

UPPER ROOM EMMAUS OF THE GREATER FREDERICKSBURG AREA

July

Upcoming Walks

FE-103 (M)
Oct 27-30, 2016
Chris Campbell

FE-104 (W)
Nov 10-13, 2016
Karen Campbell

FE-105 (M)
Mar 23-26, 2017
TBD

FE-106 (W)
Apr 20-23, 2017
TBD

FE-107 (M)
Sept 21-24, 2017
TBD

FE-108 (W)
Oct 26-29, 2017
TBD

Gathering Directions

Melrose UMC
1317 Lewisetta Rd.
Lottsburg, VA 22511

Take Route 3 East from I-95 for 3 miles. Take the exit for US-17/VA-2 which is on the right. After 5 miles, turn left onto US-17 and continue for 40 miles. Turn left onto US-360 (Queen Street) and continue for 18 miles. Turn right onto Northumberland way (still US-360) and continue for 2 miles. Turn left onto Lewisetta Rd. The church is less than a mile down on the left.

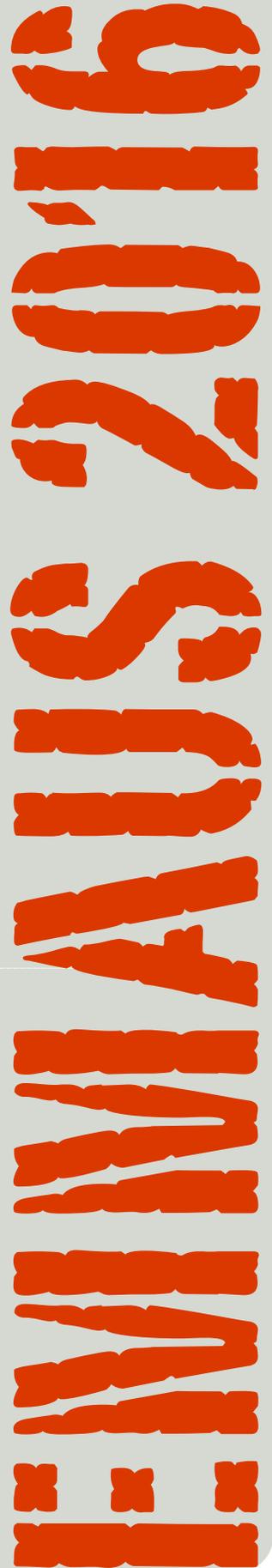
Gatherings 2nd Sat of the month

2:00 pm Board meeting
3:30 pm Fellowship
4:00 pm Gathering

Please bring
snacks to share
during fellowship
time.

July 9th: Melrose UMC
Aug 13th: Andrew Chapel UMC
Sept 10th: St. Matthias UMC

If your church can host a gathering, please email
the ACLD Terry Cook at mktyck@gmail.com





“In the Midst of Change”

11“For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope”. Jeremiah 29:11

I’ve always enjoyed listening to the Pilgrims describe their weekend at Closing. It’s here, perhaps, that we see the most honest assessment of the previous three days. Their words have power and they share openly, without reservation. Here are some snippets from Closing testimony at the last two Walks, FE-101 for the men and FE-102 for the women.

“Love beyond incredible...reminder of God’s love...better father and husband...I needed this...I love you and there’s nothing you can do about it...better disciple of Jesus Christ...change agent for Christ...overwhelmed...felt walls breaking down...love the love...laid at the cross...healing of self hatred...absolutely amazing... glimpse of heaven...life is precious...committed.”

During our weekends, most of us are changed, sometimes subtly, oftentimes profoundly. If we embrace this change we can truly make a difference in our own spiritual lives and in the world around us.

The Board is in the midst of change and we hope, if we embrace it, to truly make a difference in how we lead our Community forward. In April the Community approved changes to our By-Laws. The most significant was to move our election cycle to a calendar year basis that corresponds with The Upper Room where we have a covenant relationship. We also added some additional accountability in Team leadership selections along with some minor updates to the By-Laws.

For the Community, we hope the changes will be transparent. For the Board, in the short term at least, you’ll see some turmoil with our members as we adjust to the new calendar. We knew this would happen before we requested the changes but it may be a bit disconcerting as we all try to keep up. It is our prayer that the changes will lead to a profound difference in the governance of the Community. The Lord truly does have a plan for our Community. Hold on tight as we discover that together.

De Colores,

John Mann

Community Lay Director

Purpose of the Upper Room:

The purpose of Emmaus is to renew the church as the body of the risen Christ in the world through the renewal of Christians as faithful and committed Disciples of Christ.

Purpose of the Fredericksburg Community (per bylaws):

The purpose of Fredericksburg Emmaus shall be to inspire, challenge, and equip church members for Christian action, in their homes, churches, places of work, and the world community through the Emmaus experience.

Board Notes

Walk Fees

The Board has been looking closely at Pilgrim and Team fees for the past few Walks. We want to reduce these fees as much as possible. For the next two sets of Walks, Fall 2016 and Spring 2017, the Pilgrim and Team fees will be as follows. After the Spring 2017 Walks we will evaluate our financial position again and decide at that point whether we can reduce more, return to the previous fees or remain at this new level.

Pilgrim Application Fee remains \$25.00 (unchanged)

Pilgrim Fee paid by Sponsors is \$200.00 (\$20.00 reduction)

Team Fee is \$200.00 (\$20.00 reduction)

Board of Directors Changes

At the April 2016 Gathering, the Community approved changes to our By-Laws by a vote of 213 to 8. One of the big changes in the By-Laws was to move our election and new Board cycle from a start date of July 1st to January 1st. We are now in a six-month interim period.

Several of our Board members have decided to step down in June at their three-year mark. Karen Campbell, Ed Hayner, and Ron Jennings. We give thanks for their three years of service to our Emmaus Community. It's not an easy task but they've handled it with grace and we are all better for their commitment.

During this interim period, the Board has approved three new members per the

process outlined in the By-Laws. They will serve for the remainder of 2016, and if they choose, will be on the ballot in November for open positions in 2017. The new members are Carol Burke (Stafford Crossing), Butch Farley (Fairview Baptist), and Tommy Thompson (Fairport Baptist). We look forward to their presence on the Board.

One final change is with the Community Lay Director (CLD). The By-Laws, both before and after the recent revisions, does not allow the CLD to serve for consecutive years. Terry Cook completed one year on June 30th. During this interim period, she will become the Assistant CLD for three months and John Mann will step up to be the CLD for that same time. On October 1st, their roles will reverse once again. It's a bit unusual, but Terry and John have worked closely together over the last year and we wanted to maintain continuity during the second half of 2016 and still be faithful to the By-Laws. After the elections in November and the new Board is seated in January 2017, the Board officers will once again be elected through all of 2017.

WLD change

Steve Makely had been scheduled to be the WLD for FE-103. He has some significant health concerns and had to step down. We pray for healing for Steve and the hope to see his name on the list at a future time. Chris Campbell was next on the call list and graciously agreed to step in as the WLD. Chris has a shortened preparation time but we have every confidence that FE-103 will be blessed by his leadership.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the salvation of one of dearest friends – Jennifer Ames
Our daughter being tested for autoimmune disease

Parents, grandfather's health, sell vehicle, new ministry at church (Corey Veit)
Kitti's heart issues – finding right meds
Hal Risser's hip replacement surgery (John Shaver)
Carlton Crooks – prayer for healing (Joe Neale)
Prayer for elderly dad who is struggling with health concerns
My grandson Robbie who has a summer job at Kings Dominion. He hasn't been driving that long – safety on the roads to and from work and safety at work
Please pray for the graduates as they start new chapters in their lives and pray they keep God close.
Jill Dailey, Lynn and Brian, Marriages, Jon & Colleen, FredCamp, FCA, Pastors, distracted drivers
Let us all pray for our churches to continue to be relevant and reach all for the Gospel
Shirley Lucas & family, safe travels to & from NC, successful adoption process, pending birth of grandson
Pray for a family member who is struggling w/addiction (Jack White)
Prayers for all new Bible study preparations
Salvation for our children and grandchildren, pray for our country's leadership
Lindsey – healing from surgery and ability to walk
Baby due in October to be healthy
Cancer concerns
Brother's hip surgery
Start up of new ministry at our church

Walk fees & Due Dates

Application Fee \$25 – Due when you submit the completed application. If this fee is not included with the application the application will not be counted as valid until fee is received.

Sponsorship Fee \$200 – Due, (not mailed, but in the Treasurer's hands), no later than one week before the Walk, but preferably earlier. It is not acceptable to bring the Sponsorship Fee on the night the Walk starts.

A check must be written to Camp Happyland the morning of the Walk and is deposited the next day. Therefore, for Emmaus to be good stewards and to be in line with strong business practices, you must send your fees in a minimum of one week before the walk.

Team Fee - \$200 – Due, (not mailed, but in Treasurer's hands), no later than one week before the Walk, but preferably earlier. It is preferable that this is given to the Board Rep, for your Walk, during teaming.

Mail to: - All payments, applications, fees, correspondence, etc... should be mailed to P.O. Box 42094, Fredericksburg, VA 22404

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING OR STARTING A NEW REUNION GROUP?

EMAIL CHRIS WELLS AT [CDWELLS50@GMAIL.COM](mailto:cdwells50@gmail.com)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	THURSDAY
<p>Bethel UMC Men's Group 7:30 am Bethel UMC Woodbridge, Va POC: Brian Lewis 703-590-9343 bb3253@aol.com</p> <p>St. Matthias Reunion Group 1st Sunday of each month 12:15 - 1:30 pm St. Matthias Social Hall POC: Tammi Ellis</p>	<p>Ladies in Waiting Meets every other Monday in Falmouth POC: Vonda LiCalzi 540-446-2682</p> <p>Rainbow Group (Women) First Monday of month 10:00 am Lake of the Woods Location varies POC: Barbara Miller 540-972-7418</p>	<p>Lord's Lions & Lambs Group 6:00 pm First Christian Church POC: Mike Remington 540-373-7716 first.christian.church@verizon.net</p> <p>Great Is Thy Faithfulness 7:30 pm Prince of Peace UMC Manassas, Va POC: Lloyd Biller 703-590-1512</p> <p>Reunion Bible Study 10:00 am North Stafford Baptist POC: Karen Campbell 540-658-0468 campbells_6@yahoo.com</p>	<p>His Joyful Croakers 9:00 am Hillcrest UMC POC: June Riel 540-710-5949</p> <p>His Seekers (Women) 7:30 pm Home of Jane Carwell POC: Sandy Crossley 703-221-6977 POC: Jane Carwell 703-969-4019 tjcarwell@yahoo.com</p> <p>Uptown Bristersburg Believers 2nd and 4th Thursdays 7:00 pm Mt. Horeb UMC POC: Chris Wells 540-788-3068 cdwells50@gmail.com</p>



We are looking for more team members for upcoming walks. If you would like to be on a team, please attend the next 4th day follow-up, if you haven't attended one, and fill out and send in a team application. There are team applications available at the Gatherings, and one can also be downloaded from the fredwalk.org website.

If you are interested in being on the music team, please let us know. I am sure there are many of you who are very talented and would bless the music team and pilgrims, but if we don't know about your gift, we don't know to ask you to be a member.

Blessings to all of you,
Mary Lee FE - 44



ELECTED OFFICERS:

(THRU DEC 31, 2016)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: (INTERIM)

John Mann (9/30/16) - Community Lay Director

Terry Cook (9/30/16) - Assistant Community Lay Director

TBA (2016) - Community Spiritual Director

Joyce Keene (2016) - Secretary

Monica Warne (2018) - Treasurer

MEMBERS AT LARGE:

Carol Burke (2016)

Butch Farley (2016)

Tommy Thompson (2016)

Gregg Snyder (2017)

Dan See (2017)

Tammi Ellis (2018)

Matt Green (2018)

Rosemary Blankenship (2018)

Billy Showers (2017)

Beth McBride (2017)

Note: Year in parenthesis indicates the year the individual comes off the board.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Please contact John Mann at slowjet@live.com if you are interested in helping the Emmaus community through any of the various volunteer positions listed.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

To send a prayer request to our **daily internet prayer chain**, email Debbie Bliss at dhbliss@cox.net or fredemmausprayers@yahoo.com

To become a **Daily Prayer Warrior**, email Chris Campbell at chris@ewg.org

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS:

Communications Support Coordinator:

Mary Lee Hensel

Website & Database Administrator:

Chris Campbell

Newsletter: Brooke Ferguson

Daily Prayer Chain Coordinator: Debbie Bliss

Fourth Day Support Coordinator: OPEN

Fourth Day Advisory Committee:

Mary Lee Hensel & OPEN

Fourth Day Follow-Up Coordinator: Gregg Snyder

Reunion Group Coordinator: OPEN

Team Selection Committee: Ed Hayner

Team Registrars: Chris & Karen Campbell

Pilgrim Registrar: Debbie Bliss

Gathering Support Coordinator: Mary Lee Hensel

Hospitality Coordinator: OPEN

Music/Equipment Coordinator: Mitch Mitchell

Weekend Support Coordinator: Debbie Bliss

Community Servant Coordinator: Doc Holladay

Community Baker: Sandie Makely

Supplies/Transportation Coordinators:

Chris & Karen Campbell

Prayer Vigil Coordinator: OPEN

Placemat Coordinator: Mary Lee Hensel

Snack Agape Coordinator: OPEN

Agape Bag Coordinator: Karen Campbell

Name Badge Coordinators:

Gary Adkins & Dianna Wells

Fourth Day Packets: OPEN