

The Walk Way

Eastern Shore Emmaus



JANUARY DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **EASTERN SHORE COMMUNITY GATHERING - JANUARY 14, 2011** AT CHERITON BAPTIST CHURCH, CHERITON, VA. 5:30 P.M. COVERED DISH AND 6:30 P.M. PRAISE AND WORSHIP!
- **EASTERN SHORE CHRYSALIS BOARD MEETING - JANUARY 17, 2011**, 7:00 p.m. at Mears Memorial UMC, Keller, VA
- **Newsletter articles DUE for February's Walk Way—January 20, 2011.**
- **EASTERN SHORE EMMAUS BOARD MEETING - January 23, 2011**, 7:00 p.m. at Woodberry UMC, Gargatha, VA.
- **“Northern Shore” Emmaus Gathering** – Third Saturday of the month: **Saturday, December 21, 2011**, 6:00 p.m. Covered Dish and 7:00 Praise and Worship @ College Parkway Baptist Church, 301 College Parkway, Arnold MD 21012
- Deadline for the 15 Pilgrim applications needed to hold the walks:

February 17, 2012—Men's Walk
March 2, 2012—Women's Walk

A Message from the 2012 Community Lay Director

Greetings from the Emmaus board of 2012. May your new year be blessed with peace, happiness and your growth in love for our Lord.

I would like to thank Carlotta for the hard work she has done as the community lay director and the patience that she has displayed during the year. I would also like to thank the rest of the board that diligently fulfilled their commitment to the board. Connie Conway, Mary Grace Woodburn, Chip Peterson, Jim Petro, Jerry Mobley and last but not least Pastor Charlie Peterson.

I would also like to thank the oncoming members for stepping up to the plate to a three year commitment to serve on the board.

I remember years ago being told that as you get older the years go by faster. That sounded like

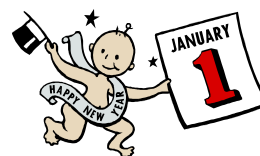
an older person pulling a younger person's leg to me at that time. Well now I know what they were talking about. It is hard to believe since the initial step of walking how far and how quick that the Lord has moved me in my life.

With the New Year upon us we are looking forward to the upcoming spring walks. I know that Pete and Pam have already been busy putting wheels in motion preparing. We do need to remember that at least 15 pilgrims must have their applications in before the whole team can meet. The deadline for the men's walk is February 17th, 2012 and the women's deadline is March 2nd, 2012. Additional pilgrims can be added up to three weeks before the walk but **15 must be in before the whole team begins to meet.**

This means that everyone needs to start praying now for the sponsors and the pilgrims. It has been a while since either the men's or women's walks have been filled with pilgrims. Please don't forget that there is sponsorship money

available to help with the cost, plus individuals that will support your efforts to sponsor a worthy applicant. Most important of all is to Pray, Pray, Pray. The whole Emmaus community and Chrysalis community need prayer and to get back to basics in how we present ourselves

Our next Gathering is at Cheriton Baptist Church in Cheriton Virginia on January 14, 2012. Covered dish starts at 5:30 pm and praise and worship will follow at 6:30. Please join us as we start the New Year giving praise, honor and glory



Community Lay Director article continued...

to our Lord.

May God Bless you as
you start a New Year.

Let us pray that the path
that you are led down is
one with the Lord that
keeps you strong and full
of love for your fellow
man

God Bless and I will see
you at the Gathering on
the 14th

Sam Whipps
Community Lay Director



The reason for the season!

A Word from E.S. Emmaus Spiritual Director

Why would anyone need so many seasons of Christmas to go by without learning the real meaning of the Christmas holiday we just celebrated?

Try as hard as we may, we can still get caught up in the commercial way of celebrating Christmas the world's way, instead of realizing the real meaning of why we can celebrate the Christ of Christmas.

Let me share a story with you of a little boy who moved next door to me. He was a

typical eight year old boy looking forward to what presents he might receive Christmas morning. It bothered me that the family never went to church. I had invited them many times always getting the same answer, "Maybe." then one day Billy, the eight year old, asked me why I went to church every Sunday. When I told him why he seemed puzzled. Then one Sunday he went with me to Sunday school and learned who Jesus was and why we celebrated his birthday. He invited Jesus into his heart and

continued to attend church. Billy had learned the real meaning, "Jesus is the reason for the season."

Billy got a chance to learn about and accept him as Savior. How many more Billy's are there in the world that need to know the Jesus we just celebrated?

May the Lord use us to be used to present Christ to the world.

Matthew 28:19

Pastor June Charnock

Chrysalis

Hi everyone,

A new year is here. It is time to make your New Year's resolutions. I am asking everyone to pray and find it in their hearts to make a resolution to help our youth. Chrysalis is having enough problems with trying to find youth who can help us. We do not need problems with adults. This Eastern Shore Community is always so giving when it is needed. It is time for us to step up and work with our

Chrysalis Board and support our youth. At this time, I am sorry to say that we have had to postpone our girl's flight due to lack of support. We are still working on a boy's flight. Any men who would like to help, please contact myself or another board member or just send in that teaming application. I am praying that 2012 will bring wonderful things to not only our Chrysalis Community but our Emmaus Community

also.

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas. I pray that Jesus was also a big part of that celebration. Let's have a very Happy New Year and I know that 2012 will be wonderful as long as Jesus is with us. May God bless all of you in this coming year.

Your Brother in Christ,
Gordon Ward Jr.

Chrysalis Lay Director



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Board Election Results

The annual election of board members for the Emmaus and Chrysalis Boards was held at the November 12th gathering. The following lay people were elected to serve on the Emmaus Board: Janice Marshall, Barbara Taunitas, Tim Johnson, and John Pinney. Bobbie Henley agreed to serve as a Spiritual Direc-

tor. Gail Deans and Bonnie Gavard were elected to serve on the Chrysalis Board as adult representatives. Heather Frisbee was elected as a youth representative. The term of service for all representatives will be 2012 through 2014. The Chrysalis Board has additional service openings for one adult representative,

one youth representative, and one clergy person. If anyone would like to serve the community in this manner, please contact a member of the Chrysalis Board.

Thank you to all nominees for your willingness to serve our Emmaus community.

DeColores!

Jim Petro



December's Message from the Community Lay Director 2011

**Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year**

.... May God bless each of you with A Very Merry Christmas.

As we all celebrate our Lord's birth this season. May we remember that as the saying goes, Jesus is the reason for the season. May your New Year be a Joyful one in the Lord.

As this is my last newsletter to you as your Community Lay Director, I do want to express my love for this community. The Walk to Emmaus Program is truly a blessing to all who experience its Grace and Love. I don't think anyone can return after the three day experience without God's gift of renewal for our lives. We all know someone who has become a weary warrior for the Lord. The Emmaus Walk is designed for just such a person. The actual walk is only 3 days, but it is to guide us through the rest of our lives, our 4th day.

We have served God this past year with 4 walks. It is a wonder to behold when we become the hands and feet of Christ. Jesus gave us his Church, The Body of Christ to preserve until his next coming. We have the opportunity to do just that when we bring others to the Lord. People don't care about what we know, but they know us by how much we care... Share

your love with others by giving the gift of Emmaus. If you are called to share that gift, we ask that you Please begin the process of talking to prospective Pilgrims now. **A 4th day community** is the Body of Christ doing the work of the Lord, serving and helping others where we see a need. **Speaking to prospective Pilgrims way in advance of the scheduled walk and sending in those applications now, gives everyone a chance to do what is needed for a successful walk. I remind the community that we need to have 15 pilgrim applications on hand to begin the actual teaming process.**

Congratulations to Pam Fitchett, and Pete Orbivich for answering the call to be the upcoming spring Weekend Lay Directors. GOD is forming his teams, so please be in prayer as to where **you are being called to serve** this next year.

I want to Thank our outgoing Board Members who have served for the past three years. Jim Petro, Connie Conway, Chip Peterson, and our Community Spiritual Director, Pastor Charles Peterson. It has been my pleasure to have served with them. I want also to thank Mary Grace Woodburn who has served as our Community Music

Director this past year, and Pat Krukowski who has served as Board Advisor, Hospitality and Communion Set-up for each monthly meeting. Giving our time, talents and money is serving GOD with all that he has given us, and these members have done it with devotion and love for both Christ and the Emmaus Community... We Welcome our newest Board members, John Pinney, Tim Johnson, Barbara Taunitas, Janice Marshall, and Pastor Bobby Henley. Pray God's blessing on them as they begin their service to ES Emmaus.

We remind our Board that we will hold our Dec meeting on Dec. 5th, 7PM at Woodberry UMC. Hope to see you all at the next gathering, Dec. 10th, at Woodberry UMC, 5:30 covered dish, followed by praise and worship. May you have God's Peace, Love and joy, now and through the coming year.

Carlotta Pinney, 2011
Community Lay Director

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Update on the Scholarship Fund

Once again I am praising God for his faithfulness!

I want to thank our community for responding to our need for money to be able to offer scholarship help for anyone who needs that help sponsoring the pilgrims God lays on their hearts to send to an Emmaus weekend. You have really answered the plea for help.

As of December, you, as a community, have given donations amounting to \$1,628.00. The offering taken up after the Women's walk in October was the largest offering for the Scholarship Fund we have ever received. You gave a total of \$497.05 at that walk. And our beloved Judy Cook asked for Memorial Donations in honor of her husband Mike Cook when Mike went home to be with Jesus. You donated \$350.00 in memory of Mike.

You have given a total of \$2,475.05 and we only were asked for 4 scholarships amounting to \$300.00 during the fall walk. **God is so good!**

We now have a healthier Scholarship Fund with a balance of \$3,660.32. **PRAISE GOD!** Please pray about sponsoring those pilgrims and do not hesitate to ask for help if you need it to send those pilgrims. Contact Gail Deans for Scholarship assistance at 757-464-0329.

As you all know we need 15 pilgrim applications for the men by February 17, 2012 and 15 pilgrim applications for the women by March 2, 2012 for these spring walks to happen. Please do not let the financial obligation be a deterrent for your sponsorship. Let's pray and ask God to send us as many as possible but to give us the 15 we need by the deadlines. **OUR GOD IS**

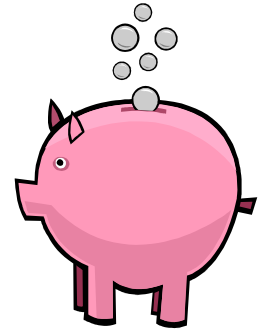
FAITHFUL as you all know and we need to place this deadline in His hands.

Thank you so much for answering our plea and please remember you can give to the Scholarship Fund at any time and your gift is tax deductible. If you would like for your donation to be confidential, address your envelope to Gail Deans and send it to the P O Box. You are an awesome community and I pray God will bless each one of you abundantly and those who will be our future pilgrims.

I pray 2012 will be a wonderful year for all of us!

DeColores!

Gail Deans, Treasurer



Your donations have helped our scholarship fund!
THANK YOU



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www.esemmaus.org

Freezin' for a Reason on Saturday, January 28th!



Fourth Annual Polar
Duck Dip!

Occohannock on the Bay Camp and Retreat Center will host the fourth annual Polar Duck Dip on Saturday, January 28th, at the camp beginning at 11:00, with the Dip at 12 noon. Occohannock has a special place in the heart of the Emmaus community, so consider being a duck. Or come to this benefit event to support a dipper.

The registration fee is \$20 and if you register by January 18th you will receive a free sweatshirt. There will be a campfire outside to keep you warm. And after the dip, lunch will be served to all in the Lynch building. Chili, pigs in a blanket, and Miss Emily's cinnamon buns will be served – a great time of fellowship.

All ducks must sign a waiver. Those under the age of 18 must have a parent or guardian signature on the waiver and a parent or guardian on site to participate.

The Exmore Fire Department and lifeguards will be on site for emergency assistance, if needed.

A pledge sheet to sign up sponsors and the registration/waiver form is available at www.ootbay.org.

If you have questions, contact Allan Burns, 757-331-3633, or Jerry Mobley at 757-442-7836. Accept the challenge. Show your appreciation for the camp by participating in the dip or sponsoring a dipper, and coming for lunch.
