

EASTERN SHORE
EMMAUS

DATES TO RE-
MEMBER:

- **February 6, 2010, 10 a.m.—1 p.m.**
@Franktown UMC
Emmaus Board Training with a National Representative
 - **February 13, 2010**
Gathering @ First Baptist Church, New Church, VA
 - **March 13, 2010,**
Gathering @Trinity UMC, Cape Charles, VA,
 - **Chrysalis Board Meeting,** Tuesday, February 16, 2010, Mears Memorial UMC, 7:00 p.m.
 - **Emmaus Board Meeting,** Monday, February 22, 2010, Woodberry UMC, 7:00 p.m.
- † “Northern Shore”
Emmaus Gathering
— Third Saturday of the month: **Saturday, February 20, 2010,** 6:00 p.m. Covered Dish and 7:00 Praise and Worship @ College Parkway Baptist Church, 301 College Parkway, Arnold MD 21012
- † If you have noticed errors in the current **roster**, please contact Mary Grace Woodburn, send an e-mail to: easternshoreemmaus@yahoo.com, or send a note to P.O. Box 91, Franktown, VA 23354. Please send ANY updated information you may have such as addresses, marriages, or deaths. It is important to the community to keep the information as up to date as possible. Thank you!!!!

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Faith, Hope, and Love

The Greatest of these is Love!

As I sit here this morning and write this note, I'm reminded by the announcer on the radio of the mass destruction in Haiti. Reports suggest that in the end some 200,000 men, women, and children will have lost their lives. I thought to myself how would I react to this horror. What can I do for these precious people?

Many of us feel the same way. What can we do to help? First and the most important thing we can do is pray, without ceasing for the people and all of the volunteers. Secondly, I think about the scripture Faith, Hope, and Love and the Greatest of these is love. I'm sure many would think how you can share my faith to people in such dismay. What kind of hope can you bring them? This is a tough message to bring to people who have lost it all. Through our Faith we can show the people of Haiti the love God has for them through Jesus Christ. Though our steadfast Hope in a better place to come, we can assure people of Haiti that this world is not our home were just passing through. Most importantly the people of Haiti

need all the Love they can get. Whether is doing kits or sending money (Be careful of scams). Show as much love as possible. It is so good to see Brothers and Sisters in Christ throughout the world working to getting as one to help those is desperate need.



This brings me to the next Topic. February is the month of love. Cards, Flowers, and dinners will be purchased for that special someone in your life. Share that love with other who's loved ones have passed or those who are lonely. Give a special smile or hug to make a person feel loved. Remember Faith, Hope and Love and the Greatest of these is love!

Updates:

The teams have been selected for the upcoming walks. Keep them in your prayers.

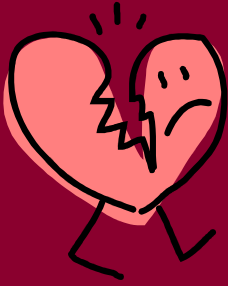
February 6, at 10 am to 1 pm at Franktown Church, our National Representative will be with us. All board members are strongly encouraged to attend. This is open to the community as well.

We have a new prayer chain coordinator Mary Grace in this issue she will give you the email address to forward prayer request that will be sent out to those on the Emmaus email list.

The next gathering will be at **New Church Baptist Church.**

I hope you all have a Great month, and don't forget to tell somebody you **LOVE THEM!**

Love in Christ,
Mickey Merritt
Community Lay Director



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“God forgave me....”

Forgiveness...

Listening to people share their feelings, the words I hear so often are “I can’t forgive” at times, it is hard to forgive and go on with our lives. We have all been hurt by someone dear to us, when this happens we need to go to our Lord for help. It may take several times before we realize he can heal us, comfort us, and forgive us.

The scriptures uses three Greek words to describe love. The first is eros

(physical or intimacy). The second word is philia (friendship or brotherly love). The third is agape (God’s love).

God promises us, if we accept him (Jesus, God’s son) with our whole heart, he will forgive and give eternal life. When we accept this promise his divine agape love is ours and he will help us forgive others.

God forgave me with no reservations, he is a God we can talk to, truly a loving

father who reaches out his arms to us. Gal. 5:22” he will help us to forgive others like the prodigal son’s father,. All saw his hurt, and all saw the rejoicing and open arms held out to a wayward son, all was forgiven. Let us all remember God’s almighty power to forgive and help us to accept and forgive others.

Spiritual Director
June Charnock



Chrysalis News

February is one of my favorite months. It always reminds me of love and celebrating Valentines Day. This month give away a lot of hugs and tell your family, friends and neighbors that you love them.

Life is too short to hold grudges and resentments. Mend fences. "Let go and let God."

As we think about Valentines Day; the symbol is the "heart." Think about the "heart" spiritually for a minute. Is your heart filled with the Holy Spirit? Is your heart right with God? Have you found a

home for your heart? This month may be a good time to witness to someone so they too can find a home for their heart.

I love history (no pun intended) so, therefore, I have to add some historical value to this newsletter.

Archives are not entirely clear why February 14th is declared St Valentines Day.

According to the Catholic Encyclopedia, there were 3 early Christian saints by the name of Valentine. One was a priest in Rome, the second was a

bishop, in Terni. The third was killed in Africa. All three were said to have been martyred on Feb.14th. Most scholars believe that St. Valentines was the priest mentioned earlier who lived around 270 AD in Rome.

Valentines Day wasn't officially until celebrated 1537. England's King Henry VIII declared Feb. 14, 1537 a holiday for the first time.

Fly With Christ
James Armentrout
Chrysalis Community Lay
Director

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Outreach

Emmaus communities across the country and across the world are planning their walks for 2010. When I receive the dates I will have them posted in the newsletter. In the meantime please keep all the WLDs, teams, and future pilgrims in your prayers.

Connie Conway
Outreach Coordinator

Pilgrim Applications

It's time to begin praying for the upcoming walks (if you haven't already). Do you have someone in mind to sponsor for the walk? Remember The Walk to Emmaus is designed to strengthen the leadership of the church, not to "fix" the problems that an individual may have. The Walk to Emmaus is designed to strengthen a person's walk with Jesus!!!

Pray about who you might like to sponsor. Talk with that person and their spouse. Answer truthfully any questions they may have. You don't have to go into great detail, after all, you want your Pilgrim to have the experience of meeting Christ in their

own way.

The applications are posted on the Website. esemmaus.org—click on "Applications" and then "Click to download an application to sponsor someone on an Emmaus Walk..."

The deadline for the first set of applications is: February 25th (men) and March 11th (women). Please don't wait until the last minute to send in the applications!





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Prayer Chain



As Mickey stated at January's Gathering and in his article in this edition of *The Walk Way*, we are re-vamping the E.S .Emmaus Prayer chain. If you wish to be included on the list for receiving prayer requests or if you are in need of prayer for yourself or someone you may know, you mail email me at:

esemmausprayer@gmail.com.

All prayer requests will simply be stated as, "Please pray for Adam." No medical history, no personal information will be shared, God knows who we are praying for and what the need is. So if

you are interested in being a prayer warrior, sign up today!

Blessings to each of you,
Mary Grace Woodburn
Prayer Chain Coordinator

The prayer chain will be used ONLY for prayer requests.