



# On the Path



The Newsletter of the Southern Maryland Emmaus Community

September, 2010 Walk In the Light Volume 10 Issue 4

## New Board In Place!

Following the annual election in July, the Board met in August to welcome new Board members, and to transition jobs from outgoing Board members. Outgoing Lay Board members included John Carns (Treasurer), Jan Drass (Secretary) and Chester Willet (Agape Coordinator). In addition, Community Spiritual Director Chris Owens fulfilled his year term, and the position of Community Spiritual Director will now be held by Steve Larsen, Pastor of Good Shepherd UMC.

The New Community Lay Director is June Fauber, and Assistant Community Lay Director is Rick Pitonyak. Dale Merkle concluded his year of serving as the Community Lay Director, and will serve this next year on the Board as the Agape Coordinator.

The new Secretary/Historian is Connie Wells, and Everett Baker will take over Treasurer duties, with Linda Horty serving as the Assistant Treasurer.

Team Selection will remain in the capable hands of Sheila Hanson, with Shelley Wilson taking over as the Assistant Team Selection Chair.

Registrar will be Cathy Lavoie, assisted by Ed Priest. Our new Music Director is Karen Smith.

Community Events Coordinator is Carol Barton, who will be working closely with her Assistant Community Events Coordinator Dru McLaughlin.

Fourth Day Coordinator is Brenda Smith-Thomas. And Mary Ulrey will be overseeing Sponsorship and Reunion Groups.

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## Community Gathering

September 8, at Mt. Zion  
United Methodist Church  
Potluck at 5:00 Gathering at 6:00

Bring your Agape ideas to this gathering. Our plan is to make Agape at the October gathering

If you need child care for the September Gathering, please contact Janet Goodwin at [janet.goodwin1@gmail.com](mailto:janet.goodwin1@gmail.com) or phone 301-737-4070.

## Special Focus

Agape ideas for the upcoming Women's walk





## Fall Walks - 2010 - West River

**Men's Walk # 37 - Cancelled**

**Women's Walk # 38 - Nov. 4 - 7**

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: 9/4/2010**

### Emmaus Community Stats

42 Weekends in

13 States and

3 Countries

20 Women's Weekends and

22 Men's Weekends



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## Recurring Events of the Southern Maryland Emmaus Community

### Next Gathering September 18, 2010

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

Mt. Zion United Methodist Church

27108 Mt. Zion Church Road, Mechanicsville, MD.

### 4th Day Seminars

Seminars are held in the spring and in the fall following the men's and women's walks. The next seminar date will be November 20, 2010, 4:00 p.m. at Mt Zion United Methodist Church in Mechanicsville. 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.

Bowie UMC - Old Town Bowie  
Co-ed - weekly at 4:15 p.m.

Calvary UMC, Waldorf  
Men Tuesday - 7:15 p.m.  
Women Wednesday - 5:30 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.

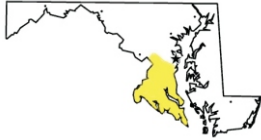
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**Deadline for next issue is November 1, 2010.** The preferred method of submission is as an MSWord document file or a WordPerfect file sent via-e-mail to the following address: [dbrennan6@verizon.net](mailto:dbrennan6@verizon.net). Very short articles 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**

**Rick Pitonyak  
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## 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 members.*

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Community Historian	Connie Wells	Prayer Vigil Coordinator	Sara Martin
Event Coordinator	Carol Barton	Registrar	Cathy Lavoie
Comm. Spiritual Director	Steve Larsen	Reunion Group	Mary Ulrey
Entertainment	Dan Brennan	Team Selection Coord.	Sheila Hanson
Facility Representative	Rick Pitonyak	Fourth Day Seminar	Brenda Smith-Thomas
Sponsorship	Mary Ulrey	Pilgrim Selection	Ed Priest/Cathy Lavoie
Supply	Diane Walker	Music Director	Karen Smith
Comm. Lay Director	June Fauber	Prayer Requests	Everett Baker

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

### Beach Theme July Gathering was Hot!!

Hats abounded at the July Gathering held at Calvary UMC in Waldorf. The pot luck featured Fried Chicken and Cold Cuts along with side dishes and desserts. There was lots of food to share with all. We were all thankful for being inside with air conditioning as this was a really hot day!

A hat contest was held with many in the community wearing their silliest beach hats. The judges were Ed Priest and Judy Lindley (because they did not wear a hat) and the winners from First to Third Places were:

- 1 – PJ Pitonyak (third on the left)
- 2 – Rich Weaver (last on the left)
- 3 – A Tie between Don and Cindy Gellar (first and second on the left)

You can see by the picture that these were some crazy hats!







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# A Word From Our New Community Lay Leader

Greetings!

I am honored to be greeting you as your newly elected Community Lay Director to the Board. We have five new Board members and it is our hope to keep you all better informed about what is happening in our Community. We are even planning a Board Retreat to come up with ideas to build up our gatherings. If you have any ideas that would help us, please send me an email so that we can discuss them. We are always open to your input. This is not just the "Board's" Community, but it belongs to all of us. We all have a say as to how it is run.

Our next several Gatherings will be held at Mt. Zion UMC, 27108 Mt. Zion Church Rd., Mechanicsville, MD. Come and join us there. Just follow Rt. 5 through to Rt. 235. It will be on your left as you go south. Coming up from the south, of course, it will be on your right. It's a lovely church, in a lovely location. We'll be making agape for the upcoming Women's Walk in November.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel the Men's Walk for October. Our policy for all Walks is to have a minimum of 12 pilgrim applications by a certain date. If we don't receive that number, we cancel. Brothers and Sisters, we should not be waiting to sponsor folks for a walk until just before they are going to take place. God already has their names. We have to do our part and pray for the persons God is calling and go and ask them to attend. Once we have the application, the Pilgrim Application Committee can then call them and we'll have our Walk ready to go. There will be no wondering whether a Walk will be or not. Let's do our part. Yes, we need Team members. But, we also need the sponsors. We are all in this together to help spread and build up God's Word and Spirit. Let's see what we can do throughout the rest of this year! Let's work together.

I look forward to seeing you on September 18 at 5:00 p.m. where we will sing and praise the Lord and commune together! Praise God!!

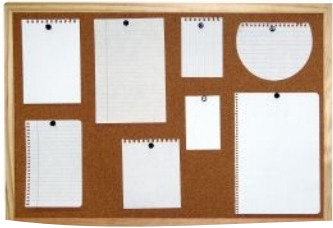
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## **SYTYCT**

No, it's not the next great reality television dance show, but it certainly could showcase the remarkable talents possessed by the members of the Southern Maryland Emmaus Community. That's right, it's the latest edition of So You Think You Can Team.

Unlike its popular television counterparts, there are no judges, and no real auditions. All that is required is a servant's spirit, and completion of your own Walk to Emmaus. It is true, you will go through extensive training, and you'll become fast friends with your brothers and sisters as you learn more about how the weekends are conducted. And while you may not get a mirror ball trophy or a championship title, you will receive blessings far in excess of your expectations.

Team applications are good for one year, and you can find them on the Southern Maryland Emmaus website: [www.somdemmaus.org](http://www.somdemmaus.org). Remember, you must have attended a 4th Day Seminar in order to team.



## Board Notes

A decision was made to cancel the Fall Men's Walk because only two applications had been received, and the minimum of 12 pilgrims was not met by the deadline of August 18.

An email was sent recently to alert community members that only 6 women pilgrims are able to walk for the women's Fall weekend. Unless the minimum of twelve is met by the cutoff date which is September 8. Community members are asked to prayerfully consider sponsorship.

There are two vacancies for important jobs that are in need of community volunteers: Supply Coordinator, and Assistant Agape Coordinator. Please contact June Fauber if you have questions or feel led to serve in either of these roles.

Southern Maryland Emmaus is now on Facebook! Our new Communications Chairperson, Rick Pitonyak, has already moved us into the 21<sup>st</sup> century! Thanks Rick! If you haven't yet gotten an invitation to be our friend, contact Rick!

The September monthly gathering will be held on September 18 at Mt. Zion UMC in Mechanicsville, MD. Directions will be sent via PPOCs. Potluck will be at 5pm; followed by a gathering at 6pm. Agape will be made for the fall women's walk, so please plan to bring materials and/or help support the weekend in fun and meaningful way!

New Board members elected in the annual election included: Carol Barton, Linda Horty, Dru McLaughlin, Brenda Smith-Thomas, and Karen Smith. Connie Wells was also selected by the Board, and will be filling a 2 year term from a Board vacancy. In addition, Steve Larsen joins the Board as the Community Spiritual Director for a 1 year term. We hope to have an Assistant Community Spiritual Director aboard soon. Congratulations and welcome to the Board!

### Tell us about your walk

Sure we get to hear a little about someone's walk experience during the gatherings as part of a 4th Day Talk, but wouldn't it be interesting to hear about some of the often overlooked moments that made your weekend special? Maybe you have something to share in the following categories:

- The funniest thing that happened to me on my weekend
- The strangest food experience of my weekend (you know we've all had them)
- Snoring 101 (how you survived that noisy night - tricks for the novice sleeper)
- My favorite piece of agape (the one you're still wearing)

Our weekends are powerful experiences of connecting with the Lord, but there are also those lighter moments that we rarely talk about. How about sharing a story or two with your brothers and sisters. Send your thoughts to the editor at [dbrennan6@verizon.net](mailto:dbrennan6@verizon.net).

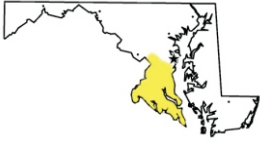
### BOARD from Pg. 1

Lastly, Communications will be under the leadership of Rick Pitonyak, with Sheila Hanson assisting on Community Directory and Shelley Wilson continuing her work to manage the volunteer database.

Thank you to outgoing Board members, and a special welcome and thank you to new Board members who begin their three year term! We appreciate your willingness to serve and make a difference!

Community members are critical to the success of everything the Board does! Many volunteers are needed to serve on various committees such as community events, agape, team selection, communications, etc. We thank the many people who faithfully serve in many different areas already— people like Pat Goodwin who manages the Community Directory, and Dan Brennan who is our Southern Maryland Emmaus Newsletter Editor, and Pat Knowland who serves as the Southern Maryland Emmaus Webmaster— THANK YOU! We depend on you and thank you for the ongoing service to the community you provide!





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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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