



Walk to
Emmaus
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L.O.V.Emmaus Community

Limestone-Ohio Valley Emmaus Community

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

Luke 24:15

Upcoming Events:

- Gathering June 23
July 28

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:
6/23/09 at 5:45 pm
7/28/09 at 5:45 pm

*Carry
each others'
Burdens,
and
In this way
you will
Fulfill
the Law of
Christ.*

Galations 6:2 NIV

From the Ol' Reverend ...



Getting ready for heaven isn't easy.

There's an old story about two brothers who grew up on a farm near Cairo, Illinois. One brother took to education like a duck to water. He graduated from Georgia Tech and became a renowned engineer in Chicago. The other brother was content to stay home and farm. Some years later the learned brother was invited to give a speech in Atlanta at the Peachtree Plaza Hotel. He had not seen his brother in a long while so he invited him to bring his family to the hotel and spend a little time with him.

The rural brother had never been in a town bigger than Cairo. He and his wife and son piled into their pickup truck and headed for Atlanta. After a fearful experience on the interstate highways, they pulled up in front of the Peachtree Plaza. The farmer left his wife in the truck. He and his son went inside to check in. Just inside the entrance were a number of elevators. The farmer had never seen one before. He watched a large, very plain, middle-aged lady step inside one of those little rooms. The doors closed. After about a minute, the doors opened and out stepped a young lady who was a vision of loveliness. The old fellow's eyes bugged out. Quickly he punched his son and said, "Boy, go get your Maw. I'm gonna run her through that thing one time."

Wouldn't it be wonderful if change came so easily – that somehow we could fall on our knees, give our lives to the Lord, and get up visions of loveliness!? I have good news for you. God has provided those who follow Him with two powerful friends. The Bible tells us at 1 John 2:1 that when we sin we have an Advocate who pleads our case with the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous. Jesus tells us that He has given us the Holy Spirit as our Helper. He is the One who gave birth to the Church, the One by whom we are being "born again". Let's resolve that, no matter the difficulty, we will keep on looking to Jesus so that the Lord - who is the Spirit - will make us more and more like Him as we are changed into His glorious image.

DeColores!
Jim Finch
Community Spiritual Director

SAVE THE DATE!

Top 10 reasons to attend the annual LOVE Emmaus picnic:

1. Lots of food
2. Catch up with old friends
3. Meet new friends
4. Lots of food
5. Great worship
6. Get rejuvenated, restored, revived and lots of other "re-s"
7. Lots of food
8. Great music
9. Laughter, hugs and love
10. Did I mention lots of food?



So mark your calendars for Tuesday, August 25th! You won't want to miss it! Plan to bring the whole family! More details in the next edition and at the gatherings!



After the Walk ...

Now that the spring Walks are over and we have 40 or so new members added to our LOVE Community it is time for the older heads to insure that the needs of our newest members are being met.

If you were a sponsor your work is not done - you should be assisting those you sponsored in finding or starting a share group. You may want to invite them to one of your share group meetings to give them a better idea of what a share group does.

Also, the Community as a whole needs to work at getting the new members involved in Community activities. My share group prepared the Friday evening meal for this past Women's Walk and we invited some of the recent Men's Walk Pilgrims to serve with us. Be creative, but help the newest members feel wanted and needed in our Community - because they are!!!



DeColores!
Tom Tavis
Good Shepherd

BOUND TOGETHER

Dear Emmaus Friends,

We wanted to share this poem that has been handed down to us through our family. We feel it speaks so well as to the generous service we have seen in all of you.

*Pray to know your duty,
And then your duty do;
Just ask that those who need you
May place their trust in you;
Be it your aim to gladden
Some heart by grief depressed;
Forget yourself in others,
And give to God your best.*

Don't forget to keep our past, present, and future Pilgrims in your prayers. The Lord and prayer "binds us together". Think of someone you haven't seen at the gatherings lately, and give them a call, drop them a note, or plan a visit. It may just be the nudge they need to feel missed.

DeColores!

Tim and Sally Teegarden
Volunteer Chaircouple



WOMEN'S WALK #18

Women's Walk #18 has come and gone, but God did a work in the lives of the 26 pilgrims and the team members that will last a lifetime! He was with us from the time I was asked to be Lay Director, through the team meetings and during the glorious 72 hours we spent at Ruggles. We serve an awesome God! Sure, there were a few difficulties because humans were involved, but God carried us through and we all came out better for having been there!

Thank you to the entire LOVE Community for the prayers and physical presence given to all of us. You are a wonderful example of being Christ's disciples. God loves you and so do I.

DeColores,
Janice Edingfield
Lay Director, Women's Walk #18

Anonymous Servanthood

It was exciting to see the 'Log Room' filled with Community members Thursday evening after the picnic for Women's Walk #18! Members of the LOVE Emmaus Community were busy dropping off letters, table and bed Agape, and offering to help in any way that would make the Emmaus Walk meaningful for the Pilgrims. The Log Room is the staging site for the 'behind the scenes' work for the Emmaus Walk. Personal care items, cleaning supplies, Agape, materials for candlelight, umbrellas, extra blankets and many other needed items (like plenty of tissues) take up residence in the Log Room between Walks and are replenished as needed.

I remember, as a Pilgrim, telling someone that I thought I needed a flashlight and didn't have one with me. I had a flashlight before my head hit the pillow that first night. While I didn't realize it then, God was using others to show His love to me by meeting my perceived need of a flashlight. You know, someone in the Community must have donated extra flashlights (with batteries) to have for such an occasion. To this day, a flashlight is a reminder to me of Agape love.

Anonymous servanthood is a blessing to both the giver and receiver. Helping with logistics before, during, and after a Walk allows God to use you to help others draw closer to Him. You may never know how you have helped someone strengthen their relationship with Christ!

DeColores!
Dan & Brenda Reed
Logistics Coordinators



If your outgo exceeds your income, your upkeep will become your downfall.





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Upcoming Walk Dates Announced!

Men #18: 9/3 – 6, 2009

Women #19: 10/1 – 4, 2009

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