

While they were talking and discussing, Jesus Himself came near and walked with them. Luke 24:15

Limestone-Ohio Valley Emmaus Community

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Summer Edition

L.O.V.E. COMMUNITY NEWS

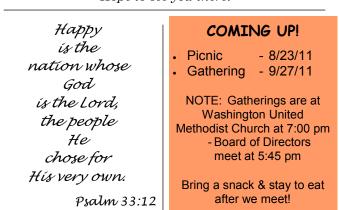
#### August 2011



Join us at **Ruggles Campground** for our ANNUAL PICNIC! Bring the Family!

Tuesday, August 23rd
Ruggles' Camp
6:00 (we'll eat around 6:30;
worship service afterwards)
Side dish or dessert, family,
potential Pilgrims – oh, and bug spray
(mosquitoes, you know)
Hot dogs & burgers, buns, drinks, plates, napkins, forks, etc.

A great evening of food, fellowship, music, worship 🚺 and praise is planned. Take advantage of this opportunity to catch up with old friends and make a few new ones! Hope to see you there!



### BLESSINGS & OPPORTUNITIES !

# "Ketch-up" with the Kitchen



When Emmaus meets, Emmaus eats! This is certainly what will happen at the Summer

**Collette McGinnis** 

picnic at Ruggles' Camp on Tuesday, August 23rd. Hamburgers, hotdogs, buns, condiments, paper products and iced tea will be provided and that means YOU will bring all the great food that goes along for a covered dish picnic. YOU are such great cooks and many look forward to those favorite dishes that always appear.

The meal will begin at 6:30 but come earlier for all the wonderful time spent with friends. Following the meal, there will be worship time in the Tabernacle.

Peggy Richards will be in charge of the "kitchen" duties for the picnic - that doesn't mean she's going to do it all; it just means she's in charge of seeing that it gets done by ... guess who???

> That's right! YOU! She's going to need helpers to set up, serve the drinks and more than a couple of people will be needed to stay for the clean-up!

Now I know YOU're going to want to get down to the Tabernacle right after dinner and then it's going to

be getting late so everyone will be wanting to get home, but PLEASE don't leave poor little Peggy there to do the cleaning up all by herself! YOU'll help, won't YOU?? I know I can count on YOU!

I will be having rotator cuff surgery in August and that means I could use lots and lots of help in the kitchen for both the Men's and Women's Walks. There is a great possibility that I will not be able to be in the kitchen during the Men's Walk. I will gladly do as much pre-Walk preparation as I can. I have the menu and food purchases lists.

Please contact me by email at bcmcginnis@windstream.net

if YOU and/or your Share Group would like to help at a particular meal time. If YOU would like suggestions for menus for certain meals. I have a list.

Ah, YOU all are terrific! There's going to be plenty of food and plenty of servants, not only at the Picnic but at both of the Fall Walks because YOU have a servant's heart - THANK YOU from the bottom of mine!



It's hard to believe that Summer is almost over, and before you know it we will be headed into Fall which means our Walks will begin again! Yay!! Be thinking about what part of God's puzzle you are in the Community and where you can lend a helping hand. Thank you for signing up for the Prayer Vigils; they are almost filled - just a few more spots!! Remember that if you never filled out a Volunteer Sheet (or if it's been awhile since you did), contact me at tammyrunger@yahoo.com with your email and I will get you

one. I will also have these available at the next Gathering. Again, Thank You!

Tammy & Jim Unger, Volunteer Chaircouple

#### **CLEAN-UP DAYS at RUGGLES CAMPGROUND**

Sept. 3 - 9 am - 5 pm	Sept. 5 - 5 pm - 6 pm	Sept. 11	After Walk
ТВА	Oct. 3 - 5 pm - 8 pm	Oct. 9	After Walk!

NOTE: Servants are needed after the Walks to help clean up and get everything put away. We don't want the Team to have to stay for this task. Many hands doing a little bit is so much better than a few hands doing a lot! Thank you!

## CHANGING OUR WORLD

#### Bill Henry, Community Spiritual Director



I've been reading "The Story of Christianity" for a

class I'm taking this fall and wanted to share some of the points that have spoken to me as I have considered the remarkable growth in the early church and the great faith that these men and women demonstrated even in the midst of persecution, the likes of which we have never even known to exist.

In the mid- to late-second century a pagan writer by the name of Celsus declared that, "Christians were ignorant fold whose teaching took place, not in schools nor in open forums, but in kitchens, shops, and tanneries." Now while Celsus was certainly overstating the facts to place Christianity in the negative light he desired, this statement did contain some shred of truth in the time it was written, and some truth that we may be able to use to help us understand how the Christians of this time were able to take such a firm stand in their faith and how the Church was able to experience such amazing growth.

You see, the early church knew nothing of evangelistic services (their services were focused mainly on Communion, and that was available only to baptized persons) or revivals. Indeed, as Celsus wrote, evangelism took place in kitchens, shops, and markets. How often do we tell ourselves, "If only so-and-so would come to church"? As I thought about this I thought of the ladies on the most recent Walk (and I know this is true of all previous Walks) and the power they have demonstrated to reach out in the name of Christ in the kitchens, shops, and markets.

On Women's Walk #22 we had strong Christians who were school personnel, health care providers who shared their faith at Kroger's, Wal-Mart. They are strong examples of Christ's love in their homes and so many other places. I believe this is where true evangelism is done.

The verse that comes to mind is Acts 4:13. John and Peter were bravely standing up to the Sanhedrin, the same group that had a hand in the death of Jesus. We are told that when the group saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

In order to 'Change our World,' we don't have to be experts, we just need for people to see that 'we have been with Jesus' and it has made a difference in our lives.

## From the *Good Shepherd* . . .

THE GIFT ...

Dear Community, I would like to reintroduce a program called "THE GIFT". This is a program initiated by the Walk to Emmaus/Chrysalis movements to ensure that many from all over the world can enjoy the fruits of this beautiful ministry.

THE GIFT is a financial program that allows the international Communities as well as the emerging new Communities to tap into the generosity of Pilgrims and Butterflies that the Lord has so richly blessed. Here are some facts that many of you may not know:

- The Chrysalis and Walk to Emmaus movements are interdenominational, interracial, and international.
- We do not receive any funds or money from the United Methodist Church or any church denomination
- Internationally, we need funds to assist emerging Communities that do not have the resources to secure facilities, provide scholarships, train and teach team participants and conduct weekends.
- Since the movement began for Emmaus in 1978 and Chrysalis in 1985, over one million Christians have experienced a Walk or Flight.
- Because these two movements are so powerful and so blessed by the Holy Spirit, we are called to be the hands and feet of Christ in allowing more of our brothers and sisters to have this experience.

In following with the suggestions from the Upper Room Walk to Emmaus/Chrysalis Program, your Board of Directors have agreed to receive a special LOVE offering after the spring and fall Walks. These offerings will go directly to "THE GIFT" to help Communities to have this experience. Remember, we cannot allow money to become an obstacle to grace. At our June gathering, our first offering was received - Praise God for \$610.00!

If you feel the Holy Spirit calling you to respond to "THE GIFT", you can make your check payable to International Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis and send to:

The International Emmaus/Chrysalis Office 1908 Grand Avenue Nashville, TN 37213

In His Service, Phil Brown, Community Lay Director

Dear LOVE Community, I hope you all are having a blessed summer and dealing with the heat as best you can. I hope everyone is meeting weekly with a Share Group. Being accountable to my Share Group keeps me grounded in my Christian faith - that's why I'm so passionate about wanting to see others become involved in a Share Group. So I encourage you to join one that is already active or, if you can't find one, start your own group (not everyone in your Share Group has to be a member of the Emmaus Community).

Keep in mind that one of the requirements needed to serve on an Emmaus team is to be an active member of a Reunion/Share Group.

I am working on updating the list of Share Groups in the LOVE EMMAUS Community. If someone from your Share Group would be so kind as to e-mail me a list of names and whether or not you are seeking new members (even if you have already done so in the past) I would appreciate the update. My email is <u>my4thdays@yahoo.com</u> Thank you and may GOD bless you all



In Christ's Love, Mike Burke



In the Eye of the Storm, Remember:

God has forgiven you; you'd be wise to do the same Pray twice as much as you fret



From the book, "Lists to Live By" Alice Gray, Steve Stephens & John Van Diest

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# CUT IT OUT!

Pilgrims, Teams and Walks in other Communities they all need our prayers! Cut out the lists, tape them to your mirror, the fridge or use them as bookmarks - put them where you will be reminded every day to lift them up in prayer !



Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Prayer is an amazing gift of Agape love! I can't imagine the amount of prayer that goes into each Emmaus Walk! People praying for each of us by name even people we do not know pray for each Walk and person participating.

This month, share this gift of Agape love with others going on the Walk in other Communities. Use this bookmark to remember each Community in prayer. Let's share Agape love with people we do not know, but God does!

#### August 18-21

- Greater Dayton Men's Walk #52
- Heart of Ohio Women's Walk #55

#### August 25-28

- Blue Lake Men's Walk #218
- Llano Estacado Young Men's Journey #22

Elizabeth Reed, Agape Chair

#### Men's Walk #21 PILGRIMS

Tim Allen Matthew Barnett Brandon Doss Richard Helms David Joyce David Kingery Jared Lofton Randy Reveal Tim Robinette Tim Scott Rick Thacker Jeremy Tutt

## SEEKING: PILGRIMS!

Preparation is underway by the Teams for our Men's and Women's Walks this Fall. People are praying, teams are meeting or getting ready to begin - we're looking forward to a wonderful outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on the Pilgrims He sends our way.

That's where our Community comes in: as prayer partners and as Sponsors for the Pilgrims whom God, *in His time and in His wisdom,* has planned to be on these particular Walks.

PLEASE, PLEASE, dear LOVE Community, be busy about our Father's work and invite that person He has laid on your heart. At the time of publication, we have 12 men signed up - we need 8 more to have the Walk! We currently have NO applications in for the Women's Walk!

Applications deadline dates are: Men's Walk - Thur., 8/25 Women's Walk - Thur., 9/22

Get your applications in to Alice Bailey, Registrar, at 726 Panhandle Ave. West Union, Ohio 45693. They are available online at <u>www.lovemmaus.org</u>. Click on 'contact us' for an application (please do not e-mail Alice via this website - she cannot access it).

Applications must be completed by the Pilgrim and sponsor, submitted with the required \$15 application fee and received no later than August 25.

> Questions? Contact Alice at rbailey4@cinci.rr.com or 937-544-7904 or 937-544-5788

#### MEN'S WALK #21 TEAM

Dear Emmaus Community, lt is time again for us to be God's hands and feet the to Pilgrims of Men's Walk #21.



We are still in need of lanyards for the Pilgrim's crosses. We can always use toiletries for the Walk weekend and note cards for Sunday Agape packets.

BOARD MEMBERS: In order to update all Board member handbooks, please check your handbook. It should be Second Edition, Third Printing 2008.

If you do not have this edition please e-mail us at <u>timdratcliff@yahoo.com</u> even if you told us previously. We will be ordering new handbooks at the end of August.

> Logistics Coordinators, Tim and Linda Ratcliff

*If you plant for days* - plant flowers *If you plant for years* - plant trees *If you plant for eternity*- plant people

Author unknown

#### WOMEN'S WALK #23 TEAM

D	_	Denise Burke
ALD	-	Linda Ratcliff
ALD .	-	Alice Bailey
ALD.		Linda Naylor
SD		Ken Harmon
ASD	-	Charles Mallory
ΓL		April Henderson
٢L		Nancy Harmon
٢L		Brenda Reveal
ΓL	-	Michele Mills
ΓL	-	Gayle Erhardt
ΓL	-	Lisa Jump
ATL .	-	Kim Futch
ATL .	-	Kristyn Foster
<b>ATL</b>	-	Cricket Crase
<b>ATL</b>	-	Casey Rutledge
ATL .	-	Jessica Reveal
ATL .	-	Lisa Boling
Pr. Svt	-	Sally Teegarden
Pr. Svt	-	Shauna Brillhart
Ausic	-	Suzanne Hopkins
Ausic	-	Karen Hughes
Ausic	-	Rhonda Brandenburg
.OG	-	Jutta King
.OG		Diana Starkey
.OG		Jerrylyn Knauff
LOG		Kay Grooms
Kitchen		Collette McGinnis
3d. Rep	-	Donna Tavis

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

## WALK DATES FOR 2011:

Sept. 8 - 11 Men #21: Women #23: Oct. 6 - 9

## ANNUAL PICNIC:

Aug. 23rd @ Ruggles

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