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A Message from the Community Lay Director

In Matthew 23:11-12 we read, ***“The greatest among you will be your servant. For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”*** Our daily lives provide many opportunities to serve,



both to serve our Lord directly and through serving others. God has equipped each of us with special gifts, but our gifts differ. A great example of this is in Teaming. Some may be gifted in speaking, and would be awesome at giving a Talk, some are great at being “behind the scenes” serving as Agape, Dining Room, or Team Room Servants. Others are able to relate well to the Pilgrims and are wonderful at a Table, serving as Table Leaders, and Assistant Table Leaders.

But, there is a place for everyone! And the joy of serving is incredible. So it is in life, God has a plan for each of us, a special place to serve Him, a special place to meet Him in others. I have also discovered that if He chooses you for a particular task, worry not, He will provide all that you need to complete the task. Pray, and then step out in Faith. When I’m overwhelmed, and think that I am not qualified to do what He has planned for me, He is always with me, and provides all that I truly need. What an awesome Father we have! Praise Be to God!

The Fall Walks are approaching, ES 72, “Spirit of Gentleness”, October 1st – 4th, and “His Saving Grace”, October 15th – 18th. Please prayerfully consider Teaming. *The deadline for applications to team is the July Gathering. And if you’ve never teamed or it’s been awhile since you’ve team, please get before the Lord and ask if this is His will for you. Often we just assume that someone else will be there. Perhaps, it is you that God wants to team on this Walk. We also need to be in prayer and listening for God to place the names of those who would be blessed as Pilgrims. Wouldn’t it be great to have both Walks completely full of folks seeking to renew and strengthen their relationship with Christ and their church families?*

The Dedication Service of the Cokesbury Worship Center at the Camp on June 6th was wonderful. What a blessing to see so many from the Emmaus Community there to celebrate the completion of one of God’s Houses. And, what a blessing to know that so many from our community had a part in finishing the interior portion of the Worship Center. To God Be the Glory!

Paul writes in Ephesians 4:12, ***“to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.”***



Photo courtesy of Jon Woodburn.

From Paul again, ***“I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership...”***

Blessings to all,
Pat Krukowski
Community Lay Director

Lessons from the City of Tomorrow

By Alex Joyner, Spiritual Director

Two lessons learned from my brief stay in the City of Tomorrow:

1) Faith is the great unexamined frontier. That seems strange to say in a world that is saturated with megachurches, Christian bookstores and radio stations, Islamic theocracies, and cover stories about religion on national news weeklies. But at the City of Tomorrow religion was nowhere to be seen.



Maybe I should be a little less cryptic. I recently took a vacation with my family to the Disney megalopolis in Florida, part of which is the Experimental Prototype Community of Tomorrow, better known as EPCOT (or the place with the big silver golf ball). The theme park was one of Walt Disney's final visions – a place where the future would come to life through constant innovation and interaction among peoples from all over the world. But for all the buildings set up for the World of Energy, the World of Imagination, and the rides for Living with the Land and the Sea, there was no place for the World of Faith – an area that has always been at the center of human life and that has often led the way into the future.

I'm not faulting Disney – just lamenting the fact that we are now living in a society that may have a lot of Christian branding, but ultimately thinks that our faith is inconsequential to what the future is all about. If we're going forward in following Jesus we've got to go deeper in knowing Jesus and where he's leading us.

2) Emmaus and Chrysalis are there in the future. Even if people of faith are invisible in the buildings of tomorrow, they were certainly present in the visitors. As I was entering the gate a woman came up behind me and said, "De Colores!" She had seen my orange Eastern Shore Chrysalis shirt. Instinctively I flashed the hand sign and said, "De Colores!" in return.



It was a reminder of this vast network of Christians who have experienced Jesus in a powerful way through Emmaus and Chrysalis weekends. If they stay secluded and only talk to one another, (always a danger with groups who share a common language), then the future is not going to change. Churches are not going to change and they are going to be suspicious of "those Emmaus folks." But if our community lives up to its calling and goes out to transform the world and to reinvigorate local congregations, then the community of tomorrow might look different in a very good way.

In the name of Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and tomorrow, De Colores!



AGAPE Outreach
Connie Conway

This month please include these Emmaus Communities and their Walks in your prayers.

July 9-12: Women's Walk #37 Dale county OH
Men's SW VA/NE TN

July 15 – 18: Men's Russian Walk, Satka, Chelyabinsk Region

July 22-25: Women's Russian Walk, Satka, Chelyabinsk Region

July 16 – 19: Women's #27 SE NM
Women's SW VA/NE TN

July 23 – 26: Women's #125 SE Texas
Women's #103 San Antonio Texas

July 29 – August 1: Men's #17 High Plains, NM

History of the Fourth of July

I would like to catch you up on a little history lesson with a BIG meaning. This is taken from History.com.

"The Declaration of Independence document proclaimed the independence of the 13 British colonies in America and was adopted by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776. The declaration recounted the grievances of the colonies against the British crown and declared the colonies to be free and independent states. The proclamation of independence marked the highest point of a political process that had begun as a protest against oppressive restrictions imposed by the mother country on colonial trade, manufacturing, and political liberty and had developed into a revolutionary struggle resulting in the establishment of a new nation.

Independence Day in the United States is an annual holiday celebrating the formal adoption of the Continental Congress of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, in Philadelphia. Although the signing of the Declaration was not completed until August, the Fourth of July holiday has been accepted as the official anniversary of U.S. Independence and is celebrated in all the territories of the U.S. and all the states.

The holiday was first observed in Philadelphia on July 8, 1776, at which time the Declaration of Independence was read aloud, city bells rang and bands played. It was not declared a legal holiday until 1941. Traditionally the Fourth is publicly celebrated with parades, organized firing of guns and cannons, pageants, patriotic speeches, family picnics and displays of fireworks."

The words "independence" and "freedom" mean: not restricted; not in bondage; having liberty. We need to have gratitude for our "Forefathers" for their choices and proper decisions. I thank the Lord for our "Military" today so we can KEEP our "Freedom" and our "Independence".

HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE 4th OF JULY.

Fly With Christ
Chrysalis Community Lay Director
James Armentrout



Remember the Chrysalis Flight #20 scheduled for November 5th - 8th! Please consider sending in your application to team! The deadline for teaming applications is August 15th.

Please prayerfully consider sponsoring a Caterpillar! (Of course the sooner we have them the better!) Caterpillar applications are welcome anytime from now until the final deadline of October 22nd. The fees have increased for the upcoming flight but don't let that be cause for hesitation in sponsorship...there are some scholarship funds available!

ATTENTION!!

All Community Members

We need to begin thinking about this year's upcoming Emmaus Board elections. It's not too early to consider who we would like to nominate in the fall for our November election. Prayerfully consider who you would want on the board serving you. Check with them about their willingness to serve. Then submit their nomination on or before September 20th, 2009.

Send nomination applications to:

Jim Petro
972 Deep Creek Ave
Arnold, MD 21012
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The nominees names must be printed in the October and November Newsletters and announced at the October and November Gatherings prior to the elections! You may find the nomination forms on the Eastern Shore Emmaus website. www.esemmaus.org. Thank you!

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Gatherings

July 11, 2009 – Epworth UMC
4158 Seaside Road, Exmore, VA 23350

August 8, 2009 – Guilford UMC
24450 Guilford Rd., Guilford, VA

5:30 p.m. – Covered Dish Supper



6:30 p.m. – Music and Worship

