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## Emmaus Walks Rescheduled

### Men's Walk #109, April 21-24, 2022

### Women's Walk #110, April 28– May 1, 2022

Men's Lay Director— Ralph Grove

Women's Lay Director— Tanya Eppard

### Come to **SEND OFF** / Candlelight

Saturday July 24 7:00—9:00

#### Camp Overlook's Glovier Chapel

*Whaaat? I thought the Walks were postponed!  
Isn't having Send Off and Candlelight on the  
same night making for a short weekend?!!*

As strange as it may seem, we are going to do it and have a lot of fun in the process! No pilgrims, no overnights, but most of the rest....



Bring finger foods for Send Off and the fellowship that precedes it. The Lay Directors will call forth the teams and send them all the way to Candlelight where the rest of us will join them. There will be singing, communion and more. And then we will appreciate and encourage the teams as we file by them with our candles and line the trail to light their way to the parking lot and a safe trip home for all!

Don't forget- bring finger foods and a candle and pop bottle luminary if you can. (We need to replenish candle supplies for next spring!) Wear a mask if you have not been vaccinated.

### Urgent Love Offering for Overlook

Covid-19 has taken a toll on mountain top experiences at Overlook. Camp has lost significant user income as retreat groups (Emmaus included) have cancelled and are waiting for a healthier environment, free of the pandemic. Though the income has dried up, the expenses continue for protecting and maintaining the facility. (The waste water treatment plant and other utilities run 24/7 regardless of use.)

The camp has graciously forwarded our earlier security deposits to the future Emmaus dates which has spared our community significant expense.

**The Emmaus Board invites the community to give a generous love offering in support of the camp.** You may mail checks to Overlook, 3014 Camp Overlook Lane, Keezletown, VA 22832. Please mark the memo line: "EMMAUS".

You may also donate online by credit card at [CampOverlook.org](http://CampOverlook.org). Again, mark in the Note window, "EMMAUS".

We would like to provide the funds to the camp by the first week of October which is the time we would usually be there on our Walks to Emmaus! Of course you can donate any-time. The need is great! Gifts are tax deductible!



### Team Openings-

Some team members of 109 and 110 as they were first scheduled over a year ago may not be able to serve this spring.

If you are interested please contact the Lay Directors or complete the Team Application online at [ShenandoahValleyEmmaus.org](http://ShenandoahValleyEmmaus.org). They will review the submissions as they try to fill vacancies.

### Come to **Closing**

Sunday, August 22 4:00 -7:00  
Camp Overlook's Glovier Chapel

That's right! No pilgrims but the rest is the same. Praise music, 3 minute testimonies from community members, (perhaps you!) Holy Communion and yes... bring finger foods for the fellowship time to follow!

*Behold how pleasant, how good it is  
For brethren to dwell in unity.  
For there the Lord commands the  
blessing: Life forever more.*

*They'll know we are Christians by our  
love*

*That we belong to Jesus Christ.  
And the peace of God will fill our hearts  
as we are one in Him*

#### Contact Us!

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Our lives, our work, our tasks are a constant series of endings and beginnings. Some of these endings come suddenly or unexpectedly, like the death of our beloved Rev. L. Gayle Thornberry.

Gayle's life was certainly a blessing to others. Other endings are planned and come more gradually. Some endings are happy. Some endings are sad. But each ending gives us the opportunity for a new beginning.

And for new beginnings—we are thankful. Ecclesiastes 3:1-11: "There is a season for everything, a time for every occupation under heaven. All that He does is apt for its time; but although He has given us an awareness of the passage of time, we can grasp neither the beginning nor the end of what God does."

And so, it is with our Emmaus Community. It seems that it is a time for new beginnings. Let us ask for God's grace and help as we pursue these endings and these beginnings together with patience, perseverance, and trust in what He has planned for us. Let us pray...

*Loving Creator,*

- *We asked for strength, and you gave us difficulties to make us strong.*
- *We asked for wisdom, and you gave us problems to solve.*
- *We asked for prosperity, and you gave us purpose and resolve.*
- *We asked for courage, and you gave us fears to overcome.*
- *We asked for patience, and you gave us situations where we were forced to wait.*
- *We asked for love, and you gave us troubled people to help.*
- *We asked for justice, and you called us to be fair and to lead with integrity.*

*Lord, we have received nothing that we asked for or wanted, and yet, we received everything that we needed.*

*For this we give thanks. Amen*

*(Prayer by Colleen Hanycz, Xavier University President)*

*De Colores!*

*Marlene Chandler*

### *Our Emmaus Board*

Serve on a Board? Who, me!? The Emmaus Board is different from many. It is family! Your brothers and sisters willing to help out to make sure we have Emmaus leadership and experiences. Without these volunteers there would be no Emmaus Walks, Gatherings, and Agape! They are the ones who figure out how to handle pandemics and other unexpected surprises as well!

Volunteers for the Board serve a 3 year term and generally manage one of the various work areas. You can see who is currently serving and how at (click on position)

[ShenandoahValleyEmmaus.org](http://ShenandoahValleyEmmaus.org). You will note some openings with more to come by the end of the year,

Moves and the pandemic have had an impact.

Meetings last generally about 30-45 minutes following a Gathering. Contact the Community LD for more info or to place your name (or a friend's) in nomination.

We hope you will say, **"Here Am I, Send Me!"**

*For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."* Matthew 18:20

God's transforming presence shapes us when we gather with other believers. Sharing with trust and charity we discover new insight, experience accountability and grow in hope and faith. You experienced this with your table group on your Walk and you can continue to experience it through a reunion group.

We are presently forming some new reunion groups in various localities and are seeking an individual in each area who would serve as a leader.

- The leader facilitates the small group of 4-7, working out meeting site(s), times, etc.
- The group commits to meeting at least 6 times from September to March. They may choose to meet more frequently and longer if preferred.
- The group centers their sharing around points on the group reunion card (given on your Walk.) Replacements can be provided.
- Meetings can convene around a meal if desired.
- Meetings generally run from 1 to 2 hours

We are recruiting a leader for each of the following regions:

Staunton	Waynesboro	Charlottesville
Culpeper	Front Royal	Winchester
Petersburg	Toms Brook	Harrisonburg

If you are willing to facilitate a reunion group for the 6 months in one of these regions, please contact Ron Robey: SVECLayDirector@gmail.com, text or phone 540 421-9298



### *Host a Gathering for the Community in your own backyard!*

Our Emmaus community spreads over a very large area. The drive to attend a Gathering can take a couple of hours depending where it is. Why not invite everyone to come to you! **Get Started!**

1. Consult with local Emmaus Folk in your area to recruit help and determine the best days and times to offer your Local Hosted Gathering.
2. Organize a leadership team with people to cover the following roles. Your team may be larger but should not be smaller.
  - Gathering Director (over all coordinator)
  - Music Director - Spiritual Director
  - Refreshment Director - Child Care Volunteers (2)
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Day Speaker (10 minute sharing/witness how God is moving in their life.
  - You may add others as needed
3. Contact Shenandoah Valley Emmaus's Community Lay Director, to request being put on the schedule We like to move to different regions from month to month rather successive Gatherings in the same region'