



Tidewater Emmaus/Chrysalis

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Important Information

October Gathering

St. John's UMC

2709 Greendale Ave.

Norfolk, VA 23518

Saturday, October 17, 2015

Potluck @ 5:30

Gathering @ 6:30pm

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Opening Article

TWE Community Solicitation on

Going from 2 Walks to 1 Walk per year.

Hello TWE Community. The Father has plans for us. He doesn't share His plans with us directly rather He guides us in many ways, some that have us scratching our heads and asking, Why Father?.

As the board we have been doing just that, scratching our heads and asking, Why, Father?

We are all aware the last 4 out of the last 6 Fall Walks have been postponed because there weren't enough Pilgrims. Every time the Fall Walk has been postponed the Spring Walk has been overflowing! Perhaps we are a community of Winter Sower's and Spring Harvesters?

Based on these facts it leads us to ask everyone in the community "Are we a one Walk (Men's and Women's) per year community?"

We don't ask this question lightly but rather we are coming to you, the Community to get your prayerful consideration and response.

We are asking you, the TWE Community if we should be looking at having one Men's and one Women's Walk each year? The Walk would be conducted in the Spring, rather than spending the money on a Fall Walk that ultimately is postponed?

Please call, write or email any member of the board and let them know your thoughts on this matter. Our email addresses are at the end of this newsletter.

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Our TWE Board

Lay Director's Corner

There are two issues I would like to discuss with you this month.

Board Members and TWE Walks

Board Members

Tidewater Emmaus Board of Directors consists of 12 members who are elected by the community to serve as board members for a period of 3 years. Therefore, every year, 4 board members roll off the board, and 4 new members will be elected. This election is held annually at the November Gathering. This year the November gathering will be held at Community United Methodist Church.

We ask each one of you to prayerfully consider serving on the Board of Directors. The board of directors meets monthly for approximately two hours.

A board nomination form can be obtained from the "Tidewater Emmaus" web site. This form must be completed and either given to a current board member or mailed with a post mark not later than 10 November 2015.

TWE Walks

We are seeking input from the Community for our TWE Walks. Currently we have a walk scheduled for April/May and a second walk scheduled for October/November (exact dates vary due to availability at Wakefield.)

We seek your opinion if two walks (for both men and women) are the appropriate number of walks per year. Should we keep it at 2? Should be reduce it to 1? Is there a better time during the year? We MUST have input from the Community. This is not a decision that the board needs to make. This is a decision that our Community needs to

make. During the past couple of years we have had to cancel the “Fall” walks due to a lack of applications from pilgrims. Again, we are not saying that we “have” to change; we are seeking your opinion of how we need to move forward.

Sponsorship & Registration

October Gathering: 17 October at:

St John's United Methodist Church
2709 Greendale Avenue
Norfolk, Va 23518
757-587-4332

If you have not been able to attend a gathering in a while, due to busy work schedules, children's activities, etc. we **welcome you back with open arms**. Your presence is important to us. This is not a gathering for just those who are teaming, or those who are on the board of directors, or those from the host Church. These are for EVERYONE. Bring a Friend along. It is not a requirement to attend an Emmaus Walk before you go to a gathering. If you have a friend who is thinking about walking, please invite them so they can learn more about Emmaus.

Have you spent a couple hours with God lately? Come join us, he will be there too.

May God Continue to Bless and Keep you Every Day.

Donnie Gray
TW-92
Beach Fellowship
Table of the “Life Savers”

Love and Fall!

What do you love about fall? This is the time of year of welcomed cooler temperatures, blue sunny skies, football games, and leaves falling to the ground. It's the time of year where we also prepare for the upcoming Holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas! The next three months will be extremely busy! That is why **NOW** is the time to continue to fall into *ACTION*.

God has laid someone on your heart to sponsor, now is the time to approach them and talk about their Walk to Emmaus experience. The BEST way to explain the Walk is to tell them what your walk meant to YOU! A first hand witness to what the power of God's love does for each one of us. Your face will beam with joy as you explain to them your favorite part of the weekend. Of course, I have a difficult time just having ONE favorite part. Express how God's amazing agape love filled your heart through singing, Communion, and sharing together with other Christians. How the weekend set your “Soul on Fire” for Christ and now you wish to bless them with the Walk to Emmaus weekend as their sponsor.

October Challenge:

- TODAY, tell at least 2 couples or people about what your Walk meant to you and how you wish to bless them.
- Print out 4 pilgrim applications to have ready for their YES
- Meet with God's pilgrim to collect their application and check
- By end of October, mail pilgrim's application and sponsor's application to Tidewater Emmaus

That's it! Now, you have shown God's amazing love to another person, just as Jesus commanded us so long ago.

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Cheryl Best

Upcoming Walks

Men's Walk (TW109) - April 14-17, 2016

Women's Walk (TW110) - April 28 - May 1, 2016



LOVE one another, As i have LOVED you.
John 13:34

Gatherings



October Gathering

Hebrews 13:15 Through Jesus let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that confess his name.

Has the Lord been lying on your heart to spread his praise by sharing your story with the community? Is it your time to confess His name and spread His love? I ask that you prayerfully read over the guidelines of the fourth day speaker. Please contact me through my email address at the end of this article. Know that God loves you and is always with you!

The Fourth Day Speaker

This is a person's witness to God's presence in his or her life and to developments in his or her walk with the risen Lord. The witness may speak from an experience, a spiritual learning, a reflection on a stretch of his or her spiritual journey, or a challenge to live more fully in holiness and service. The Fourth-Day Witness is not a sermon, teaching, or exhortation. Nor is it an "Emmaus talk" or a nostalgic remembering of one's Emmaus weekend. The Fourth-Day Witness is a first-person sharing that will cause others to reflect on God's presence and call in their own lives and will inspire them to live more fully in grace as disciples. While the Fourth Day Witness should come from the heart, it should also be thoughtful and well-prepared. Sometimes those gathered are given opportunity to respond extemporaneously to the Fourth Day Witness resonance with their own life stories. After a moment of silent reflection, the leader of the Gathering may ask the participants to respond aloud in the large group or form smaller groups to share.

Clergy Response

The Fourth-Day Witness (and community responses) is sometimes followed by a response from the evening Spiritual Director in order to pull together the various thoughts and highlight further connections with the gospel. This response is not a sermon or even a prepared talk but a scriptural reflection on the general theme of the Fourth-Day Witness for the purpose of deepening the listeners' understanding of the connection between their lives and the story of God in scripture. The lay speaker would have shared the basic intent of the Fourth-Day Witness with the Spiritual Director ahead of time. The clergy response is secondary to the Fourth Day Witness and should be no longer than ten minutes. The clergy response can also provide a transition to Holy Communion or be incorporated into a brief Holy Communion meditation.

Fourth-Day Speaker

The fourth day speaker may choose a worship song of his or her liking before the speaker presents their

talk. Please make sure that the Director of Gatherings knows your song choice in at least two weeks before the gathering, so the musicians can practice before the event.

- Speaker is introduced by evening leader
- Talk is ten to fifteen minutes
- Brief responses to the witness from the community
- Clergy response, making transition to Holy Communion

Gathering will be at St. John's UMC in Norfolk, VA. Pot luck is at 5:30, so bring your favorite food, soda, or dessert and let's break bread together.

Gather starts at 6:30. I hope you will be there to worship or sweet Lord.

In His Service,

Penny Best, Gathering Director

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Tidewater Emmaus T Shirts

are here!!!



Cost: \$20 for Small – X Large

\$21 for 2 XL and \$22 for 3 XL

There will be some on sale at the next Gathering and
you may also pre order!

TW Emmaus/Chrysalis Important Dates:

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Spring Walks:

TW 109 Men's Walk

April 14-17, 2016

TW 110 Women's Walk

April 28 – May 1, 2016



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