



From the Community Lay Director.....

“What Do You Say Emmaus Is?”

What do you say when someone asks, “What is Emmaus”? I’m not sure what others say, but I often launch into a discussion of the 15 talks, what a wonderful experience it is, how it develops church leaders, and of course the usual --- you can’t really describe it. As we look to the Fall walks and anticipate the activities of the community, it is a perfect time to think about all the things that Emmaus is.

A look at the Emmaus handbook gives us some insight. “Emmaus expands participant’s spiritual lives, deepens their discipleship, and rekindles their gifts as Christian Leaders in their churches and communities”. The handbook goes on to say, “The purpose of Emmaus is not fully realized during the three days of the event itself but in the Fourth Day.

So Emmaus is not just the Walk. It is Fourth Day activities like group reunions, Community Gatherings, sponsorship, prayer, support of walks, service on teams, and community outreach.

The bottom line is that Emmaus is a true life —game changer. With the support of the Holy Spirit, we see the love of God expressed in so many ways. This leads a lot of people to want to be a part of the Emmaus Community. The good news is that there are so many things to do outside the Walks.

But...there are even more reasons to participate. I had one of those, “What am I doing here” moments the other day. Sitting in traffic at the HRBT with no air conditioning and wondering —What am I doing here? I must tell you Emmaus does not evoke those kinds of questions. And in fact, if you are participating in some phase of Emmaus, you are working with positive people who are liked minded in their desire to serve God and follow Jesus Christ.

We have a large community and many opportunities to participate. We are all trying to encourage people to go on a Walk. At the same time we should be encouraging community members to be an active part of the community. Invite someone to a Gathering, form a new reunion group, volunteer to help with one of the tasks done by a Board member, contact people who have drifted away from the community.

If you have ideas about improving the community through strengthening reunion groups, devising more outreach to encourage people to go on a walk, increasing the quality of walks or anything else, send them along to me or to one of the Board Members.

De Colores

Larry Taylor, TW53

From the Director of Sponsorship.....



"STIR MY PEOPLE UP!"

"Stir My People Up" was the title of Pastor Katy Vinciguerra's last message from the pulpit. For those of you who don't know Pastor Katy, please indulge me for a moment to share a little about this incredible woman of God. Katy was one of those of those people that from the moment you met her you knew she was special. She had uniqueness about her in the way she touched your heart and looked past our flaws and focused on the positive side in everything she did. Katy was passionate about many things but mostly she was passionate about her Faith and sharing the Good News with everyone she came in contact with; she loved God and loved people. Pastor Katy leaves behind the legacy of a life well lived.

As I pondered my input this month it just seemed natural to share Pastor Katy's final message because as Christian's I think we need to be stirred up. WE ARE THE CHURCH, so shouldn't we help build or strengthen the body? Of course we can and we can change our world one person at a time. Isn't that the great commission? Discipleship 101, Follow me and I will make you fishers of men...

The Walk to Emmaus is a great way of strengthening THE CHURCH and as such I encourage you to get stirred up and be bold in your Faith.

The Fall walks will be upon us before we know it. As a reminder, to proceed with the Men's Walk (TW 102) we must have 20 confirmed Pilgrims by August 11, 2013. To proceed with the Women's Walk (TW 103) we must have 20 confirmed pilgrims by September 1, 2013.

Sponsorship is the lifeblood of this community so please prayerfully consider sponsoring someone that God has placed on your heart. Have a great Summer and be blessed.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at 3cboyces@cox.net.
Cell (757)287-5855. Be blessed.

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Clif Boyce, TW 88

From the Director of Agape.....



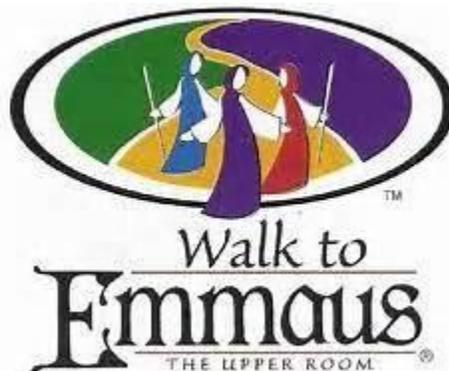
"Never Too Early"

I wanted once again to say thank you to all of the community who made our spring walks a great success. It is never too early to start getting Agape ready for the fall walks. Just bring what you have to the gatherings and pass it on to me. I have plenty of space to store until the walks. I will have placemats to color at the July gathering, look me up and I will give you some. If you cannot be at the Gathering, give me a call and I will get to you.

Again thanks for all your prayers and agape for the Spring walks and I cannot wait to see what you have for the fall walks.

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Joyce Thompson, TW-54



From the Director of Gatherings....



“Awesome Gatherings”

May’s Gathering was one of the best attended we have had in a while. Community UMC was a wonderful host church. When we ran out of paper plates and they pitched in and provided from their supplies. It seems like there were at least 200 people there. It is always a joy to welcome new pilgrims for the Fourth Day Follow-up meeting. How did you like the Cardboard Testimony? We had so many people volunteer. It was incredible. God is good! All the time!

June’s Gathering at Hickory UMC was smaller, but full of such love and joy. When Rev Tom Mercer asked his daughter, Reverend Christa Mercer Springstead, to come up and pray, I could not look anywhere but on their faces while she prayed, leaning on his shoulder. It is upon the shoulders of those who have walked before us, that our journey continues. Such a beautiful moment!

For July, we will be at Sandbridge Community Chapel. “Come on out to the beach”. We are looking forward to this Chrysalis led Gathering. Come on out and have dinner with your Emmaus/Chrysalis Brothers and Sisters. Sponsors, bring your recent pilgrims (or even the not so recent). If you exchanged contact info with your table, let them know you are coming and would like to see them.

Looking ahead, after July’s Gathering at Sandbridge, we have August at Great Bridge and September at Deep Creek (to be confirmed) and then the Men’s Walk #102 in October.

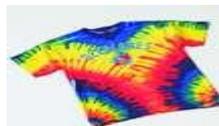
Thanks to those of you who have been so eager to help with Gatherings. There is always much to do: table set-up, Communion set-up, prayer slips to hand out, offering buckets to pass, and cleaning up. I am especially grateful to those of you who have been willing to do Community Prayer and to give your Fourth Day Talk for us.

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Barbara Edwards, TW-35

P.S....

And don’t forget to wear your colors!



From the Director of Records.....



"I Need Your Information"

Please help me to keep all the records for contact information for the community up to date. When your contact information changes, please send me an email update with the new information. Thank you!

My email is donniegray1@cox.net

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Donnie Gray TW 92

From the Director of Continuity (Training/Reunion Groups).....



"Reunion Groups"

Help me to update our reunion group information so we can help coordinate and place folks in reunion groups. First, I need is the information on current reunion groups so we can update the TW Emmaus Website. Second, if you are not in a reunion group or if you want to find out more about these groups, please contact me.

My contact email is leo4jc@cox.net . My cell number is (757) 770-5789. I will eventually answer text messages if you choose to text me.

If you are ready, we can help you get a new reunion group started. We cannot do life alone. Please contact me.

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Leo Matuszak SS 38

From the Director of Music.....



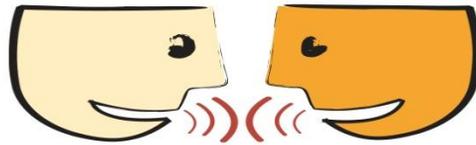
"When the music fades, all is stripped away, and I simply come / Longing just to bring something that's of worth that will bless your heart... / I'm coming back to the heart of worship, and it's all about You, Jesus"

If you have musical talent- a voice, an instrument- prayerfully consider offering to help serve. There is no bigger blessing in my life than the gift of worship. What a joy to sing the praises of our glorious God! Come join in the joyful noise! Come to the heart of worship!

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Amy Coxwell, TWC 13

From the Director of Communications.....



"It's your Newsletter"

The Community Newsletter is for the entire community. If you have something you think should be included, please contact me at k4rhuff@msn.com

In addition, submit your, "My Fourth Day" article. We will attempt to publish them all. However, due to the varying number of articles that may be submitted in any given month, it may not be possible to publish every article submitted for each Newsletter cycle. We appreciate your participation and look forward to learning more about the common Spirit in each one of us.

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Rhonda Huff, TW-10



Gifts to Tidewater Emmaus:

Tidewater Emmaus currently has an easy way to support this community with financial gifts beyond the tithing we offer to our local churches. *Donate Now using Just Give* is located on our community home page at www.tidewateremmaus.org.

Donate Now using Just Give is designed to make it easy for community members to point, click and financially support the local mission of the Tidewater Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis movement. Also on the web page, just below the green button, you can easily access detailed information on the financial donation program, how to give to Tidewater Emmaus, and how your gifts support your local Tidewater Emmaus and Chrysalis Community.





TW Emmaus Important Dates

Gathering - Sandbridge Community Chapel

✓ ***Saturday, July 20***

Time: 5:30 - 6:30 pm - Fellowship Potluck
6:30 - 8:30 pm - Gathering

Address: 3041 Sandpiper Rd
Virginia Beach, VA 23456
757-721-3105

Deadline for 20 pilgrims confirmed for TW 102

✓ ***August 11***

Deadline for 20 pilgrims confirmed for TW 103

✓ ***September 1***

Fall Walks

✓ ***TW102 Men's Walk: October 24-27***

✓ ***TW103 Women's Walk: November 14-17***