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FROM THE COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR....

Thinking of beginnings or changes is frequently done at the start of a new year. New Year’s Resolutions, that’s what they’re called. Thought through with the best of intentions, begun in earnest, but in time, the activities of our daily life cause us to forget the resolutions and just go on as we did before. That’s probably the reason that several years ago I just stopped making New Year’s resolutions!

One of my favorite Bible passages speaks to me often about falling short of making changes I think are needed in my life...

Lamentations 3:22-23 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.



IMPORTANT DATES

SPRING WALKS @ FRC

Men’s Walk #97, April 14-17
Candlelight, April 16 @ 7pm

Women’s Walk #98, April 21-24
Men’s Mini-Reunion, Apr. 23 @ 6pm
Candlelight, April 23 @ 8pm

**TEAMING for SPRING WALKS
INGOMAR UMC @ 9am**

February 20, 2016
February 27, 2016
March 5, 2016
March 19, 2016
April 4, 2016 (alternate date)

GATHERINGS

February 12, 2016
North - Clarion: First UMC @ 6pm
East - Murrysville UMC @ 7pm
South - Meadowlands @ 7pm

**ALL COMMUNITY GATHERING/
MEMORIAL SERVICE/
COMMISSIONING @ 7pm**
March 11, 2016 - Dutihl UMC



What this says to me is that every day I get a clean slate from God! Every day I get to work with Him to allow Him to transform me into the person He wants me to be – to begin new behaviors or to change old habits or opinions for those more pleasing to Him. Every morning mercies flow from God and He is faithful.

So, too, the TRWE Community receives God’s mercies and faithfulness. We get a clean slate every day. The Board of Directors get to work with God to guide the Community in the direction most pleasing to Him, to begin new behaviors or change old habits...We covet your prayers on this journey.

Lill Griffith
TRWE Community Lay Director

CHALLENGE:

Ask yourself daily – “What’s the I AM up to in my life?”

Remember one of the names for God is I AM. The question came from an author whose name I don’t remember.

PASS IT ON...

I recently did a search on google for “pass it on”. This phrase apparently is used in reference to (of course) the song, but also, values, consumer information, positive aging, assistive technology, and alcoholics anonymous. But how about the Walk to Emmaus?

What was YOUR Walk to Emmaus like? Was it “life changing”? Did you experience a spiritual uplifting? Was it “fun” or rewarding? Did you meet new friends, brothers or sisters in Christ who have become part of your growing network of supporters? Did you see Christ at work in other pilgrims or team members? Did you feel or see true agape love at work?

In less than a month, men and women will begin preparing for the journey of Walks 97 and 98. In less than 3 months, the Holy Spirit will guide teams and pilgrims on this journey to become more confident and

inspired Christian leaders.

If you answered “yes” to any (or all) of the questions above, then don’t “hide” that light that God has to offer. SERIOUSLY consider and pray about who YOU know whom God might be nudging to participate in this wonderful event. Pass on the opportunity for God to work in the lives of these individuals whom He might be wanting to use to fulfill HIS mission. Offer to sponsor these potential pilgrims on one of these walks.

How often in life have we missed out on opportunities to be part of God’s plan to lead others into a closer walk with Him? Step up....step out in faith....and “pass it on.”

Chub Deitz

TRWE Assistant Community Lay Director & Kairos Liaison

A NOTE FROM THE REGISTRAR COMMITTEE:

At our South Regional Gathering on January 8th, Maxine Ellis ended her 4th Day Talk with a question... **“God, in the grand scheme of things, how can I help?”** With the beginning of a new year, this is a great question to ask ourselves, don’t you think?



One way you can help is to sponsor someone for the upcoming spring walks. God has already chosen whom He would like to attend but sometimes they need that one on one, personal invitation - **FROM YOU!!!**

Please pray and ask God for direction, guidance and boldness to ask.

The application deadline is MARCH 28TH. That date will be here before you know it, so go to the www.trwe.org website right now, print out a pilgrim application, so that when you get that “Yes” response, you are ready ☺

Spring Walk dates are:

Men’s Walk #97 April 14-17 & Women’s Walk #98 April 21-24

(At this point in time we have already received a registration for 1 man and 1 woman, so please start praying for: Jerry Kuhn, Men’s Walk; Catherine Ehlers-Brown, Women’s Walk)

We look forward to receiving many applications in the mail from you in the next few weeks!!!

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Judy Grice TRWE #40, Sharon Gallagher TRWE #72 and Lisa Wahl TRWE #54

INTO THE FOURTH DAY

Greetings! As we start a new year I hope everyone is off to a fresh start. Every day God gives us a chance to start over. God forgives our sins and we get to start over again. As the New Year has started, we have two walks coming up. Walks 97 and 98. We have a chance to do something for God and his children. Jesus showed us how to have a servant's heart by washing the disciples' feet. Now we have a chance to serve our brothers and sisters. I simply ask that you pray for guidance and how you can serve. Fourth Day is an awesome way to serve. We need people to help set up on Thursday, sign up for the 72 hour prayer vigil, serve meals, clean bathrooms and tear down on Sunday. I ask that you pray, asking God where He wants you to serve. I would like to have the prayer vigil finished by Wednesday before the walks so I can have a chance to print and deliver it to camp.



John W. Turnbull, Jr., TRWE 4th Day Coordinator

AGAPE FOR WALKS

Can you remember your walk and how you felt when you received Agape for the first time? What a fantastic outpouring of unconditional love that is from the Emmaus Community members who had been in your shoes on their walks. Won't you please share that outpouring of love with new pilgrims and team who are taking their walk in the spring?

Agape Love

At last fall's Women's walk, there was very little Agape to give. Maybe you're not sure how or do not know who can give Agape. The answer is "Everyone who has gone on a Walk can submit Agape."

Reunion Group names can be put on the Agape. If you don't know of a group you can form one and give yourselves a name. You can also put your initials and walk number (ZX - TRWE# 25) on what you make or purchase, or just put - Pilgrim of TRWE # 25.

All Agape should arrive for the Walk on Thursday night if possible, but no later than Candlelight Saturday and should be taken to the Agape room, the building by the parking lot, when delivered. If you cannot get your Agape to the camp please contact me at ferrets6@aol.com or call 412-373-2241.

Please mark number of pieces and if it's for pilgrims only or pilgrims and team.

If you have a specific time or day you want it delivered, mark that also. Examples: 64 pcs, pilgrims and team; 45pcs, Dining room; or 25 pcs, Bedtime on Saturday. The number of pieces is the most important information as it will give us an idea where we can use it. Remember Agape isn't given out until Friday at dinner.

So please, start thinking of what you can send for the pilgrims and team of our spring walks now. It's never too early to start planning or making things. Our walks are April 14-17 Men's and, 21-24 Women's, which is only 12 weeks away.

God Bless you all,
Madeline Rainey, Agape Chairperson

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The All Community Gathering on March 11, 2016 will be held at Dutihl UMC. This will be a Memorial Service for those community members who have gone to be with the Lord in 2015 or for others who have passed away from previous years and have not yet been memorialized. Please send names to Lill Griffith @ ddglrm@gmail.com by February 15th. We will also be doing Team Commissioning for the spring walks at this Gathering.

THREE RIVERS WALK TO EMMAUS 2016 Board of Directors

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FROM THE COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR...

Like most Americans, this far into the New Year means one thing. For the most part, our New Year's Resolutions have become good intentions. It is so very hard to break the habits of the past. It is even harder to create new habits. And harder still to realign many of our habits to our walk with Christ.

I liken many New Year's Resolutions to Fourth Day Commitments. I look back to the Sunday afternoon of my walk. I had been so touched, spiritually and emotionally, by the weekend that I was set on making some changes in my life. I remember saying that "I would let no opportunity pass to share the love of Christ with everyone I met." I also declared that I would keep in contact with everyone from my weekend. And just like everyone who has stood at the podium, I sincerely meant every single word that I said. Then Monday happened, and Tuesday, and Wednesday, and like we are all told over the weekend; we have changed, the world has not.

Confession time...I have not taken every opportunity to share the love of Christ. Matter of fact, there may even have been those times that I simply was not loving at all. I have not kept in touch with all the men from my walk; some yes, but life has been too busy to keep in touch with everyone. I guess that after my walk, I had changed, the world had not, and I let the world pull part of me back into the "norm".

How about you? Think back to that afternoon on your walk. The sound of the community singing to you as you entered in the room. The overwhelming sense of the Love of God as it permeated every person, space, and moment. It is truly amazing to think back.

You know something? Maybe we cannot keep to a New Year's Resolution simply because there is no power in the New Year...it is simply a date on a calendar. But, brothers and sisters in Christ, our Fourth Day is empowered by the very presence of God - God in God's fullness. God in the essence of the love in the room on that Sunday afternoon, that Saturday Candlelight, the moment of My New Friend, the glimmer in our sponsor's eye in our acceptance of the invitation, and the very moment that we were prayed for before we even said yes! That power can compel us to enter into our Fourth Days with new zeal and new inspiration.

What are we going to do now?

Maybe we will sponsor someone. Maybe we will embark on a mission. Maybe will we reconnect with the community at Gathering. Maybe we will work on team. Maybe we will sign up to pray. Maybe we will renew our Sunday afternoon Covenants. Maybe...maybe... maybe...

I may not be good at a New Year's Resolution, but I serve a God who makes "all things new." Join me as I enter into this Re-Newed Fourth Day.

Scott Gallagher
TRWE Community Spiritual Director

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON REUNION GROUPS CONTACT:

Merle Timko - Reunion@TRWE.ORG

MEN'S REUNION GROUPS

Location	Group Name	Group Leader
Brookville <i>The third Sunday of each month at the Ohl Church, 5pm</i>	Brookville Men Reunion Group	Richard Steel
Clarion <i>The Clarion Cluster will be meeting each Monday, 7:15 AM; at Plylers Restaurant, Allegheny Blvd. (route 36), Brookville, PA</i>	Clarion Cluster	Bill Saxman
Monroeville <i>Every other Wednesday afternoon, at Panera's, Monroeville</i>	Monroeville Men Reunion Group	Richard Hill/Scott Gallagher
South Hills <i>Third Saturday of every month, 7:00 AM at Boyce - Mayview Park located at Pavillion Parking Lot (wear your walking shoes!)</i>	Fit2Serve	Mike Varner/Glenn Brooks
Waynesburg <i>1st Saturday of the month 8 AM @ Bob Evans, Waynesburg</i>	Greene Co. Men	Scott Roberts
Wexford <i>Monday 6:00 am - King's Rt. 910</i>	Wexford I	Jeff Clark
Wexford <i>Friday 7:00 am - Wexford Eat' N Park</i>	Wexford II	Dave Claypool
Wexford <i>Every Tuesday 7:00 am - King's Rt. 910</i>	Wexford III	Rolan Burnette

WOMEN'S REUNION GROUPS

Location	Group Name	Group Leader
Brookville <i>3rd Saturday of the month, 12 pm at Mount Pleasant UMC located at Mount Pleasant/Ohl Road, Summerville PA</i>	Brookville Women's RG	Nancy Diener, Jamie Toven
Clarion <i>3rd Saturday of the month, 10 am at Perkins Rest, Clarion PA</i>	Clarion Third Saturday	Carol Brown
McMurray <i>3rd Tuesday of the month at 5:00 pm at Panera Bread</i>	South Hills Sisters	Judy Grice
North Hills <i>2nd Tuesday of every month at 6 PM, Eat N' Park, Wexford, PA</i>	Wexford Chicks	Bonnie Readie

MIXED REUNION GROUPS

<u>Location</u>	<u>Group Name</u>	<u>Group Leader</u>
Bellvue/Ross area	The Hiding Place <i>1st and 3rd Sunday evenings at a members' home (location varies)</i>	Tammy DeBonis
Greene County	God's Green Gang <i>1st Saturday of the month, 9-10 AM, at a Waynesburg resturant (location varies)</i>	Janice Gottchalk, Connie Hart
Irwin/Harrison City	Dinner with Friends <i>Last Friday of each month, Boulevard Restaurant, Delmont, 6:30 PM</i>	Kathy & John Shusteric
Latrobe	The Comma Club <i>3rd Friday of the month at 7:00 PM - Christ Church, 1414 Ligonier St., Latrobe, PA</i>	Rev. Cindy & Larry Parker
Mercer County	Third Thursday <i>3rd Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. at Leesburg Presbyterian Church, Volant, PA</i>	Rex and Pam Walter
Murrysville	Saturday Morning East Reunion Group <i>Second Saturday of the month, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. at The First United Methodist Church Annex, Murrysville, PA</i>	Debbie and Bryan Pass
Plum	Fruit Loops & Fruits of the Loom <i>Last Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM at Golden Palace Chinese Restaurant in Holiday Park</i>	Kathy Wescoat
Washington County	WashPA Pray-ers <i>3rd Saturday of the month at 8:30 am at Bob Evans on W. Chestnut St., Washington PA</i>	Judy Grice
Mt. Pleasant area	Connect Group <i>Twice a month on a Tuesday or Wednesday at 6:30 PM at a members home</i>	Heidi Walker
West Alexander	West Alexander Group <i>Second Sunday of each month at 6-7 pm at West Alexander Presbyterian Church, 108 Main St., West Alexander Pa 15376</i>	Bob & Kathy Morgan





Three Rivers WALK to EMMAUS

To be filled in by the candidate: Check one

Men's Walk ____ Women's Walk ____

Title: Mr. ____ Mrs. ____ Ms. ____ Miss ____ Rev. ____

Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Age _____

Single ____ Married ____ Widowed ____ Divorced ____ Male ____ Female ____ Number of Children _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Spouse's name _____ Name you wished to be called _____

Primary Phone (_____) _____ Secondary Phone (_____) _____

Email address _____

Please give name and phone number of relative other than spouse to contact in case of emergency.

Name _____ Phone number _____ Relationship _____

Are you on a special diet? _____ Please specify _____ Do you smoke? ____

Are you on medication? _____ Do you have any physical challenges? _____ Please Specify _____

Has your sponsor discussed the following: Walk site _____ Transportation _____

Clothing _____ Bedding _____ Gatherings _____ Reunion Groups _____

Please state briefly why you wish to attend.

In what religious and community organizations are you involved?

Your church _____ Denomination _____

The above information is necessary for proper placement in a Walk to Emmaus. Submission does not guarantee attendance as we have limited spaces available. Early application will help your acceptance. The cost of the weekend is \$225 which includes lodging, meals, and supplies. **Please enclose a preregistration, non-refundable deposit of \$25 made payable to Three Rivers Walk to Emmaus.** The balance due will be payable upon your arrival. Please do not let your inability to pay deter your attendance. Speak to your sponsor about financial aid which may be available. All information on this application will be remain confidential.

For Registrar

Date received _____ Deposit _____ Computer Entry _____

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To be filled out by sponsor:

Candidate's name _____

Remember when sponsoring a candidate, that the walk to Emmaus is not a means to correct one's character, morals, emotions, or an unstable marriage. The Walk is designed to bring participants into a renewed relationship with Christ, the Church, and fellow Christians. For married couples, husbands are encouraged to attend the Walk to Emmaus first. Each candidate must submit a separate application, and married couples should, if possible, turn in both applications at the same time so as to reserve space for the wife on the Women's Walk.

Sponsor's name _____ Primary Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail Address _____ Cell Phone _____

Your Church _____ Denomination _____

Location of your weekend _____ Walk # _____ Year _____ Table _____

Are you in a reunion group? _____ Attend gatherings? _____

As sponsors have you:

- 1. Talked with candidate's spouse about the weekend? Yes - No
- 2. Explained transportation, meals, lodging, supplies, bedding, clothing? Yes - No
- 3. Explained Reunion Groups and Gathering to your candidate? Yes - No
- 3a. Is the candidate willing to attend a Reunion Group & Gatherings? Yes - No
- 3b. Are you willing to help your candidate find and attend them? Yes - No
- 4. Prayed for your candidate? Yes - No
- 5. Explained the mini-reunion & give them the date if known? Yes - No

Why do you think this person would be a good candidate

How long have you known the candidate? _____

Are you able to arrange transportation to and from the Walk ? _____

Are you able to attend the Sponsor's Activities? _____

Minimal contact with your Pilgrim during the weekend is imperative, and will you comply ? _____

You are responsible for getting:

Signature of Candidate's Pastor _____

Name of Candidate's Pastor _____ Phone Number _____

Address of Candidate's Pastor _____

Please mail this application and applicant's non-refundable \$25.00 deposit to:

Judy Grice, Registrar, 1105 Vista Valley Road Washington, PA. 15301

Questions : Phone 724-225-7806 or e-mail registrar@TRWE.org