



Sept. 2017

Limestone Ohio Valley Emmaus Community News

SCHEDULE OF WEEKEND EVENTS & NEEDS

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.

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.

Upcoming WALKS

Men #30: Sept. 7-10, 2017 **Jim Crase, L.D. Registration deadline: PAST**

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)

Please be in prayer for the Pilgrims on the Men's Walk #30!

Aaron Atkins, Walter Busch IV, Justin Cowan, Shawn Dawson, Mike Deardoff,
Ben Dooley, Tyler Faulkner, Karey Hall, Jeff Hardyman, Mike Johnan,
Logan Joo, Sam Lahmers, Todd Manning, Steven McRoberts, Joe Miller,
Brad Renchen, Dan Sheridan, Joey Sheridan, Nathaniel Wessel, Josh Young

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	Chuck Taylor
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.	Bill Hiler
Kit.	Steve Smith

Phil. 4:13**Women's Walk #35 Team**

LD	Amy Farrell
ALD	Tracy Gibson
ALD	Crickett Crase
ALD	Kim Jodrey
TL	Brenda Reveal
TL	Elizabeth Jones
TL	Sasha Vogler
TL	Shauna Kinsel
TL	Gail Erhardt
TL	Melody Sims
ATL	Kristin McRoberts
ATL	Meagan Gifford
ATL	Chelsea Gardner
ATL	Jenn Brossenne
ATL	Suzie Mintkenbaugh
ATL	Sydney Gibson
BR	Lauren Doyle
SD	Bill Henry
ASD	Ken Harmom
TLog	Anna Kirchen
Music	Linda Naylor
Music	Felicia Lawson
Music	Jennifer Griffis
PS	Mary Lou Cornette
PS	Cheryl Alm
LOG	Lisa Leonard
LOG	Nikki Chandler
LOG	Shannon Vanwinkle
LOG	Emily Greber
Kit.	Judy Hiatt
Kit.	Kim Myers
Kit.	Lindsey Hedge
Kit.	Mande Payton
Kit.	Michelle Elkins

"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)

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Thoughts From The Spiritual Director

For 30 years one of my most hated phrases was "Back to School". Perhaps I should say 46 years. I spent 12 years in elementary and high school, 4 years of college, then multiple years of graduate college work while teaching school. Then I worked in public education for 31 years, and every summer in late July and most of August I heard "Back to School". I don't know of any other profession where you get hundreds of reminders on television and from friends that your vacation is about over and you must go back to work. I still hate "back to school" commercials even though I am long since retired from that occupation.

The apostle Paul in his early years had his life all planned out as a persecutor of Christians and was on his way to Damascus to round up and arrest all the Christians he could find. But all that changed when He came face to face with Jesus on the Damascus road. But in order for Saul, which was his original name, to become the Apostle Paul, he had to go back to school.

He first went to the desert of Arabia and spent 3 years there communing and learning from God. You might call that the school of solitude. Then He went back to Damascus and went to the school of suffering. He was beaten, imprisoned, stoned and shipwrecked, but through all of this he became the greatest pastor/evangelist ever known. Then he went to the school of seasoning for 15 days with Peter where he learned all the things of Jesus second hand which Peter had witnessed personally.

We all have to go back to school from time to time. The 15 Emmaus speakers go back to school to prepare talks for the walk. One of the Emmaus talks is Grow Through Study. "Back to school".

And in just a few days 15 or more pilgrims will go on the Emmaus Walk (back to school) to learn more about our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As an educator in public education, I always dreaded going back to school, but as a member of the two fall Emmaus teams, I cannot wait to go back to school and assist the pilgrims to learn more about the wonderful grace of God.

Ken Harmon



From The Community Lay Director

One of my favorite verses is Ephesians 3:20, "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us." I was thinking about this in relation to the Walk to Emmaus this past week, and how he provides more than we can ever ask or imagine through our participation in the Walk to Emmaus.

In my experience, and I would say it is mirrored in the experiences of many, the first thing you find that you can do is serve others with a true servant's heart. Whether your first team experience is in the kitchen, or as an assistant table leader, the experience of servanthood is more than we ever thought it could be. Secondly, the opportunity to witness on his behalf. That opportunity might be in a prayer you offer aloud, sharing the opportunity to go on a Walk with a friend, giving a Fourth Day talk at a Gathering, or giving a devotion or talk on a Walk. In many cases, this is more, often immeasurably more, than we had every thought we might do.

And there is the ministry that Emmaus participants become involved in back in their home church, on missions, or ministries they start that have never been in their community before. Prior to their participation on the Walk, this is something they had never imagined or pictured themselves doing.

One of my big Emmaus blessings is that of friendship. People I know from so many places, about their witness and their personal faith walk, that I would never have known if I had not participated in the Walk to Emmaus and the many subsequent service opportunities it provides. These blessings are there because of his power at work within us, taking us places, introducing us to new people, and giving us ministry opportunities we would never have imagined.

What a blessing to be part of this Emmaus community!

De Colores!

Linda

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

Matthew 18:20

GATHERING



4th Tuesdays

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



Clean up for the Fall Men's Walk is Monday Sept. 4 from 9 am - ? (this is Labor Day). 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.

Clean up dates for Women's Walk #35 will be Sunday October 1st and

2nd. Sunday starting at 1:00 until 5:00 and Monday (if needed) 5:00 to 8:00.

There are still opportunities to serve for Women's Walk # 35. Time slots are still available on the 72 hour prayer vigil. Remember how special it was on your walk to see all the names of those praying all hours of the day and night.

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

Become A Sponsor!



LET'S EAT!

Emmaus

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

Lay Director	<u>Linda Naylor</u>
Assistant Lay Director	<u>Troy Farrell</u>
Spiritual Director	<u>Ken Harmon</u>
Secretary	<u>April Henderson</u>
Treasurer	<u>Peggy Richards</u>
LEAD Chairman	<u>Shirley Link</u>
Hospitality	<u>Mike/Emily Greber</u>
Volunteer Coordinator	<u>Kim Myers</u>
Communications	<u>Alice Bailey</u>
Registrar	<u>Joe Chirco</u>
Logistics Coordinator	<u>Trent Ogden</u>
Worship	<u>Amy Farrell</u>
Music	<u>Elizabeth Jones</u>
Kitchen	<u>Mike/Mary Bailey</u>
Agape Chairperson	<u>Bill Boling</u>
Sponsorship	<u>Bill Henry</u>
Ruggles Liaison	<u>Les Grooms</u>
Good Shepherd	<u>Nancy Harmon</u>
Chrysalis Rep.	<u>Sydney Gibson</u>
Webmaster	<u>Lauren Doyle</u>
Historian	<u>Mike Burke</u>

[The Upper Room: Emmaus Website](#)

[101 AGAPE Ideas](#)

Registration deadline for the Women's Walk is 9/21/17

L.O.V.E. Emmaus Community

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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.**

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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.

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