

### From Walk #40 Lay Director

WOW!!! What a walk. Satan worked overtime to prevent this walk from taking place. We dealt with COVID and all the restrictions that came with the virus. Then finally, after almost two years, we were given the green light, Walk #40 (aka the Moses walk) is a go!!! However, Satan still did not give up his efforts to stop the walk. There were several team member changes, even up to two hours before the walk was to start. Twenty-one pilgrims signed up to attend the walk but various circumstances prevented some from attending. A few days before the walk, we were at fifteen. Still good to go though. We dealt with a slithering reptile in the tabernacle, which caused a change of location for the clowns. None of these obstacles got in God's way. He showed up in a BIG and BEAUTIFUL way. I sat at the Table of Service watching the transformation of the pilgrims from Thursday evening to Sunday afternoon. You could see and feel the Holy Spirit fill that space and do his work, with not only the pilgrims but the team as well. I always stand amazed how God works and moves the hearts of everyone at a walk. Thank you L.O.V.E. Community for allowing me the honor of being the Lay Director for Walk #40.

Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope & a future."

**DeColores! Kim Myers** 

# Welcome to Our New Community Members

Sonja Benjamin Nicole Bertrand Laynee Davis Sallyann DeFosse Patricia Ellis Rachael Helmer Tera Martin Sheila McDowell Amanda Poole Susan Rice Kimberly Riddle Alicia Shaffer Shalene Shaver Marty Spriggs Linda Zornes



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# **From The Community Spiritual Director**

I love our Emmaus community so much! A few months ago we asked for donations to the campground to help with the improvements that have been made. I was talking with the camp treasurer the other day and he told me he was very excited about the response from our community. He didn't know the exact amount but it was substantial. He also commented that several of you included notes sharing how much Ruggles has meant to you. I thank you, the board of directors thank you, and all those who have enjoyed the camp thank you. If you haven't been to the camp for a while and especially if you haven't been in the dorms, the prayer chapel, the dining room, I think you'll be very pleased with all that's been done. Right now work is progressing on the worker's cottage and many other improvements are being planned.



Any time you would like to make a donation there is information on the website (rugglescamp.org) about doing so. Thanks again and I look forward to the community continuing to recover from the difficult days that we all have faced. #4walksnextyear!!

Also, I would be remiss not to extend a warm welcome to our community to the ladies from our most recent walk. We are so glad to have you and look forward to getting to know you.

<u>Bill Henry</u>, Community Spiritual Director

## **From The Community Lay Director**

God did it!! We were able to have a women's walk in October all because God wanted it to happen. Thanks to Kim Myers and her team and all the volunteers who participated to make this walk a reality. We now have 15 new members in our Emmaus family and we need to support them in their 4<sup>th</sup> days. God revealed himself differently to each one and we should encourage them in their "…and what do you intend to do about it…" days.

Preparations are already in the works for our walks in 2022 so please be in prayer that God will continue to bless us as we continue to bless Him.

Also – as we gear up for the final events of 2021, we will still have gatherings in November and December. As it happens every year – the November gathering (Nov. 23) will be 2 days before Thanksgiving so try not to overeat at our potluck! The December gathering will be after Christmas (Dec. 28) and we probably won't feel like eating ever again. BUT when Emmaus meets – Emmaus eats – so bring a dish to share.

Thanks everyone for your continued support of our Emmaus community through some pretty rough times. God never promised us smooth sailing every day.



DeColores! <u>Peggy Richards</u>, Community Lay Director

#### **Kitchen Coordinator**

Thank you for all of the volunteers who help serve Walk #40. We could not have do it without you!!

DeColores! <u>Susan Huff</u>, Community Kitchen Walk Coordinator





#### **Music**

Do you remember how special the music was during your walk? Well, at one time all of the singers and musician sat right where you were. We are always looking for community members who are blessed with the gift of music. If you have gifts playing an instrument, singing or both, please consider getting involved. We do enjoy our music in the LOVE community.

If you are interested, contact our music coordinator, <u>*Elizabeth*</u> Jones or 606-782-0522.

#### **2021 Community Board of Directors**

Lay Director: <u>Peggy Richards</u> Assistant Lay Director: <u>Nikki Chandler</u> Spiritual Director: <u>Bill Henry</u> Secretary: <u>Kim Myers</u> Treasurer: <u>Amy Farrell</u> LEAD Chairman: <u>David Reveal</u> Hospitality: <u>Jim & Crickett Crase</u> Volunteer Coordinator: <u>Cheri McClanahan</u> Communications: <u>Mande Payton</u> Registrar: <u>Tim Ratcliff</u> Logistics Coordinator: <u>John Hendrix</u> Worship: <u>David Benjamin</u> Music: <u>Elizabeth Jones</u> Kitchen: <u>Susan Huff</u> Agape Chairperson: <u>Lana Chandler</u> Sponsorship: <u>Steve Richards</u> Ruggles Liaison: <u>Bill Henry</u> Good Shepherd: <u>Melissa Hendrix</u> Chrysalis Representative: <u>Sydney Gibson</u> Webmaster: <u>Lauren Doyle</u> Historian: Mike Burke

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### **From The Community Good Shepherd**

As the LOVEmmaus Community Good Shepherd, it is my job to help connect our members to an available Share Group as well as keep track of existing groups and their members. I am in need of the following updated information from all of our existing groups as well as to hearing from anyone interested in joining (or starting a new) Share Group. Also please let me know if you are looking to join a Share Group.

> Group Name: Contact Phone and contact email: Day/Time/Location of meetings: Member names: Open to new members?:

Please contact me at either: 937-217-0672 (text enabled), e-mail me at mhendrix@ovec.com.

De Colores! <u>Melissa Hendrix</u>, Community Good Shepherd

### Looking for a way to serve . . . Volunteer!!

The community is always in need of **volunteers**. Every job, from being a team member to cleaning up before or after a walk, is vitally important. We need volunteers for all kinds of positions. Please consider using your gifts and talents to serve your Emmaus community.

If you would like to volunteer, please go to the <u>LOVE Community website</u> to get a copy of the volunteer form.



DeColores! <u>Cheri McClanahan</u> Community Volunteer Coordinator

#### Links to help you find what you need:

www.lovemmaus.org

Click here for an application!

The Upper Room: Emmaus Website

101 AGAPE Ideas



#### Calendar

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

Nov 23, 7:00pm Gathering, Washington UMC
Dec 28, 7:00pm Gathering, Washington UMC
Jan 25, 7:00pm Gathering, Washington UMC
Feb 22, 7:00pm Gathering, Washington UMC
Mar 22, 7:00pm Gathering, Washington UMC
Apr 26, 7:00pm Gathering, Washington UMC

