Three Rivers Walk To Emmaus



IMPORTANT DATES GATHERINGS

South

North

East

May 10

Regionals 7:30 Meadowlands UMC Leesburg Presby Murrysville UMC

June 14

Ingomar UMC 7:30

July 20 Leadership training 8:30-5 All Gathering Ingomar UMC 7:30

August 10 All Community

4TH DAY NEWS

Gathering/Picnic Family Resource Center 12:30

FALL WALKS FAMILY RETREAT CENTER

Men's Walk #87 Oct, 31-Nov. 3
Gathering/Candlelight Nov. 2 @ 7:30
Women's Walk #88 Nov. 7-10
Candlelight Nov. 9 @ 8:30
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Twenty One Years of Walking with Jesus

May 2013

FROM THE COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

God's Angels ©



Did you see one of God's Angels or were you one of God's angels in these past 2 weeks? Coming off two Walk weekends, I have heard God's words to me twice! The April 29 Upper Room devotional scripture was Matt. 6:19-20 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven." Sunday's (April 28) prayer of confession at church was: "God of birth, God of joy,

God of life, we come to you as a people hungry for good news. We have been so dead to miracles that we have missed the world's rebirth. We have preoccupied ourselves with pleasures and have overlooked the joy your offer us. We have been so concerned with making a living that we have missed the life you set among us. Forgive us, gracious God. Open our eyes and our hearts to receive your gift; open our lips and hands to share it with all humanity."

These make me so thankful for the Emmaus movement and the impact it has on my life and my relationship with my Lord, Jesus the Christ. When listening to the answers to the Closing questions--"What has this weekend meant to me? And What Am I going to do about it?", I sense that our newest community members feel the same.

As so many of you sacrificed your time and talents for the pilgrims of Walk #85 and #86, know that your treasures are awaiting you in heaven. Until then, please accept a simple and humble "Thank you on behalf of the TRWE Board of Directors."

For those pilgrims now joining our community, I pray you will no longer be dead to miracles or preoccupied with self, that you never overlook the joy in the life that God has given you, that you no longer fear sharing the good news of the gospel with **all** of humanity. Remember, God did not give you your talents and gifts for selfish gain; He gave them to you to share with others. We welcome you into the TRWE fold and look forward to working alongside you in the very near future

If you saw God's angels, or were one of God's angels--then I say "Thank you, Jesus!" and let all Praise, Glory and Honor be given to God. Amen!

Judy Grice, CLD TRWE#40

PRAYER CHAIN



If you have a prayer concern that you would like lifted in prayer, or would like to be added to the distribution lost, or have other information that you want to share with the Community, please send the information to

Rpratt2707@gmail.com.



FROM THE COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

Just a word for our new brothers and sisters. I believe the Emmaus Walk movement is a powerful outpouring of God's Spirit. It is not an end in and of itself; rather God is using Emmaus to strengthen fellow pilgrims for work in their home churches. Your fourth day is to be of service to the Lord and your field of harvest is your local church and your local community first. I pray your

weekend was a blessing and you give all glory to God. It is our pleasure to do God's will in serving you. Should you desire to serve in similar manner, speak with your sponsor and go to TRWE.org where you will find a "desire to serve form." May the Lord be praised through your fourth day.

Bill SaxmanCommunity Spiritual Director



We will also be having our First Scholarship Fundraiser Dinner. All you care to eat Pasta Buffet from 4:30 till 6:30pm. Then plan on joining us for The All Community Gathering at 7:30 PM.

BONUS!!!

Frequent Flyer Miles, 4th Day, Emmaus Sponsorship, TRWE Board Nominations!

My wife, Liz, and I make a habit of collecting Frequent Flyer Miles. The notion of earning a free flight to some exotic getaway excites us, especially as we attempt to be good stewards of finances. They make it easy. They award miles for things we do all the time anyway--like buy groceries and pay utility bills, just by using this airline credit card. They add up! **BUT THEN**...every once in a while they make a special offer to award **BONUS Frequent Flyer Miles** – those that are awarded above and beyond the regular deal, but once again, they are likely awarded for **things we would do anyway**. That's incredible! It's like...well...a free gift! And then I got to thinking about our own Emmaus Frequent Flyer Bonus account program. What blessings have filled our accounts from doing what we would anyway! All we do is say yes and show up. It's that simple!

4th Day for Walks 85 and 86 – Thank you TRWE community for responding to 4th day needs during these most recent walks – praying, serving on team, unpacking the trailer, serving meals, cleaning bathrooms, praying, providing snacks, supporting Sendoff, Candlelight, and Closing, providing agape, re-packing the trailer – whatever! Did I mention praying? The point is: Thank you for your generous support of this set of Walks. Lives were impacted for Christ! And this knowledge is how our Emmaus Frequent Flyer Bonus Point Program account is filled. That's not why we did it, but the blessing is simply awarded for *things we would do anyway*. For those of you who missed this opportunity for free BONUS points, don't worry. There is no shortage of opportunities. Read on.

Free BONUS points opportunities – the 4th day things we would, should, or could do anyway. Don't miss out! <u>SPONSORSHIP</u> (free triple bonus point opportunity)— Let me back up a sec to share a little. On this past set of walks men and women were exposed to a life of grace...you remember, a life that balances piety, study and action in Christ's service. Remember God's grace – the grace that always surrounds us and draws us closer to God's own self, the grace that justified us in God's sight, the grace that moves us closer to the persons God made us to be,

better able to navigate the obstacles to God's grace and better equipped to avail ourselves of the means of God's grace. Some comments at closing included things like: "I've been going to church for a long time and yet in all those years I don't think I ever understood God's love and grace the way I do now." "I desperately needed this!" "Can we go back and do Candlelight again? It was a glimpse of heaven!" One young man recently even made this claim: that his encounter with Christ on Emmaus Walk 85 literally saved his life.

Did these points jump out at you? First, the comments we hear at closing speak of God's redemption, renewal, restoration, and refreshment. Praise God's Holy Name! But, they also reflect hunger, a deep hunger for an authentic experience of God's love in Christ. In our places of work, play, church, social spheres – we each know others who are hungry for this Emmaus brand of Godly redemption, renewal and refreshment. Across Western PA, pain and quiet desperation cry out for an experience of God's grace – even among the churched. What can we do? What's the – would, should, could do anyway - that earns free triple BONUS points? Sponsor one or more on a Walk to Emmaus – NOW! You do not have to wait until the fall walks are only weeks away. From our seasoned sponsors to our most recent 4th day community members, this 4th Day activity starts with *PRAYER*, *and it starts NOW*. Need help sponsoring? Ask your sponsor. Registration forms are available on the website. Registration for the Fall 2013 Walks is now open!

TRWE Board Nominations (free double bonus points) – Each and every year a new class of board members replaces those who have served their three year commitment. This is the season for nominating, from among the 4th day community, new candidates for this role of servant leadership. Community, please prayerfully consider who you might nominate to the board from those within our community who may stand out as humble servant leaders with a passion for the Walk to Emmaus, clergy or laity. And yes, you may nominate yourself. Please forward your nominations to me, Ken Gryger, 4th Day Board Rep, email: krgryger@comcast.net as soon as possible.

E-Day = Emmaus Education Day and Leader Training (*free double bonus points*) July 20th @ Ingomar UMC, 8:30am to 5pm, with Gathering to follow at 7pm. Yes, it makes for a long day but a day of blessing and free bonus points as the inner workings of the Emmaus model are hashed out in more depth in a setting of Emmaus fellowship, food, and worship. Highly recommended for all 4th Day community, newer members to the community and those wanting to serve on team, and those growing in Emmaus leadership. There is always more to learn and experience! As Bill Harvey used to say, "It just keeps getting better!" More information about this *Northeast Regional Walk to Emmaus* E-day and Leader Training forthcoming. Don't miss out on this free *double-bonus point* opportunity.

Regular *free Bonus Point* **Opportunities:** Things we should do anyway!

- Attend gatherings! 2nd Friday of every month (that's this Friday, May 10!)
- **Support Gatherings!** Offer your gift of worship leadership, a 4th Day Speaker Talk, or bring snacks to a Gathering. Email: Carena Phillips, p.carena@yahoo.com
- **Attend a group reunion** to review the card if there is no reunion group in your area, start one with your sponsor.
- **Serve in your local church** Ultimately, Emmaus isn't about Emmaus. It's about you, Jesus Christ, and your local church! Have you walked into your Pastor's office and asked him or her what you can do yet? That's the spirit of the Walk to Emmaus, to restore and renew servant leadership to the local church. It's just what we should do.
- **Serve on team or 4**th **day for the Fall 2013 Walks** It's never to early to consider how you might be called to serve on the next set of Walks. It's not even too late to think ahead to next spring!

Thanks for your patience in reading and with me for trying to outclever myself to get you to read on. I wish I could award you all thousands of actual *BONUS frequent flyer miles* for all the things you would do anyway. The simple fact is: we are blessed to be a blessing in God's economy both now and into eternity. It's not a marketing ploy. It just happens that way. May you be blessed to be a blessing.

DeColores, Ken Gryger – TRWE 4th Day Board Rep



WALK 85

Mt Zion UMC Anderson Glenn Chase Curtis Oakland UMC Oil Ciy Costanzo Grea Christ Church @Grove Farm Dippolito ΡJ Slippery Rock UMC Mercer UMC Edner Merritt Gottschalk Kurt First Methodist Waynesburg Grimes Dan West Alexander UMC Keverline Dean Atlantic Ave United Brothen Kretzler Larry **Christ Community Methodist** Negri New Stanton UMC Joe Peters Wade East Butler Presbyterian Piper Jack Holiday Park UMC Razete Ron Christ Church @ Grove Farm Ritsko Greg Mt Zion UMC Roberts First Methodist Waynesburg Scott Soule Bill Community UMC, Harrison City Swartz Dave White Chapel UMC

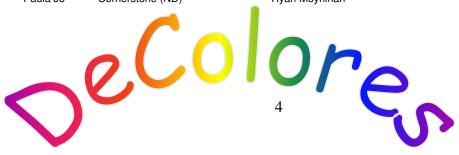
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WALK 86

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