



Walk to
Emmaus
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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 Oct 27
- Gathering Nov 24
- Board meets @ 5:45 pm prior to Gatherings

IMPORTANT NOTE:

All Community Gatherings are held at 7:00 pm at Washington United Methodist Church

If possible, please bring a snack to share because as you know ... when Emmaus meets, Emmaus eats!

Jesus said to His followers, "There are many people to harvest but only a few workers to help harvest them.

Pray to the Lord Who owns the harvest, that He will send more workers to gather His harvest.

Matt. 9:37-38 NCV



Seventy-Seven Pilgrims made their way on the Journey to Emmaus in our local Community in 2009. Just look at this list of names! We are truly blessed and honored to say "WELCOME" to all of you who are new members to the Limestone Ohio Valley Emmaus Community – God loves you and so do we!

We're so glad you took this step of faith. We encourage you to become active in the Emmaus Community – there are so many ways you can be "Jesus with skin on" for future Pilgrims!

We also encourage you to get involved in a Share Group. You may remember hearing about this on Sunday afternoon of your Walk, but just in case your brain was on overload by that time and you need a little help remembering: A Share Group is just a small group of believers that you commit to meeting with on a regular basis – people you can grow with spiritually who will hold you accountable in your walk with God; friends who will support you in your trials and rejoice with you in your triumphs. A Share Group keeps you on track much better than walking that road alone.

If you have questions about Share Groups or how to get started in one, contact our Good Shepherd, Tom Tavis at ttavis@yahoo.com or you can catch up with him at the Gatherings.

2009 L.O.V.E. COMMUNITY NEW MEMBERS

WOMEN'S WALKS # 18 and #19: Pam Castle, Becky Cook, Debbie Cook, Sue Dryden, Christel Hilgarth, Diana Hone, Karen Jee, Pat Jenkins, Bridget Keeton, Sue Kemp, Debbie Kendle, Debbie Knauff, Pat Kramer, Becky Liming, Rhonda Manuel, Liz Pursley, Charlotte Queen, Melody Robinson, Lori Sams, Pat Storer, Gwynne Thompson, Macy Unger, Jordan Vinson, Dorothy White, Sharon Wright, Jeanie Begley, Mary Berry, Susan Bussell, Chantsey Carter, Beverly DeAtley, Wilma Dotson, Lauren Doyle, Nancy Farrell, Allison McElroy, Jackie Miller, Brianna Moore, Lisa Newman, Nancy Partlow, Lois Prine, Donna Riley, Julie Roush, Paula Saidla and Linda Young

MEN'S WALKS # 17 and # 18: Mike Bailey, Jim Crase, Mike Crummie, Chris Earhardt, Ryan Evans, Mike Farrell, Jim Hicks, Jeff Jenkins, David Long, Walt Rider, Ron Scott, Kevin Stimpert, Bill Tackett, Paul Vollbracht, Jack Weis, Edgar Williams, Terry Wright, John Burke, Brad Cummings, Jeremiah Durbin, Carl Hilgarth, Phillip Hogg, Sid Johnston, Robbie Knox, Tim Kragler, Neal Liming, Joe Maiden, Jared Meyer, Jeff Neitzel, Jeffrey Newman, David Nichols, Michael Reed, Bob Rickey and Adam Sparks

"How Cool IS God?!"

LOVE Community Women's Walk #19 was a blessed event! Starting with the team meetings where we learned the importance of a clean heart, a right spirit, being close to God, and remembering the joy of our salvation so that we would be able to share that with the Pilgrims. That verse (Psalms 51:10-12) has always been a favorite of mine but during team preparation and the weekend of the Walk I got to watch that come to life! How cool is God?!

Eighteen Pilgrims, now our newest Community Members, took the journey to Emmaus and ran smack into the reality of God's amazing love! That could only happen because of our great Community. You all really stepped up and provided beautiful Agape, delicious meals, numerous prayers and your presence at the weekend events. We all felt your love and it amazed us. Thank you.

Thank you for the privilege of being the Lay Director of Women's Walk #19.

Humbled in His presence,
Elise Starkey



From our LAY DIRECTOR...

Blessings on each of you! I pray that all of you have had a wonderful summer, and that you're enjoying our beautiful fall weather. Bless you for your efforts to make the Men's Walk #18 and Women's Walk #19 successful. It is always amazing to me how our wonderful LOVE Community comes together at Walk time. Each of you find your own little niche, be it sponsorship, serving on the team, cleaning and preparing Ruggles Camp, Agape, food preparation, and being God's unselfish servants.

Throughout, the year I am reminded by observing your actions, of an old hymn written by General William Booth, founder of The Salvation Army, called "Others." As I remember, the words are:

*Lord, help me to live from day to day
In such a self-forgetful way,
That even when I kneel to pray,
My prayers shall be for -- Others.
Others, yes, Lord, others,
Let this my motto be.
Help me live for others,
That I may live like Thee.*

This is how I feel about Emmaus. We are placed here to live for, and to serve OTHERS. You ALL do a great job at this.

Please keep sponsorship for our future Pilgrims uppermost in your minds. THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO! Remember: We are God's hands and His servants. God Bless each of you.

DeColores!
George Smith
LOVE Community Lay Director



THANK YOU!

I would like to say a special thanks to all who have volunteered to help with music throughout the year - for Gatherings, Walks, Candlelight and any other Emmaus-related events. The willingness of members of the Community to allow God to speak through their talents is greatly appreciated.

Your Music Director,
Phil Brown

DON'T FORGET !

Sunday
November 1st



Blessings & Opportunities!

Dear Emmaus Community,

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as though you were working for the Lord and not for people" - Colossians 3:23.

Remember the first time you saw a prayer chart, a clean-up or kitchen sign-up sheet, a sponsor sheet, came to a Gathering, or served on a team? It really hit home how many people it takes to work together as a Community to spread the love of God. But most importantly, as the Bible verse says, we do not work for people, but for the Lord.

So, during this time of rest, before charts, sheets, or teams are even being planned, let's all pray that the Lord will guide us on the path of "working-with-all-our-hearts" servanthood that He would have us to walk. The Community needs you; God is counting on you!

De Colores
Tim and Sally Teegarden

Volunteer Chairpersons 😊

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

When in sorrow, call John 14.
When men fail you, call Psalm 27.
If you want to be fruitful, call John 15.
When you have sinned, call Psalm 51.
When you worry, call Matthew 6:19-34.
When you are in danger, call Psalm 91.
When God seems far away, call Psalm 139.
When your faith needs stirring, call Hebrews 11.
When you are lonely and fearful, call Psalm 23.
When you grow bitter and critical, call 1 Corinth. 13.
For Paul's secret to happiness, call Col. 3:12-17.
When you feel down and out, call Romans 8:31-39.
When you want peace and rest, call Matt. 11:25-30.
When the world seems bigger than God, call Psalm 90.
When you want Christian assurance, call Rom. 8:1-30.
When you leave home for labor or travel, call Psalm 121.
When your prayers grow narrow or selfish, call Psalm 67.
For great invention/opportunity, call Isaiah 55.
When you want courage for a task, call Joshua 1.
How to get alone with fellowmen, call Romans 12.
When you think in investments/returns, call Mark 10.
If you are depressed, call Psalm 27.
If your pocketbook is empty, call Psalm 37.
If you're losing confidence in people, call 1 Corinth. 13.
If people seem unkind, call John 15.
If discouraged about your work, call Psalm 126.
If you find the world growing small, and yourself great, call Psalm 19.

Emergency numbers may be dialed direct. No operator assistance is necessary. All lines are open to Heaven 24 hours a day! Feed your faith, and doubt will starve to death!

From the Ol' Reverend ...



Here is a lesson on the 'golden rule' from the internet:

A frail old man went to live with his son, daughter-in-law, and four-year-old grandson. The old man's hands trembled, his eyesight was blurred, and his step faltered. The family ate together at the table even though the elderly grandfather's shaky hands and failing sight made eating difficult. Peas rolled off his spoon onto the floor, and when he grasped the glass milk spilled on the tablecloth.

The son and daughter-in-law became irritated with the mess. 'We must do something about father,' said the son. "I've had enough of his spilled milk, noisy eating, and food on the floor." So the husband and wife set a small table in the corner. There, Grandfather ate alone while the rest of the family ate together. Because Grandfather had broken a dish or two, his food was served in a wooden bowl. When the family glanced in Grandfather's direction, sometimes he had a tear in his eye as he sat alone. Still, the only words the couple had for him were sharp admonitions when he dropped a fork or spilled food.

The four-year-old watched it all in silence. One evening before supper, the father noticed his son playing with wood scraps on the floor. He asked the child, "What are you making?" The boy responded, "Oh, I am making a little bowl for you and mama to eat your food in when I grow up." The four-year-old smiled and went back to work.

The little boy's words so struck the parents that at the very next meal the husband took his father's hand and gently led him back to the family table. For the remainder of his days he ate every meal with the family. And for some reason, neither husband nor wife seemed to care any longer when a fork was dropped, milk spilled, or the tablecloth soiled. Some lessons follow:

- No matter what happens or how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow...
- Dealing with a rainy day, the elderly, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights reveals character...
- Life sometimes gives you a second chance...
- Don't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands - throw something back once in a while...
- If you focus on others, your work and doing the very best you can, happiness will find you...
- If you decide something with an open heart, you usually make the right decision...
- When you have pains, you don't have to be one...
- People love that human touch - holding hands, a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back...
- Lessons learned reveal that one still has a lot to learn.

DeColores
Jim Finch
Community Spiritual Director

Agape Unconditional Love

Greetings, LOVEmmaus Community! I have to tell you, as the Agape Chairperson in touch with other communities around the world gathering the Agape letters of other communities and sending them ours, I get lots of comments on the name of our community. "Oh, the LOVEmmaus Community, that is really neat!" or "Wow, really like the name, it says a lot."

When you're a Pilgrim on your Walk, I don't know that you think much about the name. First of all, I didn't know there were Communities all around the world until they told us on the second or third day, then I figured that all Communities had a name like ours with their town listed in it. Well, I was wrong! After looking at lots of letters from lots of different Communities, I can't tell you of any others that have "LOVE" in their names, especially with the "LOVE" standing for something as in Limestone Ohio Valley Emmaus.

This got me to thinking about a book I have read recently, *The Five Love Languages*, by Gary Chapman. I had heard about this book, and after the third or fourth friend recommended it, decided I should maybe read it. It was a great book, with lots of real life applications for marriage, relationships, the church, and yes, even Emmaus!

Dr. Chapman identifies five languages of love in the book and what these look like in real life. Over the next few articles, I want to talk about each language, and how that love language plays out in the Emmaus community. I think it gives all of us something to think about and reflect on as we go about sharing God's love as the body of Christ, and maybe helps us understand a little more why all the different kinds of agape experienced on the Emmaus Walk and in the Emmaus Community are so important.

If you want to do a little background work on your own, pick up Dr. Chapman's book and start reading. It could change a relationship, your marriage, your Christian walk, your life! **Love** has that effect on people!

DeColores!
Linda Naylor, Agape Chair





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