Eastern Shore Emmaus

A Message From Our Community Lay Director

Happy Fall and Happy Thanksgiving!

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new community members from ES 108 and ES 109. Don’t forget to bring your new community members to the Day of Deeper Understanding on November 10 at 3:45 at Market Street United Methodist Church in Onancock.

With the upcoming elections I feel that we have lost sight of kindness in exchange for rightness. What do you lose in being right? What is at the root of a disagreement? The root is the desire to be right. We have all been in or witnessed arguments. It is in the nature of every human being to want to be “right.” That stems from our sinful nature of pride. If we are right, then we are better, smarter, more knowledgeable, more Godly….whatever it is that you want more of, than another human being. Being right gives us some sort of power, real or imagined, over another person or group of people. But what do we give up in being right? Grace, spiritual maturity, and our witness to others outside of the argument. But I believe that the greatest thing we give up in our drive to be “right” is relationship with God. Proverbs 17:19 states, “Whoever loves a quarrel loves sin.” If we stay in a quarrelsome state we are staying in a state of sin, which removes us from relationship with God.

When we put someone in their place who we know is wrong, we lose. We lose our responsibility to witness to others on God’s grace. God does not beat us down to show he is right, he loves us despite of our stupidity and weakness.

In the weeks ahead, rather than beating people up for their differing political, social, or doctrinal views and having to prove you are “right”, choose a different path. Choose not to berate others for their beliefs. Choose not to belittle others or make them feel less for having a different point of view. You may ask yourself, “What if I am not right?” or “What will I lose in proving I am?” It is hard in these times of political and social discord to not feel we have the right to be right. But it is a struggle within our families, marriages, and churches as well. Make the last words you speak be, I’m sorry. Rather than choosing to be right, choose to be kind.

De Colores,

Andrea Lambie

Community Lay Director
During this election season we often hear and read about the vote count and recount. I recently read an article that gave new insight on "RECOUNT" during this season of "THANKSGIVING". I would like to share that article with you. RECOUNT YOUR BLESSINGS by Roosevelt Wright, Jr.

Recount Your Blessings

SCRIPTURE: Praise ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever. Psalm 106:1-2

Have you ever felt that those who are less faithful than yourself seem to get more blessings? There are times when even the strongest believer thinks God is unfair to the faithful. These are the times when you look at the ungodly people all around you and consider their prosperity despite their ungodliness. In comparison, we sometimes feel that if they are doing well in the midst of their ungodliness, then we should be doing even better because of our godliness. We secretly think there should be a correlation between godliness and prosperity. It is not until we stop and review our actual circumstance, the good and the bad, that we reach an understanding about the nature of our blessings. When we start accusing God of short changing us, that’s when we should consider a recount to learn whether our claim is true.

We’re learning a lot about recounts these days. This Mid Term election of 2018 will be enshrined in history because of its close outcome. Necessitating, at least in the minds of some, a recount of the votes of certain counties and areas of the country. Because there is a likelihood of error, either human or mechanical, close elections usually include a demand for a recount. The idea is to revisit that which has been done and to authenticate the results. Sometimes the results of an election are confirmed. Sometimes those results are overturned as flaws, errors and miscasts are discovered and discarded.

When believers think that the ungodly have outvoted them with the favor of God, maybe it’s time for a recount. When we begin to feel that our blessings are diminished despite our godliness, maybe we should revisit what God has actually done. If we have these feelings, we would not be the first. There have been others. Psalm 37:25 found David frustrated over the apparent success of the wicked until he concluded, “I have been young and am now old, yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.” After recounting his blessing David concluded that although the wicked seemed to prosper, the righteous are always the eventual winners with God. Therefore, we are constantly urged to count and recount our blessings to remind ourselves of the goodness of God.

As Christians, we have learned that God blesses us continually. Even the experiences that seem to work against us, eventually bless us. Truly God is good and his mercy endureth forever. The initial count may seem to favor the wicked. But when we recount our blessings, God gets the victory and praise.

DeColores!

Pastor Dave Hackett
Brief History of Thanksgiving in the United States

In the United States, the modern Thanksgiving holiday tradition is commonly, but not universally, traced to a poorly documented 1621 celebration at Plymouth in present-day Massachusetts. The 1621 Plymouth feast and thanksgiving was prompted by a good harvest.

In later years, religious thanksgiving services were declared by civil leaders such as Governor Bradford who planned a thanksgiving celebration and fast in 1623. The practice of holding an annual harvest festival like this did not become a regular affair in New England until the late 1660s.

Pilgrims and Puritans who began emigrating from England in the 1620s and 1630s carried the tradition of Days of Fasting and Days of Thanksgiving with them to New England. Several days of Thanksgiving were held in early New England history that have been identified as the "First Thanksgiving", including Pilgrim holidays in Plymouth in 1621 and 1623, and a Puritan holiday in Boston in 1631.

Thanksgiving proclamations were made mostly by church leaders in New England up until 1682, and then by both state and church leaders until after the American Revolution. During the revolutionary period, political influences affected the issuance of Thanksgiving proclamations. Various proclamations were made by royal governors, John Hancock, General George Washington, and the Continental Congress, each giving thanks to God for events favorable to their causes.

As President of the United States, George Washington proclaimed the first nation-wide thanksgiving celebration in America marking November 26, 1789, "as a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favours of Almighty God".

George Washington's Thanksgiving Address | 1789

Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor; and Whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me to "recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness:"

Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation; for the signal and manifold mercies and the favorable interpositions of His providence in the course and conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty which we have since enjoyed; for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and, in general, for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions; to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually; to render our National Government a blessing to all the people by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shown kindness to us), and to bless them with good governments, peace, and concord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us; and, generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand, at the city of New York, the 3d day of October, A.D. 1789
The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God.

In the midst of a civil war of unequaled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to foreign States to invite and to provoke their aggression, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere except in the theatre of military conflict; while that theatre has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union.

Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defence, have not arrested the plough, the shuttle or the ship; the axe has enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege and the battle-field; and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years with large increase of freedom.

No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People.

I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquillity and Union.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this Third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States the Eighty-eighth. By the President: Abraham Lincoln.
What Christians Can Learn from the History of Thanksgiving

1. **GIVE THANKS TO GOD** | Take time out to thank God for all He has done in your life, Psalm 107.

2. **REPENT OF SIN** | Repent of any sins you have committed against God, for rebellion against God is the ultimate form of ingratitude, 2 Chronicles 7:14.

3. **INSTRUCT OTHERS** | Teach your fellow US citizens, by both deed and example, like George Washington did to "perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually," 2 Timothy 4:1-2.

4. **GIVE TO COMMUNITY** | Show your THANKS by GIVING to others, do community outreach, James 1:27.

5. **EAT & BE MERRY** | Enjoy a great meal with friends and family, 1 Corinthians 10:31!

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Don’t forget the **Day of Deeper Understanding and Gathering and BOARD ELECTIONS**, this Saturday November 10th, at Market Street UMC in Onancock!

DODU begins at 3:45, Pot Luck Dinner at 5:30, and Gathering at 6:30. The Board Elections will be held during the Gathering.

It is very important for you to attend for the elections. We need 2 Men, 2 women, and 1 Clergy. Please support your Board and elect those God has placed on your heart to guide and direct our wonderful Emmaus Community!

**WE NEED YOU!!!**
ES108  Psalm 27:1

LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH
ES #108

Pilgrim Roster

Nat Atkinson Jr  Richard Hubbard  Luis Ramos
Edward Blake  Michael Litton  Stephen Rulison
Karl Campbell  Timothy Merritt Jr  Scott Sample
Edward Colonna  Mark Nelson  Bill Sorber
Andrew Dell  David Nixon  Royce Stafford
Michael Feldman  Michael Noyes  Jonathan Tapman
Bryan Hall  Cameron Peedin  Momo Way
Jeff Hottenstein  Don Podach  Brent Weisiger
ES 109

Pilgrim Roster

Nicole Merritt Annis  Annabelle Cruz  Terry Sample
Norma Arzola  Dorcus Richmond-David  Nicole Shriebes
Kathy Atkinson  Anna Finocchio  Myrna Slayton
Anabel Beatty  Susan Jarvis  Cora Sorber
Anne Beatty  Kim Leahy  Jennifer Taylor
Christine Berger  Laura McGinty  Kristen Travis
Sue Ellen Bowden  Donna Merritt  Rebecca Turlington
Lisa Bradford  Barbara Palmer  Heather Whipps
Martha Colonna  Sonia Gomez-Ramos
The season of thanksgiving is upon us! Let us remember to give God our thanks and praise along with our prayers. Please join me in praying for these upcoming walks in November!

Brittany Savage
Outreach Agape

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New Life Emmaus Community (San Antonio/New Braunfels)
Women's Walk #2704
Universal City, Texas

Greater Austin Emmaus Community
Women's Walk #143
Austin, Texas

Greater Fredericksburg Area
Women's Walk #112
Fredericksburg, Virginia

Philippians 4:6-7
Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, through prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
SPONSORSHIP CORNER!

The walks have come and gone and what a blessing they were! Now is the time to involve our new community members with Emmaus! Please bring your new Community member to the Day of Deeper Understanding on November 10th at Market Street UMC. Let’s keep them burning, serving the Lord, for passing on the love.

They will have a lot of questions, be there to answer them. Let’s keep this wave of love flowing!

Let’s keep lifting His name on high, because He created you!

De Colores
John Sutton

Roster, Newsletter, Website

“The Walk Way”
A newsletter for the
Eastern Shore
Emmaus Community

Greetings to everyone! The Emmaus Directory is being maintained by Allan Burns. Please remember that if you notice errors in the current directory, please contact Allan 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 and email addresses. Allan has distributed the revised directory by e-mail. If you have a current email address on file, Allan will email the roster to you. If you need a hard copy let Allan know. 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 to the 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 (November 20th for the December newsletter).

Please be sure to check the Website often as we give you current happenings and we update Pilgrim lists almost daily just before the walks!

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Blessings to each of you!
Gail Deans, Newsletter Editor
Eastern Shore Emmaus

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We are on the Web
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Happy Thanksgiving
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