

Community Lay Director

I read an article in Guidepost recently about Bible verses that reflect the season of autumn. I love watching the leaves change into the vibrant reds, bright yellows, and vivid oranges. It is beautiful. My house is surrounded by hills full of trees and I get a view of this kaleidoscope of colors every day in the fall season.

When I think of God's autumn handiwork on the leaves, it reminds me of His "leaves" in the Bible. Here are a few from the article in Guidepost:

- ⇒ For He Himself has said, "I will never LEAVE you nor forsake you." (Hebrews 13:5)
- ⇒ No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not LEAVE you nor forsake you. (Joshua 1:5)
- ⇒ And the Lord, He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not LEAVE you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed. (Deuteronomy 31:8)
- ⇒ Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not LEAVE you until I have done what I have spoken to you. (Genesis 28:15)
- ⇒ And David said to his son Solomon, "Be strong and of good courage, and do it; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the Lord God—my God—will be with you. He will not LEAVE you nor forsake you, until you have finished all the work for the service of the house of the Lord. (I Chronicles 28:20)
- \Rightarrow I will not LEAVE you comfortless: I will come to you. (John 14:18)

Thank you, God, for the vivid display of the autumn leaves and for the reminders of the "leaves" that You've left for us in Your Word.

DeColores! Kim Myers, Community Lay Director





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Sep. 30: Cleaning Day @ Ruggles 10:00 am

Oct. 5-8: Women's Fall Walk #44

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Community Spiritual Director

Fall is here! It is one of my favorite times of the year for a few reasons. First, I absolutely love the cool crisp mornings. I love driving through the forest observing God's artwork portrayed through the beauty of the fall leaves, and the reminder that deer season is upon us. ©

Have you ever stopped and wondered what is the purpose of the leaves changing colors and falling off the trees? While we enjoy the beauty of the colorful leaves, we are subtly reminded that the colors are a result of the leaves dying or losing their life. We are also mindful of the starkness that will follow throughout the winter and of the trees that will remain bare. Why does this process happen? Why is it so important?

There are several reasons why trees lose their leaves. The loss of leaves is important for several reasons. First the loss of leaves means the trees will be required to spend less energy through the harsh winters. Losing the leaves allows the tree to conserve moisture within its truck and prevents it from drying out. While we observe the absence of leaves as less appealing, the loss of leaves protects the trees by allowing the winter winds to blow through its branches without putting undo strain on the tree.

If you have made it this far in this article, you may be wondering why in the world I am writing about trees and dying leaves. I think there is a lesson that can be learned from this process. As we grow and mature, there are things that once brought life into our lives that need to be let go of. While this process can sometimes be painful, it can also at times bring joy and beauty. The process, although painful, can be a blessing to others. Regardless of the circumstances, letting go of the things we need to release is a process that needs to happen to prepare us for the more difficult times, as well as prepare us for the next season of growth we will experience.

My challenge for each of us this month is to prayerfully search our hearts for things we are holding on to that we need to let go of. Things that will weigh us down or that we refuse to let go of that will cause harm during our next storm. My challenge for each of us is to let go of those things. Share them with others so they can enjoy your victory and encourage you as you prepare for the next season of your life



DeColores! Johnathan King, Community Spiritual Director

The Upper Room: Emmaus Website

www.lovemmaus.org

101 Agape Ideas

Click here for an application!





Women's Walk #44 Pilgrim Roster

Please be in prayer for these pilgrims as they embark on the walk to Emmaus from October 5-8. Pray that the love of Christ is visible to them in ways they have never experienced and that this walk creates in them a heart on fire for Jesus and His people.

Stephanee Teufel

Hayley Dozier

Kista Franklin

Melissa Collins

Tara Amos

Amber Childress Rachel Gibson Sarah Clubb Ashley Azbill Kim Maiberger Ginger Ring

Kathleen Hackney

Teresa Walters

Shari West

Community Agape

We need share groups and individuals to provide agape for the Women's Walk. For just the pilgrims, 14 pieces, and for the team and pilgrims, 50 pieces. Please try to have all agape to Ruggles on Thursday, October 5, when you come to sendoff so the LOGs can get everything organized.

DeColores! Lana Chandler, Agape Chairperson





Community Volunteer Coordinator

Below is the link for the Prayer Vigil Chart for the Women's Walk, Oct. 5—8. Please sign up for times to prayer over this 72-hour weekend and share with your Emmaus friends.

October 5—8 Women's Walk Prayer Chart

Please come out and helps us clean up Ruggles and get it ready for the women. Cleaning day is Saturday, September 30, at 10:00 am.

If you are interested in volunteering on future walks, please send an email to cherimcclanahan2012@gmail.com.

DeColores! Cheri McClanahan, Community Volunteer Coordinator

Community Registrars and Sponsorship

We are excited to have 14 pilgrims attending Women's Walk #44. We are now accepting applications for the upcoming men's and women's walks in spring 2024. Please be in prayer about a man or woman in your life that you can sponsor. Applications can be accessed at <u>lovemmaus.org</u>. If you have any questions about sponsorship, please reach out to us! You can also check out our video about sponsorship by clicking our picture!

DeColores! Lucas and Samantha Hiler, Registrars and Sponsorship



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Team for Women's Walk #44

Please be in prayer for these women as they prepare to serve the pilgrims the Lord is sending them.

Tracy Gibson – Lay Director Nikki Chandler – Spiritual Director Linda Naylor – Asst. Spiritual Director Sydney Van Meter – Asst. Lay Director Melody Simms – Asst. Lay Director Anna Henry – Asst. Lay Director Elizabeth Jones – Tech Log Lauren Doyle - Board Rep Melissa Hendrix – Table Leader Lana Chandler – Table Leader Chelsea Gardner – Table Leader Samantha Hiler – Table Leader Shannon Hiler—Table Leader Shauna Kinsel—Table Leader Shae Shaver – Asst. Table Leader Tabitha Chirco – Asst. Table Leader

Elise Starkey – Asst. Table Leader Kerri Young – Asst. Table Leader Janice Edingfield – Asst. Table Leader Jennifer Brossenne—Asst. Table Leader Caitlyn Armstrong – Music Vanessa Ogden – Music Lauren Cardarelli-Music Amanda Jones – Prayer Servant Bridget Satkowski – Prayer Servant Maria Palm – Log Mary Bailey - Log Sasha Vogler – Log Susan Huff – Kitchen Mande Payton – Kitchen Jennifer Farber—Kitchen Crickett Crase—Kitchen Rhonda Brandenburg—Kitchen

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Community Music Coordinators

We would love to hear from anyone who is willing and able to do music at our monthly gatherings. This includes singers and those who play instruments. Please reach out to us and give us your contact details. We love our music at Emmaus and enjoy listening to the gifts God has blessed our musical family members with.

Kenny Lawrence 937-515-0732

Michelle Lawrence 937-515-9344

DeColores! Kenny and Michelle Lawrence, Music Coordinators

Important Walk Reminders

The purpose of Emmaus is to develop Christian disciples and leaders by inspiring, challenging, and equipping active adult church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, workplaces, and communities. It's about the pilgrims!

Please attend Send Off, Candlelight, and Closing. The more community members that are there, the more support the pilgrims feel. Remember to enter the grounds quietly for Candlelight and Closing. Unless you are on the team, these are the only times that you should be on the campground.

In case you didn't know, share groups can help prepare and serve a meal. If your group would like to take care of a meal during the weekend, just let the kitchen coordinator know. You prepare the meal, serve the meal, can help clean up, and then leave. The team and pilgrims greatly appreciate seeing your smiling faces!

Remember only people who have been on an Emmaus Walk or Chrysalis Flight are allowed to attend walk events. No children are allowed out of respect for the pilgrims.

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