

# Three Rivers Walk To Emmaus

1995-2008 Sixteen years of Walking with Jesus

December 2008

## IMPORTANT DATES

### GATHERINGS

- January 9<sup>th</sup> All Community at Ingomar UMC  
*Bishop Bickerton speaking*
- February 13<sup>th</sup> at Regional Locations
- March 21<sup>st</sup> at Camp Lutherlyn Men's Walk #69
- April 17<sup>th</sup> All Community at Ingomar UMC
- May 8<sup>th</sup> at Regional Locations
- June 12<sup>th</sup> All Community at Ingomar UMC
- July 10<sup>th</sup> All Community at Ingomar UMC

### SPRING WALKS

#### LUTHERLYN

- Men's Walk #69 April 10 - 13, 2009
- Women's Walk #70 April 17- 20, 2009

### FALL WALKS

#### LUTHERLYN

- Men's Walk #71 Nov 5-8, 2009
- Women's Walk #72 Nov 12-15, 2009

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*From the Community Lay Director*

### What's Your Emmaus IQ?

As a new member of the Emmaus Community I made many assumptions that have been disproved during my time on the Board of Directors. So I thought it might be worthwhile to compose an Emmaus IQ test to help us understand our roles. Notice I did not say rules.

1. Only long time experienced community leaders can serve on team.  
True \_\_\_ False \_\_\_
2. Sponsors and outside team attend sponsors hour and send off on Thursday of the walk True \_\_\_ False \_\_\_
3. A fourth day talk is given by an experienced speaker.  
True \_\_\_ False \_\_\_
4. Snacks for gathering are the responsibility of the host church.  
True \_\_\_ False \_\_\_
5. Only members of the community who sponsor a pilgrim should attend closing.  
True \_\_\_ False \_\_\_
6. Each walk must be exactly the same or we will no longer be sanctioned by the Upper Room True \_\_\_ False \_\_\_
7. I should invite all of my friends to go on a walk and then we can form a reunion group. True \_\_\_ False \_\_\_
8. Gathering is for community members only.  
True \_\_\_ False \_\_\_
9. Candlelight is a great time to catch up with all of my friends.  
True \_\_\_ False \_\_\_
10. The walk fees help to support the community throughout the year so if I cannot afford the walk fee I must decline from serving on the team.  
True \_\_\_ False \_\_\_

**1. False.** In fact the goal is to have 1/3 new members on the team, 1/3 with some experience (2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> team experience), 1/3 with more than 3 team experiences. If you have never been asked to serve and would like to please contact the Assistant Community Lay Director Gary Wakefield, or Walk Lay Directors for Spring 2009 Randy Gettens/ Sophie Parks.

**2. True** but all community members are invited and should consider attending to show support for the team and new pilgrims.

**3. False.** Anyone who has been on a walk or even some who have not can give a 4<sup>th</sup> day talk. You can choose your own topic or speak on a specific theme for that gathering. Some times the talk is about one aspect of a persons 4<sup>th</sup> day such as activity in Kairos or a mission trip. Others talk about the changes they have experienced throughout their 4<sup>th</sup> days

**4. False.** I used to believe that there was some angel out there who knew we needed snacks. The truth is that all community members are asked to contribute. Sometimes the fellowship coordinator will call some members and ask them to bring snacks so that we are sure to have something. In other words this is Emmaus bring some snacks.

**5. False.** This is the time for the **community** to welcome its newest members. The room should be packed. I know its Sunday and you have to go to work tomorrow but if you have been there you know what a powerful event it is.

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# IMPORTANT January Community

*Mark this Date on your calendar*

January 9, 2009

Here's hoping everyone enjoys a happy and prosperous new year. May joy abound in your homes during this festive Christmas time. As the psalmist writes in Psalm 68, verse 3: “„let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy.”

As we move into 2009 go to your calendars and mark Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. This is the date for our first Gathering of the new year and I hope all members of the Three Rivers Emmaus community will dedicate themselves to renewed support and attendance at these monthly gatherings.



This January we begin with a community wide gathering at Ingomar United Methodist Church. Our very special guest for the evening will be United Methodist Bishop Thomas Bickerton. Bishop Bickerton, who has been active both as a pilgrim and team member in the Walk to Emmaus, will be joined by the Acts 29 praise band. Bishop Bickerton is cognizant of the Walk to Emmaus being an ecumenical movement and I am confident all who attend will be inspired toward greater works for Christ. So, mark the date and ask a friend to join you for a stimulating night of worship and fellowship. A great turnout will prove to the bishop that our walks are worthy of the support of all clergy.

As always, snacks will be provided both before and after the service. Doors open at 7 pm with the service beginning at 7:30 pm in Ingomar's main sanctuary.

In His service,  
Gary Wakefield,  
Community Lay Director (Incoming)



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**6. False.** There are certain prescribed guidelines we must follow but there is also room for “local flavor” and the Holy Spirit. You can hear a talk on the same topic many times but each one is different. I love to see outside team joyously planning table arrangements and decorations.

**7. True and False.** Your friends are a great place to start and of course you want to share the experience with them but first make sure they are ready. The walk is for someone who is ready to take the next step in their faith. Once they have completed the walk it is a way to form a reunion group but remember the reunion group is not limited to those who have completed the walk.

**8. False.** With the exception of Candlelight gathering is open. So if you have someone who thinks this is a cult ask them to gathering so that they can get a taste of the Emmaus experience.

**9. True.** Just keep in mind that the Worship service is a time of prayer and communion.

**10. False & False.** The walk fees are only to cover the expenses related to the walk. Scholarship funds are available through TRWE and the United Methodist Conference.

So what is your Emmaus IQ? Next time someone asks you these questions you will have the answers. But there are always more questions so keep reading your newsletter.

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Bonnie Readie



While we prayerfully and patiently wait and see what God's plans are for the future of Chrysalis here in Pittsburgh, I wanted to share some invitations from our friends at NEOC (North East Ohio Chrysalis). NEOC has been established for some time now, and they have been a tremendous blessing to us in our Chrysalis experiences here (and there).

They invite us to consider sponsoring a young person on an upcoming Flight/Journey:

As we begin to think about what gift we can give those most important to us in celebration of Christ's birth, what about giving the opportunity to spend time with HIM and others who hold HIM at the center of their lives? Wouldn't a Chrysalis Flight/Journey be just the thing for a youth or young adult that you care about? Pray about who you will sponsor.

Girl's Flight #35/Journey #4 at Camp Asbury February 15-17, 2009.  
Boy's Flight #36/Journey #5 at Camp Asbury September 5-7, 2009

Need more information? Watch the video  
<http://www.upperroom.org/chrysalis/>

Registration forms are available at <http://www.gbgm-umc.org/neoc/neocFlight.pdf>

or from: Northeast Ohio Chrysalis  
c/o Kim Ludwig  
8222 Starburst Road  
Mentor, OH 44060  
(440) 257-8213 or [ludwig442@netzero.net](mailto:ludwig442@netzero.net)

...and to consider attending a 3-day E-day (using Three Rivers terms) to learn more about how a Chrysalis weekend happens and how God might want YOU to be involved:

From January 16-18, 2009, we will sponsor a weekend of sacred spaces and workshops, of song and celebration, of time with God and time for God. A weekend of Next Steps/Fourth Day time on the tundra that is Camp Asbury in January.

-Time for contemplation. Sacred spaces. A prayer path. Clergy available to consult. Time to spend with Our Lord.

-Time for community development. Workshops such as:  
Jesus Jam (music); Mime Time - silence is golden; Alphabet Soup - What's ALD, FC, LD, MD, CSD, etc.???

Talk development; Sponsorship Training; Clergy Certification - What changed, what didn't

-Time for fellowship. Time to get to know other servants of Our Lord in a new way.

-A Hoot will happen Saturday afternoon. It will include football, a talk and reunion time.

-A Gathering will occur Saturday evening. There will be a free wheeling

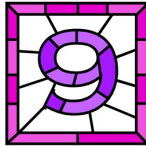
**Fly with Christ!!**

**--Mike Varner, NEOC liaison to the TRWE Board.**

Walk to Emmaus  
**TOP TEN** reasons to attend Gathering, January 9th.



Getting the new year off to a good start with praise, worship, fellowship and love.

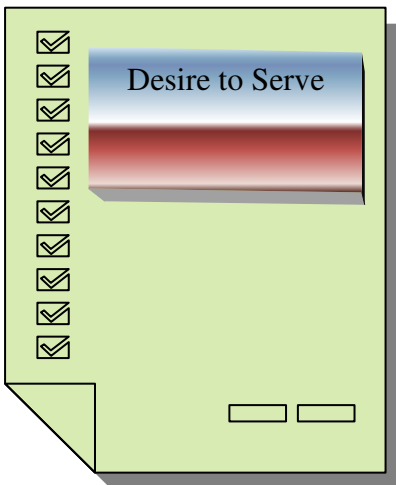


Opportunity to invite your sponsor or someone you sponsored to hear a great speaker.



Meet old friends and make new friends.

Watch for the rest of the top ten reasons to attend January Gathering coming to your email box soon



Desire to serve forms now available on-line

Desire to serve forms can now be downloaded from the community website. New and updated forms can be mailed to:

Larry Simmons  
102 Maplewood Drive  
Irwin, PA 15642

# Newest Community Members from walks 67 & 68

**Pilgrims**

Gary Sheesley  
 Roger Howard  
 Shannon Gottschalk  
 John Seth  
 Ed Pass  
 Ryan Moynihan  
 Glenn Wagner  
 Carl Wiker  
 Mark Welsh  
 Jose Joseph  
 Brian Botkin  
 Deryk Cook  
 Liberty Huffman  
 John Maisch  
 Mike Forringer  
 Jeff Grimm

**Church**

Sigel Charge UMC  
 Uniontown Larger Parish UMC  
 Central Assembly of God  
 First UMC Murrysville  
 Fairth UMC  
 Monroeville UMC  
 Northway Christian Comm  
 Ingomar UMC  
 Claysville Presby  
 Northway Christian Comm  
 Comm UMC Harr City  
 Green Hills/Fairmont UMC  
 Bethel Presby  
 Concord UMC  
 Comm UMC Irwin  
 Northway Christian Comm



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**Pilgrims**

Phyllis Baska  
 Dee Bollinger  
 Carrie Botkin  
 Pam Burkett  
 Sherry Cook  
 April Georgetti  
 Carol Graham  
 Marlene Grasha  
 Dawn Hargraves  
 Betty Harp  
 Joanna Hastings  
 Billi Jo Huffman  
 Renee James  
 Tracy Kirkpatrick  
 Kerry Lane  
 Betty Lawrence  
 Shirley Leslie  
 Esther Mason  
 Lisa Nola  
 Jackie Patrick  
 Clara Pincus  
 Frances Pitzer  
 Diane Plants  
 Kathy Risch  
 Ro Wiker  
 Bernie Foust

**Church**

Christ Church of Grove Farm  
 Faith Community Church  
 Comm UMC Harr City  
 Holiday Park UMC  
 Greene Hills/Fairmont UMC  
 Zion UMC  
 Murrysville Methodist  
 Comm UMC  
 Mt Zion UMC  
 Pitcairn Presby Ch  
 Harrisville UMC  
 Bethel Presby  
 Monaca UMC  
 Lander UMC  
 St. Patricks Catholic  
 Holiday Park UMC  
 Holiday Park UMC  
 Holiday Park UMC  
 Monroeville UMC  
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 Comm UMC  
 Beallsville UMC  
 Zion UMC  
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 Ingomar United Meth  
 Faith UMC Geneva

Dear Community Members in attendance at the North Regional Gathering,

On behalf of the TRWE Emmaus Community and the Board of Directors I would like to extend an apology for any discomfort you may have experienced as a result of the message and communion service at the Gathering on December 12, 2008. Rest assured the matter has been brought to the attention of the Community Spiritual Director and will be handled in a manner consistent with sound Biblical Principles and the Community By laws.

Sincerely,  
Bonnie Readie  
Community Lay Director

## Wanted For the Three Rivers Community



If you have this gathering dust in your closet or are working to get rid of excess equipment, the community would like to acquire its own equipment for the walks.

**An LCD Projector**

We are also in need of a **public address system** (microphone, speakers, and associated equipment)



Did you sign up to receive the prayer chain requests but are not receiving them? Did you change your email address and not let Bo Pratt know? If you want to be

included in the prayer chain, please send your correct email address to [Rpratt2707@aol.com](mailto:Rpratt2707@aol.com). Prayer requests may also be sent here.

## TRWE 2009 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### JANUARY

January 9 <sup>th</sup>	SPECIAL All Community Gathering Ingomar UMC Bishop Bickerton Speaking
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### FEBRUARY

February 13 <sup>th</sup>	Regional Gatherings North – Central – South – East
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### MARCH

March 21 <sup>st</sup> (Saturday)	Gathering @ Men's Candlelight TRWE #69 Camp Lutherlyn, Prospect, PA
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### APRIL

April 17 <sup>th</sup>	All Community Gathering Ingomar UMC (across street)
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### MAY

May 8 <sup>th</sup>	All Community Gathering Ingomar UMC
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### JUNE

June 12 <sup>th</sup>	All Community Gathering Ingomar UMC
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### JULY

July 10 <sup>th</sup>	All Community Gathering Ingomar UMC (across street)
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### AUGUST

August 8 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)	E-Day and All Community Picnic & Gathering
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### SEPTEMBER

September 11 <sup>th</sup>	All Community Gathering Annual Meeting – Ingomar UMC
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### OCTOBER

October 9 <sup>th</sup>	Regional Gatherings North – Central – South – East
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### NOVEMBER

November 7 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)	Gathering @ Men's Candlelight TRWE #71 Camp Lutherlyn, Prospect, PA
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### DECEMBER

December 11 <sup>th</sup>	All Community Gathering Ingomar UMC
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