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# Limestone Ohio Valley Emmaus Community News

## THOUGHTS FROM THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

"Until you have experienced Jesus Christ, truly present in your life, you haven't experienced "Christianity". I'm so thankful for the people who have revealed Jesus to me on my journey. My "Walk to Emmaus" changed my life, and the men there set me on a path that I would never turn back from." That is a quote from a Facebook friend sharing what the Walk to Emmaus meant to him.

I had the privilege of serving on the Men's Walk 29 and watched as 27 pilgrims had their lives changed as a result of the Emmaus Walk. One of the older pilgrims on Walk 29 said he had been on a lot of religious retreats and Emmaus was by far the best he had ever attended.

In a few days, the ladies will have their spring "walk" and they can expect the same life-changing results. The Walk to Emmaus can "set you on a path that you will never turn back from".

Every time I get the opportunity to speak to new members of the L.O.V.E. community, I try to stress to them the importance of staying involved in Emmaus so that others can have the same experience that was expressed in the opening quote.

I also try to encourage those who are long-time members to stay involved. If it was once important to you, it should still be important to you.

There are untold thousands that need a closer walk with Jesus, and Emmaus is a powerful tool to help them with that walk.

As we look forward to the Women's Walk and the fall walks, I encourage you to be involved in the various opportunities for members of the L.O.V.E. community.

You will get a blessing and be a blessing by staying involved in your L.O.V.E. community

Ken Harmon  
Community Spiritual Director

*Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good, to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.* Galatians 6:9- 10 (NIV)

Dear Community,

I would like to welcome the newest members from Men's Walk #29 to the Limestone Ohio Valley Emmaus Community. Men I encourage each one of you to not only be involved in your home church but to stay involved in the Emmaus community. A great way to stay involved and meet other Christians is to attend the monthly gatherings on the 4th Tuesday at Washington United Methodist Church.

I would also like to thank all the community members for their help in making Walk #29 such a success, it was a blessing seeing you all serving us in agape love. I encourage each one of you to pray for the future walks that will happen this year so that they too will be a success.

## LOVE Community Men's Walk #29 Disciples of Christ!

Kyle Moore, Daniel Mignerey, Eric Elliott, Jeff Johnson, Dallas Barber, Steve Smith, Brian Hancock, Jade West, Fred Varney, Nathan Puckett, Bruce Kalb Jr., Justin Hardyman, Dan Nichols Jr., Bill Hiler, Chance Groves, Johnny Cecil, Richey Pride, Daniel Lawson Jr., Tim Gelter, Lucas Spiller, Joe "JC" Chirco, Matt Farrell, Roger Dwenger, Kevin Plummer, Dave Schram, Dennis Forsythe

Troy Farrell,  
Walk # 29 Lay Director



## From The Community Lay Director

L.O.V.Emmaus Community, is it not both amazing and humbling when God pours out his blessing on our obedience?!

There were 27 pilgrims on the Spring Men's Walk, and 28 pilgrims are signed up for the Spring Women's Walk. This is because God blessed YOUR obedience! Pilgrims don't materialize out of thin air...pilgrims only have the opportunity to experience the Walk to Emmaus because YOU are faithful to invite and sponsor.

As you all know, the Walk to Emmaus is not meant as an opportunity to lead people to Christ. The Walk to Emmaus is a leadership development tool for the church. Throughout the course of a Walk, participants learn about various tools that will strengthen their personal walk with the Lord and encourage them to become more involved in their church and the Christian community. The testimonies of those who have been on a Walk to Emmaus are pretty amazing: people find all kinds of opportunities to minister in their homes, their jobs, their local churches, their communities, and the world.

I often think the words to the song, "Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord," are the perfect prayer for the Walk to Emmaus. Over the course of the Walk, God opens our eyes to a needy world, and how we might, in some small way, take action to meet those needs. The world doesn't change as a result of our Walk to Emmaus, God changes us to see the world in an entirely different way. He literally "opens the eyes of our hearts."

In closing, thank you, L.O.V.Emmaus Community, for being faithful to invite and sponsor pilgrims this spring. Lives will be changed, and God's work will be accomplished because of your obedience.

DeColores!  
Linda Naylor  
L.O.V.Emmaus Community Lay Director

## Women's Walk #34 Pilgrims

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

*Walk #34*

*Reunion*

**Tuesday  
June 27 @  
6:00 pm**  
(the date in the last  
newsletter was  
wrong!)

HE MUST  
BECOME  
GREATER  
I MUST  
BECOME  
LESS  
JOHN 3:30

## Women's Walk #34 Team

LD	Lauren Doyle
ALD	Amy Farrell
ALD	Nikki Chandler
ALD	Tracy Gibson
TL	Kim Jodery
TL	Elizabeth Jones
TL	Kim Myers
TL	Cricket Crase
TL	Brenda Reveal
TL	Cheri McClanahan
ATL	Melody Simms
ATL	Tabatha Butler
ATL	Renee Faris
ATL	Helen Henry
ATL	Shauna Kinsel
ATL	Alysha Puckett
BR	Shirley Link
SD	Bill Henry
ASD	Elizabeth Smith
TLog	Lisa Leonard
Music	Denise Burke
Music	Linda Naylor
PS	Lisa Boling
PS	Sasha Vogler
LOG	Mandy Ratcliff
LOG	Debbie Knauff
LOG	Susan Huff
Kit.	Tiffany Taylor
Kit.	Melissa Purdy
Kit.	Kristin McRoberts

# 2017 WALKS

Men #29: May 4-7, 2017	Troy Farrell, L.D.	Registration deadline: 4/20/17 <b>X</b>
Women #34: June 1-4, 2017	Lauren Doyle, L.D.	Registration deadline: 5/19/17 <b>X</b>
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)**

## 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.

*We certainly appreciate your cooperation in helping to make the Walk a wonderful, life-changing journey for each of the Pilgrims! Thank you for stepping up and being that Anonymous Servant, Emmaus family! May you be as richly blessed by the experience as our Pilgrims!*



**Community Clean-up Day**

**RUGGLES CAMPGROUND**

*Monday May 29*

**9:00 am - ??**

Contact Kim Myers, Volunteer Chair, to sign up to pray during the Women's Walk  
[kim.myers1976@yahoo.com](mailto:kim.myers1976@yahoo.com)

**pray**



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

*Matthew 18:20*

## GATHERING



4<sup>th</sup> 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



One of the most famous ways to show agape at Emmaus is through the food! Mike and Mary Bailey are deep in preparation for the meals for the Women's Walk. Bottled water and 2L pop are needed Thursday, as well as help with meals during the weekend. 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>Tanya Melvin</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>



Thank you to everyone who made and/or brought agape for Men's Walk #29. Thank you to the logs and kitchen help who distributed the agape; it was a huge task. The Pilgrims of Walk #29 were inspired and grateful of all the agape. Remember we have 28 Pilgrims on Women's Walk #34 so it can be another time to show God's love through agape gifts. If you have any questions please call

937-446-2048,

Bill Boling – Agape Chairperson

[The Upper Room: Emmaus Website](#)

[101 AGAPE Ideas](#)

# 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

## Limestone - Ohio Valley Emmaus Community

### Walk to Emmaus - Registration Form

**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**