



Walk to
Emmaus
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L.O.V. Emmaus Community

Limestone-Ohio Valley Emmaus Community

Spring Issue

L.O.V.E. COMMUNITY NEWS

April

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

Luke 24:15

Upcoming Events:

- Gathering April 28
- Ruggles Clean-Up: April 25 (9:00 am) & April 27 (5:00 pm)
- Men's Walk #17: 4/30 - 5/3
- Gathering May 26
- Women's Walk #18 6/4 - 7

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:

4/28/09 at 5:45 pm
5/26/09 at 5:45 pm

Each ONE should use whatever GIFT he has RECEIVED to SERVE others, faithfully administering God's GRACE in its various forms.

I Peter 4: 10

From the Ol' Reverend ...

Springtime is so beautiful and full of the wonders that come from God! He touches the earth with His love as He resurrects the new from the old - as He reminds us of our coming resurrection in the resurrection of Jesus in that Easter season of long ago. Here is a poem from the internet that tells of how one little boy felt about God:



"Ain't..."

*He was just a little boy, On a week's first day.
Wandering home from Bible school, And dawdling on the way.
He scuffed his shoes into the grass; He even found a caterpillar.
He found a fluffy milkweed pod, And blew out all the 'filler'.
A bird's nest in a tree overhead, So wisely placed up high,
Was just another wonder, That caught his eager eye.
A neighbor watched his zigzag course, And hailed him from the lawn;
Asked him where he'd been that day, And what was going on.
"I've been to Bible school," he said, and turned a piece of sod.
He picked up a wiggly worm replying, "I've learned a lot about God,"
"M'm, very fine way," the neighbor said, "For a boy to spend his time.
If you'll tell me where God is, I'll give you a brand new dime."
Quick as a flash the answer came! Nor were his accents faint.
"I'll give you a dollar, Mister, If you can tell me where God ain't!"*

De Colores!
Jim Finch, Community Spiritual Director

And now, a word from our

Sponsorship Chair

Congratulations! We have a Men's Walk this spring! We had a little bit of excitement in doing so but we hope that God will continue to bless us with more and more Pilgrims.

Just an FYI, 6 weeks prior to every Walk, or two gatherings before the Walk (depending on the Walk dates), is the deadline for 15 Pilgrims. You may sponsor someone up till 2 weeks prior to the Walk, but we must have 15 by the deadline date or the Walk will have to be cancelled.

This deadline is in place for a few reasons. One being the board felt that this would give team members and Pilgrims the ability to make plans with work scheduling easier. We don't want the Pilgrims or the team to be out of vacation time if we have to cancel the Walk.

In light of the deadlines we all need to be diligent in recruiting Pilgrims ahead of time. Procrastination will lead to a cancelled Walk. So let's get out there and invite others to experience the Emmaus Walk, giving them the opportunity to move toward a closer relationship with God.

Thank you, Community, for all your time and effort in sponsoring!

God bless,
Michael Starkey



From our LAY DIRECTOR ...

Blessings on each of you!

We have arrived at my favorite time of the year, when our world wakes up and comes alive with all of God's handy work...the birds, the bees, the flowers, and the trees... (I am not really a poet).

Along with the coming alive comes a new year of Walks for our wonderful LOVE Emmaus Community. Alan and Janice are busy putting together their respective teams. Men's Walk #17 team meetings are under way, and doing well. Janice has her team for Women's Walk #18 together, and meetings scheduled.

Let us be much in Prayer for the teams but, more importantly, for the Pilgrims that God is going to supply. There are several tables to be filled, as Alan is expecting at least 30 pilgrims. Think of that special someone that YOU can sponsor. It is not too late.

Re-read Luke 24:13-45 - this is what our Emmaus is all about. Verse 45 changed my life on Men's Walk #4.

May God continue to bless our Wonderful Community in 2009. God Loves YOU and so does George Smith!

DeColores!

George Smith, Community Lay Director



Dear Community,

I've contacted all the people for whom I have email addresses who have indicated they would be willing to help work in the kitchen. So far I have had several offers to help with Men's Walk #17. However, **we still have several open spaces**. If you can help in the kitchen please contact me at kaywgrooms@yahoo.com or call me at 937-549-2113.

Also remember that Thursday evening (April 30), we have a carry-in dinner as a send-off for the team and Pilgrims. Everyone in the Emmaus Community is invited to be there - just show up with your favorite covered dish. Meat, bread, condiments and drinks are furnished. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship!

DeColores!

Kay Grooms, Kitchen Coordinator

A BIG GOD

This is a story about a little girl who, on the way home from church, turned to her mother and said, "Mommy, the Preacher's sermon this morning confused me."

The mother said, "Oh! Why is that?"

The girl replied, "Well, he said that God is bigger than we are. Is that true?"

"Yes, that's true," the mother replied. "He also said that God lives within us. Is that true too?" Again the mother replied, "Yes."

"Well," said the girl. "If God is bigger than us and He lives in us, wouldn't He show through?"

Submitted by Janice Edingfield



Agape is a wonderful way to preach the gospel! All who have experienced the Emmaus Walk know the important role Agape plays in helping the pilgrims to reflect on the many nuances of God's love. And who knows what God will use to underscore His love for any specific pilgrim: a Bible verse, a word, a specific object, or sometimes even just the colors speak to different people as God moves both during and after the Walk. How many of you have gone through your Agape months or years after your Walk and been moved by something? Maybe you didn't even notice it before!

As you prepare your Agape for the upcoming Walks, take a few moments to pray over your efforts, and to ask God to use it in His way to share His message of love. In the words of St. Frances of Assisi, "Preach the gospel at all times and, when necessary, use words." Agape is a wonderful way to preach the gospel!

I know that many of you like to use the verse for the Walks in your Agape, so I asked the Lay Directors, Alan Leonard and Janice Edingfield, to share. The verse for the spring Men's Walk is Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." The verse for the spring Women's Walk is from Matthew 11:28, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (NIV)

Remember, no personal names on Agape, but you can put your share group's name or the name of your church. The rule of thumb is 30 pieces for bed time Agape if it's just for the Pilgrims, and 60 for table or bed time Agape (for both the Pilgrims and the team). Please help the Logs out by marking on the bag or box how many pieces of Agape you've brought.

Thanks for all your hard work in providing wonderful Agape for the Walks. I am always amazed at the creativity, talent, and most of all, love, represented by the Agape.

Your Agape Chair,
Linda Naylor


BLESSINGS & OPPORTUNITIES!



Dear Emmaus Community,

Well, you did it again. We asked for the Men's Walk Prayer Vigil Chart to be filled, and it was! We asked for volunteers for the clean up at Ruggles, and we got them! We still are in need of additional helpers to clean the girl's dorm on Saturday, April 25th, or Monday, April 27th. If you can help, please contact us at 606-564-9313. We will be more than happy to add your name to the list.

Also, be sure to keep your writing hand ready, because we will need to complete a prayer chart and clean-up list for the Women's Walk, which is quickly approaching in June. Again, as always, we are blessed to have such generous and caring people to work with in our Emmaus family!

Tim and Sally Teegarden, Volunteer Chairpersons 

MEET the TEAMS!



Community, meet your teams for the upcoming Spring Walks! They are conveniently printed in bookmark form – cut them out and put them where you will see them often as a reminder to be in prayer for God's plan for each Pilgrim, team member and all the families involved. Pray for the sponsors, for the campground and for how God would ask you to serve, as well.



Men's Walk #17 TEAM ROSTER April 30 – May 3, 2009

Lay Dir.	Alan Leonard
Asst. LD	Jonathan King
Asst. LD	Barry Rodbell
Asst. LD	Tom Tavis
Sp. Dir.	Charlie Shoemaker
Asst. Sp. Dir.	Woody Woodford
Table Ldr.	Mike Burke
Table Ldr.	David Lewis
Table Ldr.	David Reveal
Table Ldr.	Jim Deatley
Table Ldr.	Rick Satterfield
Asst. TL	Bob Baker
Asst. TL	Lynn Dunn
Asst. TL	Charles Kemp
Asst. TL	Kyle Purdy
Asst. TL	Steve Richards
Log	Michael Starkey
Log	Harlan Moore
Log	Jeremy Rutledge
Tech Log	Jeff Frodge
Music Dir	Roger Cheesebro
Prayer Svt.	Dell Click
Prayer Svt.	Bill Perry
Board Rep	Tim Naylor
Kitchen	Tim Ratcliff
Kitchen	Russell Day

"I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me." Phillipians 4:13

Women's Walk #18 TEAM ROSTER June 4 – 7, 2009

Lay Dir.	Janice Edingfield
Asst. LD	Elise Starkey
Asst. LD	Sally Teegarden
Asst. LD	Judy Nolte
Sp. Dir.	Jaime Wirth
Asst. Sp. Dir.	Ken Harmon
Table Ldr.	Vickie Click
Table Ldr.	Alice Bailey
Table Ldr.	Linda Naylor
Table Ldr.	Shirley Link
Table Ldr.	Nancy Harmon
Table Ldr.	April Henderson
Asst. TL	Stephanie Edgington
Asst. TL	Nikki Whalen
Asst. TL	Michele Mills
Asst. TL	Donna Shoemaker
Asst. TL	Nora Day
Asst. TL	Kay Flannery
Log	Tammy Unger
Log	Elizabeth Reed
Log	Brenda Reveal
Tech Log	Cyndi Frodge
Music Dir	Rita Harper
Asst. MD	Suzanne Hopkins
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Kitchen	Tim Naylor
Kitchen	Kim Adkins

"Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28



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Upcoming Walk Dates Announced!

Men #17: 4/30 – 5/3, 2009

Women #18: 6/4 – 7, 2009

Men #18: 9/3 – 6, 2009

Women #19: 10/1 – 4, 2009

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Chrysalis Representative . . .	Acynda Spriggs
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Facilities Set-up/Clean-up . .	Bill Shelton
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