



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

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

Summer Edition

L.O.V.E. COMMUNITY NEWS

August 2012



**Emmaus Family Picnic**  
**August 28, 2012**  
**Meal at 6:00 PM**  
**Ruggle's Campground**

Be sure to mark August 28, 2012, on your calendars. The LOVEmmaus Community will host its annual family picnic August 28th at 6:00 PM. Please plan to bring your family, a covered dish, and enjoy a time of food and fellowship, followed by worship in the tabernacle. Meat, drink, and tableware will be provided. This is a great time to reconnect with others in the community through this special time of fellowship and worship. See you there!

### SPONSORSHIP

Welcome Women's Walk #24! Hope you felt a portion of the unconditional love Christ has to offer! Be thinking about who you would like to sponsor for the upcoming fall walks. If you need more information on sponsorship it can be found on the Emmaus Website, [www.lovemmas.org](http://www.lovemmas.org)

Remember that it is our responsibility as Christians to show people the love of Christ and to take up the towel and become His servant!

Kim Purdy , Sponsorship Chair

### SHARE AGAPE LOVE WITH OTHERS

It is never too early to begin to show God's agape love to the Pilgrims on the next walk. Each of us can begin praying for the men who will be coming on the Walk. Get with your share group or some of your Emmaus Brothers and Sisters and begin creating Agape gifts for the Pilgrims to receive during the Walk. During the Walk we share God's love by participating in the 72-hour Prayer Vigil, attending Sponsor's hour, praying, attending Candlelight, praying, and attending Closing.

#### **A couple reminders -**

- Please create 30 pieces for bedtime Agape (if it is for Pilgrims only) and 60 pieces for mealtime
- Agape (write on the outside of the bag/box how many pieces you brought).
- It is fine to put names of Share Groups and churches on Agape pieces, but please **do not put individual names on the Agape pieces.**

As the L.O.V.E. Emmaus community, let's help show the love of Christ to the pilgrims on the walk!

Elizabeth Reed, LOVEmmaus Agape Chairperson

### OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER

Congratulations, community, God's Team wins again! Your prayers and willingness to volunteer made Women's Walk # 24 love filled for the pilgrims.

We now need to focus on the Men's and Women's Fall Walks. We need to fill the Prayer Chart by the end of the August picnic, so we can ensure that the Walks are bathed in prayer throughout the weekend!

Let's win another one for God's Team .

Russell Day, LOVEmmaus Volunteer Chairman

Dear LOVEmmaus Community,

We have now completed the Spring Walks. God was amazing and the community demonstrated the Hands and Feet of Jesus to the pilgrims and the teams. We are now looking forward to being the Hands and Feet of Christ to the men and women of the Fall Walks, Men's Walk . Please be in prayer for a way you can serve the upcoming fall walks. We can always use note cards and envelopes for extra agape letters. **You can also help with clean-up before and after the walks.**

### DeColores,

Tim and Linda Ratcliff  
Logistics Coordinators



### Newsletter Renewal

It is time to renew mailed subscriptions to the LOVEmmaus Newsletter. If you would like to renew the print subscription, please contact me.

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Dear Community ,  
I hope you are staying cool this summer. I would like to remind you how important a share group is to your Christian health. It helps to keep us encouraged and accountable to close Christian friends. My share group is very

important to me. When I miss a meeting, I miss a lot. It is always a blessing to meet and share my ups and downs with the group.

A share group needs to be discrete and meeting regularly in order to effective. My share group meets every Sunday. The group selects the day and times to meet. If there is any way I can help you find an existing group to join or even help you form one, please don't hesitate to contact me. My email address is or contact me through our community website.

In Christ's Love,  
The Good Shepherd  
Mike Burke

## "Ketch-up" with the Kitchen



**Colette McGinnis, Kitchen Coordinator**  
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I have to begin this article with my deep gratitude to Rebecca Smith, Kaci Foster and Tim Naylor for stepping up to the plate (really!) for me during the last walk. Because of the approaching death of my mother-in-law, I was where I needed to be. They got -er -done!!!

"We saw it, we heard it, and now we're telling you so you can experience it along with us, this experience of communion with the Father and his Son, Jesus Christ. Our motive for writing is simply this: We want you to enjoy this, too. Your joy will double our joy!" (1 John 1: 3-4, the Message)

Jesus wanted His disciples to experience a unique relationship when they came together - unique in their love for and their unity with one another.

This is the experience of working in the kitchen—communion with your fellow workers and with Christ. It is amazing how many times we have "church" as we prepare meals. God has always put just the right people with the right words and right actions on kitchen duty. Join us. See for yourself.

Email at [@bcmcginnis@windstream.net](mailto:@bcmcginnis@windstream.net) if you are interested in preparing and/or serving any of the meals except Saturday lunch or dinner. We already have the food prep and servers for those meals. Thanks to those who have already volunteered to prepare those meals and serve them. As you may already know, the spouses of team members serve the Saturday evening meal.

DeColores,  
Collette

## From the Community Spiritual Director



As I write this article I am in the midst of a two week vacation at a really nice resort location in middle Tennessee. The plan was to spend these two weeks playing golf and doing a lot of walking on the many trails that are available. At the moment, I sit on the deck of our condo and watch the rain continue to fall as it has for most of our time here. Playing golf has been all but an impossibility. Like I said, I had great plans for taking time to walk the trails here. Oh yeah, the second day we were here I pulled a muscle in my leg. I won't bore you with the details of that. Poor me! The rain is very much needed, but how I wanted sunshine for my vacation. I really enjoy the walking and many of you remember that it was about this time last year I had to have surgery on my knee and was unable to walk when we were on vacation. I really wanted to make up for that this year. I wanted sunshine and perfect health. It hasn't happened. We were able to rent a boat one day between the storms and, as we rode around the lake we talked about the beautiful, luxurious, and somewhat over-the-top houses surrounding the lake, some bordering the golf courses. The decks on most of these houses were bigger than my whole house. Who wouldn't want to have such a wonderful home? I just couldn't decide which one I wanted.

Having said all that, I am reminded of one of the most loved Psalms in all Scripture. It's the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm. Most of you can repeat it from memory. We know all about the 'still waters' and the 'valley of the shadow of death' and 'living in the house of the Lord forever', but usually we skip quickly over the first verse. Do you realize what it says? "The Lord is my Shepherd, **I shall not want.**" How many times a day do we say "I want...(fill in the blank)?" It could be a particular meal, a special place to go, an item at the store, or playing golf, or taking a walk. We live in a land where most of our wants are attainable. We become very disappointed when we cannot have something we want. Paul says in the fourth chapter of Philippians that he has 'learned to be content whether he has much or little.' He probably knew very well the words of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm and understood that all things are 'garbage as compared to the surpassing knowledge of knowing Christ Jesus' as he wrote in the third chapter of the same letter. We are so blessed to be children of the living God! If we look at all we have, we know that he has blessed us in many ways. After all, I am staying in a very nice resort area for two weeks. I did get to play a little golf. I can walk, even if it is slowly and with a limp. The rain has been very beneficial to many people. Do you know one of best parts? Those houses on the lake cannot compare to the one being prepared for me to move into sometime in the future.

God is good!  
All the time!

DeColores,  
Bill Henry, LOVEmmaus Community Spiritual Director

*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!**

### **Blue Lake Men's Walk #223**

Montgomery, Alabama  
Aug. 23-26

### **La Resurreccion Men's Walk #2**

Kissimmee, FL  
August 16-19

### **Hawaii Women's Walk #38**

August 16-19

### **Puget Sound Women's Walk #206**

Seattle, WA  
August 9-12

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### WALK DATES FOR 2012:

Men #23: Sept. 6- 9

Women #25: Oct. 4- 7



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