

Upper Room Emmaus of the Greater Fredericksburg Area

# EMMAUS 2017

September 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  
Butch Farley

FE-110 (W)  
April 19-22, 2018  
Judy Britt

FE-111 (M)  
Nov 1-4, 2018

FE-112 (W)  
Nov 15-18, 2018

## Gatherings

Hillcrest UMC  
2208 Lafayette Blvd  
Fredericksburg, VA 22401

From Route 1 South & I-95: Take Route 1 North,  
(from Spotsylvania Exit 126 on I-95), to Four-Mile Fork.  
Turn right onto Lafayette Blvd. Continue on Lafayette  
Blvd. to Hillcrest UMC on the 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

**Sept 9th:**  
Hillcrest UMC  
**Oct 14th:**  
Fredericksburg UMC

At the September and October Gatherings, we are going to use the introduction/grouping time to get to know one another as we make agape. We will work on agape for the Men's Walk in Sept and the Women's Walk in October.

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



## “Hear Am I; Send Me!”

“In His service, the Lord has called me \_\_\_\_\_ to serve as the \_\_\_\_\_ for FE-107/FE-108. It is with God’s love, grace, and guidance that I will serve. “Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I; send me!’” Isaiah 6:8

The teams for FE-107 and FE-108 have begun. One of the first events is the Commissioning ceremony. It is, and has always been, a special time in the life of an Emmaus Walk. When we step forward to be on an Emmaus team, we are agreeing to serve where we are placed. As we stand and read our assignment to the assembled team we end by repeating Isaiah 6:8, “Here am I; send me!” The exclamation point at the end of this verse is in most of the translations and I believe it is there for a reason. It indicates this comment was made enthusiastically and confidently.

“Here am I; send me!” Regardless of our expectations for an assignment or what we think of our abilities, when we read our assignment card aloud, sometime with trepidation, we are saying, ‘yes, I’ll do it; yes, I will trust in the Lord.’ Perhaps at this point, many of the new team members then begin to wonder what they have gotten into and whether or not they will be up to the task. But then we are anointed with oil for service and the gathered team lays on hands. This anointing is symbolic of blessing, protection,

and empowerment. At this moment, we experience an inner peace and the words of scripture, “Here am I; send me!” become real, and in our hearts we add that exclamation point!

“Here am I; send me!” Send me to be a part of this team. Send me to lead the Pilgrims. Send me to be your hands and feet.

Here am I, send me to do your will!

DeColores,

John Mann

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

## Face to Face

The Board voted to begin the process to bring the Face to Face ministry to the Fredericksburg Emmaus Community. Face to Face is an Emmaus like experience for older adults, 60 years old and older, who can’t participate in an Emmaus Walk due to physical and/or family issues. The Board will reach out to The Upper Room for permission to begin and will start the work of building a Steering Committee at the September Board meeting.

In less than 4 weeks, FE 107 will begin. About 5 weeks later, FE 108 will get underway. I would like to share these words of Verna Birkey with you as we prepare for those weekends.

“You have a very special assignment. You live in a world that needs changing. A world full of people with needs. They need to know who God is, what He is like. They need to know how much He loves them and what He desires to do for them. They need to know how much He wants to make them free from their guilt, their hostility, their fears. They need to know how they can be at peace with God, with themselves, and with others. You are His personal ambassador, representing Him, witnessing to them that He is the answer to these needs. Think of it! You are a personal representative of the living God on assignment to make God visible to others around you.

“What a calling! What an assignment! What a purpose for living – making God visible to the people of your special world that they might be changed and God glorified! In this way they, too, will be able to fulfill God’s purposes for them – to know Him and “to show forth His praise, to glorify His name.”

All of us as members of the body of Christ and of the Fredericksburg Emmaus community have a very special assignment for FE 107 and FE 108. We are to show the love and grace of God to all those we encounter during the weekends. But don’t wait for the weekends to show God’s love and grace to others. Let us look for ways to be His personal representative in our homes, churches, places of work, and communities each day that God may be made visible and be glorified.

“We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.” 2 Corinthians 5:20

De Colores!

Rosemary Blankenship  
Community Spiritual Director  
FE 34, Table of Faithfulness

Dear Fredericksburg Emmaus Clergy, if you have any questions about the clergy training opportunities that were listed in last month’s newsletter, please contact Rosemary Blankenship at [rcbe34@hotmail.com](mailto:rcbe34@hotmail.com).

Clergy training is required for all that are serving as Community Spiritual Directors and Spiritual Directors. It is also highly recommended for those who would be considered in these roles in the future, for those who may need a refresher, and for any laity who may want to know about the roles and responsibilities of the community and weekend clergy roles and the theology presented on the events.



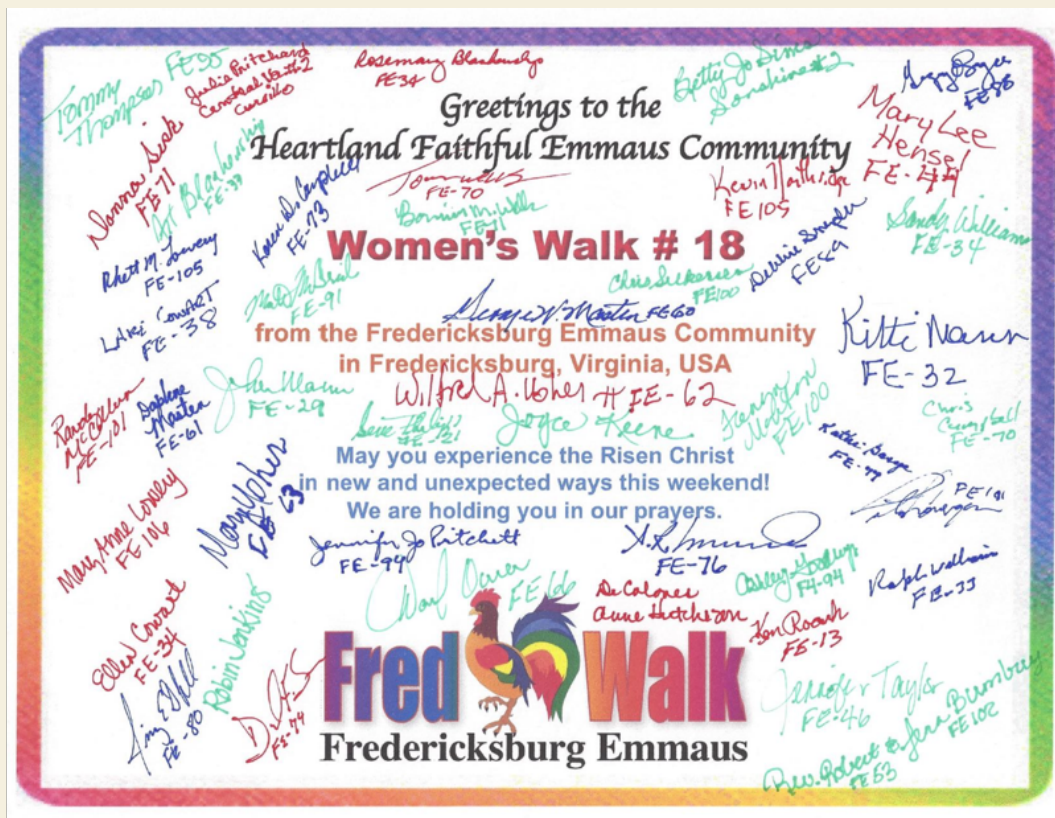


Community Agape

Heartland Faithful  
Walk to Emmaus,  
Omaha, NE

Men's Walk #17,  
Sept 7-10, 2017

Women's Walk #18,  
Sept 14-17, 2017



## Walk Placemats

If you would like to make walk placemats, please email Mary Lee Hensel for the details and to sign you up for a meal's worth of placemats. Placemats can be done by individuals or by reunion groups. For each meal, we need 50 placemats. You can make them on legal (8.5 x 14) or ledger (11 x 17) paper or anywhere in between.

## Agape Bags

Will you help make a pilgrim's walk special? You can buy brightly colored rainbow striped fabric, cording, and bright shoelaces to donate or you can make them yourself, (12" wide and 15" tall, please). Please contact Karen Campbell at 540-658-0468 or campbells\_6@yahoo.com

## Walk Schedule

<i><b>Date</b></i>	<i><b>Time</b></i>	<i><b>Activity at Camp Happyland</b></i>
Thur	6:30 - 7:00 pm	Pilgrim check-in followed by Sponsor's Hour
Sat.	7:30 pm	Candlelight – Community will gather for praise, Communion & fellowship. Please bring flowers for the team to use Sunday!
Sun.	4:00 pm	Closing Service

## Agape Instructions

- ~ General Agape should be for all Pilgrims and all Team Members and it should be anonymous.
- ~ Please Pre-Sort Agape into a labeled bag for Pilgrims and Team Members for the three Agape events: Friday afternoon Agape Bag, Friday night Bed Agape and Saturday night Bed Agape.
- ~ If any agape has a cord or chain, (lanyards/crosses), please individually wrap them in small baggies otherwise we may have to untangle each one.
- ~ Pilgrim Sponsors need to get 8-10 Personal Agape letters and separate them from all other Agape.
- ~ There will be an Agape Box available at the Gatherings

### ***Camp Happyland    21457 Happyland Drive    Richardsville, VA 22736***

From Central Park in Fredericksburg: Drive 7.5 miles west on Route 3. Turn right (North) on Route 610, Elys Ford Road. Drive 9 miles north on Route 610. Just prior to the green Richardsville sign, turn right (East) on Route 619, Richards Ferry Road. Drive 1.3 miles to Happyland Drive. You will see a large Camp Happyland sign on the right side of the road. Turn right into the Camp and proceed to the parking area. Total distance is approximately 18 miles.

Please pray for an industrial sewing machine for Mizpah so we can complete personal care products for women in 3rd world countries

Pray for reconciliation and peace in family relationships

God's peace for those in difficult situations

Meriam Wood overall health

Peace in family

Rev Robert & Jen Bumbrey, Peace

Praise God for Lake's healings

Rob & Brittany Ryan. Healthy pregnancy

Prayers for teachers & students in King George returning to school, August 14th ☞

Pray for all involved with Charlottesville today during this unrest

Praise, Amy purchased first house!

FE-07

FE-108

Pilgrims

Matt Carley for healing from cancer.

Travel mercies

Praise for the Teams in September and October

Nancy Collette – healing

David – pancreatic cancer

All who are involved with the protest in Charlottesville.

All who are suffering from cancer and may they be healed

Ann

Bob and Sharon

Brittany – Pregnancy

Charles and family

Christians being persecuted throughout the world

Dad, Ken, to healed from cancer, IBS and diabetes

Daphne and George

Eric

Erin, Rick and baby Staab

Face - to – Face success in the Fredericksburg Emmaus community

Family of Mary, a young girl in Florida, who took her own life.

Health Issues: Ankle, knee and vertigo

Jason and Melanie Sully

John Bradham (son of Mary Usher)

John, Christopher, Mary and Willfred – health issues, retirement, finances, car and house

Kelley Wise

Ken and Trina

Law enforcement, EMTs and Firefighters

Mason Morris – Safe keeping while deployed to dangerous area in Middle East (Al & Debbie Bliss grandson)

Marcus – (my husband) who was recently diagnosed with Diabetes and is a non-believer

Miriam Wood

Mizpah UMC

Gathering August 2017, cont.

Moomoo – my cat, recovery and healing

My son and his brothers

Nancy Collette - Healing

Our country

Patricia Reed – leukemia

Patty – Stage 4 lung cancer

Pilgrims and Teams for FE-107 and FE-108

Ralph and Gail

Rebecca and Mark Wise

Reverend Robert and Jen Bumbrey

Rob and Brittany Ryan – Healthy Pregnancy

Scott – (my brother) undergoing iodine treatment for thyroid cancer

Seth – Patience waiting for God's mission assignment

State Police - Protection

Steve – Starting the evaluation for a liver transplant

Teachers and students of King George – starting school

Tom Britt – healing from cancer

Wade Ham family

William Lloyd – (my dad) in the loss of, of Anne Lloyd, my mom and his wife of 65 years. He misses her terribly. Thank you, Mary Anne Lowery FE-106

With all the divisiveness and anger currently in the world, may God reach deep into our hearts and souls and awaken His love in us.



## 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)

## 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.

## 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: Gregg Snyder

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: Kittie Mann

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