



Walk to
Emmaus
THE UPPER ROOM

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

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L.O.V.E. COMMUNITY NEWS

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From the desk of ... *the Spiritual Director*



One of the first talks given on an Emmaus Walk is the talk entitled "Priorities". Basically each of us have established certain priorities in our lives. Certain things are just more important than other things.

Members of my church will tell me why they were absent from church last week. I never ask them but they feel compelled to tell me why they were absent.

Some will tell me that they had company and could not come to church. I am tempted to tell them that they could bring the company to church. But I don't. I am also tempted to tell them that in the last thirty years, we have never had company come to our home on Sunday morning. People know, first of all, that we will not be home. They also know that they are invited to come to church with us. They just don't come because they know what our priorities are.

Some members will tell me that they had a conflict with an organization that they belonged to. This unnamed organization has priority in their lives over the church.

Some have told me that they work hard all week and Sunday is the only time that they can sleep in. My answer is to get into bed early on Saturday night and you can sleep in and still get to church on time.

Again, it is a matter of priorities. In my appointment book, I have marked down the fourth Tuesday night of the month for LOVE Emmaus Gatherings. This is an event that has a high priority in my life. I find Emmaus Gatherings and Emmaus Walks a time of refueling, a time of fellowship, and a time when I feel that my walk with God is just a little bit closer.

As Spiritual Director, I am responsible for Sponsor's Hour, Candlelight, and to take part in Closings. I really enjoy these activities and look forward to being on the Ruggles campground each day of the Walk. I also come on Friday morning and Saturday evening to assist in the serving of meals. It is not that I do so much or am needed to help serve, it is just the warm feeling that I get when I am in the kitchen and see the Pilgrims and Team members come in.

What are your priorities? What do you hold most sacred? Where is Emmaus in your list of priorities? I would hope that your church is a number one priority. I also hope that Emmaus is high on your list.

Les Grooms, Spiritual Director

COMING UP!

- * Gathering - 6/22/10
- 7/27/10

NOTE: Gatherings are at Washington United Methodist Church at 7:00 pm
- Board of Directors meet at 5:45 pm

Bring a snack & stay to eat after we meet!

WOMEN'S WALK #20
REUNION GROUP
Meet at 6:00 in the Dining Hall (basement)

Sponsors be sure and get your Pilgrims there!

New members are our guests at their first Gathering - we'll provide the food (just this once!)



We've Only Just Begun ...

Women's Walk to Emmaus #20 is finished, but not really. As we all learned, we will carry the persistent love of God with us wherever we go. We were "wooded", a favorite word of mine, by the spirit of the Lord, so in evidence during the weekend. This was in the form of Team and Community servanthood. And, as we know from our own Walks, we were wooed by the very words of God, speaking through the various speakers during the Walk.

While we can all be put off track by human interests and responsibilities, twenty ladies learned, as is written in Colossian 3:23, that "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men." What a joy to know that even our smallest endeavors can be a display of our love for our Lord!

My sincere thanks to all who made this weekend such a memorable and life-changing event in all our lives, both Team and Pilgrims.



De Colores
Sally Teegarden
Lay Director, Women's Walk #20



BLESSINGS & OPPORTUNITIES!

Dear Community, As usual, our Community has come through with flying colors. At the Gathering, we had 89 spaces open on the Women's Walk #20 Prayer Vigil Chart. Guess what! By the end of the evening all the spaces were filled!! Believe us, as you all well know, those prayers going up for the Team are felt deeply during the weekend.

The clean-up crew sheets were filled, and there were many volunteers who worked on Agape or helped in the kitchen, as well as those who attended Candlelight and Closing.

When we give thanks, and we are making it a priority to do that more often, we remember all of you, faithful servants to the Lord.

Remember, it isn't too early to start praying for the fall Walks. Those souls that are lost and searching will be put on the hearts of the Community. And those lost and searching souls will feel the loving tug of God on their hearts as well.

We will be praying for traveling mercies, as many of you make your way on summer visits and vacations.

De Colores

Tim & Sally Teegarden, Volunteer Chairpersons

From the Good Shepherd . . .

Dear Community, I hope our new Community members are having the most wonderful of 4th days! If you haven't joined a share group yet, let me encourage you to do so. Mine is one of the most uplifting parts of my week.

If you need help finding a share group please don't hesitate to ask me. If we can't find one for you, maybe we can form a new one. A share group is very important - it keeps us grounded in Christ and accountable to other Christians who may be going through hard times. You might just be the right person they need to talk and fellowship with. So please, as someone in our Community used to say "don't deny someone the chance to serve you".

In Christ's Love

The Good Shepherd, Mike Burke

P.S. For those of you who know me this won't come as much of a shock, but I haven't figured out the "Good Shepherd" email here at LOVEmmaus headquarters, so if you have tried me there and have no response I am not stuck up, just a little slow. You can contact me at my personal email at

my4thdays@yahoo.com



"Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me?" Jesus answered, "... seventy-seven times."

Matt. 18:21-22 NIV

"If God can tolerate my mistakes, can't I tolerate the mistakes of others? ..." Quote from Max Lucado's book,

[When God Whispers Your Name](#)

Logistics!

Dear LOVEmmaus Community, By the time you read this newsletter Women's Walk # 20 will be over and once again God will have blessed the Pilgrims, Team and the Community. Welcome to the newest Community members from Men's Walk #19 and Women's Walk #20.

There are many ways that the Community can serve the Pilgrims and Team on future Walks. The Log Room is a very busy place on Thursday through Sunday. Extra hands and backs can always be used at the close of a Walk to get things back in order.

If you would like to help with supplies, we can always use small toiletry items, items for the medicine baskets, notebook paper and copy paper. You can give them to Tim or Linda Ratcliff anytime or leave them in the Log Room during the Walks.

Serving Him & you,

Your Logistics Chaircouple, Tim & Linda Ratcliff

"Ketch-up" with the Kitchen!



Another Walk has passed and everything ran smoothly in the kitchen. We had great meals brought by 4 different groups/ churches and left-overs that were consumed or donated to the Amish family behind Ruggles Camp with 19 (yes, 19) children.

There aren't enough words to thank the "girls" who served in the kitchen for the weekend - Debbie Kendle, Elizabeth Reed, Brianna Moore and Olivia Mullins. They finished every task that was delegated to them and remained sweet and happy through it all. Again, a special thanks to David and Jared Reveal for bringing the kitchen "stuff" to and from the Log Room. There were many servants who were there on Sunday and it made the clean-up, close-up job easy. And it didn't rain buckets on us!!

One of my goals as the Kitchen Coordinator is to be a responsible steward of the amount of money and the amount of food that is used for the entire weekend. We are trying to instill in share groups/church groups that we need to feed the Pilgrims, the Team, and the workers - but not the world! Too much is wasted. Please take home what you have after preparing and serving a meal. This also applies to the Thursday evening carry-in meal.

As the Coordinator, I try to have the quantity needed for the meals planned ahead of time. We know you leave the extra food with the best of intentions but most of the time, we cannot use it. This is especially true with desserts. Each meal has planned desserts and we have too much to refrigerate for the weekend. Because of dreaded ants and hot humid temperatures, the refrigerator gets a good workout.

It is wonderful for the groups to prepare and serve the Pilgrims and the Team and we are so thankful for all you do. I have suggestions for menus and it helps me to know what each group is serving.

Thanks again for all your service. See you at the picnic in August!

DeColores!

Collette McGinnis, Kitchen Coordinator

And now, a word from our**Sponsorship Chair ...**

Hello Community!

I know we're almost halfway through another year, but we all need to keep thinking of all the blessings that we could be giving out, by just asking someone you know if you could sponsor them for a Walk. The last meeting was wonderful, lots of new faces, lots of familiar ones, too. The church was full of our Community! If you couldn't make it, we would surely hope to see you at the next Gathering. Or how about at Thursday night send-off, Candlelight, or maybe just helping out in the kitchen during a Walk?

Thanks to all the Sponsors for the Women's Walk, and let's keep after those prospective Pilgrims! We still have two more Walks coming up this year. GOD BLESS YOU ALL, and let's have more amazing responses for participation and sponsorship throughout the remainder of this year.

DECOLORES
Jeremy Rutledge

SAVE THE DATE!

This "ad" was used last year, but it's worth repeating:

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 & 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 24th! You won't want to miss it! Plan to bring the whole family! More details in the next edition and at the Gatherings!

The following is an article that Rebecca Bisotti wrote right after her Chrysalis Walk:

Ok, so this past weekend I gotta go on a trip of a life time. It was so much fun... even if I was "anticipating" a lot of the time... Ok, all the time. Here's what it was: Chrysalis!

It's a weekend of all girls (or boys) with no cell phones, no watches and no electronics.

It's a time to get closer to God and grow along with other Christ-like people. Truth-be-told, I went into this weekend thinkin' that it was going to be filled with drama since it was all girls and no cell phones. But right from the start our "flight" grew together as a family. If only everyone could bond so well without any judging or anything.

During the weekend you would get Agape (love) gifts randomly. Sometimes it'd be at the meals or sometimes on your bed. It was great to get such encouraging things that showed you people you didn't even know cared so much for you.

Every day you would listen to five inspirational talks. Some would be from people outside of the Team, some would be members of the Team, and some were even girls your own age. We also learned later that many of the people from the Emmaus and Chrysalis Community had gathered together there just to pray for us. They joined together in a special prayer service called "Candlelight" and then left immediately afterward.

The weirdest and hardest part for me was the "being served" instead of me serving others. They don't let you carry your bags, they carry your drinks to your table - it's like you can't lift a finger because you're so fragile. Here's what they say about it.

What is a Chrysalis?

It's the growth between caterpillars and butterflies. While on the surface it may look like nothing is happening, the delicate process changes a caterpillar into a butterfly with wings and beautiful colors. Symbolizing that through dying to self, Christ can transform us into new beings. Chrysalis is the name used for the youth Walk to Emmaus because it symbolizes faith growth in the lives of youth - spiritual growth necessary between adolescence and adulthood. It's a three-day spiritual renewal retreat that provides participants an opportunity to learn more about faith, to experience Christian love and support, and a chance to focus on God's grace, how one experiences Christ as a friend in the body of Christ, and how one is called into discipleship, giving love to a needful world.

What happens at Chrysalis?

Youth will spend three days with other young people in worship, prayer, fellowship, recreation, singing and discussion. They will also experience the love of Christ through the prayers and acts of service of a loving support Community. They will hear talks given by youth and adults. Talks focus on the needs of the maturing youth and offer messages of the Gospel, friendship and examples of Jesus Christ. Five talks given each day are followed by discussion and reflection on how helpful they are in your faith.

These things are so amazing! I will never forget the love I felt this weekend! I would highly recommend it to anyone who wishes to grow and strengthen their walk with Christ.



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WALK DATES FOR 2010:

Men #20: 9/2 - 5

Women #21: 10/7 - 10

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Aug. 24th at Ruggles



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