



## *The Walk Way*

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### COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Wow! What a year! My term as your Community Lay Director is just about to end. In many ways, it seems to have flown by and as I think back over the past year, I can see God has kept this community and its Board busy. My first thought after being voted "in" by the Board, was I certainly do not have the "gifts" needed to head the Emmaus Community. And yet, looking back, I realize that He has supplied every need and proved that in my weakness, He is strong (**2 Corinthians 12:9**.) But perhaps most amazing has been to watch as God pulled time and talent from so many people within the Community; His people coming together as His body. Awesome! As we read in **1 Corinthians 2:9**, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him."

Let's take a quick journey back... In January, a "welcoming letter" was sent to every member of our Community with the dates and locations for all of our Gatherings for the coming year. The dates of the Walks were also listed; it was suggested to prayerfully consider teaming/and or sponsoring someone on a Walk. This was sent to bless our active Community with planning opportunities and encourage those who have been inactive to return to the Community where they are loved and missed.

We have had four wonderful Walks, and a Chrysalis Flight. Praise God! As He has blessed our Community as it grows in number and wisdom. Our Gatherings are well attended, the number of those attending Walks is up, and those supporting the Walks have grown, and all in a down economy. Our God is awesome!

And thanks primarily to our Emmaus Community; the Worship Center at OOTB is now complete. Having the Worship Center for the Walks instead of the infamous tent has been a definite plus. The Board has also taken on additional goals. We have completed a Standard Operating Procedure file, where each decision of the Board is documented. All records as well as Walk and Board job descriptions, have been reviewed, and updated. We, the Emmaus Community are now in compliance with National Emmaus as far as clergy criteria and qualifications. There is a clergy training session scheduled for January. Board Elections were held at our November Gathering. December will be a month of transition for the Board, and the new members will assume their responsibilities in January.

In closing, I want to sincerely thank my fellow Board Members for their patience and support during my tenure for you have loved me deeply (**1 Peter 4:8**). And I thank this Community for the opportunity of serving as your CLD. God has richly blessed me through each of you!

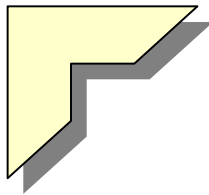
In Christ,  
Pat Krukowski  
Community Lay Director



## Community Spiritual Director's Message

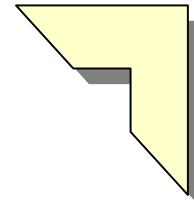
Dear Emmaus Family,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. What a wonderful time of year to know the babe of the manger as well as the risen Lord. What a privilege to serve Him and you by being part of the growing family of believers that "gather" in "reunion" all the year round. I am going to share with you a brief poem that covers both Thanksgiving and Christmas. It is a poem written in the 1930's by a preacher at a country church in Danville, Indiana. So that no one has cause to wonder if I copied it word for word let me put your minds at ease and confess that I did! It can be found on page 52 of the October/November 2009 issue of Reminisce (a magazine for old people like me).



### Drinking From My Saucer

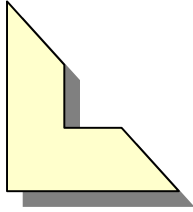
I've never made a fortune  
And it's probably too late now.  
But I don't worry about that much,  
I'm happy anyhow.  
And as I go along life's way,  
I'm reaping better than I sowed.  
I'm drinking from my saucer,  
'Cause my cup has overflowed.



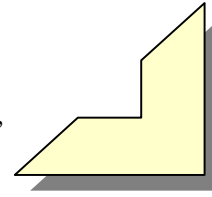
I don't have a lot of riches,  
And sometimes the going's tough.  
But I've got loved ones around me,  
And that makes me rich enough.  
I thank God for his blessings,  
And the mercies he's bestowed.  
I'm drinking from my saucer,  
'cause my cup has overflowed.

I remember times when things went wrong,  
My faith wore somewhat thin.  
But all at once the dark clouds broke,  
And the sun peeped through again.  
So God, help me not to gripe  
About the tough rows that I've hoed.  
I'm drinking from my saucer,  
'Cause my cup has overflowed.

If God give me strength and courage  
When the way grows steep and rough,  
I'll not ask for other blessings,  
I'm already blessed enough.



And may I never be too busy  
 To help others bear their loads.  
 Then I'll keep drinking from my saucer,  
 'Cause my cup has overflowed.



So, from an Eastern Shore country preacher to all: Happy Thanksgiving, and a Merry, Merry Christmas.  
 Pastor Charlie Peterson, BRE, THM. DMIN

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## AGAPE Outreach Connie Conway

Although there are no walks scheduled during December, please pray for all of the Emmaus Communities around the world!

**What a wonderful opportunity God has given us to pray for our Brothers and Sisters!  
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### Chrysalis News

Jesus is The Reason for the Season! As we hustle and bustle about this Holiday Season just take time to give thanks for Jesus being born a baby in a manger.

He could have come in any form but he was born as a baby of the Virgin Mary. Do you think if he was put on earth as a man that people would have accepted Him? More people can accept a baby than an adult. In the book of Luke we read about the birth of Jesus. He was born to Mary, a young, poor, unwed female. Most people of her day would classify her as seeming useless. But God chose Mary for one of the most important acts of obedience that God ever demanded of anyone.

Mary was the mother of Jesus and was the one human with Him from birth to death. She was willing to be available to God and applied God's word.

A person's character is revealed by his or her reaction and response to the unexpected. Remember God can use each and every one of us. God's plans involve extraordinary events in the lives of ordinary people.

I would like to thank the Emmaus Community for their support for Flight #20. Thanks you for everything. It meant so much to the Girls and the Team.

Chrysalis Community Lay Director,  
 James Armentrout



## Board Election Results

As customary, the election of board members for the Emmaus and Chrysalis Boards was held at the November gathering. The following lay people were chosen to serve on the Emmaus Board: Marge Blankley, Gail Deans, Bo Kelley, and Sam Whipps. June Charnock was chosen as the Spiritual Director. The following adult lay women were elected to serve on the Chrysalis Board—Terry Bowling and Debbie Taylor. Jon Woodburn was chosen as the Spiritual Director for the Chrysalis Board. The term of service for everyone will be 2010 through 2012. There remain two positions for Chrysalis youth representatives that were not filled. If any youth would have an interest in these vacancies they should contact a Chrysalis board member. Thank you to all nominees for your willingness to serve our Emmaus community.

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Jim Petro



## **THIS 'N THAT**

- † The December Emmaus Board meeting will be at Woodberry United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m. on **Monday, December 21, 2009. This is the third Monday of December.**
- † ES Chrysalis Board meeting is scheduled at Mears Memorial United Methodist Church on Tuesday, December 15, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.
- † **“Northern Shore” Emmaus Gathering** – Third Saturday of the month: **Saturday, Decenber 19, 2009**, 6:00 p.m. Covered Dish and 7:00 Praise and Worship @ College Parkway Baptist Church, 301 College Parkway, Arnold MD 21012
- † If you have noticed errors in the current **roster**, please contact Mary Grace Woodburn, send an e-mail to: [easternshoreemmaus@yahoo.com](mailto: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!!!! Rosters **should** be ready at the January Gathering.



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## Gatherings

**December 12, 2009 – Woodberry UMC**

18121 Lankford Hwy., Gargatha, VA 23354

**January 9, 2010 – Craddockville UMC**

33464 Boston Road, Belle Haven, VA 23306

**5:30 p.m. – Covered Dish Supper**



**6:30 p.m. – Music and Worship**

