



Walk to
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L.O.V.Emmaus Community

Limestone-Ohio Valley Emmaus Community

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L.O.V.E. COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Luke 24:15

Upcoming Events:

- Gathering May 27
- Ruggles Clean-Up: June 2 (9:00 am) & June 4 (5:00 pm)
- Women's Walk #16 June 5-8, 2008
- Gathering June 24

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:
5/27/08 at 5:45 pm
6/24/08 at 5:45 pm

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Men's Walk #15

The familiar theme of "Love Story": Where do I begin to tell the story of ... Men's Walk 15? Trying to balance all the competing needs and requirements of a Walk; looking for the balance that gets you experienced Team Members and first-timers; and trying to discern God's wishes is a very challenging and Very fulfilling task.

I have told you many times in the past 6 years that you – the LOVE Community -- you are my safe haven in this world. Simply put, there is nothing that I would rather do, no place that I would rather be than with you, doing whatever is asked or needed.

If it were up to me I would have a Team Meeting once a week for the rest of my life. The energy and strength that you draw from having a room full of "Aces" around you is humbling. To know that God has entrusted them to you for this time is frightening. You go into the Walk thinking that you are giving, and to some degree you are, but what you gain is simply indescribable.

As you watch you begin to realize that God's Sovereign Hand is settling down upon you, the Team as a whole. You begin to realize that some of the Aces around you are Aces of Hearts, those who love unconditionally, without question. The Aces of Clubs appear - those who are pragmatic and keep in check the overwhelming emotion of the moment. The Aces of Diamonds glitter and bring sheer joy; they make you smile. Then the Aces of Spades appear - those who possess all the qualities of all the other Aces. They are the Aces of Aces - leaders of the future.

We on Walk 15 did our best to follow the Emmaus Model because it has been proven over and over to be effective. We did our best to be obedient to the Living God. We did our best to live out the cloistered atmosphere and model anonymous servanthood, drawing attention only to the God of Glory.

The overriding theme of Walk 15 seemed to be Grace (now there's a shocker for you). It started early in the Walk for me when Rev. Tony Liess quoted a song written by Julia Johnson in 1910.

Marvelous Grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold,
Threaten the soul with infinite loss;
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,
Points to the refuge, the mighty cross.

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide.
What can avail to wash it away?
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide,
Brighter than snow you may be today.

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,
Freely bestowed on all who believe!
You that are longing to see His face,
Will you this moment His grace receive?

*Grace, grace God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin.*

It was with some sadness that I accepted the call to be the LD for Walk 15 because I knew that it would radically change my team involvement on future Walks. God has been faithful to me over the years and I will strive to be faithful to Him in my 4th Days. Although the door has now largely closed in some ways for service on Walk weekends I am looking for the open door that now awaits me. I am quite sure that whatever God has in store for me in the future will be just as fulfilling.

I felt at the beginning that God was calling me to Walk 15. I now am beginning to realize that God has called me to continued communion with the "Aces" of Walk 15. God not only gave them to me for a few weeks, He not only gave a Team, He gave Pilgrims as well and bonded us together as one in His service.

*To God be the Glory, May we be faithful;
Your servant,
timmy
Lay Director, Men's Walk #15*

WELCOME
Men's Walk #15
New Members!



- Bentley Balke
- Russell Day
- Mitchell Irvin
- Harold Jump
- Charles Kemp
- Mike Roades
- Rick Satterfield
- Ray Schaefer
- Jeff Shields
- Brett Spencer
- Mark Wells

NOTE!!!

Men's Walk #15
Team & Pilgrims
Reunion - May 27th
at 6:00 pm
Washington United
Methodist Church
Meet in the
Sanctuary.





Dear Community,

Thank you, thank you, and thank you! It was so wonderful to have so much help on Men's Walk 15! The men were able to see true agape love through all the servants who showed up to help in the kitchen. I would like to name each person, but don't dare try for I'm certain I would leave someone out – just know that I do appreciate each and every one of you. Hope you were as blessed as I was and will want to help again soon.

Women's Walk 16 is just around the corner – four weeks from tomorrow (I am writing this on May 7th)!

Some of you have signed up already and I appreciate that. You will have another opportunity at the Gathering on May 27th, or you can email me at kaywgrooms@yahoo.com or call me at 937-549-2113.

We're still in need of recipes for the cookbook we would like to publish in the near future. I know you have some family favorites you could share. You can use the same email as above or bring your recipes to the Gathering.

Don't forget the Thursday evening send-off of the pilgrims on Thursday, June 5th. Bring your covered dish, share a good meal, fellowship with friends and welcome the pilgrims.

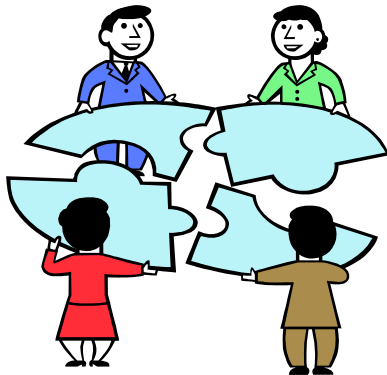
Again a huge THANK YOU and may God bless you!

DeColores!
 Kay Grooms, Kitchen Coordinator
 Kitchen Coordinator

WOMEN'S WALK #16 TEAM MEMBERS

Spiritual Director	Ken Harmon
- Assistant	Jaime Wirth
Lay Director	Donna Tavis
-Assistants	Cyndi Frogde
	Sally Teegarden
	Elise Starkey
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	Floretta Rice
	Casey Reed
	Carol Spriggs
	Amanda King
	Alice Bailey
-Assistants	Tammy Unger
	Carrie Bolender
	Sue Young
	Shirley Link
	Judy Gray
	Dorothy Bentley
Music Director	Tami Conrad
-Assistants	Renee King
	Linda Naylor
Prayer Servants	Nancy Harmon
	Brenda Reed
Logistics	Judy Nolte
	Vickie Click
	Rebecca Smith
-Techno-Log	Colette McGinnis

Please pray for our team members, that they will serve in humility, and with gratitude for the opportunity. That they will be reminded that the Holy Spirit calls for their love, patience, kindness, gentleness and self control in all things!



And now, a word from our SPONSORSHIP CHAIRMAN

Praise the Lord we were able to have Men's Walk 15! We are still in need of pilgrims for the Women's Walk, however. Please pray that God will open your eyes to see opportunities to invite people to be on the upcoming Walks. Sponsorship is very important to keep the Community growing and doing God's work.

Take a moment and think about all the wonderful things God did in your life on your Walk to Emmaus. Wasn't it a great time of renewal and restoration of your fervor to share the gospel? Let this reflection encourage you to share that experience with others. Just think what could happen if many of the Christians you know went on the Walk to Emmaus! What changes would take place in their lives, home, community, and church? Let us change the world in our own realm of influence with God's help.

DeColores!
 Michael Starkey
 Sponsorship Chairman

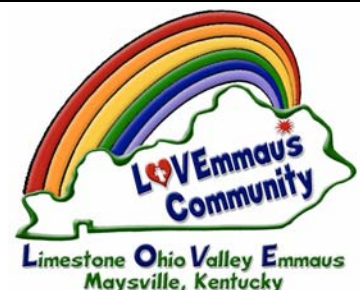
VOLUNTEER!

Tim and I would like to express our thanks to everyone who signed up as kitchen helpers and for prayer vigils at the recent gatherings. We have also had great response to the volunteer cards. This has been particularly helpful in supplying names for music, 4th day speakers, agape, and possible future team members.

We would like to encourage everyone to contact friends in the Emmaus community to form teams for camp clean-ups, both before and after the walks. If we can form 20 teams of five people each, the work would go much faster, more members of the community would have an opportunity to assist in this important task, and it would give you and your friends an excuse to get together. It really is true that many hands make the work light. There are team sign-up sheets available at the Gatherings in the vestibule of the church.

Also, one last important note: complaints of any kind will be handled by Tim, while I will be glad to field all compliments.

De Colores!
 Tim and Sally Teegarden
 Volunteer Chaircouple



From the Spiritual Director ...

FROM THE OLD REVEREND:

Twenty-nine guys just experienced a great Emmaus weekend together. We got closer to the Lord and closer to one another — a kind of breath-taking time. I appreciate all of my fourth days and would like to share with you an internet story which illustrates the 'fourth-day life'.

A lady tells this story about a grocer in Idaho. She says, "I was at the corner grocery store buying some early potatoes. I noticed a small boy, delicate of bone and feature, ragged but clean, hungrily appraising a basket of freshly picked green peas. I paid for my potatoes, but was also drawn to the display of fresh green peas. I am a pushover for creamed peas and new potatoes. Pondering the peas, I couldn't help overhearing the conversation between Mr. Miller (the store owner) and the ragged boy next to me.

'Hello Barry, how are you today?'

'H'lo, Mr. Miller. Fine, thank ya. Jus' admirin' them peas. They sure look good.'

'They are good, Barry.

How's your Ma?'

'Fine. Gittin' stronger alla' time.'

'Good. Anything I can help you with?'

'No, Sir. Jus' admirin' them peas.'

'Would you like to take some home?' asked Mr. Miller.

'No, Sir. Got nuthin' to pay for 'em with.'

'Well, what have you to trade me for some of those peas?'

'All I got's my prize marble here.'

'Is that right? Let me see it,' said Mr. Miller.

'Here 'tis. She's a dandy.'

'I can see that. HmMMM, only thing is this one is blue and I sort of go for red. Do you have a red one like this at home?' the store owner asked.

'Not zackley but almost.'

'Tell you what. Take this sack of peas home with you and next trip this way let me look at that red marble', Mr. Miller told the boy.

'Sure will. Thanks Mr. Miller.'

Mrs. Miller, who had been standing nearby, came over to help me. With a smile she said, 'There are two other boys like him in our community, all three are in very poor circumstances. Jim just loves to bargain with them for peas, apples, tomatoes, or whatever. When they come back with their red marbles, and they always do, he decides he doesn't like red after all and he sends them home with a bag of produce for a green marble or an orange one, when they come on their next trip to the store.'

I left the store smiling to myself, impressed with this man. A short time later I moved to Colorado, but I never forgot the story of this man, the boys, and their bartering for marbles. Several years went by, each more rapid than the previous one. Just recently I had occasion to visit some old friends

in that Idaho community and while I was there learned that Mr. Miller had died. They were having his visitation that evening and knowing my friends wanted to go, I agreed to accompany them. Upon arrival at the mortuary we fell into line to meet the relatives of the deceased and to offer whatever words of comfort we could. Ahead of us in line were three young men. One was in an army uniform and the other two wore nice haircuts, dark suits and white shirts - all very professional looking.

They approached Mrs. Miller, standing composed and smiling by her husband's casket. Each of the young men hugged her, kissed her on the cheek, spoke briefly with her and moved on to the casket. Her misty light blue eyes followed them as, one by one, each young man stopped briefly and placed his own warm hand over the cold pale hand in the casket. Each left the mortuary awkwardly, wiping his eyes.

Our turn came to meet Mrs. Miller. I told her who I was and reminded her of the story from those many years ago and what she had told me about her husband's bartering for marbles.

With her eyes glistening, she took my hand and led me to the casket. 'Those three young men who just left were the boys I told you about. They just told me how they appreciated the things Jim 'traded' them. Now, at last, when Jim could not change his mind about color or size, they came to pay their debt. We've never had a great deal of the wealth in this world,' she confided, 'but right now, Jim would consider himself the richest man in Idaho.'

With loving gentleness she lifted the lifeless fingers of her deceased husband. Resting underneath were three exquisitely shined red marbles."

The Moral: We will not be remembered by our words, but by our kind deeds. Life is not measured by the breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath.

Let some 'fourth-day' happenings take your breath this month.

DeColores!

Jim Finch

Community Spiritual Director

WE'LL MISS YOU!

It is with truly mixed emotions that we'll say goodbye in June to some special friends in our Emmaus community. Brother Mike Canada, his wife, Delace, and their children moved to the area to pastor Washington United Methodist Church (where we have our gatherings) several years ago. They have now accepted the call to pastor the UMC in Hawesville, Kentucky. Their new address after June 24th will be 135 Park Rd., Hawesville, Ky 42348. Their phone number will be 270-927-6791 (hm) and 270-927-8404 (office).

Brother Ray Snider, who with his late wife, Sharon, and children pastored Sedon UMC in Maysville, and Flemingsburg First UMC

will be leaving to pastor Bowman Memorial UMC in Hazard, Kentucky on June 20th. We'll hopefully be able to provide an address and phone number in the next newsletter.

Both of these families have come to mean so much to us over the years and we'll miss them so much - BUT we know God has great plans in store for them and we wish for them the very best.

WOMEN'S WALK #16 - GETTING READY!



Just wanted to give you an update on how things are going for the Women's Walk # 16. We had our first team meeting on April 26th at Sunshine UMC and it was awesome! Everyone seemed to bond so quickly. There was plenty of laughter and the Logs have already made a note to double the tissue supply order.

I know that each Lay Director has probably thought that their team was the best, but all I know is that God hand selected some very special people for me and I can't wait to see Him work through them. Keep us all in your prayers and especially remember to prayer for the pilgrims.

Love you all!

Donna Tavis

Lay Director, Women's Walk #16

From the Community Lay Director . . .

Well, we have just finished Emmaus Walk 15 for the men and are about to step into Walk 16 for the women. God has blessed us greatly! We as a community need to support all the Walks - even if we are not on the team we are still a part of that three-day journey for the pilgrims. Just as we were served on our Walk, we have the opportunity to be the servant in many ways in these upcoming Walks.

God gives us a free will and wants us to use it. Watching someone grow closer to God is a great Blessing. He loves to see us bustling around together to help cook, clean or to pray for others; in other words, to serve. What God lays on our hearts is what we should do.

I have never been good with words but God has given me the desire to help others know about my Jesus and He's provided me many opportunities to do so. How can you share Jesus with your world? By the time this newsletter comes out the Men's Walk will be over, but the Women's Walk is just a month away. As I said, please come and support your Community - I know you will be blessed.

Remember Luke 22:46: "Why do you sleep? Rise and pray, lest you enter into temptation." God bless you even more than ever before.

DeColores!

Georgjean Shelton

Community Lay Director



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Upcoming Walk Dates Announced!

Women's #16: June 5 - 8, 2008

Men's #16: September 4-7, 2008

Women's #17: October 2-5, 2008

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