is December 1, 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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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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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.

Melwood from Pg. 1

Sponsors will deliver pilgrims to the Kelly building by 7:00 for check in and room assignments then the pilgrims will be taken to their rooms to drop off their luggage. Finally, sponsors will bring pilgrims to the dining hall for send off. **Sponsor hour** will be set up in the small part of the dining hall.

For **Candle Light**, the community will gather in the dining hall at 8:00

Closing will begin at 4:00 in the dining hall on Sunday.



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!

Diane Walker
Agape Coordinator
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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 October walks. Volunteers are needed for:

Thursday PM Oct 12th & 19th for the Pilgrim Greeting

Saturday PM Oct 14th & 21st for Candlelight

Sunday afternoon Oct 15th & 22nd for Closing.

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 November 18, 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.

See you at Calvary!



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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Facility Representative	John Carns	Fourth Day Seminar	Board Reps from walks
Gathering Coordinator	Bright Thompson	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



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.

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.

This newsletter lists many reunion groups of the Southern Maryland Emmaus Community. 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.

Hebrews 10:24-25 tells us: "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." That message from Hebrews speaks to us today.

What's that I hear? You said you have stopped going to a reunion group. I say in response, that is all the more reason you should be going. Attendance is your weekly reaffirmation of the form of life toward which you seek to grow. It is also a weekly affirmation of your commitment to the spiritual welfare of your friends. The times when you least want to attend will be those when another member needs the group most.

It helps to talk with your Christian friends, regardless if it is about a problem or a joyful moment or experience. By sharing your insights and experiences with others in your group you contribute to their spiritual growth, as well as to your own. By sharing your attempts, failures, or shortcomings with them you can draw upon their strength, insight, and encouragement as you continue your daily journey with Christ. And remember, what is said in the group stays in the group. Attend a reunion group, attend regularly, and share.

The listing of reunion groups in this newsletter 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
send your name, e-mail address and telephone to newsletter@somdemmaus.org***

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Waters Memorial UMC	Dru McLaughlin	mikeanddru@comcast.net	410-535-4313

Mark Your Calendars

Karen Hower, Events Coordinator, reminds us that the Fall walks are quickly approaching. Mark your calendars now to attend the Candlelight and Closing ceremonies for each at the Melwood Center.

Men's Walk

Candlelight: Sat. Oct. 14th - Community gathers at 8:00p.m. in the Dining Hall
Closing: Sun. Oct. 15th - Begins at 4:00 p.m. in the Dining Hall

Women's Walk

Candlelight: Sat. Oct. 21st - Community gathers at 8:00p.m. in the Dining Hall
Closing: Sun. Oct. 22nd - Begins at 4:00 p.m. in the Dining Hall



- Starting with this issue, the Southern Maryland Emmaus Board will begin sharing tidbits from the monthly board meetings to keep the community informed of current topics being discussed and decided upon.
- Beginning with the October 2006 Men's & Women's walks, the Davis Building will be reserved at the Melwood Facility for childcare during Closing.
- Work is underway by Marilynne Landweer & Dan Brennan to compile a community directory.
- Diane Walker will be publishing a newsletter article to solicit the communities feedback on whether we should begin food preparation and service during the Men's & Women's walk vs. the Melwood facility staff.

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.

Reprinted from The Upper Room Emmaus Website

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

Emmaus Gathering News

Schedule of Upcoming Gatherings

October - NO Gathering - plan on attending Candlelight and Closing for the fall walks

November 10th - Fourth Day Seminar & Mini-Gathering
at Calvary United Methodist Church - Waldorf

4:00 p.m. - 4th Day Seminar

6:00 p.m. - Covered Dish Supper (please bring dish to share)

7:00 p.m. - Mini-Gathering

December - NO Gathering - Christmas



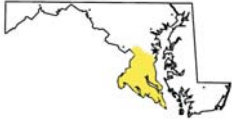
Start Planning For Spring Walks Now

Prayerfully consider serving on an Emmaus Team
Pray for guidance on pilgrims for the spring walks

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.





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Visit us on the web at www.somdemmaus.org

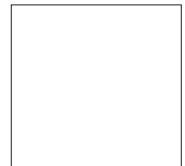
"Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?"

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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