



Three Rivers Walk To Emmaus

August 2003

FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR:

“You can tell what they are by what they do.” *Matthew 7:16*

This summer I participated in a small group study of *The Purpose Driven Life* by Rick Warren. I know that many of you have read this book and have been convicted by its message.

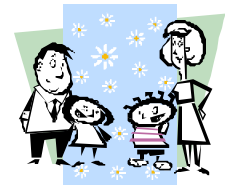
The above Bible verse is in reference to the chapters on the fourth purpose in Warren’s book: *You Were Shaped for Serving God*. In those chapters we are told that we are each created with everything we need to accomplish the assignment God gives us, and those attributes are our SHAPE. Spiritual gifts – Heart – Abilities – Personality – Experience.

After much discussion on this concept, Warren says, “Your *primary* ministry should be in the area of your shape, but your *secondary* service is wherever you’re needed at the moment.” (p. 258). Then, on page 260 he says, “No task is beneath you when you have a servant’s heart. ... Don’t look for great tasks to do for God. Just do the not-so-great stuff, and God will assign you whatever he wants you to do.”

You know what I thought of when I read these words? Bathroom cleanup at the walks! And fellowship and babysitting needs at Gatherings! We all would rather attend the Gathering than be in the room babysitting children. (Fortunately we now have paid babysitters and don’t need to volunteer very often.) Fridays are busy and getting to the church early to set up the fellowship food can be a challenge. Cleaning our own bathrooms isn’t very much fun, let alone multiple ones at camp!

We are at the time where we will be asked to volunteer our fourth day services at the Fall Walks. There is room for help in the prayer vigil, in serving the meals, in set-up and breakdown, and in cleaning the bathrooms! Please consider all of these areas when asked to help – pray for a servant’s heart to help accomplish the work of our Community. Warren (on page 258) asks: How can you know if you have the heart of a servant? Jesus said, “You can tell what they are by what they do.”

DeColores! Lill Griffith TRWE #28 Table of Sarah



FALL 2003 WALK DATES Men’s Nov. 6-9 Women’s Nov. 13-16

GATHERINGS Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 21, Dec. 12

SPRING 2004 WALK DATES Men’s Mar. 11-14 Women’s Mar. 18-21

Dear Friends,

As I contemplate my busy schedule I am stunned at the greatness of God. I have too many things to do and not enough time to do them. I am only one person and God has to take care of every person. It just totally boggles my mind.

That brings me to the upcoming Walks. I know everyone is busy and I truly understand that. However, we, the whole community need to do

our part to support the Walks. Whether it is praying, baking, setting up, taking down or cleaning bathrooms. We are the hands of Christ and if not us - who. If not now -when. Please take time to find out what you can do to support your Three Rivers Community. DeColores.

Barb Moore Community Spiritual Director



Who Can Sponsor and How?

Anyone who has been a pilgrim on a Walk to Emmaus or other similar walks can sponsor another person. But how?

- Pray for the person's openness to God's call to discipleship, not for how to get him or her to go on a Walk.
- Make an appointment with the person or couple for the purpose of discussing participation in Emmaus.
- Extend an invitation – Invite the prospective pilgrim to attend for the sake of a more vital relationship with Jesus Christ, not just an event to go to. Share your faith; explain the most basic elements of the Walk, its purpose, and follow up dimensions that help us live in grace for the rest of our lives. **Take the attitude that you are giving the person a wonderful gift rather than that he or she needs to go.**
- Ask the person to make a commitment by filling in the registration form. If the person is married, speak with both partners and encourage an equal commitment by both. Get help from a second sponsor if needed in sponsoring a couple. Continue to pray for your prospective pilgrim. Prepare agapes letter and enlist the support of their pastor. Collect agape letters. *Do not* ask the team to deliver personal gifts during the three days.
- Support the Walk through your prayers during the 72-hour prayer vigil and your presence at Send Off, Sponsors' Hour, Candlelight and Closing. Support the Pilgrim's family by house-sitting, baby-sitting, watering plants, picking up mail, feeding pets, or just checking in with a spouse to see if any help is needed.
- Encourage the Pilgrim in his or her Fourth Day involvement. Give your friend an opportunity to talk through and appreciate the experience. Help the Pilgrim find a Share Group, or be prepared to start a Share Group with him or her for a period of time until others join the Group. Take the Pilgrim to Gatherings as your guest for a couple of months.
- Help the Pilgrim re-enter his or her church. Discuss with your Pilgrim ways to serve the Emmaus Community & future Walks. Help the Pilgrim sponsor others.

Because of the importance of sponsorship, the second part of TRWE application is for the sponsor to complete. This act of love involves an investment of you in the life and welfare of another. Christ came for us all to share. Rolen Burnette Community ALD

TO RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION TO THE TRWE NEWSLETTER, SEND A CHECK FOR \$8 (PER YEAR) TO LYNNE JOHNSON 251 PORTMAN LANE, BRIDGEVILLE, PA 15017

It's that time of year again. Our fall walks are just around the corner. I am looking for volunteers to serve meals, sign for the 72-hour prayer vigil, make baked goods and, of course, clean bathrooms. We have had a change in baking needs. We need homemade cookies for Friday's dinner (to replace the vanilla wafers). We no longer need muffins for Sunday breakfast.

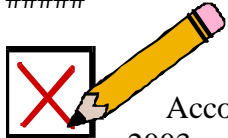
(www.trwe.org) to sign the prayer vigil. I ask that you search your hearts and pray about volunteering. Remember how much you enjoyed your weekend?? I thank you for helping to make these fall walks a success. Remember Christ is counting on you.

Your brother in Christ John Turnbull



REMINDER-- You can go to our web site

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SEPTEMBER BOARD ELECTIONS

According to the Three Rivers Walk to Emmaus bylaws, at the Gathering on September 12, 2003 we are to have the election for the incoming Board of Directors who will begin their service in January. At prior Gatherings and in a newsflash you were informed that the slate of officers proposed by the current Board is: Scott Robinette, Linda Claypool, Glenn Brooks and Mary Sickles.

This slate will be placed before you for election in September. Should you choose to nominate others, you will have opportunity to do so. However, **it is your responsibility to get prior approval from the person you wish to nominate.** One thing to keep in mind is that the slate should reflect a balance represented in the Community – in areas of denomination, gender and congregation.

The Board meets monthly and each member serves for a three-year term. Please keep this in mind if choosing to nominate someone – and discuss this level of commitment with him/her – before placing a name before the Community.

The following amendments to the by-laws will be adopted at the September Gathering unless written objections by 25 community members are received. Changes are in caps.

REGARDING ELECTIONS TO THE BOARD: ARTICLE V SECTION C 1 Directors shall be elected by the Community to a three (3) year term **WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE REGISTRATION COORDINATOR WHO WILL BE ELECTED TO A SIX (6) YEAR EX-OFFICIO TERM**

ARTICLE VI (Team selection) SECTION L 3 The remaining members of the team shall be nominated by the Team Selection Committee and selected through prayer by the Lay Director for the weekend. The Team Selection Committee shall be comprised of the Community Lay Director, the Community Spiritual Director, **THE REGISTRATION COORDINATOR** the Lay Director and the Spiritual Director for the weekend, the Lay Director in Training, **AND THREE OR FOUR OTHER MEMBERS OF THE EMMAUS COMMUNITY (NON-BOARD MEMBERS)**, and shall be chaired by the Assistant Community Lay Director. Men's and Women's team selection may be done jointly at the same meeting. Information of past team experience shall be provide by the Membership Secretary in advance.

Since we last went to press, TRWE has received a contribution to help defray the cost of Team Manuals. A contribution that was noted in the May Newsletter will support the cost of new songbooks, handbooks, and scholarships.

This is a story about people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it but Nobody realized that Every body would not do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

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Fourth Day Corner

For those of you who don't know me, I've been on and off again active in the Three Rivers Emmaus Community since its inception. And before then I was in Tres Dias since 1977(?). I say that to let you know my Fourth Days have been extensive. Each time I work a weekend, my Fourth Day changes.

I worked the last women's weekend with Pat Mould as our Director. Let me tell you about that Fourth Day. I returned home tired, grouchy and energized for ministry. If that sounds contradictory you need to know that I am always tired and sometimes grouchy when God is working

special in my life. When I came home from this past weekend, I felt God's tug in a familiar and yet new way. I would return to teaching Sunday School and would try to fulfill what I determined was needed. But this time there was something more. That something more has been a return to the ministry of Word and Sacrament. Just as Pat called me out of retirement from Emmaus, so the Lord has called me out of retirement to Pastor two small United Methodist Churches. Retirement was great, but the new ministry God has given me makes my Fourth Day complete

DeColores Bill Saxman



The Emmaus walk has enriched my life. It brought me closer to God. I joined a reunion group at my home church, Mt. Pisgah. It is so important to join a reunion group because it keeps you focused and accountable for your daily living. I have met an

extraordinary group of Christians through Emmaus and I thank God for the experience.

DeColores Susan Burkhart TRWE #44



LIVE THE 'GROWTH THROUGH STUDY' TALK October 4, 2003. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
(Location and additional details to follow)

The International Walk to Emmaus movement recommends that every three years each local community schedule an ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS; training event led by a representative of the international movement. This event is intended for MORE than just the members of the Board of Directors or current team members preparing the next set of walks. If you have ever been on an Emmaus team - you need to be at this event. If you hope to someday serve on an Emmaus team - you need to be at this event. If you have never been a part of an Emmaus team, have no current intentions of doing so but are just an Emmaus community member that is living out his/her 4th Day -- **YOU NEED TO BE AT THIS EVENT.**

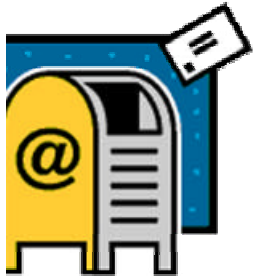
This day of learning will be led by the Northeastern Field Representative for the Walk to Emmaus, Bob Brandt. Bob has helped form more than 6 Emmaus communities and as the Northeastern Regional Field Representative for the international movement has responsibility for the 35 communities in the Northeast.

Bob will lead you through the most in depth presentation of the Walk to Emmaus movement you will ever experience in one sitting. In a few short hours you will learn about and experience:

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| Fellowship, Singing & Worship | Team Formation | Introduction to the Walk to Emmaus | Clergy & Laity - A Partnership |
| The Spirit of the Walk to Emmaus | Behind the Scenes Support | Overview - Three-Day Walk to Emmaus | Fourth Day |
| Event | The Board of Directors | Sponsorship | Emmaus and the Church |
| Questions Answered | Team Responsibilities | Holy Communion | Team Selection |
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You may think you know everything there is to know about what we do in the Walk to Emmaus and how we do it. Bob guarantees that you will learn **new whats, new hows** and most importantly, you will learn the **rationale** behind the 'what' and 'how'. [Plan now to attend.](#)

From the Communications Coordinator



In May we sent postcards to 500 plus TRWE Community members for whom we had no email addresses to let them know that the Newsletter is available through email or by a subscription (\$8 per year). Following are names of people whose postcards were returned as undeliverable. If you know the whereabouts of any of them, please let me know at emmauskj@aol.com or 412-257-2727. Thanks, in advance, for your help.

Lynne Johnson

Baggs Mark
Ballas John
Beck Scott
Britt James
Bulna Myrna
Burns Larry
Byerly Susan
Covey Dave
Coyne Brian
Cwalina Beverly
Cyphart Wes
Detwiler Malcolm
Edwards Karen Hadad

Espiritu Rex
Gallagher Cindy
Gist Joe
Grey Sally
Hall Mike
Hoellein Ronald
Hostetler Dave
Kirchner Cheryl
Kiser Mark
Krese Jim
Marsh Dorey
McKenzie Joni
Melius John

Meusel Saskia
Mikrut Barbara
Miller Susie
Myers Gordon
Myers-Burdick Ida
O'Connor Kevin
Pattillo Matthew
Randy Robinson
Rogers Larry
Wilson Bob
Witherspoon Dale
Zebrovious Nancy



Greetings from Nashville
Hello My Friends!

I am missing you all!! (I should say Ya'll) Things are good in Nashville despite occasional bouts of homesickness. I have been searching for a home church since I moved in March. It's difficult because much of my travel has been on the weekends so I am not in town every Sunday. Of the churches I have visited (4) I have not found them to be open and welcoming unless I have accompanied someone who attends there. Shortly after I moved here I was invited to give a 4th day talk at a candlelight for the Women's Walk at the community here in Nashville. When I entered the sanctuary not one person greeted me or introduced themselves to me. The person who had invited me was busy and asked me to take a seat toward the front so I could get up and come to the lectern when it was time. I thought it was pretty obvious that I was a visitor but the folks gathered there seemed only interested in the people they knew. No one welcomed the stranger. After my talk several people did say that they enjoyed it, etc., but no one really introduced themselves nor did they invite me to their gatherings! The intent of this note to you is to remind you to be sure to welcome the new people at gathering - take

them under your wing - make them feel welcome and be sure to invite them back! I am urging you to "Keep on loving each other as brothers (and sisters) Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by doing so some people have entertained angels without knowing it." Hebrews 13:1-2 Those of you who know me know that I am not an ANGEL! But I am a child of God, a sister in Christ, and should feel welcomed by the community of saints (and sinners) as should anyone who attends an Emmaus gathering. So please, in memory of me as a member of TRWE don't forget to entertain strangers. And in your churches - United Methodist or not - be welcoming to those you don't know. They could turn out to be your new best friend! "Brothers (and sisters), I urge you to bear with my word of exhortation for I have written you only a short letter." Hebrews 13:22
DeColores my friends - Let your light shine!!!! Sandy Zeigler
New email address szsnail@bellsouth.net

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Greetings TRWE, My name is Linda Porter, TRWE #8, Table of ELIZABETH!
I send you salutations from the Land of the Tsars! Many of you know that for the past 8 years I have done many mission trips to the Arctic Circle of Russia, to the Republic of Komi. It has been the joy of my life to serve Jesus in this manner. This year for the first time since 1995 we have had to cancel our mission trips because of the political climate in Russia. But the Lord always has "Plan B" waiting in the wings. This past year has brought about lots of changes in my life and I would like to share one of them with you. In April a pastor friend came to me and showed me some pictures of a city in Europe from which he had just returned. He told me about the people, the spiritual condition of the area, and the physical needs. My heart began to pound in my chest! Then he asked me if I would like to go there to be an assistant pastor in one of the churches, as the pastor there is terribly over-burdened and needs are growing daily. My spirit just SOARED into the heavenlies. I knew INSTANTLY that the Lord was speaking to me and that he was opening this door in ministry for me. The city is Kamenyets-Podolsky in the nation of Ukraine. This was in April. This gave me eight weeks to prepare for a life move, to get all the necessary papers in order, to sell all my earthly possessions, to come up with funding for 6 months, plus plane fare, health insurance, and a myriad of other details. And by God's Perfect Grace, it happened!! Even as I sit here writing this, I can't believe it has really taken place. One obstacle after another was just moved aside by the hand of the Lord. The unemployment rate is 40% and all of the problems that go along with that abound.

Here's the list of my duties

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| Preaching once a week | Work with the elderly |
| Bible study group every week | Train prayer warriors |
| Teach seminars | Work with children |
| Work with alcoholics | Counsel when called upon |
| Work with the orphanages | |

I am planning to come back to the states next summer for 3 months and would love to talk with any of your groups or at a Gathering about the mission. For anyone who would like to receive my mailings about my daily life here, PLEASE send me a note and I will add you to my mail list. My e-mail is: Ladyfrog100@kp.rel.com.ua As with all mission work, I receive no salary but must support myself as well as provide for ministry needs. If you would like to support the ministry please email me and do keep me in your prayers. DeColores !!!!!!!

DIRECTIONS TO DUTILH UMC

From the South Route 79 or I-279, take the Cranberry exit. This will put you on Route 19. Stay on Route 19 for about a mile (second light past Bob Evans) to St. Francis Way, opposite the entrance to Cranberry Mall. Turn right on St. Francis to the first STOP sign (about 100 yards) and then turn right again at the stop sign. A motel is the first driveway. The Church is the second driveway in the middle of the block on your right. 1270 Dutilh Road

From the North Use Route 19 southbound to St. Francis Way. Use the "left turn lane" on Route 19 to turn into St. Francis way, opposite the Cranberry Mall. Turn left on St. Francis to the first STOP sign. and then turn right. . A motel is the first driveway on the right. The Church is the second. .

From the Turnpike take exit 3 (Cranberry Township). After the tollbooth, stay to the left to go north on Route 19. At the first stop light, turn right on St. Francis Way (about 100 yards) and then turn right again at the stop sign. A motel is the first driveway on the right. The Church is the second driveway.



PRAYER CHAIN If you have a joy or concern that you would like lifted in prayer by the Emmaus Community, please email your request to botrwe@aol.com.

Do you know someone who is ready for the Walk to Emmaus? For information contact Peg Nicholas at Pjnich@bellatlantic.net 412-264-3458

If you know people in our Community who DO NOT have email, please share this Newsletter and all other Emmaus news with them! Changing your Email address??? Send the new one to emmauski@aol.com Thanks.

This newsletter may be viewed at WWW.TRWE.ORG

GATHERINGS

Interested in helping with set-up and clean-up at Fellowship Time?

Need childcare at Gatherings? Contact Ernie DeLuca at 724-883-2165 or ernreb@helicon.

TRWE is now providing paid sitters for Childcare at Gatherings. Donation (which may be placed in the offering) are gratefully (and graciously) accepted.

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He's got a better idea.

He's the real thing.

He cares enough to send His very best.

He brings good things to life.

He has everything.

Try him, you'll like Him.

You can't see him, but you know He's there.

You're in good hands with Him.

Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet nor ice will keep Him from his destination