



Walk to
Emmaus
THE UPPER ROOM

While they were talking and discussing, Jesus Himself came near and walked with them. Luke 24:15

Limestone Ohio Valley Emmaus Community

LIMESTONE OHIO VALLEY COMMUNITY NEWS

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Entering God's Joy

Aaaahhh! Spring has Sprung! Or has it??

Spring brings the joy of seeing newly bloomed flowers, walking outside without a heavy coat and enjoying daylight a little longer in the evening. We have a "spring" in our step as we look at the wonders of God's creations in the new season. But, if we have walls blocking us from entering fully into the joy of God's plans for our lives, we may miss the beauty of the season.

The walls we face, and every one of us will face them, take many shapes: fear, loneliness, jealousy, rage, pride, addiction, etc.. So many times we try to break down our "Jerichos" on our own. By doing this, we become exhausted and discouraged using all our energy trying to chip away the walls. Finally, when we look towards heaven, come to the point we say, "I can't do this on my own", and partnership with God, I believe the walls will begin to fall. This time we will follow God's battle plan.

God has already promised a victory and provided the weapons for the fight. *The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. [2 Corinthians 10:4,5]*

Happy Spring, Everyone!

De Colores!

Shirley Link, Community Lay Director



HERE THEY ARE! The Pilgrims for the Men's Walk # 28!

Please pray for each Pilgrim by name and for the Team and all their families as the preparations continue!

Chuck Alm, David Benjamin, Scott Brewer, Wayne Buckler, Randy Chandler, Robert Chandler, Dave Coy, Jeremiah Craver, Adam Edie, Aaron Gardner, Adam Gulley, Bud Hall, Danny Hutchens, Lee Jacobs, Ray Kapileo, Mike Kirk, Ryan Melvin, Dave Mignerey, Dave Payton, Chuck Taylor, Mickey Wheary

Dear Community,

Welcome to the newest members from Women's Walk to Emmaus # 31 to the Limestone Ohio Valley Emmaus Community.

Newest Members from Women's Walk # 31

Cheryl Alm, Michele Benjamin, Carol Brock, Deloris Brooks, Sheila Cantrell, Deborah Colón, Jerrigirl Cracraft, Kim Evans, Sarah Kuhnell, Millicent Osman, Amy Payne, Steph Perdue, Linda Preston, Alysha Puckett, Jeannie Puckett, Judy Rau, Diana Scott, Judy Smith, Chelsea Traylor



Men's Walk #28 Team

Kevin Doyle	Jim Crase	Troy Farrell
Bill Boling	Bill Henry (KY)	Ray Snider
Chad Simms	John Denham	Marty Howser
Trent Ogden	Bill Henry (OH)	Joe Chirco
Kirby Bennett	Clarence Abbott	Mike Greber
Lawrence Baldwin	Jeremy Mignerey	Billy Boling
Nolan Gifford	Adam Hedge	Brett Vogler
Mike Burke	Chad Arey	Harlan Moore
Cecil Gibson	Nate Buller	Dean Collins
Tim Teegarden	Tim Ratcliff	Denise Burke

Please keep this team in your prayers.

"Ketch-up" with the Kitchen



*Worship the Lord your God,
and his blessing will be on your
food and water. [Exodus 23:25]*

The spring Men's Walk is upon us and the kitchen is ready! "Thank you" to all who have stepped up to serve and more are welcome. Please call me at 513-780-6164 if you would like to help the share groups for this walk or the Women's spring walk. Please keep these pilgrims and teams in your prayers.

DeColores!

Tanya Melvin, Kitchen Coordinator

SEE YOU AT THE GATHERING!

"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." —Matthew 18:20 NIV

Come gather with us every fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 PM 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!

De Colores!

Amy Farrell, Community Worship

Upcoming Walks & Pilgrim Update from the Registrar

The date for the Women's Walk # 32 is June 2—5 with the registration deadline date of May 19th. Remember that the deadline for applications are 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 received 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

Joe Chirco, Emmaus Registrar
jactrc1982@gmail.com

Weekend Special Events

Please mark these dates on your calendar for the special events of the Men's Emmaus weekend.

Send Off Picnic—Thursday, April 28th, beginning at 6 PM. Bring a covered dish or two to share and make the pilgrims on this walk feel the LOVE of the Community.

Community Service—Saturday, April 30th, beginning at 8 PM.

Closing—Sunday, May 1st, be there by 3:30 PM.

NOTE - As you know, all Gatherings are open for anyone to attend, however, the weekend special events are only for those who have previously been on a Chrysalis Flight or Emmaus Walk. Please make arrangements for your children at home.

AGAPE!

It's time again to start preparing your Agape for the walks and for some ideas you can go to the Emmaus website. Remember how Agape was special on your walk and how you would look at each piece and feel like someone was busy making this just for you? Now it's your time to return the blessing of giving, so be creative and get your Agape made for this next Men's Walk. A list of the team and pilgrims are on the website and printed in this newsletter for you to be praying that God would prepare each heart to receive what He has in store for them.

DeColores,
Judy Nolte, Community Agape



Message from the *Spiritual Director*

A SURPRISE ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS

A woman from Grand Rapids, Michigan, fell asleep on the couch after her husband had gone to bed.

An intruder sneaked in through the sliding door which the couple had forgotten to lock, and crept through the house.

He entered the bedroom where the husband was sleeping and picked up the television set.

The sleeping man woke up, saw a figure standing there, and whispered, "*Honey, come to bed.*"

The burglar panicked, put down the TV, grabbed a stack of money from the dresser, and ran out.

The thief was in for a big surprise.

The money turned out to be a stack of Christian pamphlets with a likeness of a \$20 bill on one side and an explanation of the love and forgiveness God offers to people on the other side.

Instead of the cash he expected, the intruder got the story of God's love for him.

As I read this devotion from "Our Daily Bread" several weeks ago, it reminded me of a chance encounter which ends up giving some men something valuable, but something they were not expecting.

We recently celebrated Easter, or Resurrection Sunday, and marveled at the resurrection, but the story doesn't end there.

The Bible says: *And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs. (7 miles) And they talked together of all these things which had happened. And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them.* [Luke 24:13-15]

That is Biblical text from which we get our Emmaus Walk. Their eyes were blinded to who Jesus was, and He revealed His identity only after taking great pains to explain to them "*the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures*".

I can imagine Cleopas and his friend standing in amazement; perhaps embracing in great joy, asking each other, "*Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?*"

The men's Emmaus Walk starts Thursday and the women's walk in a month.

We have an opportunity to be Jesus' hands and feet in revealing the true Jesus to the pilgrims and at closing on Sunday "*watching their hearts burning within them*" as they share what the Emmaus journey meant to them.

Let us be in much prayer, encouragement, and participation during these upcoming Emmaus Walks.

Ken Harmon
Community Spiritual Director

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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WALK DATES

Men #28: April 28—May 1, 2016

Women #32: June 2—5, 2016

Registration deadline: 5/19/16

Men #29: Sept. 1—4, 2016

Registration deadline: 8/18/16

Women #33: Oct. 6—9, 2016

Registration deadline: 9/22/16

GATHERINGS

May 24, 2016 7:00 PM

(Men's Walk #28 Reunion @ 6:00 PM)

June 28, 2016 7:00 PM

(Women's Walk #32 Reunion @ 6:00 PM)



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