

EASTERN SHORE EMMAUS

DATES TO REMEMBER:

• **May 1, 2010, 10
a.m.—1 p.m.**

@Franktown UMC
Emmaus Board Train-
ing with a National
Representative

• **May 8, 2010, Day of
Deeper Understand-
ing!** @ Christ UMC,
Chincoteague, VA.
3:00 p.m.

• **May 8, 2010, Gather-
ing @ Christ
UMC, Chincoteague,
VA. 5:30 p.m. Cover-
ed Dish and 6:30
p.m. Praise and
Worship!**

• **Chrysalis Board
Meeting, Tuesday,
May 18, 2010,** Mears
Memorial UMC, 7:00
p.m.

• **Emmaus Board
Meeting, Monday,
May 24, 2010, 7:00
p.m.** @Woodberry
UMC, Gargatha.

✦ **“Northern Shore”
Emmaus Gathering**
– Third Saturday of the
month: **Saturday,
May 15, 2010, 6:00**
p.m. Covered Dish and
7:00 Praise and Wor-
ship @ College Park-
way Baptist Church,
301 College Parkway,
Arnold MD 21012

✦ If you have noticed
errors in the current
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Mary Grace Woodburn,
send an e-mail to: easternshoreemmaus@yahoo.com, or send a note
to P.O. Box 91, Frank-
town, VA 23354.
Please send ANY up-
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may have such as ad-
resses, marriages, or
deaths. It is important
to the community to
keep the information as
up to date as possible.
Thank you!!!!

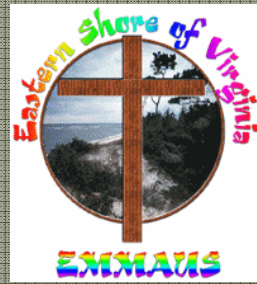
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Welcome to the Community

Our community has just completed two successful walks. I'm sure ES74 & ES 75 were memorable events for all who participated in them. To the pilgrims, thank you for saying yes to this opportunity. I'm sure your outlook towards things will definitely change and your walk with Christ stronger and more exciting than ever. I pray that you will take this excitement back to your church and become more involved in God's important work! If you would like to know more about the behind the scenes of Emmaus you are encouraged to attend the day of deeper that will be held at Christ UMC on Chincoteague on May 8, 2010 beginning at 3pm. After the day of deeper please stay for your first gathering which starts at 5:30 with a covered dish dinner then we have praise and worship time.

Please try to stay, it will be worth it!

To the teams, thank you all for your dedication to these walks. You are all special people! The many hours spent in preparation for the walks and seeing the changes in the lives of the pilgrims is a blessing to God and I know he is well pleased!

To the community, thank you for all of your help during the walks. Your prayers and service during the two weekends is

very much appreciated!

The month of May is a special month for many. It's a time when everything comes alive!

People begin to plan trips and make plans for the summer. It's also a special time to remember! During our long Memorial Day weekend and every day, take time to remember

those who gave their lives



that we can live in a Country free to do all the things that we enjoy. Say a prayer for our Servicemen and Women and if you see one, thank them. Always remember their loved ones that are left behind to worry until they return home. May God always bless those who serve for our freedom!

Again I want to welcome you to the Eastern Shore Emmaus Community and may your 4th day be filled with everything you hope it to be! God Bless and see you on May 8 at Chincoteague!

In Christ,
Mickey Mantle Merritt
Community Lay Director



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The Glorious Hard Work of Emmaus

I've been thinking about the hard work of Emmaus and Chrysalis. I loved all the joy and celebration that surrounded our spring walks. People really met God. They really fell in love with Jesus. The Holy Spirit was all over the place. But after the last car leaves closing on Sunday afternoon (or night!), the hard work begins.

I'm not talking about cleanup. I'm not talking about the preparations for the next walk. Those are hard, but we know they're going to pay off with another great weekend down the road. No, the hard work is what happens when we go back home. What do we do with all

that Emmaus goodness? Do we stow it away with our rainbow shirts and day-glo Jesus paraphernalia? Do we let it sit on the shelf until the next Gathering?

Emmaus was designed to be something more than that, as we say in the Fourth Day talk and throughout the weekend. It is meant to be a movement to revitalize Christians and their congregations. Which means that there is hard work to be done - finding ways to use our spiritual gifts in our home churches even though they may not seem receptive. Meeting together in reunion groups or other small groups, sharing our lives and struggles. Tak-

ing new steps to restore broken relationships.

It's not easy, but it is worth it. After all, we're following a savior who did all the heavy lifting before we even got here. Emmaus shows us that God loves us just the way we are and loves us too much to leave us that way. So let the work of transformation begin and take a step forward. This Emmaus stuff is too good not to share!

Alex Joyner
Community Spiritual Director

Chrysalis News

The month of May we think about Mother's Day, May 9th. Exodus 20:12 says "Honor thy father and mother. Then you will have a long full life in the land the Lord your God is giving you". It is the first commandment with a promise attached. The Israelites would need to respect authority and build strong families to live in peace for generations in the Promised Land.

Speak well of your parents, show them courtesy and honor them. We should not put them above God. That's not what that means. Parents have a special place in God's sight.

The command to honor them is for everyone-even for those who find it difficult to get along with their parents.

Here is some history about Mother's Day as taken from "The History of Mother's Day":

The Europeans celebrated Lent & the "Mother Church". It fell on Sunday; Lent. Early Christians used the day to honor the church in which they were baptized which they knew as their "Mother Church".

In the 1600's a clerical decree in England expanded the celebration to include real mothers, earning the name Mothering Day.

When the first English Settlers came to America they discontinued the tradition of Mothering Day.

The daughter of Anna Reeves Jarvis; Anna M. Jarvis campaigned for the creation of an official Mother's Day. The celebration took place May 10, 1908 at Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia. The celebration drew 407 attendees. Two carnations were given to each mother in attendance.

Today white carnations are used to honor deceased mothers. While pink or red carnations pay tribute to Mothers who are still living.

In 1908, Elmer Burkett, a U.S. Senator from Nebraska proposed making Mother's Day a national holiday at the request of the Young Men's Christian Association. The proposal was defeated. By 1909 forty six states were holding Mother's Day services.

Anna Jarvis quit her job and de-

voted herself full time to the creation of Mother's Day.

Endlessly petitioning state governments, business leaders, women's groups and other institutions led to her convincing the World's Sunday School Association to back her.

In 1912 West VA became the first state to officially recognize Mother's Day.

In 1914 Woodrow Wilson signed it into national observance, declaring the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

May God Bless You and have a Happy Mother's Day!!!

Remember, we are planning for a Girl's Chrysalis Flight Nov. 4-7, 2010.

If you know any Girls 15-18 years old please pray about it and consider sponsoring them.

Fly With Christ
Chrysalis Community Lay Director
James Armentrout

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Prayer Chain

If you wish to be included on the list for receiving prayer requests or if you are in need of prayer for yourself or someone you may know, you mail email me at:

esemmausprayer@gmail.com.

All prayer requests will simply be stated as, "Please pray for Adam." No medical history, no

personal information will be shared, God knows who we are praying for and what the need is. So if you are interested in being a prayer warrior, sign up today!

Blessings to each of you,
Mary Grace Woodburn
Prayer Chain Coordinator





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Walk to
Emmaus
WALK TO EMMAUS

Please pray for the upcoming walks in the following communities:

April 29-May 2

Sonlight Emmaus Community Puerto Rico

May

1st - 3rd

- Women's Western Kentucky Cursillo

13th - 16th

- Men's #57 South Nevada
- Women's Walk Maryland

Outreach

20th - 23rd

- Women's #58 South Nevada
- Women's Walk Southside

Praying for other Emmaus Communities is a wonderful way to share God's gift of love with others!

Thank you,
Connie Conway
Outreach Coordinator