

Upper Room Emmaus of the Greater Fredericksburg Area

EMMAUS 2017

February 2017

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Upcoming Walks

FE-105 (M)
Mar 23-26, 2017
Tom Wells

FE-106 (W)
Apr 20-23, 2017
Kathleen Holladay

FE-107 (M)
Sept 21-24, 2017
Gregg Snyder

FE-108 (W)
Oct 26-29, 2017
Jennifer Taylor

Volunteers Needed

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

Gatherings

St. Matthias UMC
426 Deacon Rd
Fredericksburg, VA 22405

From Fredericksburg: Take Route 1 North to right on. Butler Rd. Continue on Butler approximately 1.5 miles then turn left at the third light onto Deacon Rd. Follow Deacon Road approximately 2 miles, then turn right onto Edwards Drive. The parking lot entrance is the first right.

- The Board meets at 2:00 pm
- Bring snacks to share during Fellowship time at 3:30 pm
- Gatherings start at 4:00 pm

Feb 11th:
St Matthias UMC

Mar 11th:
TBA

If your church can host a gathering, please email the CLD John Mann at slowjet@outlook.com

“Transformation”

“For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.” Romans 12:4-5

Team Orientation day has arrived for our Spring Walks. Team members for FE-105 and FE-106, about 60 strong, assembled to begin the journey that will culminate in Walks during March and April. We began by introducing ourselves in the Emmaus way. Some were young, some not so much. Some were bold and others less so. Most Walked in the Fredericksburg Emmaus Community though we had a number that came from other Communities around the country. We had one woman who had flown on a Chrysalis Flight and one man who had walked in the Tres Dias Community. Many churches, many denominations.

By the end of Orientation, we had all received our assignments. We were anointed and prayed over and

we shared Communion together. We had begun the transformative experience we call Teaming. When we reflect on our Walks, we remember how we were changed. On Teams on which we’ve served, we often think about how the Pilgrims are changed. Perhaps an even bigger transformation occurs as we go through the Teaming process. We accept the role assigned. We learn to give of ourselves in ways that can be quite unexpected. We learn to trust one another and let each person do his or her part. We focus on the coming Walks and not on the issues surrounding us all.

In short, we come together as “one body in Christ”. It is a marvelous transformative experience and it occurs every time. That transformation continues through the weekend and at Closing, along with the Pilgrims, our new Community members, we truly are “members one of another.”

DeColores,
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.

Recently I was in a meeting where each person present was asked to share our favorite scripture verse. For a few moments, I felt something like panic as a flood of verses and pieces of verses coursed through my brain. I thought about different seasons and events in my life and how, during those times, a particular verse had become both prayer and promise for my journey. “This one,” I thought. “No, maybe this one.” “But I really like this one.”

So when my turn came, I, like many others, confessed that my favorite may have changed through the years and that it was almost impossible to choose just one. But it seems that lately, more and more, I have been drawn to several verses from 1 John 4. “Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God.” “Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.” “God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.” “We love because he first loved us.”

As the Fredericksburg Emmaus community, and the teams of FE 105 and FE106, begin to prepare for our spring walks, I pray that we will all write these verses upon our hearts and minds. May we abide in God and his love, and may God and his love abide in us. May we love one another. May we be vessels of God’s love to our pilgrims. And may we never forget that we are loved by God.

Peace and grace,
Rosemary Blankenship
Community Spiritual Director



The Fredericksburg Emmaus Community covers a very large area. In addition to the churches in the immediate Fredericksburg area, we have many members from churches throughout the Northern Neck. It can be quite a trek for them to come to the Gatherings in Fredericksburg and some have had to travel as far as 80 miles. Several of our members are working to bring Gatherings to the Northern Neck. Not to compete with ours, but to allow all of our members to experience the love and fellowship we all enjoy. The article below is about the first Northern Neck Gathering.

GOD IS GREAT AND GREATLY TO BE PRAISED!

Greetings from the Northern Neck!

What an exciting evening we had on Saturday, January 21st at our first Northern Neck Gathering for 2017! We are grateful for the people at Fairfield's Baptist Church who were so willing to host this Gathering with love and grace.

What began as a conversation between Tommy Thompson, Jesse Blythe and Randy McCollum turned into a real blessing!

The evening began with Welcome and comments from Board member, Chris Campbell. The music led by Tommy Thompson was fun and uplifting and our Fourth Day talk by Ashley Goodwyn was nothing less than inspirational. Our evening of worship was completed with the community spending time in prayer for one another and finally, Communion. The evening was topped off by, IN TRUE EMMAUS STYLE, fellowship around the table.

If your church would like to host a Gathering or you would like to get more involved in the Fredericksburg Emmaus Community, please get in touch with a Board member or go to www.FredWalk.com. Applications are being accepted now for Team members and for Pilgrims for the March and April Walks. The blessings are endless!

We are hoping to be able to host a Gathering on the Northern Neck at least quarterly.

We look forward to our next Northern Neck Gathering at Melrose UMC on February 18th at 4:00 pm. Melrose UMC is located at 1317 Lewisetta Road, Lottsburg, VA 22511.

In His Service,

Randy McCollum



Al's - upcoming hip surgery

Community Church home

Doris 91 – Memory issues

Ellen and Julie – Sisters in need of relationship repair

Children and grandchildren

Daughter's upcoming surgery

Family and friends worldwide

Grame Shannon – 3-year-old with cancer. Pray he continues to be little warrior and fight this 3 year battle

Holy Spirit's movement

Iva-Laara - Health

Janet -Health

Jason – Find a new job and for family to keep their eyes on Jesus and not their problems

John M. – Daughter, Madison, in N.C. and that God's will for reunification

John M. – God will put a hedge around my Kyle

John M. - Wife – Good Health

Joyce - Health

Kelly Blosser – Undergoing more radiation and chemo after a time of remission

Krysty – Treatments

Liss Maxwell – Continued prayers the Disability Determination Office will find in favor of continuing my benefits

Lorraine Snyder – Diagnosis of illness

M.E. – Discernment for how to handle conflicts at work

Natalie – Health

Our country and new president

Relationship with mother

Shirley - Diagnosis of illness

Steve - Answers to health Issues

Tim – Has brain cancer / Prayers for Sarah and family also

T.O.H.L. Bible Study

Wife – For a new job

BOARD NEWS

At the January Board meeting we took care of a number of issues for the Board of Directors.

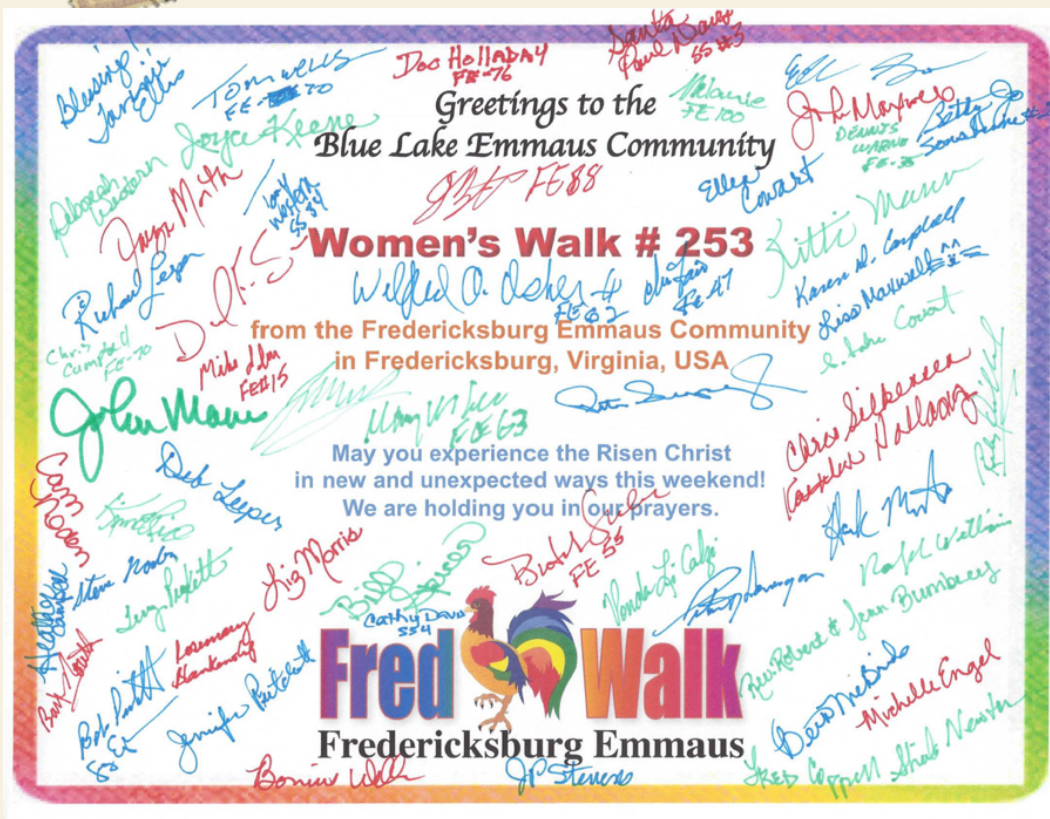
Chris Silkensen (FE-100) was recommended to the Board to fill the vacant position in the Class of 2018. The Board approved. Per the By-Laws Chris can fill the position until the next scheduled election in November.

Rosemary Blankenship was elected as the Community Spiritual Director.

Chris Campbell was elected as the Assistant Community Lay Director.

Joyce Keene was elected as the Secretary.

Chris Silkensen was elected as the Treasurer.



Agape letters
signed at the
Gathering for the
Blue Lake
Emmaus
Community in
Andalusia, AL



Board of Directors:

Class of 2017

Terry Cook

Beth McBride

Dan See

Betty Jo Sims (SD)

Gregg Snyder

Class of 2018

Rosemary Blankenship (CSD)

Tammi Ellis

Matt Green

John Mann (CLD)

Chris Silkensen (Treasurer)

Class of 2019

Chris Campbell (ACLD)

Butch Farley

Joyce Keene (Secretary)

Vonda LiCalzi

Randy McCollum (SD)

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

REUNION GROUPS & WALK FEES

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Are you interested in joining or starting a new reunion group?
Email Chris Wells at 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>

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