

## 2017 WALKS

<b>Men #29: May 4-7, 2017</b>	<b>Troy Farrell, L.D.</b>	<b>Registration deadline: 4/20/17</b>
<b>Women #34: June 1-4, 2017</b>	<b>Lauren Doyle, L.D.</b>	<b>Registration deadline: 5/18/17</b>
<b>Men #30: Sept. 7-10, 2017</b>	<b>Jim Crase, L.D.</b>	<b>Registration deadline: 8/24/17</b>
<b>Women #35: Oct. 5-8, 2017</b>	<b>Amy Farrell, L.D.</b>	<b>Registration deadline: 9/21/17</b>



**WHO DOES GOD WANT YOU TO SPONSOR? [Click here for an application!](#)**

Remember that the deadline for applications is two weeks prior to the start of the walk. We can be in prayer for the pilgrims that will come and for you, as a sponsor, to prayerfully consider friends and family to accept your invitation. Applications, complete with sponsor's form and a \$15 deposit, need to be delivered to a board member or the registrar in order to be registered as a pilgrim. Applications can be mailed or delivered to: Joe Chirco, 4557 Bardwell Buford Road, Mt. Orab, OH 45154  
DeColores! Joe Chirco, Emmaus Registrar

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## From The Lay Director

Greetings, Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

Are you ready for Emmaus 2017? I would ask you to search your heart and pray about who God might be waiting for you to sponsor as a pilgrim on one of the walks in 2017. As His hands and feet, it is so important for us to be sensitive and obedient to His leading in the ministry of Sponsorship.

I have always considered the Walk to Emmaus as a "gift" that I have the opportunity to share with other Christians through Sponsorship. And it is one of these gifts where it is just as much a blessing to give as it is to receive!

Sponsorship is such a critical part of the Emmaus Community. Walks need pilgrims, and pilgrims need sponsors! It reminds me of the quote by Benjamin Franklin, "For the want of a nail the shoe was lost, For the want of a shoe the horse was lost, For the want of a horse the rider was lost, For the want of a rider the battle was lost, For the want of a battle the kingdom was lost, And all for the want of a horse-shoe nail." This moral from one of our country's founding fathers surely points out how what we might consider the smallest act or witness is important to the overall effort.

We would be more familiar with Paul's exhortation in Romans 10:14-14, "But how can people call for help if they don't know who to trust? And how can they know who to trust if the haven't heard of the One who can be trusted? And how can they hear if nobody tells them? And how is anyone going to tell them, unless someone is sent to do it?" As Christians, we are all sent to share the good news of the Gospel. As members of the L.O.V.Emmaus Community we have the blessing of being able to share the excitement and fun of the Walk to Emmaus by sponsoring a pilgrim. Share the application with someone today!

DeColores! Linda Naylor, Community Lay Director

"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. 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

### LIFE CHANGING WEEKEND

Another spring is upon us, and that can only mean that the spring Emmaus Walks are not far away. The men have started their meetings and the ladies will soon. As I look back to my Walk #10, I agreed to attend primarily because I was the new pastor of Ebenezer UMC and was being pressured to do so. I had seen one of my members return from the walk spiritually "floating on air" and I knew my walk could only result in something good, and it did. Since then I have been involved with multiple walks and have seen many lives changed. Truly the Walk to Emmaus is a life-changing experience. Unfortunately, I have also seen most of the Limestone Ohio Valley Emmaus family that I got to know and love 12 years ago go into "Emmaus retirement." They have stopped attending the gatherings and have stopped sponsoring pilgrims. The theme of this newsletter is sponsorship, and it was reminded to the community at the February gather that Emmaus is all about pilgrims. Without pilgrims, we have no Emmaus walks and ultimately no Emmaus Community.

I closed my Valentines sermon last month with 1 Corinthians 1:13, "And now these three remain faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love."

If we as an Emmaus community really love our friends and neighbors, we will want them to experience a life-changing Emmaus weekend. Let us be praying about who we should sponsor and then put our prayers into actions.

DeColores! Ken Harmon, Community Spiritual Director

