

## From The Community Lay Director

I recently had the privilege of doing Team Orientation for the Fall Men's Team. It is such a blessing to meet with these men as they begin the work of team formation and begin the process of what I believe is a binding together as a part of the Body of Christ. It gives a whole new meaning to the song, "Bind Us Together, Lord!" And is this not truly our prayer as these men work under God's directions to provide the experience of the Walk to Emmaus to the pilgrims?

It is also time for the LOVE Community to begin preparations for the Fall Men and Women Walks! Our first duty is prayer. As we come to God in prayer, ask specifically that His will be done in the Fall Walks, that each team is bound together "with cords that cannot be broken," and that the Pilgrims He wants us to minister to through the Walks are invited, sponsored, and prayed over in the next few weeks. Prayer before, during, and after is such an important part of these Walks, and very much one of the responsibilities of the Community!

Another important responsibility of the Community is to be obedient in inviting and sponsoring the Pilgrims He puts on our hearts. The reason Emmaus works through "sponsors" is to emphasize the importance of relationship, relationship to God and relationship to our brothers and sisters in Christ. The act of sponsoring brings a new facet to both of these relationships. We draw closer to God as we pray about potential Pilgrims and seek His will in inviting and sponsoring them. We also draw closer to the Pilgrim as we pray for them and their family before, during, and after the Walk. We ask the Pilgrim to trust us in sponsoring them for the Walk, to trust us that the experience of the Walk is worth their time, and giving this trust takes the relationship to a new level. And, finally, the shared experience of the Walk and subsequent Fourth Days will bless the relationship for eternity.

If you have never sponsored a Pilgrim, I encourage you to pray for God's guidance and direction to do so. It will be a tremendous blessing to both you and your Pilgrim! DeColores! Linda Naylor



## Women's Walk #34

Wow! I still don't understand why I continue to be amazed time and time again when God shows up in such mighty ways. It really shouldn't be a surprise to us when He does so much more than all we could ever ask or imagine.

One week before the deadline we had 7 pilgrims, at the deadline we had 28. Just AMAZING! So thank you, to the community, thank you for sponsoring pilgrims, thank you for listening to His voice on who you should ask and thank you for sharing this most precious gift with those you sponsored. Lives were changed and it was such a blessing to watch it happen before our eyes.

Serving as the lay director was a huge blessing and those of you that have had that chance before know that you are tested and pushed way beyond your comfort zone but it cannot compare to the blessing of watching these pilgrims experience the love of God in such a real way.

Thank you to the community for trusting me to be lay director for this walk. It was one of the biggest blessings of my life and to watch God use others to further His kingdom was something I will never forget.

To the pilgrims of walk #34, thank you for trusting your sponsor, for giving up a weekend to focus on your relationship with Christ. I pray that your 4<sup>th</sup> days have been a huge blessing to you and if you have had a few "cereal" incidences that you can now handle those with more grace because of what you have learned on the walk weekend. Now, the only way to make sure that this wonderful experience, "The Walk to Emmaus," can continue is with your involvement. So please get involved, attend the monthly gatherings, volunteer at the upcoming walks, sponsor a pilgrim, and find a share group to help keep you connected to Christ and His word. DeColores!

Lauren Doyle Lay Director Women's Walk #34

### Welcome, New Members of LOVEmmaus!

April Baldwin, Angie Bunn, Jenny Cierley, Vicki Combs,  
Diane Ditterline, Nikki Dunn, Monica Elliott,  
Ruthann Gelter, Shannon Hiler, Julie Horch,  
Tonya Hughes, Angie Jean Claude, Becky Johnson,  
Amanda Jones, Mary Jones, Kendra Lucas,  
Gayle Massie, Michelle Moore, Maria Palm,  
Megan Pownall, Jamie Renchen, Pam Richardson,  
Tina Ruark, Bridget Satkowski, Marsha Turner,  
Tishena West, Brooke White, Vicki Ziegenhardt

## Upcoming WALKS

**Men #30: Sept. 7-10, 2017 Jim Crase, L.D. Registration deadline: 8/24/17**

**Women #35: Oct. 5-8, 2017 Amy Farrell, L.D. Registration deadline: 9/21/17**

[Click here for an application!](#) (or see pages 5-6 of this newsletter)

## From The Spiritual Director

Once again it is time to think about upcoming Emmaus Walks. Teams have been formed and meetings have begun. Now what we need is pilgrims.

While preparing an upcoming sermon, I read the following true story, and it reminded me of the spiritual condition of many and perhaps those who God wants on the upcoming walks.

During the depression there was a sheep ranch owned by a man named Mr. Yates. Mr. Yates wasn't able to make enough on his ranching operation to pay the capital and interest on the mortgage, so he was in danger of losing his ranch.

With little money for clothes or food, his family (like many others) had to live on government subsidy. Day after day, as he grazed his sheep over those rolling West Texas hills, he was greatly troubled about how he would pay his bills.

Then a seismographic crew from an oil company came into the area and told him there might be oil on his land. They asked permission to drill a wildcat well, and he signed a lease contract.

At 1,115 feet they struck a huge oil reserve. The first well came in at 80,000 barrels a day. Many subsequent wells were more than twice as large. In fact, 30 years after the discovery, a government test of one of the wells showed it still had the potential flow of 125,000 barrels of oil a day.

And Mr. Yates owned it all. The day he purchased the land, he had received the oil and mineral rights. Yet he had been living on handouts, a multimillionaire living in poverty. And the problem--he didn't know the oil was there even though he owned it.

Many Christians live in spiritual poverty because of spiritual ignorance. They are entitled to the gifts of the Holy Spirit and His energizing power, but they are not aware of their birthright.

While there are many ways we can learn of the depth of our Christian birthright, The Walk to Emmaus is one of the more enlightening ways, packed into 72 hours of Biblical revelation.

Yet we members of the Emmaus community are aware of the riches God wants to share, but we are reluctant to invite pilgrims to a 72 hour crash course on God's riches.

How many "Mr. Yates" are out there--spiritual millionaires, but unaware of their wealth because they have never been informed?

DeColores! Ken Harmon

While they were walking and talking  
Jesus Himself came near...

Luke 24:13-35



"But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it says: "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." Eph. 4:7-8 (ESV)

## Pray For Men's Walk #30 Team

LD	Jim Crase
ALD	Bill (OH) Henry
ALD	Trent Ogden
ALD	Chris Erhardt
TL	Marty Howser
TL	Brett Vogler
TL	Mike Greber
TL	Nolan Gifford
TL	Eric Purdy
ATL	Randy Chandler
ATL	Mike Koehler
ATL	Joe Chirco
ATL	Roger Hall
ATL	
BR	Troy Farrell
SD	Ken Harmon
ASD	Wayne Harper
TLog	David Reveal
Music	Roger Cheesbro
Music	Wayne Harper
PS	Clarence Abbott
PS	Jade West
LOG	Paul Carter
LOG	Jeremy Mignery
LOG	Kyle Moore
LOG	Dave Payton
Kit.	Mike/Mary Bailey
Kit.	Dean Collins
Kit.	Dave Schram
Kit.	Steve Smith



Clean up dates and times for the Fall Men's Walk , Saturday Sept. 2 and should we need it, Monday Sept. 4 (this is Labor Day). Time on the 2nd will be 9 am and until anyone wants to stay. The areas that will need cleaned are the Men's Dorm, the Team Dorm, the Tabernacle, and the Conference Room. Please contact me if you would like to help.

Also, we need to get the prayer chart filled up. Let me know the day and time you would like.

In addition, any Pilgrims who would like to volunteer to be on a future team, please complete the form you were given on your walk. You can mail it to Kim Myers, P.O. Box 254, Ripley, Ohio 45167. If you have misplaced this form, we can get you another one.

Kim Myers, Volunteer Chair [kim.myers1976@yahoo.com](mailto:kim.myers1976@yahoo.com)

## SCHEDULE OF WEEKEND EVENTS/NEEDS

**AGAPE is needed please!** If you have Agape, please try to get it to the Walk by Friday morning so the Logs have time to get it sorted (60 pieces for everyone; 30 if only for Pilgrims). Sponsors, be sure and get your Pilgrim's letters to the Logs by Saturday evening. And, just in case you weren't aware, Team members appreciate getting Agape cards and letters, too!! If you have questions about Agape or need delivery service to Ruggles contact Bill Boling, our Agape Chairperson at 937-515-7370.

**Thursday:** *Sponsors*, please have your Pilgrim at Ruggles by **6:00 p.m.** *Community*, please come out and welcome the Pilgrims at the send-off picnic (meal at 6:30). Bring your favorite covered dish and/or soft drink (meat is provided) **AND** if you arrive a little early, you can: **carry some luggage, make a bed or two, clear some tables, smile at a nervous Pilgrim, pray for the Pilgrims and Team** - just as it was done for you! And please plan to stay for **Sponsor's Hour** so you can pray for our Team and Pilgrims by name and share in a time of worship and Holy Communion together.

**Saturday:** The Community Service starts at **8:00 p.m.** - Remember to arrive (and leave) quietly so that we do not distract the Pilgrims. Please come out to worship together and to support our men/women in prayer.

**Sunday:** Closing - please meet in the Dining Hall by **3:30 p.m.** You won't want to miss the blessing of hearing the Pilgrims' testimonies!

**Pilgrims & Team:** Please be in prayer for the men/women who are scheduled to attend the Walk and for the Team. Watch your email Thursday night for the updated list after the Walk begins.

**Please be Considerate:** Finally, just a little reminder that, in order to attend or participate in the Community Walk events a person must have already been on the Walk to Emmaus or Chrysalis. And because these events - especially the Candlelight and Closing services - are so special for our Pilgrims, children should not attend. It's important that we remember to be considerate of all the Pilgrims.

**Become A Sponsor!**

Emmaus family,

Just last weekend we purchased a new home and packed up all of our stuff and moved. It was during that move that I realized that the majority of people there to help us load all of our stuff that we have collected for years were all part of our Emmaus family. Several of my best friends and small group members showed up with trucks and trailers and worked in 90 degree heat to move our belongings. All because someone took the time to give me an Emmaus application and sponsored me for one of the best weekends of my life. I felt so blessed as I am sure that you have to have such a family of friends with deep faith in Jesus. We must continue to be the Hands and Feet of Christ and continue to grow our community.

Sponsorship is the KEY for not only maintaining the Limestone Ohio Valley Emmaus community but also growing it. Please take the time to consider people whom you feel are ready to grow their faith in Jesus and become a Christian leader in the community and their church. Some of the key points as a Sponsor, Application, get the application to the pilgrim. Information, give the pilgrim the information needed to prepare for the walk. Get the personal letters (have family and close friends place a star or asterisk on the outside of the envelope.) Get your pilgrim to the kickoff picnic and attend sponsors hour. The most important part of being a sponsor is prayer. Pray for your pilgrim even before you ask them. Then support get them there and prepare to get them home. If possible attend candlelight. As we all know when you are walking through there and seeing your sponsor makes a difference. Finally attend the closing and support. If you have any questions concerning sponsorship please contact me.

Thank you, Bill Henry (Ohio)

**Registration deadline for the Men's Walk is 8/24/17**



***"For where two of three gather in my name, there am I with them."***

***Matthew 18:20***



**Come gather with us every 4th Tuesday of the month at 7pm at the**

**Washington United Methodist Church in Maysville, Ky. Join us in praise and worship; and of course, where Emmaus meets, Emmaus eats! Bring a covered dish and join us afterwards as we share a meal! DeColores! Amy Farrell, Worship**

***Men's Walk #30 Reunion***

**Tuesday Sept. 26 @ 6:00 pm**



Welcome to the Limestone Ohio Valley Emmaus (LOVE) Community. The reason for this article is to serve as a reminder that you have a resource if you need help in finding or starting a share group. I am the Good Shepherd in the LOVE Community and I am here to help answer any questions that you might have about what a share group is. What they do when they meet? How can I start a group? If you need help, please feel free to contact me at [nancy\\_harmon@frontier.com](mailto:nancy_harmon@frontier.com)

If you are in a share group I would like you to email me the name of your group and who is in it. I am trying to update my list of groups. DeColores! Nancy Harmon



One of the most famous ways to show agape at Emmaus is through the food! Mike and Mary Bailey welcome help from individuals, Share Groups and churches to insure everyone is well fed. You may call or text Mary at 937-214-7500 for more information or to volunteer. Bon appétit!

## 2017 Community Board of Directors

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# L.O.V.E. Emmaus Community

## Limestone - Ohio Valley Emmaus Community

### Walk to Emmaus - Registration Form

Please complete the information below so we can meet your needs on the Walk to Emmaus weekend. All information will be kept confidential. UPON COMPLETION, PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR SPONSOR.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ For Name Tag \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Circle One: Male - Female Age \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Circle One: Married – Single – Divorced – Widowed - Separated E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Children \_\_\_\_\_

Your occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of close friend other than your sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ Phone of close friend (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Name and denomination of church you attend \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's Address \_\_\_\_\_

Has the Walk to Emmaus been explained to you? \_\_\_\_\_ **IF NOT, ASK YOUR SPONSOR!**

Has the opportunity for fellowship following the Walk been explained? (Share groups, Monthly gatherings) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you on a special diet? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, what type? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a physical limitation or health problems that may affect your full participation on the weekend? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

Are you on any kind of medication? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you smoke? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you have allergies to food or smoke? \_\_\_\_\_

*(NOTE: If you have any medical condition or take medications that medical personnel would need to know in case of emergency please fill out the emergency medical form, seal it in an envelope with your name and give it to the registrar when you sign in. It will be returned unopened on Sunday, unless needed.)*

State briefly why you want to be involved in the Walk to Emmaus? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose a deposit of \$15.00 to be applied to the total of \$75.00. You can make the check to: LOVE Community. The deposit is non-refundable, but may be transferred to another Emmaus weekend. **GIVE THIS FORM TO YOUR SPONSOR TO COMPLETE.**

Following are the dates of upcoming Walks. The Walks will be held at Ruggles Campground near Tollesboro, KY.  
**Check the date you would like to attend.**

Men's Walk #29: May 4 - May 7, 2017      Women's Walk #34: June 1 - 4, 2017

Men's Walk #30: Sept. 7 - Sept. 10, 2017      Women's Walk #35: October 5 - 8, 2017

**\*\*Note: The registrar must have this form completed with the \$15.00 deposit before the pilgrim will be added to the walk list.**

# L.O.V.E. Emmaus Community

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**SPONSORS:** Please read this section before giving the Registration Form to the prospective pilgrim.

We are counting on you to understand and fulfill the responsibilities of a Sponsor. These include:

**AWARENESS AND SENSITIVITY** - sponsor only those you know well enough to assess their spiritual, physical, and emotional readiness for the Walk.

**PREPARATION** - you are to inform the pilgrim (and spouse) of the nature and schedule of the Walk and the opportunity for ongoing Emmaus participation, share groups and gatherings. REMEMBER, NO SECRETS, ONLY SURPRISES.

**SUPPORT** - you are asked to support your pilgrim with transportation to and from the Walk, prayer vigil during the Walk, personal agape, attendance at Sponsor's Hour, Candlelight and Closing, escort to their first monthly gathering and assistance in finding a sharing group. Help with family needs during the weekend if so desired. Commit yourself to minimal contact with your pilgrim on the Walk, especially if it is your spouse.

**PLEASE DO NOT AGREE TO SPONSOR ANY PILGRIM IF YOU CANNOT COMPLETELY FULFILL THESE RESPONSIBILITIES.**

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#### INFORMATION TO BE COMPLETED BY SPONSOR

Sponsor Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ How long have you known the pilgrim? \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you attend Emmaus/Chrysalis/Cursillo? \_\_\_\_\_

When \_\_\_\_\_ Walk # \_\_\_\_\_ Name/Denomination of your church \_\_\_\_\_

Are you in a sharing group? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you receive a newsletter? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you served as a sponsor before? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, in the past six months? \_\_\_\_\_

Specific ways the pilgrim demonstrates Christian leadership: \_\_\_\_\_

How do you think the pilgrim will benefit from the weekend? \_\_\_\_\_

Additional comments that may be helpful: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail registration form to:

**Joe Chirco, Emmaus Registrar**  
**4557 Bardwell Buford Road**  
**Mt. Orab, OH 45154**