

The Walk Way

Eastern Shore Emmas



April Newsletter Article

What do you remember about your walk? What moments still stand out as very special? As we pray and prepare for the upcoming walks and you participate in some part of it as a member of the community, will you again sense the presence of God somewhere along the way like you did on your walk? For many of us, Candlelighting was one of those special times.

The use of candles in the church is a long Christian tradition, the candle representing light – the Light of the world, the Light that shines in the darkest recesses of our lives which cannot be overcome by darkness, the Light that binds us together in community, the Light of Christ. What a surprise when we realized at Candlelighting that so many people, loved ones and community members suddenly appeared from far and near in the midst of the darkness, their faces glowing as they showed us how much they loved us. I saw the Light, I saw the face of Jesus, I reveled in the presence of God as we walked around the circle and sensed that God was there, among us.

As you know, throughout the entire weekend our attention and focus should always be

on the pilgrims God has called to the walks. It is not about us or drawing any attention to ourselves throughout the weekend. For that reason, would you, then, please keep other blinky things that draw attention away from the candles for later on in the weekend?

Would you join me at Candlelighting by truly reflecting the Light of Christ, as our single candles glow around the circle? Please keep other lights and things that draw attention to ourselves around the circle to a minimum. Then the pilgrims will be able to focus on the Light – on the Light reflected in the love of family and friends, and on the Light of Christ. They will then not be distracted in any way from the real Light, the presence of God in our midst, while experiencing a sense of community in a fresh and new way. And we can rest assured that we have focused on them and not on ourselves.

If you have a great pair of glasses, a special hat that lights up, an intriguing flashlight or a fancy blinky necklace, would you please wear that on Sunday, either at Rise and Shine or at the Closing? That sort of thing is very appropriate at either of those times that are more

fun, more lively. I know that you want to have a special time when at Emmaus functions, as do I, but Candlelighting is a time when we need to be still and be reverent and allow the Lord's Presence to be sensed by the Pilgrims as He uses us to help make Candlelighting a high, holy moment.

Please pray for our walks and join me at the upcoming Candlelightings in giving God a great opportunity to show Himself to the Pilgrims and also to each of us who participates in the event, that we will know with great assurance that He has passed by that place! Thank you so much for your cooperation in this.

"Remember, our Message is not about ourselves, we're proclaiming Jesus Christ, the Master. All we are is messengers, errand runners from Jesus for you. It started when God said, "Light up the darkness!" and our lives filled up with a light as we saw and understood God in the face of Christ, all bright and beautiful." 2Cor 4:5-6 (The Message)

Senie Burns,

Community Lay Director

APRIL

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **EASTERN SHORE COMMUNITY GATHERING - APRIL 13, 2013** AT OCCO-HANNOCK ON THE BAY (CAMP). NO COVERED DISH—WORSHIP AT 7:00 P.M. FOLLOWED BY CANDLELIGHTING!
- **CLOSING FOR THE WALKS:** SUNDAY, APRIL 14TH AND SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH AT 3:00 P.M.!
- **EASTERN SHORE CHRYSALIS BOARD MEETING - APRIL 16, 2013,** 7:00 p.m. at Mears Memorial UMC, Keller, VA
- **Newsletter articles DUE for May's Walk Way—April 20, 2013. PLEASE DON'T BE LATE!!!! Please send articles in MSWord Document! (TY)**
- **EASTERN SHORE EMMAUS BOARD MEETING - April 22, 2012,** 7:00 p.m. at Epworth UMC, Exmore, VA.
- **"Northern Shore" Emmaus Gathering – Third Saturday of the month: Saturday, April 20, 2013, 6:00 p.m.** Covered Dish and 7:00 Praise and Worship @ College Parkway Baptist Church, 301 College Parkway, Arnold MD

A Word from our Spiritual Director

John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, "I am the voice of one calling in the desert, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.' " (John 1:23)



Well Emmaus friends, here we are moving along into what's supposed to be springtime. As I write this, it's blustery and cold outside. Last week, and the week prior, we saw snow all along the Eastern Shore. Perhaps our thoughts are drifting towards warmer days. But I guess we shouldn't get too far ahead of ourselves. Perhaps it better to make the best of the present time... because time is perhaps the greatest gift God gives to each of us. When I think about the precious commodity of time, I realize that it's the only commodity that we have that is not renewable. Once those hours and days slip away... they're gone forever. We cannot roll back the clock. Rather than trying to rush ahead to the future, perhaps we should relish the present...and make the best of it, especially in service to Lord Jesus Christ.

Here in Emmaus, we have a specific mission to carry

out. We are working to empower and strengthen Christian leaders in our local churches. And we do this so that the strength and rejuvenation can be carried back into the local church to build-up our congregations, and thereby build-up the kingdom of God. I like to envision it as I see John the Baptist as the voice calling out in the desert, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.' The reality for all of us is that there are many voices calling out to us in our lives. There are many voices calling for our attention...and it can be difficult at times to distinguish which voices are of the world, and which are in line with God's desires for our lives. Emmaus helps us to focus on what's important...it helps us to focus ourselves on the work of the Kingdom. But friends, the many voices of this world are always there waiting for us...trying to entice us to invest ourselves and our time into the superficial things of this world. We have to intentionally refocus ourselves on the work of the Kingdom...and we have to do this often. If we don't, then the work that Emmaus has begun in our lives will be in vain. Our Emmaus experience calls us to

a lifetime of service to our Lord Jesus Christ. And it opens the door for us to experience many ways to continue the empowering process...the rejuvenating process. There are things such as gatherings, teaming, sponsorship, reunion groups, and serving on walk weekends. I guess we need to ask ourselves...are we taking advantage of these gifts that God is offering us? God opens the door... but we have to be the ones to step through it. Will we step through the doors that the world invites us to step through...or will we step through those doors that our Heavenly Father opens for us?

Friends...God continues to call us to make straight the way for our Lord Jesus Christ...and not just for ourselves, but for the broken world beyond ourselves. Time is ticking...the days are fading away. How will we serve? What can we do to make straight the way?

Derek Tomek

Spiritual Director



Fly with Christ!

Well, hello everyone. God is definitely working in our Chrysalis community. We have scheduled a girl's Flight in November. Now, we, the Board, are hearing that there may be some boys that would like to go on a Flight. The Board is trying to figure out how we could do both in the fall. However, we need your input. We need to know if there are enough boys and girls to do both. We would like for everyone to look around and see who would like to attend these weekends. If you would like to learn

more, please ask. As a Board, we would like to make ourselves available to come to your church or youth meeting and explain Chrysalis and bring brochures for everyone attending. God is helping us in more ways than we can even believe. We want to pass it on to you. Please let us know how.

Holy Week has again come and gone. I pray that everyone took time to remember and realize what God did for us. He sent His One and Only Son to save us. Jesus Christ was sacrificed so we

could have Everlasting Life. We have been forgiven for all we have done. It is up to you whether you want to receive what He has to offer. It also starts with you forgiving others. I pray that all of us can forgive and will accept His Present. Happy Easter everyone.

Your Brother in Christ,
Gordon Ward Jr.
Chrysalis Lay Director

Outreach

Brothers and Sisters,

The Lord is near to all who call upon Him. God is able, willing and ready to listen. And since we know He hears us when we make our requests, we also know that He will give us what we ask for according to His will.

This comes from

Psalms 14: 18 and 1st John 5:14 -15 So Please be in prayer and ask Gods blessings on our walks, and those taking place all over the world.

De Colores,

Barbara Taunitas

April 4 - April 7, 2013

Bethlehem Emmaus
Men's Walk #15
Headland, Alabama

Aldersgate Emmaus
Men's Walk #140
Ocoee, Florida

Blue Lake Emmaus
Women's Walk #228
Pace, Florida

Oconee River Basin Walk to
Emmaus, Inc.
Women's Walk #6
Greensboro, Georgia

Cedar Rapids Emmaus
Men's Walk #155
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Central Illinois Emmaus
Men's Walk #246
Springfield, Illinois

Hoosier Hills Emmaus
Men's Walk #91
Indiana

April 11 - April 14, 2013

Gloriosa Emmaus
Men's Walk #85
South Africa

River Walk Emmaus
Men's Walk #57
Antioch, California

El Shaddai Emmaus
Community of San Bernardino
& Riverside Counties
Men's Walk #81
San Bernardino, California

Chesapeake Walk to Emmaus
Women's Walk #40
Delaware

Big Bend Emmaus
Men's Walk #61
Tallahassee, Florida

Sun Coast Emmaus
Men's Walk #69
Palmetto, Florida

Aldersgate Emmaus
Women's Walk #140
Ocoee, Florida

April 18 - April 21, 2013

Gloriosa Emmaus
Women's Walk #86
South Africa

Servant Heart Emmaus
Community
Women's Walk #28
Mobile, Alabama

Noahs of Ark Emmaus
Men's Walk #166
Jacksonville, Arkansas

San Diego Emmaus
Men's Walk #101
San Diego, California

River Walk Emmaus
Women's Walk #58

Antioch, California

Mountain Trails Emmaus
Men's Walk #37
Medford, California

El Shaddai Emmaus
Community of San
Bernardino & Riverside
Counties
Women's Walk #80
San Bernardino, California

April 25 - April 28, 2013

Central Queensland,
Queensland
Women's Walk #49
Australia

Birmingham Emmaus
Women's Walk #70
Alabama

Noahs of Ark Emmaus
Women's Walk #167
Jacksonville, Arkansas

Grace Emmaus of Silicon
Valley
Men's Walk #28
San Jose, California

San Diego Emmaus
Women's Walk #102
San Diego, California

Florida Crown Emmaus
Women's Walk #72
Florida

Big Bend Emmaus
Women's Walk #64
Tallahassee, Florida

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**Check out
esemmaus.org
for a full listing of the
Outreach Prayer List.**

Pilgrims for ES 86 “Have you Seen Jesus”

Leroy Bailey
 Jay Byrd
 Jeff Clement
 Andrew Conover
 Frank Cooke
 Mohamad Dalai
 Michael Davis
 Daryl Duff
 Al Edwards
 Dustin Fisher
 John Hrusovsky
 Jason Hutcheson
 Bill Hutton
 Michael Jenkins
 Steve Johnson
 Berk Kelley
 Dan Macca
 Brooks Marshall
 Tony Moore
 Don Morley
 Mike Paglia
 Larry Pitts
 David Postell
 Bobby Shrieves
 Ryan Staggs
 Chuck Steadman
 Ryan Stubbs
 Bobby Tull
 Sean Woodhead

FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR OF ES #86

There were two farmers praying for rain, one of the farmers prepared his fields for rain and the other one didn't. Which farmer do you think God blessed with rain? Once I had picked my leadership and put them in their positions the Lord said, you have not done yet. I moved their positions around a couple of times and the Lord said, you are done now. After the leadership had its first meeting, I knew God had put the right people in the right places. The leadership prepared for a team and pilgrims so the Lord has blessed us with a full team and a lot of pilgrims. John 20:29 says, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” The team is having a wonderful time

and the music is fantastic. WE are preparing for the pilgrims and I pray they will see Jesus through us. We are very blessed. God is good, all the time! Pray for both teams please and see you at candle lighting.

God Bless,
 Bo Kelley, WLD



“Have you seen Jesus my Lord?”

Special Info

The Emmaus Community has been invited to the Retirement Celebration for Rev. Dave Hackett on June 1, 2013, at 3 p.m. in Cambridge, MD. If you are inter-

ested in attending, see Senie Burns. A reservation is necessary by May 15th. The cost is \$35 for the meal and gift.



FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR OF ES #87

When I walked on ES #25, I remember vividly the Candlelight Service and how it seemed that I was experiencing a little bit of heaven. The candles made each face glow with the light of Jesus. Walking around that circle of faces was very moving. I felt the love of the community and the love of Jesus in a powerful way. I'm sure many of you in the Emmaus Community felt the same way. In fact, I have heard many Pilgrims express similar feelings at Closing.

Candlelight is a worship service and it is for the Pilgrims.



*"I give you my heart,
I give you my soul,
I live for you alone."*

This is their walk and I want them to see the face of Jesus and feel the love of the community. For this reason, I am requesting that only candles be used for Candlelight on ES #87. In other words, I would like the community to refrain from using lights that detract from the simplicity of the candles. This is not a directive – it is simply a request. Let's remember that Candlelight is a worship service and an important aspect of the weekend.

Susan Gibb

Weekend Lay Director

Pilgrims for ES 87 "I Give You My Heart"

Claudia Albert
RuthAnn Baker
Jeannie Bowen
Juanita Brown
Tamara Clement
Tracy Conover
Shelby Edwards
Breezie Hutcheson
Edie Killmon
Kathleen Mears
Christie Medice
Kathy Mogelinski
Vickie Morley
Kathleen Mullen
Kathy O'Neil
Betsy Pinder
Ashley Reiter
Leanne Royse
Carolyn Spalding
Jenn Staggs
Michele Townsend

New Prayer Chain Coordinator!

Hi ES Emmaus Prayer Team!

Please send your prayer requests to Janice Marshall at janmarsh41@yahoo.com. As before all prayer requests will simply be stated as: "Please pray for Adam." No medical history or personal information will be shared.

Also my home phone number is 757-824-4380, if you get my answering machine please leave me your: Name, Date, and time

of call, and your phone number!

I do have a prayer request, as the Women's Spring walk is coming up, there is a need for more pilgrims, if you have a pilgrim in mind please send in their application now! Please pray without ceasing for this.

Thank you for all the prayers,

Blessings to all,

Janice Marshall



Pray without ceasing!



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www.esemmaus.org

Roster, Facebook, and Newsletter



"The Walk Way"
A newsletter for the Eastern
Shore Emmaus Community.

Greetings! The roster has been emailed to our Community Lay Director! If you would like a copy of the Roster emailed to you, I certainly would be happy to comply. But remember that if you notice errors in the current **roster**, please contact Allan Burns by sending 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!!!!

You may also request to be a part of the **Eastern Shore Emmaus & Chrysalis** Facebook Page - for community only! Please make sure we know your walk number too, if possible!!!

The newsletter will be sent as soon as all articles are received as close the to first of the month as possible! Articles to be

included in the Walk Way are to be sent to the editor on or by the 20th of the month before it is to be included. (April 20th for May's newsletter!)

Please be sure to check the Website often as we update pilgrim lists almost daily just before the walks! (esemmaus.org)

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