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This is the second of a periodic joint venture of Shenandoah Valley Emmaus Community and Overlook Retreat & Camp Ministries to produce a newsletter for the Emmaus Community. Overlook, home of Shenandoah Valley Emmaus since the beginning is assisting with the newsletter providing necessary expertise and assistance with the mailing. Shenandoah Valley Emmaus members, including the Board, Lay Directors, and others will contribute the insights and information that this periodical will convey.

The newsletter will be mailed to those who do not use email and will be posted on the [ShenandoahValleyEmmaus.org](http://ShenandoahValleyEmmaus.org) website. If you have received this printed edition and use email, it would be very helpful to have your email address. Over time this saves the community considerable expense and will get information to you much more quickly as the newsletter will be published only quarterly. **Please email Rob Berkebile (rberk51@gmail.com) with your updated information.**

## Picnic - Saturday, August 25 11-2:00 Overlook Picnic Shelter



Photos from 2017

Water Balloon Volley Ball  
Human Bingo  
Cornhole, Frisbee & more  
Afternoon Swim!

Tie Dye your own  
Alive with Christ Shirt  
\$10 - shirt & supplies  
by Overlook

Pot Luck! Bring enough  
for your whole family.  
Table service and beverages provided.

Bring your instrument & make a joyful noise!



## Emmaus Calendar

Picnic, Overlook	August 25
Men's Walk 103	Oct. 4-7
Women's Walk 104	Oct. 11-14
Gathering - Asbury UM	Sept. 22
Gathering - Toms Brook UM	Oct. 27
Gathering - Toms Brook UM	Dec. 8
Gathering - Asbury UM	Jan. 26
Gathering - Toms Brook UM	Feb. 23
Gathering - Asbury UM	March 23
Men's Walk 105	Apr. 25-28
Women's Walk 106	May 2-5



## Sermon on the Mount!

Well, its not actually a sermon but Christ never fails to speak to us when we Walk to Emmaus on the Overlook mountain. He speaks to us through 15 focusing talks, creative/inspiring meditations, songs of joy and inspiration, and wonderful Christian fellowship.

Teams have formed to share God's Grace. Have you invited a friend to receive it? Sponsorship forms are available at the picnic, online, or call Ron Robey 540 434-3539 to have one mailed.

## Advantage of Serving on Our Emmaus Board

Emmaus Folk often wonder about the Board and what goes on behind the scenes and between Walks. The 16 people who presently comprise the SVEC Board get together following each Gathering for 30-45 minutes to consider what needs to be done to keep our community healthy and moving forward. Different members look after different work areas, such as Agape, Communications, Supplies and Set-up, Walk Events, Team Selection, Spiritual Direction, Registration, Finances, Music, and perhaps most important of all, Refreshments :) Truth is, if such a group did not get together, we simply would not have any Walks and a powerful, transforming new journey with Christ would be missed by many. You and I can be thankful to someone(s) from the past who carried the torch of Board leadership so that there was a Walk for us to participate in.

One third of the present Board will finish their tour of service on Jan. 1. We presently need volunteers to fill their ranks.

Specifically, we want to offer nominations for the opening terms so the community may vote for Board leadership at our picnic. You may nominate someone with their consent or volunteer to be a nominee yourself.

*So what is the advantage to serving as part of the team that forms our Emmaus Board?*

The advantage is to our brothers and sisters in the community for Board function is an act of personal sacrifice and service.

### **Here Am I, Send Me**

Contact Ron Robey for information or to express your willingness to serve others in this way.  
RobeyHome@gmail.com  
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### **JOIN OUR WORSHIP TEAM**

Eager to share your gifts that God has given you? Opportunities are year-round, during our monthly Gatherings and the Walks!!

Joey Nunez, our current Music Director, is ready to hear from you! Contact him [joseph.nunez87@gmail.com](mailto:joseph.nunez87@gmail.com)

### **DID YOU SEE THE RAINBOW?**

Lately in the Shenandoah Valley, when it rains, it pours! After the buckets cascaded down and finally concluded, I hopped into my vehicle to drive home. I received a call from a relative who was close. She asked, "Did you see the rainbow?" Just a minute before that phone call, I had caught sight of it.

"Yes, I have, and it sure is beautiful." I started thinking about the rainbow, and I smiled.

Wherever you are today, have you seen the rainbow? Maybe it is not raining, maybe it is. Either way, God created rainbows as a promise of His goodness, faithfulness, and promise of protection over us as His children.

I love that Emmaus incorporates rainbows, because we are in constant need of His reminders. So much happens in our lives and the world that surrounds us, so having this reminder, and then remembering, gives us faith in Him, hope of Him, love from Him, and so much more that our Heavenly Father wants us to have. I encourage you to keep your physical and spiritual eyes open, because then, you will successfully take in and be awed with what God is doing! *Joey Nunez*

## Emmaus + prayer + you = 3 things that go together.

As preparations are made for the October walks, please be in prayer about what you can do. One way is by signing up to pray for a half hour. Praying for those on the Walks Oct. 4-7 and Oct. 11-14 is an act of sacrificial love, and you do not even have to leave home to be with them in spirit.

Remember your walk. Remember how powerful it was to read the names of the people - and other Emmaus communities - that were in prayer for you. There are 144 slots to fill. Do your part and go to [ShenandoahValleyEmmaus.org](http://ShenandoahValleyEmmaus.org), click on Prayer Vigils and choose a slot that works for you to pray. You will receive a reminder email 2 days before your scheduled prayer time. You may also sign up at the Gatherings.



I look forward to watching the prayer slots filling up!! De Colores!

*Catherine McLaughlin*

## New Work Area on Board

A present Board opening is for the leader of a special **Communications** committee. Under this leader are a team who are not on the Board but accomplish most of the specific committee work.

Present committee members include:

Facebook: Nancy Goulart

Website: Ron Robey

Database Manager: open

Newsletter: open

Twitter? open

Contact Ron Robey if you are interested in serving on the board as Chair, or in any of the 3 open slots. (Committee does not have meetings!)



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## Camp Corner

Summer camps are over but plans are underway for All God's Children Camp for children of incarcerated parents.

If you can serve as a mentor or will help financially, contact the camp, 540 2MY-CAMP. Registration, sleeping bag, pillow, tooth brush, towel, .. all camping supplies are given free to each child.