

Dear Emmaus pilgrim:

Welcome to the Chesapeake Walk to Emmaus Community. We trust the prayers that surrounded you during this weekend brought you closer to God and opened your heart in ways you never imagined. You may be feeling fuller and blessed beyond measure. If that is true for you, we want to take the opportunity to let you know ways you can begin to serve the Chesapeake Walk to Emmaus community if you are so led.

Prayer is the most important element of an Emmaus weekend. Knowing that you were being prayed for during the entire weekend is overwhelming and quite humbling. You can help future pilgrims experience those same feelings by signing up for the 72-hour prayer vigil on our website, chesapeakeemmaus.org, under Prayer Vigil.

If you think that serving on an Emmaus team is something you would like to do in the future, you can go to the website, select Serving, and complete the Serving on Team application. Please note that you may be asked to serve in one of several support team positions prior to serving in the conference room.

Providing snacks for the weekend and making agape are tangible ways of letting the pilgrims know that they are being thought of throughout the weekend. Talk with your sponsor to find out if your church has a current group that provides these things. If not, then maybe you can get a group started.

Remember the feeling that you had when the church doors opened on Saturday night and you saw the sanctuary bathed in candlelight and the faces of all those community members who were there just to share the love of Christ with you? Soon it will be your turn to be part of that breathtaking moment to future pilgrims. Please mark your calendars with the dates of future walks so that you don't miss this beautiful experience. Dates can be found under Emmaus > Emmaus Weekend Information on the website.

Lastly, each Emmaus weekend costs approximately \$15,000 to hold or about \$320 per pilgrim and team member. Team members and sponsors pay \$275 each, which leaves \$45 per person or a little over \$2,200 (based on 23 team members and 24 pilgrims) per weekend to be paid from Emmaus funds. These funds come from donations from our community members.

There are several ways you can donate if you feel led. One way is by attending the Saturday candlelight/communion service or Sunday closing during the weekend where a collection is taken.

A second way is to give online by going to the chesapeakeemmaus.org website; scroll down and select the large Donate! Become a Supporter Today tab. Complete the information to make a one time, weekly or monthly donation through Vanco.

The third way you can donate is to send your check made out to Chesapeake Walk to Emmaus to the board treasurer: Chris Robinson, 6398 Todd Road, Federalsburg, MD 21632.

We encourage you to financially support Chesapeake Walk to Emmaus if you are able and feel led to do so; however, please remember your first priority should be the support of your home church.

Sincerely,

The Chesapeake Walk to Emmaus Board

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