

SNE Emmaus Walk #88 Canonicus Camp and Conference Center Men's April 11-14, 2024 Women's April 25-28, 2024

The SNE Emmaus Community is invited to join Walk #88 for Candlelight and Closing Ceremonies, welcoming our new 4th Day Pilgrims to the Community!

We are pleased to share that both Walks will be held, with Candlelight beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday of each weekend. We will gather at the North Kingstown UMC (450 Boston Neck Road, North Kingstown, RI) for music, worship, and fellowship, then welcome our Walk #88 Pilgrims at approximately 9:30 p.m. with our Candlelight procession.



Closing 5:00 p.m. on Sunday of the Weekend. Closing Worship will be at Canonicus. Attendance is a wonderful way to show God's love to the pilgrims and to connect with the community. (Adult/teen community members only please. Children and guests are welcome at all gatherings.)

#### Directions to Canonicus Conference Center: 54 Exeter Rd. Exeter. RI 02822

From North: Take I-95S

Use left exit 9 to merge on to RI-4 S, follow signs for N Kingstown. - Take exit 3B to merge onto RI-102 N/ Ten Rod Rd toward Exeter ( $\frac{3}{4}$  mile) -Turn left at second light onto RI-2 S/South County Trail (2  $\frac{1}{2}$  miles) -Turn left at light onto Exeter Rd-Destination will be on the right, 54 Exeter Rd.

From South: Take I-95 N,

Take exit 3A to merge onto RI-138 E/Kingstown Rd to S Kingstown (7 ½ miles) - Turn left onto RI-2 N/South County Trail (4 ½ miles) Turn right onto Exeter Rd. Destination will be on the right. 54 Exeter Rd.

Once on Exeter Rd, use the main entrance, follow past the office to the end of the road, take a right and bear left. There will be parking on your right, and handicap parking in front of the lodge. LOOK for an Agape team-member to guide you!

# From: Your Community Lay Director!

On behalf of the Southern New England Emmaus Board of Directors, I would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to the entire SNE Emmaus Community for your prayers as we prepare for Walk #88 and for those that responded to the call to serve on team or as sponsors, THANK YOU. We are very excited to welcome both Men's and Women's Pilgrims to Camp Canonicus for their Pilgrim journey on their own Walk to Emmaus. No further applications can be considered for this Walk, but don't stop praying about who you would like to sponsor for the next one! Pilgrim applications can be submitted throughout the year and will aid planning efforts, so please keep your eves and ears open for candidates God may be placing in your path at all times! Applications are readily accessible on the Pilgrim and Sponsor sections of our website at www.sneemmaus.org.

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Dan Genannt, Community Lay Director

# **72-HOUR PRAYER VIGIL**



The power of Emmaus is through prayer! Prayer warriors are needed to fill the 72 hour prayer wheel. Remember how special this was on your weekend? Please volunteer to show God's love by offering to pray during the weekend! The links for the upcoming weekends are on the weekend rosters. The sign-up form is in 30-minute increments, please sign up for an hour if you can. If you would like to pray during a time slot that is already filled, please email sneemmaus@gmail.org your desired date and time, and we'll be sure to add your name to the conference room prayer wheel. Prayer suggestions are available in the Community and Prayer <u>Suggestions</u> sections of our website as well as in the Files Section of <u>FaceBook</u>!

Did you know that we have a prayer chain for our community? There is a place to go when you have a prayer concern and want to engage our prayer warriors. You can email your prayer requests to rayersneemmaus@gmail.com. It will then get sent out to the people on the prayer chain. Do you want to be a prayer warrior on the chain? Use the same email and request to be included. See you in the prayer closet!



4<sup>TH</sup> Day Event May 4th, 2024

## **Blackstone Valley UMC**

61 Linwood Ave Whitinsville, MA 01588

# 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Fourth Day Insights!

An informal session open to anyone interested in learning more about the Walk to Emmaus movement. Learn the ins and outs of the 3 day weekend experience. This is an important place to start if you would like to be on a future team or to learn more about sponsorship. Register with Bonnie-jean Rowe, <u>bjmrowe@verizon.net</u> by May 1st. Please bring a bag lunch. Beverages will be provided.

## 12 – 1 p.m. Team Evaluation Meeting for Team of Walk #88 1 - 3 p.m. COMMUNITY GATHERING!

## Worship... Music...Fellowship...Refreshments

After the Fourth Day Insights and Walk 88 Team meeting, the entire Emmaus community is invited to a time of fellowship and praise! Come meet the new pilgrims and visit with old and new friends. Guests are welcome! Please bring a (small) favorite snack to share – beverages will be provided!

#### Directions to Blackstone UMC. Whitinsville. MA

Directions to BVUMC can be found on their website at <u>blackstonevalleyumc.org</u>

It's suggested that you use the rear parking lot, accessible via a driveway on Church Street, before the Domino's. Turn into the alley just before this building to enter the church's parking lot.

#### 61 Linwood Avenue Whitinsville, Massachusetts 01588

#### AGAPE...AGAPE...AGAPE

The Emmaus Walks depend on the generous support of our Community members for Agape letters, gifts, decorated placemats, and Covid-safe purchased baked goods. This is another way to show God's love to all participants. Please mail any nonperishable items to P.O. Box 125, Manville, RI 02838 by April 4<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>, or deliver them to the Conference Center early Friday of the weekend. You may also contact a team member who can bring them to the weekend for you if convenient. To ensure each one feels God's Love, please provide enough AGAPE gifts for all participants.



We'd also like to remind everyone of our Community Facebook page, which supplements the www.sneemmaus.org website and emails to help further strengthen connections within the SNE Community, as well as encourage and support each other on our respective Fourth Day journeys. If you are a Facebook member, simply search for "Southern New England Emmaus" on your Facebook home page, and click "Join Group". Within a short time, you will be granted full access to the site content, be able to post or comment, and also begin receiving updates directly on your home page (a feature which you can control). We also encourage you to help us "spread the word" of our Facebook presence among the entire community by inviting fellow SNE Fourth Day pilgrims who use Facebook. It's easy to do using the invite feature on the main page, by adding them directly if they OK, or by directing them to the site and having them ask to join. Any current member can approve another member! 

We are always trying to keep your personal information updated. Please use the UPDATE PREFERENCES link contained in the emails to update your personal info, or let us know by sending any changes (email and home address) to sneemmaus@gmail.com. Or, you can send changes to P.O. Box 125, Manville, RI 02838. And please help defray mailing costs by using email whenever possible!

Thank you.

#### A Special Note from our Community Spiritual Director

I'm sitting by the window of my friend's home in North Carolina. The sun is shining, the trees are budding, two cardinals, a robin and several other birds are enjoying the bird feeder. I spent two days at a Clergywomen's retreat in the mountains. One of the really great things about it was discovering that even though we didn't know each other, we knew some of the same people.

It reminded me of experiences and kinship I have felt with people I didn't know when I discovered that they had made a Walk to Emmaus, or Cursillo or other three-day pilgrimage. It reminded me that even in the days when it feels as if there is more that divides us than unites us – there is an important reality that, I hope, binds us together.

We are God's beloved children and that should bring us together in a way that nothing can separate. Neither politics, nor economics, nor status, nor any of life circumstances can separate us from the love of Christ – or the reality that we are ALL God's beloved children. That means that we are connected even with those with whom we disagree. That means that God loves those with whom we disagree just as much as God loves us. It means that we are all called to live out Jesus' commandment to us that we are to love one another just as he has and continues to love us.

As we prepare for the upcoming men's and women's Emmaus weekends, we come knowing that the primary message of the weekend is that God loves you! God loves me! God loves each and everyone of us and calls us to love each other. We come knowing that we have all failed at this at times and that God still loves us, forgives us, and invites us to continue to go deeper in our relationship with God and with all of our siblings.

As we hold our new pilgrims in prayer, as we hold the teams in prayer, as we prepare agape gifts and attend candlelight to show God's love, as we do all the things that we are so eager to do in preparation for a weekend, we also remember that we do not live on the weekend. We live every day of the rest of our lives as our Fourth Day, as a day to continue to receive, to show, and to share God's love not only with those we love, but also with those we might not even like. I know that I'll need to be reminded of this multiple times tonight as I watch the President's State of the Union Address and the various responses to it.

As we begin to see trees budding, flowers blooming, grass greening, and prepare to celebrate the new life and hope of Easter, may we take that new life into our Fourth Days and share and live out God's love wherever we may find ourselves.

God loves you and so do I!

Beverly Stenmark SNE Emmaus Community Spiritual Director

The Board of Directors is seeking Nominations for the Class of 2027!

Board Members are asked to serve a 3 year term. New members are elected by the Community to fill vacancies each June. We will have several openings for this year's Election! The Community Lay Director has discretion to fill any vacancies in other Class years.

Are you interested in serving your Community? We meet 4-5 times per year, on Zoom or in-person. All Community members are invited to nominate themselves or another for this opportunity. Current board members are listed in our Board Directory. Feel free to connect with any one of them for more information!

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND WALK TO EMMAUS



## MEN's WALK #88 Canonicus Camp & Retreat Center, Exeter, RI



## TEAM MEMBERS

ROLE

NAME

Jim Paiva Rev. Rodney Dobbs

Pastor John Robbins Rev. Matt Wissell Pastor Sela Rousseau

Dave Dextraze Dean Fortin Andrew Marengo

Dan Genannt Mark DerManouelian John McMillan Rick Bourne Don Henrich TALK ASSIGNMENT

Fourth Day Means of Grace

Obstacles to Grace Justifying & Sanctifying Grace Prevenient Grace

Priority Discipleship Changing our World

Body of Christ Life of Peity Christian Action Perseverance Grow through Study

Priesthood of All Believers

Lay Director Spiritual Director

Assistant Spiritual Directors

Assistant Lay Directors

Table Leaders & Assistant Table Leaders

Music Leader:

Designated Board Rep

Johnell Norton

Jim Piquette

Agape Team: Carrie White-Toomey, Steve Gabel, Dave Andrews, Eve DerManouelian, Jay Sperry

#### PILGRIMS

Don Alexander Josh Bierut Hank Boudreau Tom Lank Austin Loud Duncan Sutherland Michael Williams Northside UMC, Brewster, MA Faith Community Church, Plymouth, MA Bridgewater UMC, Bridgewater, MA North Kingstown UMC, N. Kingstown, RI Faith Community Church, Plymouth, MA Barrington UMC, Barrington, RI Barrington UMC, Barrington, RI

Click for Men's Prayer Vigil

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND WALK TO EMMAUS



WOMEN's WALK #88 Canonicus Camp & Retreat Center, Exeter, RI



#### TEAM MEMBERS

ROLE

Lay Director Spiritual Director

Assistant Spiritual Directors

Assistant Lay Directors

Music Leader

Table Leaders & Assistant Table Leaders NAME

Christine Kilmonis Rev. Lori Eldredge

Rev. Hope Luckie Rev. Beverly Stenmark Rev. Ginny Doran Pastor Sarah Wilson

Coni Ferland Katie Stevens Jill Peters

Allyson Bachta Jennifer Emerson Brenda Gabel Beth Henrich Donna Moody Sharon Smith Donna Schuyler Susan Ulicnik

#### TALK ASSIGNMENT

Perseverance Prevenient & Means of Grace

Obstacles to Grace Justifying Grace Sanctifying Grace

Fourth Day Priority

Priesthood of All Believers Christian Action Life of Piety Grow Through Study Body of Christ Changing Our World Discipleship

Designated Board Rep

Debbie Humm

Agape Team: Nancy Bouchard, Gary Schuyler, Marina DerManouelian, David Kilmonis, Andrea Pare

#### PILGRIMS

Linda Chase Charlene Fiore Mary Langham May Martins Charlotte Peterson Maribeth Shuman Beacon of Hope UMC, Framingham, MA Memorial UMC, Taunton, MA Northside UMC, Brewster, MA Memorial UMC, Taunton, MA Oxford UMC, Oxford, MA First UMC, Melrose, MA