→ Three Rivers Walk To Emmaus

Twenty One Years of Walking with Jesus

March 2013

FROM THE COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

SPRING GREETINGS

As I sit down to write this article and listen to the robins sing outside the window, my thoughts drift to my love of springtime. Thoughts of planting a garden and working in the yard come to mind. Rebirth and renewal of an earth that has been dormant for months takes place, just as Easter brings rebirth and renewal to Christians. The March 7th Upper Room Devotion Scripture was Ephesians 4:7 "Each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift." Our spiritual growth can be like two plants that have been planted in the same soil and given the same care, yet one grows and the other doesn't. As believers, we each have a measure of grace and have been blessed by God. But we each relate to God differently. Some of us remain the same for years, attending church but growing little, if at all. Others try new ways of serving and giving and then grow as Christians.

The Walk to Emmaus has been a KEY to nurturing the spirits of the Three Rivers Community and to me personally. Each time I sponsor or serve in any capacity, I am refueled to do more.

Are you growing as a Christian? Do you know someone in your church that could use some nurturing in their faith? Please see the article on "*How to be a Good Sponsor*" on page 7 and, if you haven't done so already, pray and make the call. Application deadline is April 8th. Frank and Sherri Miller as Lay Directors have been dedicated to putting together God's perfect teams for the pilgrims of Walk 85/86.

Maybe you have attended a Walk but it's been a while since you joined us at a Gathering or maybe you have never attended a Gathering. <u>CONSIDER THIS YOUR PERSONAL INVITATION</u>. Our April Gathering will be held on Saturday the 20th, 7:30 p.m., prior to the Men's Walk Candlelight Service @ the Family Retreat Center, Cranberry (see page 11 for directions). The theme for this Gathering will be <u>"Homecoming"</u> and we will recognize all past and present members of the TRWE Board of Directors. If this is you, we hope to see you there, but then again we want to see ALL OF YOU!!!

There are many ways to nurture your spirit in the TRWE Community: (Walks) –Pray, Sponsor, serve on Team, make personal agape, donate snack agape, write letters, sign up for the 72 hour prayer vigil, help set-up and tear down, serve meals, clean bathrooms, attend Send-Off, Candlelight, Closing, Pray; (Gatherings)-fellowship, music, clergy, 4th Day Speaker, lead; (serve on the Board of Directors); (Help with the NE Leadership Conference July 20th or with the Community Picnic Aug. 10th.)

"God does not call the equipped, he equips the called." If this were not true, I would not be your Community Lay Director and TRWE would not have just celebrated 20 years!!! I pray you'll try new ways of serving, giving and growing as a Christian, in 2013.

DeColores Judy Grice, CLD TRWE #40

IMPORTANT DATES GATHERINGS

April 20 Family Retreat Center, Gathering/Candlelight 7:30

May 10 Regionals 7:30
South Meadowlands UMC
North Leesburg Presby
East Murrysville UMC

June 14 Ingomar UMC 7:30

July 20 Leadership training 9-5 All Gathering Ingomar UMC 7:30

August 10 All Community
Gathering/Picnic FRC 12:30

SPRING WALKS FAMILY RETREAT CENTER

Men's Walk #85 April 18--21 Gathering/Candlelight April 20 @ 7:30 Women's Walk #86 April 25--28 April 27 @ 8:30 Candlelight COMM. LAY DIRECTOR PG. 1 SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR PG. 2 **BOOK NEWS** PG. 2 **COMING ATTRACTIONS** PG. 2 4TH Day News PG 3 **BOARD NOMINATIONS** PG 3 **AGAPE** PG. 4 **PURCHASING** PG. 5 **FELLOWSHIP** PG. 5 **TEAMS** PG. 6 **SPONSORSHIP** PG. 7 **BOARD NEWS** PG. 7-8 PRAYER CHAIN PG8 PRAYING PRAYER VIGIL PG. 9 CHRYSALIS/JOURNEY PG. 10 DIRECTIONS PG. 11

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FROM THE COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

Way back in 1977, Rev. John Hartley, a United Methodist Pastor invited my Alice and me to attend a weekend called Tres Dias. A weekend changed my life. Even though I was a United Methodist Pastor, I learned the awesome spiritual practicality of Grace. I heard all five of the grace talks with new ears and I was really energized by the stories told by the Table Leaders as they laid bare their lives, failure as well as success. As a result, when I moved to the Butler area one of the first things I did was invite folks to make that three-day weekend. That changed a church.

Since I have been introduced to Emmaus (worked the first women's weekend and have worked weekends ever since, giving all the Grace Talks and having been honored to be chosen as Community Spiritual Director), my love for what God does on each weekend grows and grows. Lives are changed; families are changed; churches are changed. I want to do all I can to help this powerful movement of the Spirit grow and reach more and more people.

I've actually lost count of the weekends I've worked. I have been able to work because the UMC realizes the value of Emmaus and permits me to use continuing education funds for each weekend.

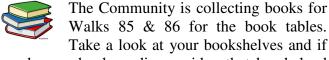
United Methodist Laity can also get a scholarship through the UMC. But that isn't true for all churches. And some pilgrims, as well as team members, must take our walk without that kind of support.

Our Three Rivers Walk to Emmaus Community has faithfully supported pilgrims and team desiring to take the Walk to Emmaus. We have a scholarship fund that can cover half the cost of a weekend. But a strange thing has happened as we have gone over the fiscal cliff; many good folks are financially strapped and the \$200.00 is a stretch. I am constantly receiving requests for Scholarships. For this spring alone, I have already received 5 requests for scholarship and teaming has just begun. I hope our sponsors and team members can feel confident as they tell pilgrims and themselves that our community will reach out and help.

So here's the pitch: if you are able and God leads you to it, donate to the Scholarship Fund. And sponsors, make use of local Church and Denominational resources but also contact me. The form is on our website www.trwe.org. We'll help as much as we can and as long as the funds hold out. DeColores Bill Saxman

Community Spiritual Director

Books, Books, Books!!!



Take a look at your bookshelves and if you have a book, audio or video that has helped you along in your walk with Jesus, consider passing it on. Ken Gryger is collecting for the Men's Walk and Lisa Foust is collecting for the Women's Walk. Items can be given to members of the team or when you bring your pilgrim(s) for the weekend.

DeColores Lisa Foust TRWE #64

PREVIEW OF COMING ATTRACTIONS!!!



NE Leadership Training, E-Day and All Community Gathering will be held at Ingomar UMC. Mark your calendar now for July 20 2013.

Coming on August 10, 2013, is the All Community Picnic/ Gathering that will be at the Family Retreat Center in Cranberry.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you at these opportunities of fellowship and worship.

Bryan Pass, Ass't Community Lay Director

!!!ATTENTION!!! 4TH DAY COMMUNITY SERVANTS !!!ATTENTION!!!

EAT, PRAY, LOVE

Yes, it is the title of a novel based on a true story. Yes, it was made into a movie starring Julia Roberts in 2010 and yes, Oprah dedicated two whole episodes of her show to it. But NO, I am not recommending you go see the movie or read the book. I am shamelessly playing on the title to make a point about the essence of our Walk to Emmaus faith community – eat, pray, love – in the name of Christ, it's what we do!

EAT (Luke 22:19)— When we were on our walks, we ate well. At Gatherings - we eat. When in our group reunions, holding one another accountable to the order of the Group Reunion card, we often share a meal or a snack at least. And when we eat, we remember these words: "and in the breaking of the bread, their eyes were opened." It is only a few short weeks until Walks #85 and #86. It is my prayer that the next time you eat your eyes will be opened to the opportunities to pray and love and then act on them. In fact, why wait? Why not just do it now?

PRAY (1Thess5:17).- The 24-Hour Prayer Vigils for Walks 85 and 86 are not yet complete. Sign up now by getting on the website at TRWE.org, bottom left corner. Look for an open slot that suits you and fill in your name. Don't stop there! In this pre-walk time, pray for Pilgrims, pray for team, pray over the camp and its staff, pray without ceasing.

LOVE (Hebrews: 10:24-25) - When you went on your Walk you were loved-on by many people you didn't even know. Now, it's your turn! There are many 4th Day servant slots still open for both Walks 85 and 86. Please - as you eat, as you pray, consider how you might loveon people that you don't even know by serving in a 4th day capacity for the upcoming walks. Make Agape? Clean bathrooms? Serve a meal? Set up on Thursday? Help pack up on Sunday after closing? Don't want to do it alone? Great! Invite all of your Group Reunion friends to come along with you. Go to TRWE.org, bottom left corner of the page, click on the link for "4th Day Help" (or click on this link) click on Walk 85 or 86, choose a slot to serve and type in your name.

SERVING AT THE CAMP DURING MEAL TIMES: PLEASE NOTE!!! EAT for only \$8.

If you are serving during a mealtime at Family Retreat Center (formerly Fresh Air Camp), you are welcome to eat following your service for a charge of only \$8. When we used to cook our own meals, you were actually serving by eating the leftovers and thereby reducing waste, cleanup and storage. Now that the camps we use do the cooking, they charge a per person fee to supplement their revenue. Other options: bring your own meal or drive a very short distance to Rt 19, Cranberry and choose from among many local eateries. In Christ, Ken Gryger, 4th Day Board Rep

Suggestions when praying for Walks are found on Page 9

Seeking NOMINATIONS NOW! Three Rivers Walk to Emmaus Board of Directors



TRWE Board members' terms last for only 3 years. The class of 2013 will be rotating off the board as of December 31st. Board That means the nominating

committee is active now (actually, it's always active) seeking 4th Day community members willing and able to serve in a Board capacity.

Is it **glamorous**? Sometimes, maybe a little – but not often.

Is it hard work? Sometimes, maybe a little – but not always.

Is it service? Yes, that's what it is, plain and simple. Serving on the Board of TRWE is service to our growing faith community in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and for the sake of those He would

continue to reach out and touch with His good grace and mercy through this instrument we call the Walk to Emmaus.

Please prayerfully consider:

- 1) Nominating those to the board whom you have come to know who has distinguished themselves by their servant-heart attitude.
- 2) Nominating yourself for the Board if you have felt a prompting to serve the community beyond Walks.

Please forward your nominations to Ken Gryger, krgryger@comcast.net.

In Christ alone, I remain, Ken Gryger – 4th Day Board Rep

AGAPE

The Spring 2013 Walks (#85 & #86) will be here in a few short weeks. And each year about this time, we ask for pieces of Agape for the upcoming walks.

Since the walks are a few weeks away, the figures below SHOW TEAM NUMBERS ONLY! At least a week before the Men's Walk, you will receive by email the Pilgrims' lists. Currently there are 33 team members on the Men's walk, with 23 of those in the conference room. There are 37 team members for the Women's Walk, with 25 of those in the conference room. These figures give you a place to start.

At this point in time, it is safe to say that Agape is needed. Do you have a creative side? If so, then put on your thinking cap and create some type of Agape that accents a specific scripture or some other facet of TRWE's Walk to Emmaus.

Not so creative? Don't let that stop you. You can always purchase some little trinkets from places such as Oriental Trading Company and then attach a note of some sort to the trinket. Regardless, if you create the Agape yourself or if you purchase it, your Agape is needed.

AGAPE ----- Selfless, sacrificial, unconditional love, the highest of the four types of love in the Bible. This Greek word found throughout

love in the Bible. This Greek word found throughout the New Testament perfectly describes the kind of love Jesus Christ has for his Father and for his followers.

"Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them." John 14:21

Jesus lived out agape by sacrificing himself for the sins of the world.

Agape is such a huge part of the Walk to Emmaus. The time spent showing love to the pilgrims gives them a small glimpse of how much our Lord loves them. Whether it is through craft objects, letters, prayer vigil, candlelight, day angels, kitchen servants, etc., the acts of agape during the weekend are examples of the unconditional love that God has for them.

Take a moment and think back to your specific Walk and the particular emotions you felt when you received each little piece of Agape. Did the Agape on your Walk evoke some spontaneous laughter or squeals of delight (maybe not so much on the men's walk), or did some perhaps strike a particular cord with you and evoke a contemplative thought or peace of mind? Or did the Agape create joy and wonder in your heart because you knew that someone had made the piece of Agape just for you and the other pilgrims on your Walk?

Agape is needed. Agape in the world of Walk to Emmaus translates to unconditional love. Therefore, won't you show some unconditional love by providing Agape for the either the dining room or the cabins?

The pilgrims that God has chosen to be on the upcoming Walks may one day reflect on the priceless lesson of unconditional love that you and I show them. We can't let them (or God) down!

Janet Stewart, Agape Coordinator
EDITOR'S NOTE For another idea for
Agape, please see following article.

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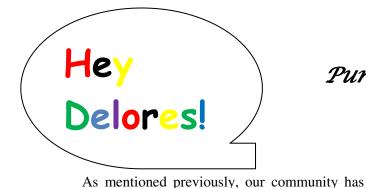
Some of us just do not have the time to physically volunteer to help with the weekends or do not have a crafty bone in our bodies. Do not worry; you can still show your agape love by donating some \$ to help with the communion elements or the famous TRWE peanut butter. The cost is approximately \$30-\$40 for the ingredients for the peanut butter (which is enough for both weekends)

\$25-\$35 will cover the communion elements for both walks as well. No buying anything, no mixing up that delicious PNB. I will take care of all that. It's that easy!

If you need more information or have any questions, please to contact me at kshusteric@yahoo.com or you can send your donations to me at:

627 Sandy Hill Road Irwin, PA 15642 Thank You and DeColores, Kathy Shusteric BOD, Kitchen Coordinator

HAVE YOU SIGNED THE PRAYER VIGIL? DID YOU VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH 4TH DAY? VISIT WWW.TRWE.ORG



taken possession of a 16" trailer affectionately known

as Delores to store the equipment and supplies needed

during our walks. Special agape blessings to Teresa, Pam, John, Rick and Ken for helping to clean out the

building at Lutherlyn and load the trailer on a brisk

Friday in February. Unfortunately due to the weather

we were unable to properly organize, inventory and purge any excess supplies in the totes--meaning our 16'

trailer is full to the brim. We have collected a lot over

the past 20 years. My goal for the remainder of this year

is to reduce the number of totes by 25%. Better

inventory management by bringing/purchasing disposal items such as paper plates, bowls to the beginning of

the walks instead of storing them in several totes for 6

months or more is a start. In addition, as we look at

everything we are currently using or not using, there

may be a few items that will not make the cut.

Purchasing

If there is anything that someone wants back, please let me know a.s.a.p. Racks, agape decorations, etc. will be looked at and a determination will be made as to whether those items have outlived their usefulness. Thank you everyone for supplying much-needed items during our past walks. Your generosity has kept and will continue to help keep Walk costs to a minimum. However, please do not bring anything such as soaps and shampoos without first checking with me.

If you are able, please plan on 4th day

If you are able, please plan on 4th day assistance to help unload the trailer on Thursday of the men's walk and possibly to partially reload on that Sunday. Ditto for the following women's walk. We are at a new camp with a new storage trailer; therefore, setup and tear down will take longer at first. Your gift of servanthood would be a blessing to all.

Any questions or concerns, please let me know at; grkjpennington@gmail.com or 412.580.0629. Grace & Peace Gary Pennington

FELLOWSHIP

Dear Emmaus Family & Friends.

I thank God that he has allowed me to serve with so many wonderful men and women who share their love and passion for the Gospel. As you all may know by now, I am the newly elected Fellowship Board member. My task is to encourage members of the Emmaus Community to join us at the Gatherings and to serve in any way you are led.

This is a great honor for me to have the opportunity to lead the Fellowship charge. I am grateful to all who have supported me in this effort since December and who continue to stand beside me in this role.

We have a long road ahead of us and cannot successfully complete my charge without your help. There are many places in both the All Community and Regional Gatherings where we can use your service. If you can, please join us in fellowship either in your region or at an All Community Gathering in Ingomar and celebrate with us the goodness and mercy of the God we love to serve.



Our next All Community Gathering will be held at the Family Retreat Center at the men's Candlelight. Our 4th day speaker will be LaVonn Phillips, TRWE #79. Come, fellowship, and join us as we celebrate this Walk's experiences with our Lord.

If you would like to assist in this celebration, please email me at <u>p.carena@yahoo.com</u> or call me at 412-527-8173. DeColores, Carena M. Phillips, TRWE #76



TEAMS

Walk 85			Walk 86	
Frank Miller	Perseverance	LD	Perseverance	Sherri Miller
Mike Varner	Fourth Day	LDT	Fourth Day	Heidi Walker
Bill Korbel	Priesthood of Believers	ALD	Priority	Patty Johnson
Mark Miller	Priority	ALD	Christian Action	Mary Saltis
Chuck Foust	Body of Christ	ALD	Priesthood of Believers	Karen Edwards
Roger Saunders	Means of Grace	H SD	Means of Grace	Tom Gomola
Kelley Schanley	Prevenient Grace	ASD	Prevenient Grace	Teresa Kendall
Ed Saxman	Obstacles to Grace	ASD	Obstacles to Grace	Cindy Parker
Rick Nelson	Justifying Grace	ASD	Sanctifying Grace	Barb Moore
Kellie Wild	Sanctifying Grace	ASD	Justifying Grace	Merle Timko
Carl Wiker	Christian Action	TL	Body of Christ	Kim Fickley
Drew Patrick	Life Of Piety	TL	Growth Thru Study	Lavonne Snodgrass
Glenn Brooks	Growth Thru Study	TL	Life Of Piety	Darlene Brideweser
Bud Fickley, Sr.	Discipleship	TL	Changing Our World	Debbie Pass
Chub Dietz	Changing Our World	TL	Discipleship	Jan Moynihan
Eli Dille		ATL		Lois Dillie
Dave Griffith		ATL		Linda Counselman
Larry Upton		ATL		Kathy Schmidt
Jay Kinder		ATL		Bobbi Crane
Dick Briant		ATL		Cindy Goodale
		ATL		Kathy Morgan
Ken Gryger		Music		Lynn Keener
Dean Wells		Music		Robin McRoberts
Christopher Newcomer		Tech/AV		Nikki Gallagher
Thurman Yost Gay Bennett		Prayer Prayer		Nancy DeNardo Joyce Zajac
Dave Ealy		Prayer		Sue Brigham
Bob Morgan		Dining Room		Kathy Johnson
Terry Kohlmyer		Dining Room		Sue Tomcik
Frank Snodgrass		4th Day		Patti Johnston
		4th Day		Flo Willaman
Nick DeNardo		Agape		Sharon Gallagher
Ryan Moynihan		Agape		Madeline Rainey
Donnia Spindler		Agape Snack		Lori Chess
Donnie Spindler		Snack		Lucy Kinder Mary Kinder
Ken Gryger		Board Rep		Lisa Foust
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Banner Bearer

Dawn Yeager

HOW TO BE A GOOD SPONSOR

You can share God's love with someone you know by sponsoring them for an Emmaus weekend. There are, however, a few things to keep in mind about the responsibilities that go along with sponsorship.

Whom to sponsor: The purpose of Emmaus is the renewal of the church as the body of the risen Christ in the world through the renewal of church members as faithful and committed disciples of Jesus Christ. Emmaus EXPANDS participants' spiritual lives, DEEPENS their discipleship, and REKINDLES their gifts as Christian leaders in their churches and communities. The Emmaus experience is for active Christians and members of churches whose renewal will mean new energy, commitment, and vision in the church and everyday environments. Emmaus is not intended for pilgrims to meet Jesus for the very first time – it is not a converting experience, but rather a confirming/reaffirming time.

<u>How to sponsor</u>: First, pray for a new vitality for your pilgrim's faith. Make an appointment to talk to both husband and wife, if married. Explain the walk as best you can. You don't need to tell every detail, but keep no secrets. Mention the singing, the times of fun, times of worship, the talks on Christian life, and the relationships you made at your walk with God and other Christians. Bring a copy of the registration form and encourage them to fill it out while they are thinking about it. Sometimes the walks fill up early so sending the registration form and \$25 deposit to the registrar is important.

Your responsibilities will include: staying in touch with your pilgrim before and after the walk; informing them of what to pack for their weekend; collecting 12 letters from people close to them; providing transportation for them to and from the walk; getting them set up in their cabin upon arrival at camp; attending send-off, candlelight service, and closing; and praying. It is highly recommended that you have your name on the prayer vigil for your pilgrim's walk. As a sponsor, you should also provide agape. If you come to camp as a fourth-day volunteer, give your pilgrim space to experience his or her own emotions – keep your distance. Be cordial, but save the hugs for after closing. After closing, gather up all your pilgrim's belongings, and give them a chance to talk on the way home. Make sure you encourage them to join you at the mini and monthly gatherings and continue to pray for them.

A word of encouragement: Ultimately, God calls pilgrims to the Emmaus Walk. If you invite someone and your excitement isn't immediately shared, don't be too discouraged. God's timing is perfect, but it doesn't always fit into our human plans. Pray for discernment and trust God to choose the right pilgrims for each walk.



The Emmaus Board

To retiring Board Member, Ron Hujik, we thank you for sharing your musical talents with us, the Board, as well as with the whole Community!

2013 Board and Positions

Comm. Spiritual Director	Bill Saxman	Fourth Day	Ken Gryger
Community Lay Director	Judy Grice	Kitchen	Kathy Shusteric
Ass't Community Lay Director	Bryan Pass	Literature	Teresa Kendall
Secretary	Lisa Foust	Music	Rick Nelson
Treasurer	Wes Kindelberger	Outreach	Ernie DeLuca
Agape	Janet Stewart	Purchasing	Gary Pennington
Communications	Lynne Johnson	Registrar	Bill Wiegand
Facilities	Ginny Spindler	Reunion	Maxine Ellis
Fellowship	Carena Phillips	Webmaster	Mike Wild

DUTIES OF BOARD MEMBERS

Following is a brief outline of nine of the Board positions. (Other positions were featured in the January Newsletter.)

The Community Fourth Day Coordinator encourages community members to grow in their relationship with Christ through volunteer service that provides support, guidance and challenge. The CFDC prepares the sign-up sheets, listing the jobs and the number of Fourth Day Weekend workers needed and oversees the signups for the Prayer Vigil and prepares the Prayer Vigil Posters. Ken Gryger

The **Community Kitchen Coordinator** is responsible for food service operations for the weekend and other community functions. The CKC helps to plan the menus for the weekends, including the Hearty Snack on Sunday. The CKC also informs the kitchen personnel of any food allergies or special diet restrictions of the team or pilgrims. Kathy Shusteric

The Community Literature Coordinator is responsible for maintaining the Team manuals. It is also the CLC's responsibility to see that the manuals are given to the Lay Directors in a timely manner before teaming. The manuals are to be checked for damage, missing pages, or errors between walks. As directed by the board, the CLC will make purchases from The Upper Room. Rev. Teresa Kendall

The **Community Music Coordinator** coordinates our music life by seeing that the songbooks get to all functions and is responsible for obtaining the weekend music directors. The CMC coordinates with the Fellowship Coordinator for all Gatherings. The CMC stores all songbooks, Master Song Music Books and sound system when not in use. Rev. Rick Nelson

The **Community Outreach Coordinator** is responsible for coordinating the publicity (brochures, letters to the churches, etc.) of Emmaus in other ecumenical settings, coordinating the fund-raising activities of the Community and providing an Emmaus display and literature for a table at Annual Conference. Rev. Ernie De Luca

The Community Purchasing Coordinator purchases, maintains inventory and distributes as needed all Walk supplies (Conference Room, chapels, first aid, All Nashville Upper Room Emmaus items, any items suggested by the Lay Directors of the Walks, and small items for cabins. The CPC also contacts a photographer for the group picture. Gary Pennington

The **Community Registration Coordinator** maintains membership records of all participants in any Emmaus activity and makes this information available to the Team Selection Committee. The CRC also oversees the process of receiving applications and fees, confirms the reservations by written notice, and notifies the CSD of any scholarship requests. The CRC furnishes Pilgrim information to the Lay Directors of the Walks. Bill Wiegand

The Community Reunion Coordinator maintains a current record of all reunion groups and encourages pilgrims to become connected through a reunion group. The CRC also follows-up on Community participation in the Emmaus way of life. Maxine Ellis

The Webmaster Although not a board member, the Webmaster keeps our website (www.trwe.org) current. The webmaster also sets up the pages for Fourth Day help (dining room servers, bathroom cleaners, Emmaus angels, and the Prayer Vigil) for the Walks. Mike Wild

PRAYER CHAIN



If you have a prayer concern that you would like lifted in prayer or have other information that you want to share with the Community, please send the information to Rpratt2707@gmail.com.

PRAYING THE PRAYER VIGIL

Begin by asking God to clear your mind from all outside distractions. Place your thoughts and your spirit with the people and the Walk that you have come to ask God to bless. Be silent for a few minutes and begin to sense His presence with you. Ask God to bless with His Spirit the buildings, the grounds and all things used during the Walk.

PRAY for the lay director, if not by name, by duty. The lay director must walk in God's spirit for anything he or she may be called upon to solve.

PRAY for the assistant lay directors in much the same way.

PRAY for the spiritual directors, that they may be true instruments of God's spirit.

PRAY for the Board representative, that she/he may have the courage to keep the purity of the Walk and not let personalities keep them from doing what she/he promised God she/he would do.

PRAY for the table leaders as they interact with the pilgrims. that they will be instruments in building community among the pilgrims at their table.

PRAY for the speakers. Pray that they remember the One whom they represent, that they lay down self, and glorify God.

PRAY for the talks, for the message they give, for the speakers, and for those who hear. . .that they hear according to their need.

PRAY for: Priority, Prevenient Grace, Priesthood of All Believers, Justifying Grace, Life in Piety, Growth through Study, Means of Grace, Christian Action, Obstacles to Grace, Discipleship, Changing Our World, Sanctifying Grace, Body of Christ, Perseverance, and Fourth Day.

PRAY for the musicians, that their music may bring God's message and soothe troubled souls.

PRAY for the pilgrims. . .the ones who can't leave their thoughts behind, the ones uneasy in the setting, the ones who can't sleep, the ones forced to come, the ones looking for magic not miracles, the ones who are open and receiving, and for all conditions known only to God.

PRAY for the fun and fellowship, that it may warm hearts and stay focused on God.

PRAY for all prayer warriors, the support team, the community, the cooks, and all who minister in unrecognized ways.

PRAY for all the agape gifts, for the hands that made them and for the blessings they bring.

PRAY for the sponsors.

PRAY for the special times. . . Time of Silence, Dying Moments, Candlelight, Letter Time, Closing. Lastly, give it all to God, asking for His blessing and presence with everyone connected. . .not only with those mentioned, but also with families and friends at home.

PRAY by praising and thanking God for the opportunity He has given you to talk to Him on behalf of His children.

De Colores!

Have you signed up for the Prayer Vigil or for 4th Day Help for these walks??? Go to WWW,TRWE.org and click on PRAYER VIGIL and 4TH DAY HELP in the lower left hand corner.

Pilgrim information will be sent approximately 2 weeks before the Men's Walk.



Where are they now?

I have been blessed to have been able to serve on two of the Chrysalis fights that we held in Pittsburgh a few years back. I also was able to experience them in Ohio when two of our daughters attended flights there.

Every now and then I get to see the wonderful young people whom I met during the flights at Christian events around town. It is always a pleasure to catch up and see how God has been working in their lives. I wish I could see them more often.

The people from the flights in Pittsburgh and Ohio have grown into young adults, some may even be considered early middle aged (the ones from the first 2 flights that we held in Pittsburgh). Then it occurred to me that maybe they would like to know what is going on in the Community at large. Most of them are not in the TRWE database. The records for TRWE Chrysalis are separate from TRWE.

Please help us contact these folks. If you were the sponsor or are the parent of anyone who went on a flight, please send us their contact information. We can then contact them to see if they are interested in receiving information about our Community. It can be names and emails, but if you have more information-such as addresses, phone and/ or flight numbers and locations-- that would be great.

This information can be emailed to Lynne Johnson at trewcomm@comcast.net or to me, Bill Wiegand, at banbwiegand@aol.com.

I know that this could become a big undertaking, especially now right before the walks. I believe, however, that it is important and will enable more people to stay connected with the community. Their involvement may affect their lives and will impact the community as well. If you have a few extra minutes and would be willing to help us gather this information by making contacts and recording the data, we would greatly appreciate your help. Bill Wiegand Registrar TRWE

The North East Ohio Chrysalis finished up their Young Women's Chrysalis #46 in January and it was an awesome experience for a beautiful butterfly that we sponsored. She and her tablemates did not want to go home! And who could blame them? She and her "new best friends" were treated with the utmost loving, caring way with blessings upon blessings along their journeys.

It was so inspiring to see so many young people full of joy and happiness, singing their hearts out, wearing clothing that boldly proclaimed their faith. They were all Congo dancing to the song "Lord of the Dance." How cool is that? The new butterflies were singing the song, "This Girl Is On Fire," and they meant every word of it.

We highly recommend TRWE community members consider sponsoring a teenager for the next set of flights. Our young people need a safe haven to go to and the Chrysalis program is a wonderful place for them to do so.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Hebrews 12:1 Blessings, Rex Walter, TRWE #39, Table of Paul Pam Walter, TRWE #42, Table of Rachel

Chrysalis Flights for Summer and Fall have not yet been announced.

Journey – Walk to Emmaus for Young Adults Ages 19 to 24

The Walk to Emmaus model just keeps growing and expanding to serve even more of God's children! The North East Ohio Chrysalis community is holding "Journeys" for this young adult age group in August 2013 – 1st weekend for young men, 2nd weekend for young women. Please keep these "Journeys" in your prayers. If you have a young adult you would like to sponsor on a Journey – please contact me, Ken Gryger krgryger@comcast.net and I will forward more information.

DIRECTIONS TO FAMILY RETREAT CENTER

1100 Freeport Road, Cranberry, PA

From Pittsburgh Take Route I-279 North to Route 79 North. Take Exit 76 (Cranberry, US 19—a left-hand exit). Your exit ramp will merge into Route 19 North. Stay in the right-hand turning lane; turn right at the first traffic light, onto Freeport Road. The intersection is marked by a Sunoco station and a Fifth Third Bank. ** See below for further directions.

From Pennsylvania Turnpike (*Points East/West*) Take the Turnpike to Exit 28 (Cranberry). Take US Route 19 South. Move into the left-hand lane as soon as possible. At the first traffic light on Route 19, turn left. Count three more traffic lights and turn left onto Freeport Road. The intersection is marked by a Sunoco station and a Fifth Third Bank. ** See below for further directions.

From Erie (*Points North*) Take Route 77 South to Exit 78 (Cranberry, US 19). At the end of the ramp, turn right onto Route 228. Move into the left-hand lane as soon as possible. At the first traffic light on Route 19, turn left. Count three more traffic lights and turn left onto Freeport Road. The intersection is marked by a Sunoco station and a Fifth Third Bank. ** See below for further directions.

**The Family Retreat Center is approximately one half mile from the intersection of Route 19 and Freeport Road. Take Freeport Road over the bridge, passing the Regional Learning Alliance on the left, and continue another 300 yards. Slow down—the Retreat Center entrance is on the left, partly concealed by trees. Enter through the black gate and the first set of stone pillars.



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