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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 this periodical will convey.

The newsletter will be mailed to those who do not use email, emailed to those who do, and will be posted on the 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 more quickly. The newsletter will be published only quarterly and Emails are sent monthly with considerably more info.

Why I Am a Sponsor

I will always remember my pilgrim walk to Emmaus.number85. Friday night if I would have had a car on that mountain I would have driven a few of my bunk mates and myself home! We were ok with the concept but ready to go see our families. Saturday night came and my feet never touched the ground when it was time to walk back for the ice cream social. Our cabin seemed to stay up all night. We were-charged up and ready to hit the ground running. Sunday came and I did not want to leave that mountain.

I remember some of the closing comments from my fellow pilgrims. One man stated he would go home and apologize to the people who urged him for years to take the walk to Emmaus that it was life changing and wished he'd gone much sooner, another man stated he'd run marathons his whole life but he realized spiritually he'd been running from God also and from now on he was going to stop and listen. I can go on and on but I hope you can remember the feeling you had after your walk finished, and consider sponsoring a friend or family member you know for the upcoming fall walks.

I have sponsored a lot of loved ones and it truly is a great blessing to do so. **I will always treasure the gift that my sponsors gave to me when thy sent me on the walk to Emmaus.**

De Colores!
Mike Barnes
Shenandoah Valley
Walk to Emmaus #85.



God, Why don't You Do Something?!

Wow! Where to begin....maybe by saying that I have been blessed by my position as the prayer coordinator of SVEC. I understand there are over 1000 people who receive this newsletter that I assume have been part of the Emmaus experience. That is a staggering number! So many potential hands and feet for the Lord !

I would like to quote the Matthew West song "Do Something":

So, I shook my fist at Heaven Said, "God, why don't You do something?"

He said, "I did, yeah, I created you If not us, then who If not me and you....."

I'm so tired of talking about How we are God's hands and feet But it's easier to say than to be Live like angels of apathy who tell ourselves

It's alright, "somebody else will do something"

That song really speaks to me. It is so easy to wait for someone else to do something. I am going to ask you to prayerfully consider signing up for a prayer slot for the upcoming walks. Don't wait for someone else to do it. Be the hands and feet of the Lord. It requires a half a hour of your time and can be done ANY-WHERE. Doesn't get much easier than that! Go to....

www.shenandoahvalleyemmaus.org click on prayer vigils, then choose the walk, choose a time and sign up. I am going to be praying to see a lot of different names then I normally see. Blessings to all of you!

Catherine McLaughlin

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With about 2 weeks to go before launch there remains a lot to be done for the fall Walks.

Pilgrim Registration remains open. It is easy to sponsor someone quickly [online](#) and the paper route can still be accomplished if you move on it today.

Stan Michael is looking for helpers to set-up and take down furnishings and equipment for the walks. You may reach him at 540 476-1336 M.

Ginny Bowman needs teams to serve the ice cream socials, snacks for Send-off, and sandwiches + for closing. You may reach her at 540 820-1748 M.

Gwen Prather requests leaders for Sponsors' Hour and Candlelight, as well as Servers for Saturday Night Suppers. Phone her at 434 953-0645 or Ron Robey at 540 421-9298 M.

Catherine McLaughlin reminds us that we need hundreds for the prayer vigil. 434 591-0005

Mary Jeffries and Penny Buracker are welcoming all the Agape they can get! Mary 434 999-0100

You can easily sign up for any of the above at [Serving in the Background](#)

Emmaus Calendar

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| Gathering - Front Royal UM | Sept 28 |
| Men's Walk 107 | Oct 3-6 |
| Women's Walk 108 | Oct 10-13 |
| Gathering - Asbury UM | Oct 26 |
| Gathering -McGayhesville UM | Dec 8 |
| <i>We are accepting requests to host Gatherings near you in 2020</i> | |
| Men's Walk 109 | Apr 16-19 |
| Women's Walk 110 | Apr 23-26 |

Front Royal Gathering Saturday, Sept. 28 10 – Noon

Moving to a new *backyard* we anticipate a *royal* welcome at Front Royal UMC. The local team has been busy preparing for our arrival and requests that each of us bring a canned/dry good for the hungry.

We will continue the effort to hold a Gathering close to you at least once a year to help you stay connected with Christ and others through Emmaus experiences.

If you are interested in hosting a Gathering during 2020, contact Theresa Tracy 540 333-0700 M [Info On Local Hosted Gatherings](#)



Candlelight 8:00 pm Saturdays, Oct. 5 & 12

As with many others, my church has a tradition of bringing in the light of Christ and lighting the altar candles— a strong reminder that Christ is present with us in worship.

When you think about it, that is exactly what Candlelight is: a strong reminder that Christ is present in the room, in the lives of all who raise a candle, and whether they yet realize it or not, in the lives of the pilgrims.

You don't have to be an eloquent speaker to deliver this message. Just give your heart and some of the time God has given you and lift a candle. God will do the rest! See you there! RR



Emmaus Sponsor
Partners Club
www.ShenandoahValleyEmmaus.org

You Can Be A Sponsor Partner

The Walk to Emmaus is intended to be an experience of Love and Grace. Agape, sacrificial love, is a familiar Greek word and epitomizes everything from Sponsorship, personal letters, small surprise acts of agape on the Walk, to Teaming itself. There are always costs involved and the Emmaus model establishes that all but the pilgrims cover their own costs.

Any person desiring to share Agape Love can partner with others to get the job done. But sometimes we are at a loss to know who those partners might be.

The Emmaus Sponsor Partners Club is intended to help find some of those individuals who would like to help. Jan Goodrow, the club coordinator, maintains a list of club members willing to help and will contact them when they are needed.

If you do not presently have a pilgrim to work with and would like to assist another sponsor with a \$25 scholarship, contact Jan Goodrow Humphries, Coordinator: 540 574-3409 or email at janmgh@gmail.com

Closing 4:00 pm Sunday, Oct. 6, & 13

Have you forgotten the power of the weekend? Like Cleopas and the other disciple on that first walk to Emmaus, many can say... *Did not our hearts burn within us while He spoke to us along the way...*

Hear the testimonies once again and witness how God changes lives and reaches us through Emmaus experiences! Support the new pilgrims!

Contact Us!

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Candidates for Emmaus Board

The following have accepted nomination to serve on the Emmaus Board starting 1/1/2020.

Joe Amend
Susan Bailey
Penny Buracker
Marlene Chandler

Two openings remain including one SD. Election of the Board will be conducted at the Sept. Gathering in Front Royal.

If you are willing to serve or would like to nominate another with their permission, please contact Ron Robey (540 421-9298) or any present Board Member directly.

Paper vs. Online

Two changes paper only users may have missed ...

1. Fees for applications were increased by \$5 to cover a 5% rate increase by Overlook. This information is noted on each form which may be picked up at any gathering or mailed on request.
2. Shenandoah Valley Emmaus is now set-up for credit card payments when you pay online. We do not have adequate security measures to do this for paper applications.
3. If you use email but do not receive regular eBlasts we need your current info. [Update My Email](#)

Moses was the first to use a tablet
to download from the cloud!

CAMP CORNER

This summer was a fun and powerful experience exploring the book of Acts and connecting to the Holy Spirit. There was even a short walk to Emmaus simulating that first Easter encounter with Christ.

Children of incarcerated parents will experience the love of Christ Nov. 1-3, in **All God's Children Camp**. Mentors, Scholarships (It is free for the kids.) Camping Supplies and Agape are needed

Read up on all the details at [Overlook's AGC Camp](#) or call 540 2MY-CAMP to talk to Tommy Crosby, Director, to see how you can help!