

EASTERN SHORE EMMAUS

DATES TO RE- MEMBER:

- **May 1, 2010, 10 a.m.—1 p.m.**
@Franktown UMC
Emmaus Board Training with a National Representative
 - **March 13, 2010, 5:30 p.m. Fellowship/
Covered Dish 6:30 p.m. Praise/Worship Gathering @Trinity UMC, Cape Charles, VA**
 - **Chrysalis Board Meeting, Tuesday, March 16, 2010, Mears Memorial UMC, 7:00 p.m.**
 - **Emmaus Board Meeting, Monday, March 22, 2010, Woodberry UMC, 7:00 p.m.**
 - ✠ **“Northern Shore” Emmaus Gathering**
– Third Saturday of the month: **Saturday, March 20, 2010, 6:00 p.m.** Covered Dish and 7:00 Praise and Worship @ College Parkway Baptist Church, 301 College Parkway, Arnold MD 21012
 - ✠ **March 27, 2010,** Workday at Camp OOT-Bay. 8:00 a.m. until....Please call Jerry at the camp if you will be there so Ms. Emily will have a headcount for lunch!
- ✠ 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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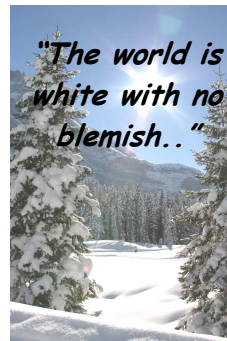


What a Winter!

This morning the snow is falling out- side and the wind is howling by the widows. What a winter we're having. The snow can be so pretty yet so dangerous! I hope all of you have been safe! When I think of the snow I think of the love of God. Think for a minute when you get up in the morning after a big snow, everything is so beautiful and perfect. The world is white with no blemish. After a while we start to walk and travel on the snow and the white turns black and ugly. This is Gods way of helping us remember how life is. When we are born, our lives are free from sin, everything is beautiful! Then sin enters our life and that beauty will turn black and ugly. Now the great part, with Jesus in our lives that sin can be washed away, and we become white as snow!! What a wonderful truth! Then the black of life enters our lives we can turn to him and he frees us from that sin and makes us white and pure as that morning snow. Praise and Glory to God For

this promise!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The leadership teams are now preparing for the upcoming walks. Please pray for them and support the walks as much as you can. **Try to attend the special events** (Candle lighting, Rise and Shine, and Clos-



ing). Remember the effect it had on you when you saw all the community when you walked. If you can help with kitchen duty or moving luggage or cleaning up after the walks we can certainly use you. Just let one of the board members know and we will give you the times that you need to be available.

Pray for pilgrims! As of this message we are down in pilgrim applications. Pray

that God will send that special person, who will truly be blessed by this great weekend walk with God!

Remember our new prayer chain format and use it. We all need Pray! Please use this tool to get you pray request out to the community.

Our meeting with our national representative will be on **Saturday, May 1, 2010**, at Franktown Church at 10 am. All are invited to attend.

We've got a busy two months coming up, Easter and two walks wow! This will be a great time to fellowship with our Brothers and Sisters in Christ as we share the love of Christ with one another!!!!!!!!!!

Love in Christ
Mickey Merritt
Community Lay Director

The Story of Your Life...



“I love to see it come down and the quietness of it.”



“...for heavens sakes get out of your rocking chairs and start working for the Lord.”

Greetings one and all from the beautiful sunny, snowy south. I just love snow. I love to see it come down and the quietness of it. Snowy days are also good days to get out old pictures and look once again at the story of your life.

There I am, cute little ole thing, big years and a big smile. It doesn't seem like I ought to be turning 65 why that picture was just taken yesterday? James reminds us that our life is but a vapor and it sure seems like vapors don't last very long.

God has been so good! As I reflect upon my life I am reminded that God saves the best for last. That is sure true in my life.

Sallie and I enjoy living on the Eastern Shore, we love the community of faith that God has called us to serve and we love you our dear brothers and sisters in Emmaus. What a blessing you all have been in our lives.

Which reminds me, just because we are entering into the sunset years (or the twilight zone) we need to remember God often chose people many years older than to us to do his service and bring blessings to others. So my fellow pilgrims cheer up, look up, and for heaven sakes get out of your rocking chairs and start working for the Lord. Your church needs you! Emmaus needs you!

Yep, that's me cute as I can be at 3 months. What's that? I know I have a face that only God could love, and he did and He still does. He loves you too!

Pastor Charlie,
BRE, THB. THM.
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Chrysalis News

There was a young woman who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness and had been given three months to live. So as she was getting her things "in order," she contacted her Pastor and had him come to her house to discuss certain aspects of her final wishes.

She told him which songs she wanted sung at the service, what scriptures she would like read, and what outfit she wanted to be buried in.

Everything was in order and the Pastor was preparing to leave when the young woman suddenly remembered something very important to her.

"There's one more thing," she said excitedly. "What's that?" came the Pastor's reply.

"This is very important," the young woman continued. "I want to be buried with a fork in my right hand."

The Pastor stood looking at the young woman, not knowing quite what to say. That surprises you, doesn't it?" the young woman asked. "Well, to be honest, I'm puzzled by the request," said the Pastor.

The young woman explained. "My grandmother once told me this story, and from that time on I have always tried to pass along its message to those I love and those who are in need of encouragement. In all my years of attending socials and dinners, I always remember that when the dishes of the main course were

being cleared, someone would inevitably lean over and say, 'Keep your fork.' It was my favorite part because I knew that something better was coming....like velvety chocolate cake or deep-dish apple pie. Something wonderful, and with substance!"

So, I just want people to see me there in that casket with a fork in my hand and I want them to wonder "What's with the fork?" Then I want you to tell them: "Keep your fork, the best is yet to come."

The Pastor's eyes welled up with tears of joy as he hugged the young woman good-bye. He knew this would be one of the last times he would see her before her death. But he also knew that the young woman had a better grasp of heaven than he did. She had a better grasp of what heaven would be like than many people twice her age, with twice as much experience and knowledge. She KNEW that something better was coming.

At the funeral people were walking by the young woman's casket and they saw the cloak she was wearing and the fork placed in her right hand. Over and over, the Pastor heard the question, "What's with the fork?" And over and over he smiled.

During his message, the Pastor told the people of the conversation he had with the young woman shortly before she died. He also told them about the fork and about what it symbolized to her. He told the people how he could not stop thinking about the fork and told them that they

probably would not be able to stop thinking about it either.

He was right. So the next time you reach down for your fork let it remind you, ever so gently, that the best is yet to come. Friends are a very rare jewel, indeed. They make you smile and encourage you to succeed. They lend an ear, they share a word of praise, and they always want to open their hearts to us.

Show your friends how much you care. Remember to always be there for them, even when you need them more. For you never know when it may be their time to "Keep your fork."

Cherish the time you have, and the memories you share...

Being friends with someone is not an opportunity but a sweet responsibility..

And keep your fork. AUTHOR UNKNOWN

The next Chrysalis Flight is being scheduled for November 4th -7th. Please begin praying for this flight and the caterpillars who will be there!

Fly With Christ
James Armentrout
Chrysalis Community Lay Director

"Keep your fork...."

Outreach

Please pray for the upcoming walks in the following communities: To pray for these Emmaus Walks is a wonderful way to share God's gift of love with others!

March:

4-7

#41 Mens Wabash Valley, IL

11-14

Mens Piedmont Va,
#72 Mens East Ohio,
#237 Womens North Miss.

18-21

Womens Piedmont VA,
#73 Womens East Ohio,
#238 Mens North Miss.

Thank you,
Connie Conway
Outreach Coordinator

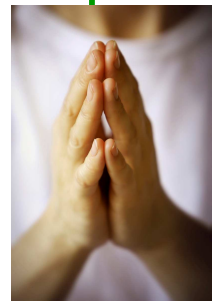
Prayer Chain

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





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Pilgrims

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..."

Pilgrim selection will be on March 13th just before the Gathering. Please don't wait until the last minute to send in the applications!