

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

Spring Edition

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

L.O.V.E. COMMUNITY NEWS

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Greetings, Emmaus family!

The entire law is summed up in a single command: "Love your neighbor as yourself" Gal. 5:14. We certainly witnessed this May 3rd-6th at Ruggles Campground. Many showed up to support Men's Walk 22.

The Team was well prepared and did a wonderful job leading the pilgrims on their journey. Members of the community were there for a great send off Thursday evening,

a beautiful candlelight service Saturday, and a very moving closing Sunday. Still others were there throughout the weekend preparing meals and cleaning up afterwards. While all this was happening, community members were praying for the pilgrims and the team the entire 72 hours!! Now that is "Loving your neighbor as yourself". Thank you, community, for being the hands and feet of Christ.

To our new members from Walk 22, thank you for committing to these 3 days. Come join us May 22nd @ 6pm for your Walk Reunion and the Gathering @ 7pm. All this takes place at Washington UMC on Rt. 68 in Washington Ky. You are also invited to take part in the community activities surrounding the Women's Walk at Ruggles, June7th-10th. Be sure and ask your sponsor or another community member for details.

DeColores,

Alan Leonard, Community Lay Director

Please Join Us! BE A BLESSING! Welcome New Community What? Gatherings Where? Washington United Methodist Church, Members from Men's Walk #22 Welcome New Members from Washington, KY Men's Walk #22! Be thinking of ways that you can serve and May 22, 2012 @7:00 PM encourage people to be (Men's Walk #22 Reunion passionate followers of Christ. will begin @ 6:00 PM in the The upcoming Spring Women's Bob Euth **Rick McIntosh** Fellowship Hall) walk is a wonderful opportunity Eric Oetzel **Rick Bolin** provide spiritual to June 26, 2012 @ 7:00 PM encouragement to a Sister in J.D. Lyle Scott Liming (Women's Walk #24 Reun-Christ. Remember that in order Jake Farrell Tim Allen ion will begin @ 6:00 PM in to truly become Jesus' hands the Fellowship Hall) Jason Cummings Tim Kidd and feet, we must be willing to share His love and Grace with Jeff Tavis Troy Farrell July 24, 2012 @ 7:00 PM others. Josh Thompson Zach Stimpert DeColores. *Board of Directors meeting Kim Purdy begins at 6:00 PM.

News from Women's Walk #24 Lay Director

Dear Emmaus Community,

I would like to say thank you for the honor and privilege to be the Lay Director of the Women's Walk # 24. God has put together an amazing team for this walk. We have had one team meeting and it was awesome. The scripture that I believe God gave me for this walk is Deuteronomy 31:8 NLT "Do not be afraid or discouraged for the LORD will personally go ahead of you. He will be with you; He will neither fail you nor abandon you."

The team and I hope to see you at the Thursday send off picnic, candlelight on Saturday night and closing on Sunday so we can be the hands and feet of Jesus, and welcome the new pilgrims to our LOVE Community. Thanks also for the prayers that have been lifted up and will be until the end of the walk.

DeColores, Linda Ratcliff, Lay Director Love Community Women's Walk # 24

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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Women's Walk 24 Pílgrím Update

At this time, there are 21 pilgrims for Women's Walk #24 in June. Please pray for the following ladies-

Continue to pray, also, for others who are considering accepting the invitation to be a pilgrim on this Women's Walk. Clip and keep this handy as you pray for these individuals.

Sherri Fields Alice Fisher Molly Gilliam Joan Hanselman Linda Henry Elizabeth Jones Kassie Jones Laura McComas Amy Rau Tiffany Taylor Donna Herdon Katheryn Elliott Jennifer Thompson Cheri McClanahan Diane Hatley Esther Russell Betty Lewis Beth Hamilton Betty Cole Sarah Keiffer Aimee Liming



When Emmaus meets, Emmaus eats! How true! How true! The men at Walk #22 would have made you all proud with their eating ability. We prepared and served 41 Pilgrims and Team plus several kitchen servers. I am most grateful to the Sunshine UM Men, Ebenezer UMC, Washington UM women, and the Manchester area churches for their adoption of four of the meals. Debbie Knauff, Fred Kragler, and Steve Hahn had my back and both my sides during the weekend in the kitchen. God always has sent the right people for the right jobs, and I appreciate them so much. We had a busy weekend but a very rewarding one. It would be easy to estimate that over 60 people helped in some way through- out the weekend.

If any other share groups or churches would like to sponsor or serve a particular meal, please contact me. Rebecca Smith and Kaci Foster will be working in the kitchen full time during the next walk but assistance is always needed.

Colette McGinnis, Kitchen Coordinator bcmcginnis@windstream.net



Linda Ratcliff Alice Bailey Shirley Link April Henderson Kay Grooms Brenda Reveal Shauna Brillhart Linda Naylor Susan Davidson Bill Henry Janice Edingfield Nora Day Susan Young Lisa Jump Lisa Boling Lisa Leonard Shelia Euth Rita Harper Lauren Doyle Kim Purdy Michelle Mills Elaine Collins Denise Burke Debbie Knauff Kristyn Foster Breanna Foster Jamie Wirth Jim Finch Elizabeth Smith

A Note from the Men's Walk #22 Week-end Lay Director

Wow! What a blessing is was to be a part of Men's Walk #22! The group of men that are now the newest members of the Emmaus community were an inspiration who gave and received God's love openly and honestly this weekend. The energy of the group was amazing, inspired by the power of the Holy Spirit and through the many acts of Agape from the members of our community. We are richly blessed to have you as new members of the Emmaus community, and I will carry the memories of this Walk as a wonderful example of a group living in God's Grace and the inevitable joy and unity it brings.

As we heard many times during the talks this weekend, piety, study, and action are the 3 pillars to a life in Grace. We are called to carry on in our Walk through our Fourth Days, and this strength that will help us persevere comes from many sources, but our Emmaus community itself offers this support in many ways. Christian Action within the community can take the form of sponsorship. Keeping in mind the blessings you received on your Walk, it is not too early to be in prayerful consideration of persons who you might want to sponsor for the upcoming Fall Walks. If you don't already have someone in mind to sponsor, go to the Lord in prayer and ask him to lead you to a person that He wants to show His love and grace to through one of these upcoming walks. Extend an invitation and let the Lord through the power of the Holy Spirit draw the Pilgrims to Himself, keeping in mind that the purpose of Emmaus is to develop and encourage potential Church leaders.

Updated Pilgrim applications can be found on the L.O.V.E. Community website (<u>http://www.lovemmaus.org/</u> <u>ContactUs.htm</u>) or by e-mailing our Sponsorship Chair [sponsorship@lovemmaus.org]. Hard copies will also be available at upcoming Community Gatherings. There are also opportunities to serve the community in other ways, including being a part of future Emmaus teams, music ministry, joining a share group, serving meals, camp cleanup activities, and many other opportunities. These are listed and contact info is available at <u>http://</u> <u>www.lovemmaus.org/GetInvolved2.htm</u>.

I would like to thank all of you for giving your hearts and minds to this weekend, and for the support from both the pilgrims and the members of the community including the team members that has made this Walk a powerful experience in God's Love.

The continued success of these upcoming Walks rests on our love, unity, prayers, and servanthood. Sponsorship is vital to reach other Christians who would benefit from this weekend, and to continue to keep the L.O.V.E. Community strong and able to serve hundreds of others in the future,

May God bless all of you in your 4th days! DeColores,

Dave Lewis

Thanks Community for your prayers and all who volunteered for Men's Walk #22, you've made it a wonderful walk.

The Pilgrims were amazed when they saw all your names on the Prayer Chart.

They were equally amazed when they were told about all of you that volunteered, to help make this walk happen.

Thanks for being part of God's Team for Men's Walk #22.

We now need to focus on the Women's Walk #24.(7-8-9-10 of June). We have one Gathering between now and the Women's Walk, and there are 72 openings left on the Prayer Chart.

So please, be part of God's Team, and try to attend the May Gathering, and help us fill this Chart.

Remember God's Team is the best team in this life and the NEXT.

DeColores,

Russell Day, Volunteer Chair

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

WALK DATES FOR 2012:

 Women #24:
 June 7- 10

 Men #23:
 Sept.6- 9

 Women #25:
 Oct.
 4- 7



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