

National Capital Area Emmaus



FROM THE NCA EMMAUS COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

Recently we went on a trip to see a production of *Annie Get Your Gun* at Liberty University. The star we went to see was wonderful, of course! She is my niece Sierra. The singing and dancing was great, the stage and costumes were just right – we didn’t see Sierra until after the show. But we know she did a great job handing 80 people on and off stage, 330 cues, and so much more that made the show go off perfectly – even made the gunshots look believable! Asked about her role in this, the director, her professor answered, “You didn’t notice any flaws or mistakes, did you? That means the stage manager did a good job.”

As a young boy, I knew a man named Mr. Dutton, who I assumed lived at the church. He was always there doing something with a smile and a kind word each time he saw you. I have seen the similar people in many places – those who do what they do out of love, not for applause.

We see the same example in the Bible too, with many many who worked behind the scenes. Our community is similarly made of many who work behind the scenes to ensure that our weekends, Ultreyas and in general the community moves forward without any glaring flaws. To showcase some of these people we have recently started having them speak at the Ultreya to let the community put a face to the name you perhaps have seen on our website or Fourth Day Journal.



A number of us were part of a serenade to surprise one of the people in our community, who does just what they do out of love. It was such a joyful moment to see his face when we rang the doorbell! Just to “sing hello” to him and his wife. Jim and Mae Krauss were both past CLDs, Rs and on so many teams in addition to being our Community Music Directors. God let

us know without a doubt that day that He was present in that moment with all of us – you see there was a heart shaped cloud that passed over us as we sang!

I am personally grateful for each person who serves behind the scenes as well as center stage in our community – after all “there’s no business like show His business!”

Let your heart shine,

Mark Gibson
Community Lay Director

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FROM THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

Pastor Gail, Spiritual Director

I love seeing the newness of life and growth in nature. So much of watching this reminds me of the weekends when the pilgrims are very apprehensive and wondering what is going to happen as they embark on the journey

The Walk to Emmaus.

God is very much in control on these weekends. There is no way we, as humans, can make the transformation of new life come alive in the pilgrims. It is by God’s love, grace, and mercy; and, we are blessed to see lives being transformed. It is an awesome experience for both the pilgrims and the team members to see the Mighty Hand of God working.

Life is different for the majority of the pilgrims. Not one person has the same response because we are all unique. The weekend allows the pilgrims to love and trust in their relationship with Jesus Christ. The weekend also allows the pilgrims to understand they are never alone. New friendships are formed, some lasting a lifetime.

Please continue to pray for pilgrims, caterpillars, our community, and the teams getting ready to go to the mountain, and those just now forming.

Prayer is essential. One person asked me recently how a team selects who does what on a weekend.

I told the person – PRAYER!

Everything is done through prayer, and, like the weekends which are covered in prayer, so is teaming, beginning with the selection of the “R’s” to assignments and beyond. Prayer is Vital!



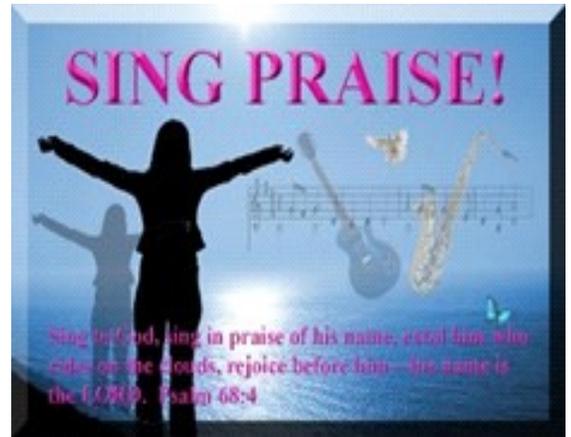
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Pastor Gail
Spiritual Director

2019 WEEKEND EMMAUS FEES	
Application Fee	\$35.00
Pilgrim Fee	\$250.00
Team Fee	\$250.00

2019 NCA Emmaus Walks	
E 190 - September 26-29	Carol Cobb
E 191 - November 14 - 17	Jon Guest
Camp Happyland Fredericksburg Va.	
2020 NCA Emmaus Walks	
E 192 - Mar 5-8	Gaylene Guest
E 193 - Apr 30-May 3	Chris Schulz
E 194 - Oct 1-4	Sam Gero
E 195 - Nov 12-15	Milton Zapata
2020 Weekends held at	
Camp Happyland Fredericksburg Va.	

From the NCAE MD

These blooming flowers and budding trees make me want to sing, how about you?! In May we will honor our Moms and cherish memories, do you know your mom's favorite song? In this patriotic month of Law Enforcement week and Memorial Day, we love to hear the National Anthem, Eagle's Wings, and often we cry at Taps and Amazing Grace. So what better way to kick off the month than with a rocking men's NCAE weekend, loads of good songs and theme song "Rescuer" by Rend Collective. How appropriate!



These E-189 men will lead Ultreya on May 17. C-101 will lead in June. We have exciting times ahead, full of tunes and life-changing events and memory makers. The Lord is in it all and over it all. We love Him and pray each song and action is for His glory.

As always, please contact us if you are interested in the NCAE music program or have questions about special events which include music. All are welcome.
De Colores!

Jim and Mary Ann (Mae) Krauss

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COMMUNITY PALANCA

Spring is here and the Men of E-189 head up to the mountain May 2-5, 2019. Please help share your love for each team member and pilgrims with prayers, snacks, and letters!

The Young Adult C-101 weekend is June 13-16, 2019. Lets show our love to the youth of our community. We will collect Agape at the Ultreya on May 17. High School C-102 weekend is August 15 - 18, 2019. Please bring your Agape to the June and July Ultreya and we will make sure it is passed along to the team. There will be placements available for those that need more to decorate. If you have any questions please feel free to email me or contact me on Facebook.

With love,

DeColores

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KAIROS KORNER

K#8 Sussex 1 State Prison Kairos Team is growing and thriving...

Inside Team Members: 37 (largest team ever includes resident servants 'CHAs') (39 Hours Total Training)

First Time Team Members: 11 ~ Support Team Members: 5 ~ Veteran Team Members: 22

Not to mention many additional support volunteers from area church members Disputanta, Trinity UMC. K#8 successfully graduated 28 residents (due to an incident we could not have the full 42) This meant that we had one for one at the tables which was wonderful.

Leaders Weekend Comments:

What a truly blessed experience this was for me to lead the K-8 weekend at Sussex 1 State Prison in Waverly, VA, April 25-28, 2019. I was truly humbled to have served the Lord this way. His weekend was a wonderful time for the residents, team, and closing guests! The weekend started off with many obstacles; we did not receive the full compliment of 42 men on Thursday for various reasons (Pod in lockdown, poor communication of participant entry list for K-8, etc.). As such, we could not complete our Thursday program (which carried over to Friday morning). In the end, this worked to our advantage, as we received more men on Friday morning (by an actual miracle) and now they could hear the Thursday meditations that were not covered the previous afternoon. We were able to adjust and continue with all talks and activities for Friday. The weekend was met with many, many obstacles and challenges such as unscheduled pill calls and meals not showing up when scheduled. The core leadership team was a true blessing to me with all of the guidance they provided in making necessary adjustments. The result was completing all activities for the weekend and graduating 28 men to the Kairos community at Sussex 1. Of note, while we never received all 42 residents for the weekend, the 28 men that participated were there for the entire weekend (barring the chaos on Thursday). I truly believe that these men were hand-picked by our Lord to attend K-8. From the start, they were engaged and fully participated. They came with open minds and hearts and left with the love of Christ in their hearts. Highlights of the Weekend included: Active involvement at the Family tables by all family members, several chapel visits where the men opened their hearts to team and Christ. At Open Mike and at the Closing, there were many positive testimonies to the power of God's love. I believe as instruments to God's mission for the weekend, the team to the best of their ability, shared the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ. Listen-Listen-Love-Love. We did what we were called to do. On a personal note, this weekend experience transformed me into a true believer in the Kairos meaning that this is "God's Special Time." I don't believe there was ever a time on the weekend where we were truly on schedule. Yet, by the grace of God, everything about this weekend, all talks, all activities, EVERYTHING!!!!, was completed. This was God's weekend, and I now understand. All glory, praise, and honor to you my God!!!

Amen.

Steve Connelly, K-8 Weekend Leader (Ephesians 6:10-18)

From the NCA Chrysalis

The young adult team is off to a great start and cannot wait to begin their weekend on June 13-16. Please remember that in order to go to the mountain - they need bugs: your sons, daughters, nieces, nephews, friends, youth group members. Please help them get a full team. In the meantime, be on the lookout for other ways to assist the time by signing up on the prayer wheel, bringing food and writing agape (palanca) for the team and bugs.



The summer high school weekend will be August 15-18 and they have begun to select team members for that weekend. Please keep mindful of any students that would like to be a part of this wonderful experience. We will keep you informed on ways that you can assist as the time draws nearer.

Finally, please start praying about becoming a member of the Chrysalis Advisory Board. We will have elections this summer and you will begin your duties in September. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Jon Guest at jon.a.guest@gmail.com or 703-586-7718 or Erin Prendergast at elerpr143@aol.com.

Fly With Christ
Jon Guest
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Fellowship Meal

May Ultreya
Sydenstricker UMC

8508 Hooes Rd, Springfield, VA 22153

Bring a dish to share.

6:30pm - Dinner 7:30pm - Ultreya

2019 WEEKEND PRAYER WHEEL Needs You!

Sign up at emmausnca.org; click on weekend #E188 on the left; then click Prayer Wheel heading. Be a **Blessing** as the **Body of Christ** covers these **weekends** in **prayer**.

2019 ULTREYA GATHERINGS

May 17	Sydenstricker UMC
June 21	ST. Paul UMC
July 19	Sleepy Hollow UMC
Aug. 16	First Baptist Church
Sept. 20	TBD
Oct. 18	First United Presbyterian
Nov. 15	Bethel UMC
Dec. 13	Christ Church

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