

The Walk Way

Eastern Shore Emmaus



FEBRUARY DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **EASTERN SHORE COMMUNITY GATHERING - MARCH 10, 2012 AT CRADDOCKVILLE UMC, 33464 Boston Road, Craddockville, VA. 5:30 P.M. COVERED DISH AND 6:30 P.M. PRAISE AND WORSHIP!**
- **EASTERN SHORE CHRYSALIS BOARD MEETING - MARCH 20, 2011, 7:00 p.m. at Mears Memorial UMC, Keller, VA**
- **Newsletter articles DUE for April's Walk Way—March 20, 2012.**
- **EASTERN SHORE EMMAUS BOARD MEETING - April 30, 2012, 7:00 p.m. at Woodberry UMC, Gargatha, VA.**
- **“Northern Shore” Emmaus Gathering – Third Saturday of the month: Saturday, March 17, 2012, 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 minimum applications has passed and...WE MADE THE MINIMUM!!!! BUT we still have room for more pilgrims!!!!**

March The Start Of Spring and NEW LIFE

March, the time of the year that Gods earth starts to blossom. We see the early flowers begin to rise from the ground preparing to bloom. Trees start to bud as the warm sun covers them during the day. Birds begin to pair up for the making of nest`s and laying of eggs. Would this not also be a good time for us as Christian sisters and brothers to think about how we can begin to grow and start anew in the Lord? Pick a time during the day when we could spend a few minutes (**or as long as you want**) outside giving thanks to God for everything that we see around us, for what He has done in your life and for those that you love.

Give special thanks for what God gave to us through His Son. If God had not given us, His Son we would not have been given a new start, a new covenant. I thank God for the gift of His Son for without Him I would be lost. 1st John 5:11 & 12 11. And this is the testimony; That God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. 12, He who has the Son has life: he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. John 11: 25; Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life He who believes in Me, though he may die he shall live.

John; 6 : 44 No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

We also need to thank the Holy Spirit for the works that He has shown. With the start of new guidelines and time frames, all were concerned with the possibility of a spring walk being cancelled. Not only did the Holy Spirit move in us by providing the required number before teaming started but He provided an abundance with applications still coming in. It would be a blessing to fill the pilgrims to capacity for the walks. I am sure that Pete and Pam are glad that burden has passed. (*I Know that I am*) As we continue forward toward the spring walks we still need to continue to pray, pray, pray. Proof that prayer does work is evident with the response that was received with the pilgrim applications. God’s hands and feet truly went to work in a timely fashion to show how it could be done. Thank you to those hands and feet for letting the Holy Spirit work through you. For all that have been praying , thank you, for this is the first step that should be taken before starting anything that we want to accomplish.

As a community, we continue to grow in numbers

as each walk passes. But are we growing as a community that supports and encourages the ones that we sponsored, to return and support the community to continue with the goal of Emmaus. The community needs prayer for the continuation of new teamers and the community sponsoring the pilgrims not the team. With the number of people in the community, we should not have to rely on the team to provide the majority of the pilgrims’ Please pray for our community to support what they received when they walked on their weekend.

The next gathering will be at Craddockville UMC on March 10th then the April gathering will be at OOTB on April 14, the weekend of the men`s walk. Please try to join us to support the walk and show the new pilgrims how much they are loved.

The next board meeting will be April 30 2012 at Woodbury UMC, 700 o’clock. All are welcome.

Hope to see you there’

All honor and praise to God

Sam Whipps

Our Lenten Journey by Bobbie Henley

Recently, we began the season of Lent on February 22nd, which was Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday can be a bit confusing. For many years, it was observed more by the Roman Catholic Church and other Orthodox churches – Greek Orthodox, Eastern Orthodox. But more recently, Protestant churches are reclaiming this part of our Christian heritage. On Ash Wednesday, we join together and hear passages from the Bible about the way that we all sin. We hear about what it means to take up the cross – the suffering of Jesus. And it's a day when the ashes we receive on our forehead remind us of our mortality. And of our need for repentance.

Ash Wednesday is the official beginning of Lent. Lent is a season of forty days. We don't count Sundays as part of the forty days, because as Christians we believe that each Sunday is a "little Easter." In the early church Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by converts. Over many centuries it has become a time for penance for all Christians.

Some people give something up for Lent (for example, they may refrain from eating certain foods) as a spiritual discipline and in remembrance of Christ's self-sacrifice for us. Others choose to add certain disciplines to each day to draw

closer to God. These may be prayer, reading of Scripture or devotional materials, meditation or other spiritual disciplines. And some may choose to engage in work that serves others as Christ gave Himself for others – for example, working with local homeless shelters or with the poor, donations to charitable organizations, or giving up one meal a week and giving the money that would have been spent on food to a local food bank or feeding ministry.

Here are some practical suggestions for Lenten disciplines: take a few minutes at lunch, even just 10-15, and pray. If we like to walk, we can pray while we walk. Or maybe we can pray on the treadmill, or while we get outside and work on our gardens. Some people go on prayer walks – they pray for their neighbors and the houses and people they pass whether they know them or not. We can give up an activity, and spend that time with God. As a spiritual discipline, other people write. They keep a journal of their thoughts, meditations and prayers. Almost any exercise or activity can be a conversation with God – if we talk to God while we are doing it. Again, these are just a few suggestions.

During Lent, we can observe Sabbath. Now I know many, if not all of us, attend church regularly. But Sabbath isn't just coming to church, al-

though that can be a part of it. Sabbath is truly sitting down, resting, just stopping – and being in the presence of God. During Lent we can each work on our practice of Sabbath. During this season, I want to invite all of you to be intentional on this journey. We can each find creative ways that are meaningful for us.

Ash Wednesday and Lent are the way the church throughout the centuries begins to experience the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Whatever form it takes, you are invited to the observance of a Holy Lent as we journey toward Jerusalem and the Passion with our Lord, Jesus Christ. May God Bless you during this season!

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Bobbie Henley
Community Spiritual
Director

(Some material adapted from the UMC Book of Worship and Renewed for Life, Daily Lenten Reflections on the Writings of Henri J.M. Nouwen)



"It is in February that some people begin to plan for Spring."

Chrysalis

It is that time of year when plants begin their process of becoming new. The plants have been lying dormant and the warm weather is going to rejuvenate them into beautiful flowering plants. God's creation is a wonderful thing to watch and we, as his children, should enjoy every minute that we can. Not only do plants grow but so do our youth. It is our responsibility to be the warmth that they need and help them develop and learn. As they grow, we can help them see how God will help them through good and bad times. We can watch them mature in God's word like a caterpillar becomes a butterfly. This is where

Chrysalis can help us. There are youth out in our community that need God to show them the way; so they can bloom. They have many questions and no matter how hard we try, we may not be able to reach them. A weekend away could be just what the Ultimate Physician ordered. Chrysalis is not like Emmaus. When someone walks on Emmaus, they already know our Lord and Savior. On Chrysalis, our youth may think they know God or could just be asking questions about Him. Our purpose would be to help and guide them to a wonderful relationship with our Lord. It is our chance to feed and water these wonderful young

people so they can bloom and grow into a work of art for God. If you know of a youth between 15- 18 years, please send in their application to go on a Chrysalis flight. After we get at least 10, we would put together a team and have a flight. Remember, we are not only helping a young person, we are doing God's work here on earth. PRAISE GOD FOR ALL HE DOES FOR US!

Your Brother in Christ,
Gordon Ward Jr.



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OUTREACH

To Our Community I am asking that you pray and then pray some more for the following up coming Walks to be held in March. Also for our upcoming ES Walks

March

10th - 13th:

Central Texas Men's Walk

Kairos Prison Ministry Wabash Valley

12th

Noah's of Ark. Women's Walk

24th - 27th:

Central Texas Women's Walk

Chattanooga Tn Men's Walk

Ottawa Anglican Cursillo Movement Men's Walk

In Christ's love, your new community outreach coordinator

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