

Upper Room Emmaus of the Greater Fredericksburg Area

# EMMAUS 2017

June 2017

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## Upcoming Walks

FE-107 (M)

Sept 21-24, 2017

Gregg Snyder

FE-108 (W)

Oct 26-29, 2017

Jennifer Taylor

FE-109 (M)

March 22-25, 2018

FE-110 (W)

April 19-22, 2018

FE-111 (M)

Nov 1-4, 2018

FE-112 (W)

Nov 15-18, 2018

## Volunteers Needed

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

Antioch UMC  
138 Kellogg Mill Rd  
Fredericksburg, VA 22406

## Gatherings

From Fredericksburg: Take I-95 North to exit 133, Rt 17 towards Warrenton. Follow Rt 17 approx 5 miles then make a right turn onto Co Rd 616/Poplar Rd. Follow approx 1.5 miles then turn right onto Co Rd 651/Kellogg Mill Rd. Church will be on your left.

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

### June 10th:

Antioch UMC with potluck dinner

### July 8th:

Stafford Crossings  
Comm Church

### August 12th:

Melrose

If your church can host a gathering, please email the CLD John Mann at [slowjet@outlook.com](mailto:slowjet@outlook.com)



### “The Candy Store”

“O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.” Psalm 34:8

When I was young I loved to go to a candy store and spend my monthly allowance of 20¢. I lived in a very small community and the nearest store was 20 miles away in a town with a population of 1,400. The “candy store” consisted of a shelf or two of candy and trinkets that appealed to kids. It was all I knew but when I was there it seemed like heaven. Sometimes it took me a long time to decide which of the candy bars I wanted. I don’t remember what they were but I clearly recall the anticipation of my visits to that store. What a joy to look at all the possibilities. The phrase “happy as a kid in a candy store” comes to mind. Everything around me was good, and though it was hard to choose, whatever I finally picked tasted wonderful.

During each of our Walks this year, there are over 20 Emmaus communities around the world that are conducting Walks at the same time. We all know the transformation that happens to both our Pilgrims and to ourselves through these weekends. But consider the transformative

experiences in 20 other communities happening at the same time around the world. There are likely differences between the Walks depending on the state or country in which they occur; small differences reflecting ‘local color’, but in the main, the same wonderful Holy Spirit filled weekends.

I sometimes think that during these weekends, God must feel as “happy as a kid in a candy store.” As He looks down on what is happening in our Walks, He is certainly pleased with all the selections that surround Him. As a kid, my 20¢ would buy me one or two candy bars. Here and now I can “taste and see that the Lord is good” through one Walk at a time. God is present for each of these Walks and to Him, it must be like that candy store of my youth. I know that God anticipates these weekends even more than we do, and I also know that the Fredericksburg Emmaus Community is one of those selections that the Lord can taste.

DeColores,

John Mann

Fredericksburg UMC, FE-029, Table of Luke  
Community Lay Director

### June Gathering

The June Gathering will be at Antioch UMC. We are planning on a potluck dinner. BBQ and chicken will be provided. Please bring a side dish or desert to share and perhaps a beverage. A shortened Gathering will begin at 3:30 pm followed immediately by the potluck dinner.

This year I discovered a web site, “50 Days of Fabulous,” that celebrates the 50 days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. The daily reflections are intended “to celebrate rebirth, light, resurrection, surprise, joy, and the triumph of life over death” and are based on “scripture, saints, art, music, and whatever else inspires” the writers. Many of these reflections have inspired me to consider my own journey and to think deeply about what it means to follow Christ daily.

Today’s post (June 1) reminded of the joy of knowing that we are God’s beloved. The writer is describing the joyous meeting between Mary and Elizabeth recorded in the first chapter of the gospel of Luke. “In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb.” (Luke 1:39-41) Mary’s response is a song of praise to God. “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.” (Luke 1:46-47)

The writer concludes the reflection with these words:

“God is in love with us because we are God’s, and blesses us not because we have earned God’s love, but because God waits for us to leap with joy at the sound of love verbalized in the voices, songs, and lives of others. God loves the parts of us hungry for food and love, outcast from the popular table and from our own sense of worth, and vulnerable among a world obsessed with power.” (<http://50days.org/>)

May each of us find joy in knowing deep in our hearts and souls that we are God’s beloved – not because of anything that we have done or can do or will do – but simply because we are. And as we look around us, wherever we are, may we recognize God’s love in others.

“ May our souls magnify the Lord. May our spirits rejoice in God our Savior. And may we leap with joy at our own lowliness, the beloved of God.”

Peace and grace,  
Rosemary Blankenship  
Community Spiritual Director  
FE 34/Table of Faithfulness

### Face to Face

As mentioned in the April Newsletter and at the Gathering, The Upper Room® has a new program called Face to Face. It is an experience in the Emmaus Tradition for older adults, aged 60 and older. Many members of our local churches would love to attend the Walk to Emmaus® but can’t for a number of reasons such as physical limitations or inability to leave loved ones for the 72 hour Emmaus weekends.

There is a one-page summary description of Face to Face in this Newsletter. We would really like to hear from you on whether or not you have members of your church that would respond to this program and also whether or not you would be interested in participating.

Please send your thoughts to the Community Lay Director, John Mann, at [slowjet@outlook.com](mailto:slowjet@outlook.com).

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**FACE to FACE**  
THE UPPER ROOM®

*A New Experience in the Emmaus Tradition for Persons 60 and older*

**For complete and detailed information,  
Contact "Doc" Hall, Program Manager for Face to Face, Emmaus Ministries  
[hhall@upperroom.org](mailto:hhall@upperroom.org) or 615-340-7288**

- A new program from The Upper Room
- Adaptation of the 72-hour Walk to Emmaus for Older Adults (age 60+)
- Hosted in churches, community centers, and retirement centers

#### Goal of Face to Face Encounter

To inspire, challenge and equip Christians for action in their home, church and place of work.  
Experience God's grace & understand more fully the presence of Christ in His body of believers  
Give Older Adults the opportunity to talk about and work through end-of-life and grief issues

#### Program

14 talks given by clergy and lay persons  
4 video meditations based on 4 of Bishop Job's *Living Fully, Dying Well* study series.  
In-depth table discussion  
Worship and Holy Communion

- 8 three-hour sessions held over either 4 or 8 weeks

1 day/week for 4 weeks	9:00 am - 3:30 pm	<u>or</u>
2 days/week for 2 weeks	9:00 am - 3:30 pm	<u>or</u>
1 day/week for 8 weeks	9:00 am - 12:00 noon	<u>or</u>
2 days/week for 4 weeks	9:00 am – 12:00 noon	<u>or</u>
3 days/week for 2 weeks and 2 days/week for week 3	9:00-12:00 noon	

**(NOTE – should be at least 1 days between sessions – 2 is better)**

#### Roles and Responsibilities

##### The Emmaus Community

Provides overall coordination  
Recruits and trains speakers

##### Host Organization

Provides meeting facilities  
Provide the Logistics Leader who:  
Recruits and registers participants (if not handled by Community Registrar)  
Coordinates facilities setup and take down  
Coordinates refreshments and meals

Al Bliss – Hip Replacement

John Bradham

Bernard Bumbrey – general health

Christians being persecuted. here and abroad

Letha Davenport

Norma Douglas

Great niece cutting herself and her mom dealing with the child

Growth of my Health Coaching business

Edwin Humphrey

Jason – continued prayers for healing

John, my nephew who is dealing with grief

Steve and Vonda LiCalzi – healing for him and comfort for her

Linda – travel mercies

Mary and Wilfred Usher – her health and his future retirement

My parents, Anne and Bill

Prayers that I continue to seek God's peace and strength to continue the work He has called me to do

Rob and Brittany Ryan – healthy pregnancy

Sandy – knee replacement and healing

Teachers and students, in King

George, as we close out this year

T.O.H.L. Bible Study

Janet Williams

Luke and Michelle Zarges – passing of her mother

Praises

Praise for answered prayers

Freedom to worship God

Liz -

My in-laws

John Morris - Alzheimers

Barbara Morris - heart failure

Family of Derek Sharp

Eddie Osborne

Aden Osborne - 8, 4/30/17

Daughter of Lynn Warner

Richard Leeper

Greenberg-Phillips Family

Brandon's continued recovery

Pray for Mary's son in WV

Janet Williams recovery from stroke, heart attack, blood clot

Bernard Bumbrey - general health

Michelle Cree Farges & Family passing of her mother

John Bradham - release from prison

Edwin Humphrey - illness/Vet, PTSD

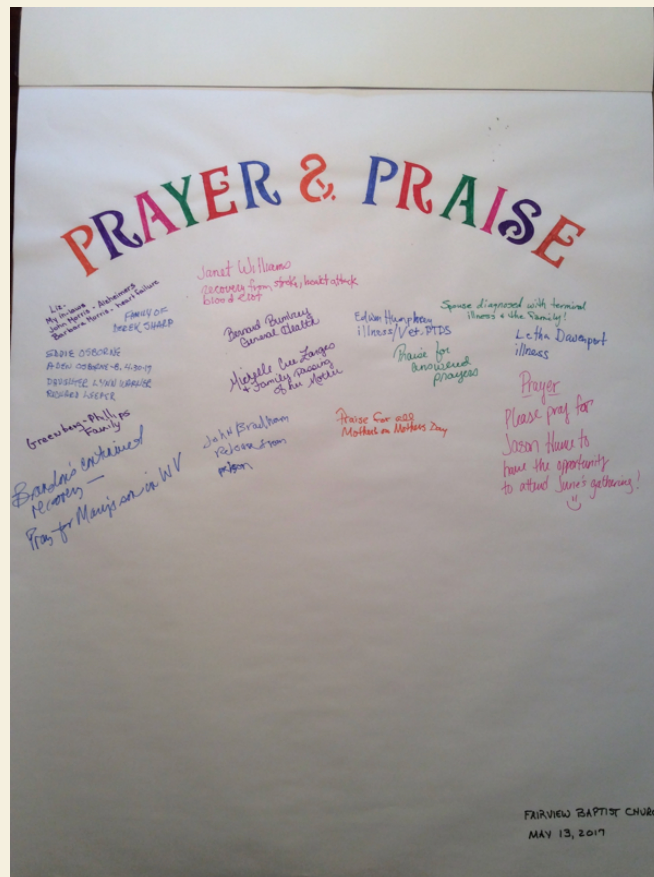
Praise for answered prayers

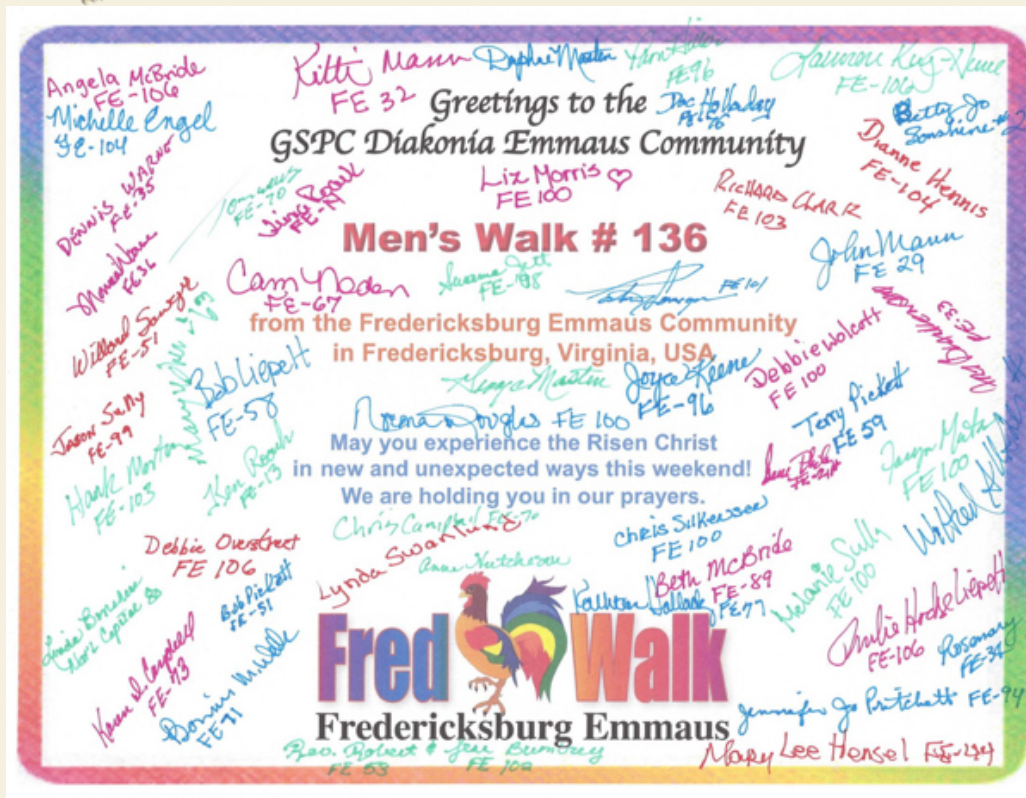
Praise for all mothers on Mother's Day

Spouse diagnosed with terminal illness & the family

Letha Davenport illness

Prayer - please pray for Jason to have the opportunity to attend June's Gathering



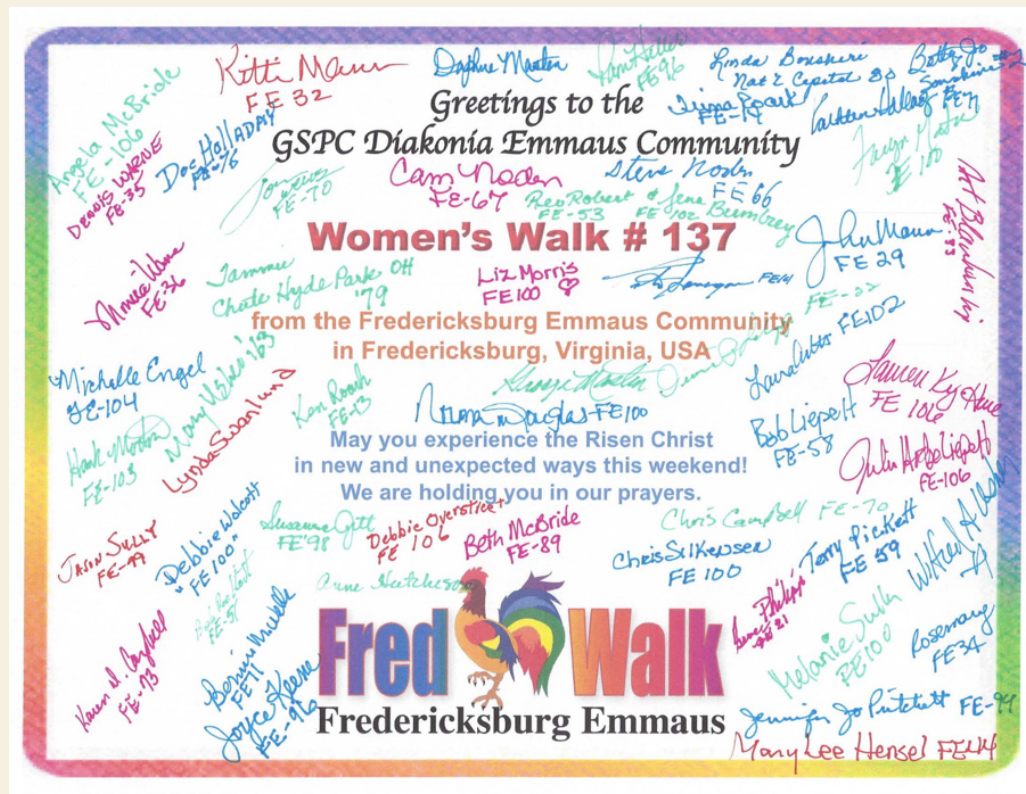


Community Agape

Diakonia Emmaus  
Community, San  
Antonio, TX

Men's Walk #136,  
June 22-25, 2017

Women's Walk #137,  
July 27-30, 2017



## Board of Directors:

### Class of 2017

Bonnie Wells

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](mailto:dhbliss@cox.net) or

[fredemmausprayers@yahoo.com](mailto:fredemmausprayers@yahoo.com)

To become a **Daily Prayer Warrior**, email

Chris Campbell at [chris@ewg.org](mailto: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](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 <a href="mailto:bb3253@aol.com">bb3253@aol.com</a></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 &amp; Lambs Group 6:00 pm First Christian Church POC: Mike Remington 540-373-7716 <a href="mailto:first.christian.church@verizon.net">first.christian.church@verizon.net</a></p> <p>Great Is Thy Faithfulness 7:30 pm Prince of Peace UMC Manassas, Va POC: Lloyd Biller 703-590-1512</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 <a href="mailto:tjcarwell@yahoo.com">tjcarwell@yahoo.com</a></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