



While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and walked with them.

Luke 24:15

Upcoming Events:

- Gathering February 27
- Gathering March 27

IMPORTANT NOTE:
All Community Gatherings are held at 7:00 p.m. at Washington United Methodist Church

If possible, please bring a snack to share!

Board of Directors:
2/27/07 at 5:45 pm
3/27/07 at 5:45 pm

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Local Emmaus Clergy Does Jail Time!

My Four Days in Jail—Les Grooms

I spent four days in jail last August. I was part of a Kairos team that took an Emmaus weekend to the Ross County Correctional Institution, in Chillicothe, Ohio.

The inmates that were selected (we called them residents) had been on a waiting list for two to five years. They knew about us and wanted to be part of the Kairos week end. They knew that the weekend dealt with Jesus Christ in one fashion or another but they also knew that they would get great food.

There were seven tables with six residents at each table. There also was a table leader, an assistant leader, and a clergy at each table. Seated near each table was a table servant whose job it was to serve the people at the tables. They did not enter into the discussion. They saw to it that drink cups were filled and that there was a never ending supply of cookies at the tables. They also kept the tables clean.

It was not long until the residents became more than just a number or a statistic. Some shared their fears about getting out and not being able to cope with the real world.

We took over ten thousand dozen home baked cookie into the prison. The first night everyone in the prison got a bag of two dozen cookies. This would include the 2200 inmates as well as the warden, the guards, and

everyone in the prison. This took care of about one half of the cookies. One night each resident on the walk was given a bag of two dozen cookies to give to their worst enemy. The first night, each resident on the walk was given two dozen cookies to take back to his cell with him.

They really enjoyed the food that as brought in each day. We had chicken wings one day for lunch and some of the men at my table ate over two dozen chicken wings. We had sixteen ounce Cokes with one meal and some of the men drank two of the Cokes.

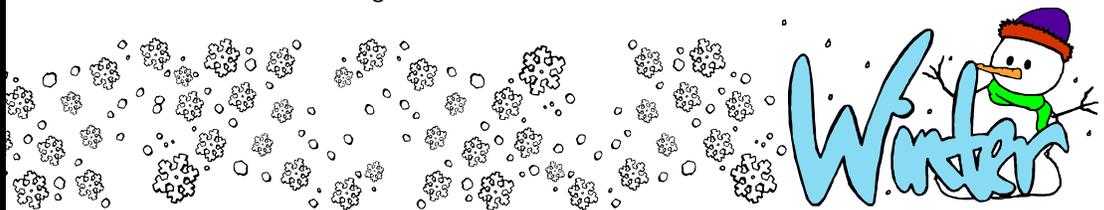
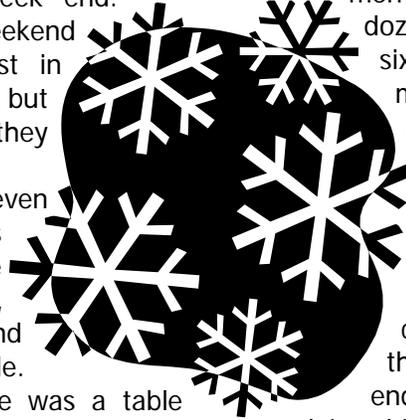
Many of the men smoked cigarettes but all of them rolled their own.

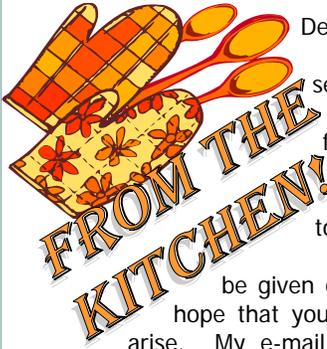
At closing, many publicly testified about accepting Jesus Christ into their lives. This was at the end; there was no motive for doing this. They were going back to their cells no matter what they said. Some said nothing at all.

This was a wonderful weekend for me. I saw a lot of men who got off on the wrong foot when they were children; I saw men who did not have parents who cared. They were just allowed to run the streets and got into trouble.

There were two chaplains in residence. We had some men from the prison who were on our team. They were musicians and they were very good. Someone said that they had a lot of time to practice.

Being on the team was a humbling experience. I plan to serve again in the future.





Dear Community,

It is a privilege to be able to serve the community as Kitchen Chairperson. I would like to thank Pat Welti for all her work as past chairperson and for all the information that she has passed on to me, it will be a hard job to follow in her footsteps.

I will need the help of all. You will be given opportunities to work in the kitchen; I hope that you will take these opportunities as they arise. My e-mail address is kaywgrooms@yahoo.com; please feel free to contact me if you are interested in helping in the kitchen. I will try to answer any questions you may have as well.

Looking forward to the upcoming walks. I am always blessed as I serve – I am certain you will be also. Prayerfully consider how you can serve the community.

DeColores,

Kay Grooms—Kitchen Chairperson

Good Thoughts

1. The best way to get even is to forget.
2. Feed your faith and your doubts will starve to death.
3. God wants spiritual fruit, not religious nuts.
4. Some folks wear their halos much too tight.
5. Some marriages are made in heaven, but they ALL have to be maintained on earth.
6. Unless you can create the WHOLE universe in 5 days, then perhaps giving "advice" to God, isn't such a good idea!
7. Sorrow looks back, worry looks around, and faith looks up.
8. Standing in the middle of the road is dangerous...you will get knocked down by the traffic from both ways.
9. Words are windows to the heart.
10. A skeptic is a person who, when he sees the handwriting on the wall, claims it's a forgery.
11. It isn't difficult to make a mountain out of a molehill, just add a little dirt.
12. A successful marriage isn't finding the right person; it's being the right person.
13. The mighty oak tree was once a little nut that held its ground.
14. Too many people offer God prayers with claw marks all over them.
15. The tongue must be heavy, indeed, because so few people can hold it.
16. To forgive is to set the prisoner free and then discover the prisoner was you.
17. You have to wonder about humans, they think God is dead and Elvis is alive!
18. It's all right to sit on your pity pot every now and again. Just be sure to flush when you are done.
19. You'll notice that a turtle only makes progress when it sticks out its neck.
20. If the grass is greener on the other side of the fence, you can bet the water bill is higher.

***You are richer today if you have laughed,
given, or forgiven!***

Thank you to Pat Coleman for sharing this piece.

Making a Difference

If each grain of sand were to say:
One grain does not make a mountain,
There would be no land.

If each drop of water were to say:
One drop does not make an ocean,
There would be no sea.

If each note of music were to say:
Each note does not make a symphony,
There would be no melody.

If each word were to say:
One word does not make a library,
There would be no book.

If each brick were to say:
One brick does not make a wall,
There would be no house.

If each seed were to say:
One seed does not make a field,
There would be no harvest.

If each of us were to say:
One person does not make the difference;
There would never be love and peace on earth.

You and I do make the difference,
Begin today and make the difference.

~ ~ Author Unknown ~ ~

Thank you to Cyndi Frodge for sharing this piece.



Where is My Newsletter?

In an effort to save money, the Board of Directors has made the decision to limit the production of the LOVE Community Newsletter to the months right before walks, and a single production through the winter (in this case—February). Please look for your newsletter in April, May, June, August, September, and October. These will cover upcoming walks, pilgrim lists, and other community information.

We appreciate your understanding, and as always, invite you to share stories with us for upcoming publications.
God Bless! Rebecca Smith—Communications Chair

From the Good Shepherd

Psalm 150:6 Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. The last five Psalms overflow with praise. Each begins and ends with "Praise the Lord". They show us where, why, and how to Praise God.

How could the message be more clear? The writer of these five psalms was telling the individual listeners to praise God. What a fitting way to end the book of praise---with direct encouragement for you to praise God too.

So let me encourage you, as we begin a new year, to praise God. Praise him for leading us in the right direction and for assuring our place in the perfect world that he has in store for those who have faithfully followed him. Praise God, for his greatest joy comes from our genuine worship and trust.

Robert Browning once said "The year's at spring; And day's at morn; God's in his heaven . . . All's right with the world!

In Christ Love
 Alison Dunn
 The Good Shepherd
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How do I get my pilgrim the walk list?



You can find an application on the website or you can let me know and I can send you one. The pilgrim must fill out the application form, you as the sponsor must fill out the sponsor section on the back and then send it in with the \$15 deposit to: LOVE Community PO Box 454 Maysville, KY. 41056. If you need an application or have questions, feel free to contact me at 606-759-5006 or: Cyndi_Lou@alltel.net.

The next two walks are: Men's Walk #13: May 3-6, 2007 and Women's Walk #14: June 7-10, 2007.

These walks are God's walks and He knows each name that should be there. So, I challenge you to listen to God on the individual that you should sponsor. Take time to pray about that name and don't be afraid to ask questions about sponsoring.
 DeColores,

Nicole George or Cyndi Frodge—Registrar
 membership@lovemmaus.org

A Valentine From Jesus

I love you.

You are mine.

Your name is written upon My heart.

Your prayers are precious to Me.

Your life is in My hands.

I am always with you.

I am nearer to you than your own heart.

I gave My life so that you might live forever with Me.

All I ask in return is your love.

Be My Valentine,

~ Jesus ~

P.S. You are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you.

~ Isaiah 43:4 ~

Thank you to Janice Edingfield for sharing this piece.

From the Community Lay Director . . .

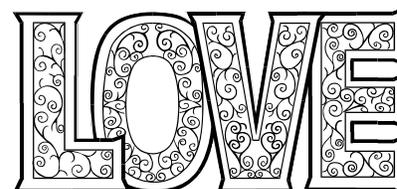
Dear LOVE Community –

I would just like to say thank you to all of you, and pray we have a great year in 2007!

We have the Men's Walk in May with Jim Pyle as Lay Director, and Theresa Mallory as the Lay Director of the Women's Walk in June. Lori Perry will be leading the Women's Walk in October as Lay Director.

In addition, we welcome several new members to the LOVE Community Board of Directors. Please pray for these three upcoming Lay Directors, and our new board. We are thankful for their willingness to do God's business. If we allow God to lead us in our Fourth Days we will be strong in all things so as let's pray for one another and will see you at the February Gathering.

De Colores,
 Georgjean Shelton
 LOVE Community Lay Director





Walk to
Emmaus
THE UPPER ROOM

L.O.V.Emmaus Community
Limestone-Ohio Valley Emmaus Community

Upcoming Walk Dates Announced!

Men's #13: May 3-6, 2007

Women's #14: June 7-10, 2007

Men's #14: September 6-9, 2007

Women's #15: October 4-7, 2007

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