



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

Fall Edition

L.O.V.E. COMMUNITY NEWS

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Fifty-Three Pilgrims made their way on the Journey to Emmaus in our local Community in 2011! 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' hands and feet" 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, Mike Burke at my4thdays@yahoo.com or you can catch up with him at the Gatherings.

2011 L.O.V.EMMAUS COMMUNITY NEW MEMBERS

Women: Jodie Agnew, Ruby Claypool, Kayla Cornette, Mary Lou Cornette, Darlene Ferree, Rebecca Goodman, Jennifer Grimes, Connie Hone, Becky Hopkins, Donna Jarvis, Fran Light, Pam McFarland, Cindy Meade, Debby Mitchell, Shana Myers, Donna Richter, Judy Robinson, Alisha Satterfield, Janice Thompson, Jane Tolle-Shoemaker, Tess Baker, Tara Barbour, Kim Barger, Robin Boling, Bev Cox, Kathy Cross, Rena Gilliam, Michelle Gillinger, Pat Grooms, Grace Helms, Rhonda Holsinger, Debra Horvath, Geneva Insko, Trisha Jefferson, Cookie Linsky, Katie McCammon, Erica Meade, Tiffany Mignerey, Sandy Purdy, Megan Shelton, Vickie Walters

Men: Matt Barnett, Jason Butler, Shane Frederick, Alan Gilliam, D.J. Gilvin, Steve Goetz, Richard Helms, Dave Joyce, David Kingery, Jeremy Mignerey, Doug Sinkking, Jeremy Tutt

From the
Good Shepherd . . .

Dear Community, please join me in welcoming our newest members, the ladies of Walk #23. Ladies, now that you are back in the "real" world, the best way to keep that Emmaus feeling is to join a Share Group, or even start one of your own.

The Upper Room guidelines and our own L.O.V.Emmaus Board of Directors state a person needs to be in a Share Group in order to serve on a team. If you or anyone in the Community needs help finding a Share Group, just e-mail me at: my4thdays@yahoo.com and we will help you find one or start one.

Again, welcome, ladies of Walk #23 and welcome, also, to the gentlemen of Walk #21.

In Christs Love,
Mike Burke



COMING UP!

Gathering - 10/25/11
Gathering - 11/22/11

NOTE: Gatherings are at Washington United Methodist Church at 7:00 pm

- Board of Directors meets at 5:45 pm

** New members are our guests at their first Gathering - we'll provide the food*

- Women's Walk #23 Reunion Group meets at 6:00 pm on 10/25 in the Dining Hall (basement) (Sponsors, be sure and get your Pilgrims there!)

HE RESTORES MY SOUL!

On October 6-9 the L.O.V.Emmaus Community had their most recent Women's Walk #23. The verse used for the Walk was Psalms 23:3: *"He restores my soul, He leads me into paths of righteousness for His name sake."*

He restored lives that weekend! It was only a few days ago but I already miss all the women I met there. Thursday brought us all together - some anxious, some leery - but we gave ourselves to the three-day experience. We made new friends, sang songs, heard talks, prayed together, worshiped together but, above all, we found Christ there that weekend. The love that was felt on the Walk was indescribable!

I thank God for His love, mercy and Grace. It all happened because of the love shown by the Community of believers and the love they all shared through Christ. DeColores!

Walking with Christ,
Denise Burke, Lay Director, Women's Walk #23



We want to thank all of the people who helped throughout the Walk in the many tasks that needed to be done - making lanyards, providing toiletries, working behind the scenes to get things accomplished - you were truly the hands and feet of Christ for the Pilgrims and Team!

DeColores
Tim & Linda Ratcliff, Logistics

That is, in Christ, He chose us before the world was made so that we would be His Holy people – people without blame before Him. Because of His love, God had already decided to make us His own children through Jesus Christ. That is what He wanted and what pleased Him. Eph. 1: 4, 5 (New Century Version)



What a Mystery!

I don't know about you, but I am not a reader. This may soon change as I have recently discovered two very good books: "Heaven is for Real" about Colton Todd and "The Boy Who Came Back From Heaven" about Alex Malarkey.

These books are about spiritual experiences of young children. These two people both had near-death experiences at very young ages: Colton at 3 yrs 10 months, and Alex at 6 years old, and God allowed them to visit heaven and return. Some of the things they saw and were able to share give us a little bit better understanding.

It is amazing that God uses the witness of children so effectively. When Colton's father asked if they had swords in heaven expecting one answer, he got a surprise. "Yes, they have swords in heaven," according to Colton.

As we read in the Bible, there is a war being fought between the powers of good and evil and it rages today, even though we know how it turns out. What a mystery! We see dimly now, but some day the veil will be removed.

I picked these books up at Stella's shop (Christian Treasures) in Maysville – I'm sure she has more.

De Colores,
Steve Richards, Social Coordinator Co-Chair

'Ketch-up' with the Kitchen

Colette McGinnis, Kitchen Coordinator



There will never be enough words to thank everyone who stepped up and helped in the kitchen for Walk #23. Debbie Kendle and Debbie Knauff were there every step of the way and filled in for me when I had to be gone.

Okay, you know I want to tell you about why I wasn't there! I left on Saturday for a shower for my first grandbaby who was not due for another 3 weeks. As my daughter and I arrived at the shower in Louisville, my son and daughter-in-law were leaving for the hospital in Lexington for she was in labor. Oh my! We had a delightful time at her shower, speculating on arrival time and opening and sharing her gifts. Pictures were taken of each gift giver and gifts as they were opened. What fun we had as we were all sending up silent and audible prayers for the new parents and baby!

Yes, we have a new granddaughter! Allie Elizabeth (not "DeColores", as I thought possible since they would not tell me her name ahead of delivery!) arrived at 11:45 a.m. on Sunday, October 9th. She weighed 5 pounds, 5 ounces and was 18 inches long with lots of black hair. Yep, she is a beauty!!!! Her picture is on Facebook - naturally! Her dad has been on the Walk at Ruggles and her mother has led music several times for Chrysalis.

In my absence at the Walk, both Debbies worked very hard and did a wonderful job. I heard lots of compliments on their hard work. This is what Emmaus means to me - everyone doing their part to make the whole weekend complete! Volunteers were bountiful! As I left early on Sunday, I knew that the kitchen work would be taken care of once again.

I believe that I may have missed some emails with some of you wanting to volunteer. If that is true, I apologize. My shoulder surgery threw me out of commission and lots of things did not work well, including my email. Springtime will come and so will more opportunities to be a servant. Try me again, please!

Thoughts FROM

Your Community Lay Director,
Phil Brown

The excitement of witnessing new Pilgrims experience the Walk to Emmaus is the fuel that keeps the Community alive. The love through service that is shown during these Walks sets the standard that allows our Community to stay vital. Thanks so much for your service!

A reminder that a special LOVE offering will be taken during the October Gathering for "The Gift" sponsored by the Upper Room. This offering makes it possible for Communities to sponsor Walks in areas of the world that are not financially blessed to do so without our help.

BLESSINGS & OPPORTUNITIES!

Dear Community, With the Walks over with for the 2011 year, I want to take the time to send all of you my deepest and most sincere gratitude for your help in filling the prayer charts, the kitchen helper charts, and, yes, the clean-up charts for the wonderful Walks made possible by God. Without Him none of this would be possible and our light would not shine, so Thank You!!

My prayer for all of you is that as Fall comes to a close you have a Wonderful and Blessed Thanksgiving holiday and Christmas, remembering always He is the Reason for the Season!

Love to All and DeColores
Tammy Unger, Volunteer Chair

COME, Now is the Time to Worship!

Have you been to a Gathering lately? Now is the time! Come join your Emmaus family and catch up with your "new best friend". Gatherings are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Washington United Methodist Church just off of US 68 outside of Maysville. Enjoy worship, Holy Communion, a 4th-day speaker and, of course, FOOD!

Bring a friend! This is a good way to introduce potential Pilgrims to the Emmaus Community. I look forward to seeing everyone at the next Gathering!

Elise Starkey, Worship Leader



Thank you, EVERYONE, for the Agape Love you have shown to the members of Men's Walk #21 and Women's Walk #22 and #23! Our newest Community members have enjoyed all the acts of Agape - prayers, meals, prayers, bed-time gifts, smiling faces at Candlelight and Closing, prayers, meal-time gifts, letters, and prayers. Again, *Thank You* for sharing God's love with others!

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds." Hebrews 10:24.

Let's show Agape love to the other members of our Emmaus Community. Take time this month to pray for the other people at your table, send your 'New Best Friend' a card, call a member of your Share Group just to tell them you are praying for them. We need to keep spreading Agape love during our Walk's "off-season", too!

DeColores!
Elizabeth Reed, Agape Chair



Rich in HISTORY... and BLESSINGS!



This year I have been reading the letters and correspondence of the early Community Leaders and the folks from the Upper Room. I had forgotten how much work had gone into our becoming a "Walking Community". We sought the Lord's leading in everything.

I remember being in a group that was praying for the location of the Walks. We had been given three names and after much prayer we all agreed that Ruggles Campground was where God was leading. I smile when I hear Pilgrims say that Ruggles feels like Holy Ground. Perhaps that is because of its past.

For any of you who don't know, the camp was founded in 1873. In 1923, for the 50th anniversary, an estimated 10,000 (yes, ten thousand!!) people gathered to hear the gospel preached. Some rode trains from Cincinnati to Maysville to attend. It was the spiritual highlight of the year for the surrounding counties.

In early days, three services were held daily. Over 70 cottages surrounded the Tabernacle. A large hotel and several dormitories were available for overnight guests. Many slept in tents or under wagons.

When you think of all the preaching and prayers that were heard there, you understand why it is, indeed, "Holy Ground".



Stella Hull

Save the Dates!

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Closing

Thurs. Nite Send-Off

Gathering

Just an observation: more than one Pilgrim has mentioned Candlelight as the experience that made them feel loved. Just knowing people came out at that time, on the weekend, to make them feel a part of the LOVEmmaus Community meant so much.

It would serve all of us well to take a 2012 calendar and mark next year's Walk dates, putting BIG HEARTS on Saturday and Sunday for Candlelight and Closing. While realizing that everyone has things come up that are unavoidable, let's make it our goal to hold these dates as a cherished opportunity.

Remember the Priority talk. If you see these dates already on your calendar, it will be a little harder to pencil in something "more important".

De Colores
Sally Teegarden, Walk #23 Team Member

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While the Nations Rage ...

BILL HENRY, Community Spiritual Director



I had the great privilege of hearing Rich Mullins sing at the ICTHTHUS music festival in April of 1997. I immediately became a huge fan. I remember we were near the stage and his humility and graciousness made us all feel like we were enjoying a time of intimate worship with a close friend.

Just a few months later Rich Mullins was killed in a horrible car crash. I have since read a book about his life and continued to use his music as an aid to my worship. So many of his songs are laden with a message straight from the Word of God. It's hard to pick out my favorite but one that truly touches my heart is entitled "While the Nations Rage," and is based on Psalm 2:1. Let me share some of the words with you:

*Where are the nails that pierced his hands? Well the nails have turned to rust, but behold the Man,
He has risen, and He reigns in the hearts of the children rising up in His name.*

*Where are the thorns that drew his blood? Well the thorns have turned to dust, but not so the love He has given,
It remains in the hearts of the children who will love, while the nations rage.*

What will last? Jesus is risen and will reign forever and He wants to be recognized by the love He has planted in the hearts of His chosen ones, the ones who were chosen before the creation of the world according to Ephesians 1:4.

The weapons of destruction, both those used to draw the blood of our Savior and those used to destroy our souls, will someday cease to exist. The nations and the individuals of the world go to extreme lengths to get their way, to get the things that will bring them 'contentment', but the only thing that will truly satisfy forever, to all eternity, is our relationship with Jesus Christ. Psalm 2:4 says, "The One enthroned in Heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them."

The things we chase after, spending countless hours and untold sums of money, are laughable to God. They will soon turn to dust and rust and we will be left with empty hands. Let's make sure that what is important to us are the things, the relationships, that we can take with us to the home Christ has gone to prepare for us.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

WALK DATES FOR 2012:

Men #22: May 3 - 6

Women #24: June 7 - 10

Men #23: Sept. 6 - 9

Women #25: Oct. 4 - 7



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