



Three Rivers Walk To Emmaus

November 2003

FALL WALKS

Men's Nov. 6-9

Candlelight Nov. 8

Women's Nov. 13-16

Candlelight Nov 15

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GATHERINGS

Men's Nov. 15 6:00

Wurtenberg UMC Before

Women's Candlelight

Women's Nov. 21 6:30

Dutilh UMC

Before Gathering

GATHERINGS

November 21 (NOTE
DATE CHANGE)

December 12, 2003

January 9, 2004

SPRING WALKS

2004

Men's - March 11-14

Women's March 18-21

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FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR:

So He went in with them. And here is what happened: He sat down at the table with them. Taking the bread, He blessed and broke and gave it to them. At that moment, open-eyed, wide-eyed, they recognized Him. And then He disappeared.

Back and forth they talked. "Didn't we feel on fire as He conversed with us on the road, as He opened up the Scriptures for us?"

Luke 24: 29-32

The Message

It is not surprising that at our Triennial Training on October 4, Bob Brandt, our Regional Representative, used this scripture to open the morning's agenda. This is a familiar passage to us all, and it is probably safe to say, a favorite one for many of us in the Emmaus community.

It is good for us to review what Bob had to say for it helps to keep us in focus - why it is that we are a part of this group known as Three Rivers Walk to Emmaus.

In this passage, Christ told stories already known by those in His presence. Likewise, the pilgrims who come to the Walks are rooted in faith, familiar with Scripture.

In this passage, Christ shared in the Sacrament of Holy Communion with the disciples. Their eyes were opened and they recognized Jesus - their hearts burned within them. Likewise, the pilgrims experience God's grace and understand it in deeper terms throughout the weekend.

In this passage, the disciples went back to Jerusalem, re-joining their community to do the work of the Lord. The Walk to Emmaus sends out the pilgrims to serve in their local churches. There is no Church of Emmaus.

In this passage, the Body of Christ is renewed and the World is changed. Is that not what happens to the pilgrims? They are renewed and we send them out to live lives of piety, study and action - starting with themselves, then their community and then the world.

One other statement Bob Brandt made, I believe, is one we should embrace and remember over and over again. He described Emmaus community members as Towel People - and then talked about Jesus washing the feet of the disciples.

My friends, we are Towel People - here to serve sacrificially the teams and the pilgrims God sends to these Fall Walks.

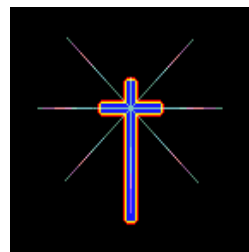
God Bless, Lill Griffith TRWE #28 Table of Sarah

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FROM YOUR COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

As I write this I am on vacation and am enjoying my time away. One of the things I do when I get time away is read. I have finished one book and am now reading the latest Bruce Wilkinson book *The Dream Giver*. It is an interesting book that begins with an allegorical story about Ordinary from the land of Familiar. I won't give away the story but Ordinary discovers the Dream Giver has given him a dream from the beginning and in order to fulfill the dream, Ordinary has to leave Familiar and go to the Land of Promise.



Now you are asking, "How does that relate to TRWE?" Easily. We are part of a 'Dream' and as I see it after our Triennial Training with Bob Brandt our dream is alive and well. However, there are some problems that befall every organization. It has a name and that name is "Commitment" or in words we are better able to understand 'Sacrificial Servanthood'. Now don't get me wrong; there are many very committed people in TRWE who understand what sacrificial servant hood is. But with 1,000 Fourth-day members, we should not have trouble filling teams and fourth-day activities with fresh and excited people.

My dream is that when we begin the team selection and teaming for the Spring Walks we will find people who have the same dream to 'give their all for others, for the one who gave His all for us.' Ordinary does achieve his 'Dream' but it is not without problems and pitfalls and I believe we will achieve our 'Dream' but it will not be without pitfalls and problems.

The one thing I know is that 'God is good' and if we follow His guidance He will not fail to guide us to the TRWE Community where 'everyone wants to be.' Barb Moore TRWE #8

Agape Bonnie Wiegand

It's always better to give than to receive. If you enjoyed all the gifts of Agape that were showered on you at your walk, now is the time for you to do the same for our new pilgrims on walks #47 and #48. This is your opportunity to get creative!

For the MEN'S WALK #47, you will need **52** pieces for the Conference Room, **56** for the Dining Room and **64** pieces if bringing Agape for the whole team. As of this writing there are **22** pilgrims but this number continues to grow!

For the WOMEN'S WALK #48, you will need **68** pieces of Agape for the Conference Room, **71** for the Dining Room, and **82** if you are bringing Agape for the whole team. There are **36** pilgrims.

Also, if you can, send a few extras in case something breaks or more pilgrims are

added. Please count and label your agape and bring it to the agape room at camp as early as you can. If you have a preference for distribution or if it is personalized, please let the Agape team know.

Extras will be returned at closing on Sunday and will also be brought to gatherings for two months after the walks.

AND-don't forget SNACK AGAPE!! Veggie and fruit trays are good. Homemade foods (some salty, some sweet) are especially appreciated!!

Sponsors, Remember to bring 12 family/friend letters for your pilgrim and mark them with an 'F' or spell out family/friend. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (412) 824-7061 or email to trweAgape@aol.com.

HAVE YOU SIGNED THE PRAY VIGIL? WWW.TRWE.ORG



Fourth Day Angels Dave Claypool, Facilities Coordinator

I am asking volunteers to make a commitment to TRWE to be at Camp Allegheny on Thursday, November 6th to help setup for the Men's Walk and/or those who will stay as late as needed on Sunday, November 16th after the Women's Walk to cleanup and store away TRWE property. We will need some trash removal at the close of the men's walk, but we will not have to tear down. If you can help, please let me know. If you are on the Women's Walk, please signup for the Men's Walk to setup. If you are on the Men's Walk, please signup for the Women's Walk to close down the

camp. Those with pilgrims should not signup for the weekend in which your pilgrim is on his or her walk. Your responsibility is to get your pilgrim to the walk and then back home again. If you can help please e-mail me at dwclaypool@yahoo.com, call at 724-443-5627 or see me at teaming. **YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE ON TEAM TO HELP WITH SET-UP OR TEAR-DOWN. ALL ARE WELCOME TO HELP!!** Thank you to all those angels willing to sacrifice for the sake of Three Rivers Walk to Emmaus.

TRIENNIAL TRAINING AND SPONSORSHIP

The Triennial Training was held on October 4, 2003, at Ingomar United Methodist Church. The Training was conducted by Bob Brandt, the Northeast Regional Supervisor for Walk to Emmaus. Bob's role is one of sacrificial service, which he does in addition to his regular employment.

Bob touched on many aspects from the Walk to Emmaus model. One of the most important areas discussed was how **SPONSORSHIP** is the life blood of an Emmaus Community.

SPONSORSHIP is:

- A before the weekend,
- A during the weekend, AND
- An after the weekend activity.

Before the weekend--Prepare your pilgrim about the nature of the weekend. Give them as many Details as they require. (No watches, cell phones, outside contacts, talks, meals, date of mini-Reunion, etc.)

During the Walk: Be ready to help with their family, if needed, while they are at the weekend. Take the Pilgrim to Send-off, attend **SPONSORS'** Hours, Candlelight and Closing.

After the Walk: The most vital aspect of your role as **SPONSOR** begins **AFTER** the weekend. This Includes:

- Bringing your pilgrim to the mini-reunion.
- Taking them to their first Gatherings.
- Helping them find a reunion or starting one with them.
- Assisting them in finding Fourth Day activities in their local church.

These vital elements of high quality **SPONSORSHIP** will allow each pilgrim to get the maximum benefit from the Walk and will enable our Emmaus community to achieve fourth day renewal of the churches' mission. Rolan Burnette Table of Abraham TRWE #27

**A contribution was made to the Three Rivers Memorial Fund
In memory of Mike Varner Jr.
September 21, 1981-October 4, 2003**



PILGRIMS FOR MEN'S WALK #47

Jim Badamo	Redeemed Life Fellowship	Ray O'Wade	St. Pius X
Don Boardman	Christ Comm. Butler	Joe Pajer	St Christopher
Dave Brown	Mt Lebanon UM	Jack Phillips	Liberty Presby
John Clausen	1 st Baptist Linesville	Robert Smith	Trinity U Christian
Aaron Cotter	Holiday Park UMC	Leonard Sponaugle	Bower Hill Comm
Tom Giegerich	1 st UMC Warren	Christian Stoecklein	Christ UMC Bethel
Aaron Greer	First Presby Irwin	Jude Urso	Creekside UMC
Gary Kell	1 st UMC Warren	Carl Wheeler	1 st UM Carmichaels
Shawn Kostelansky	Trinity	Ryan Williams	John McMillan Presby
John McCosby	Bethel Presby	Tom Young	Grove City River of God
Mark Miller	Fairmont UMC	Rob Zacour	Christ UMC Bethel

PILGRIMS FOR WOMEN'S WALK #48

Carolyn Allen	1 st UMC Murrysville	Lorri Lankiewicz	Christ Comm Butler
Lynne Beck	Mt. Lebanon UMC	Sam Lindsay	Christ UMC Bethel
Tiffany Boardman	Christ Butler	Ann Lopretto	Port Vue UM
Hazel Bradshaw	Meadowlands UMC	Diana McCosby	Bethel Pres.
Cindi Brown	Mt. Lebanon UMC	Sheila McGlaughlin	Miller UMC
Karen Burns	Port Vue UMC	Elaine Phillips	Liberty Presby.
Jan Conrad	Liberty Presby.	Paula Quiring	Christ UMC Bethel
Graciela Croal	Ingomar UMC	Anna Scherb	1 st UMC
Mary Lea Dutton	West Alexander Pres	Joyce Snyder	Jefferson UMC
Janice Everly	Pt. Marion UMC	Laurie Sponaugle	Bower Hill Comm
Monika Frew	1 st Presbyterian	Lava Staton	Bluewell UMC
Elsie Giegerich	1 st UMC Warren	Karen Thomas	Mt. Olive Baptist
Lynne Glessner	West Alexander Pres.	Lynn Thorn	Christ UMC Bethel
Sharon Gaal	Haven. Heights UMC.	Emily Urso	Tanoma UMC
Lyn Kell	1 st UMC Warren	Sandy Wakefield	Slippery Rock UMC
Heidi Ketzko	1 st UMC Warren	Carole Wheeler	1 st UM Carmichels
Julie Krantz	McMasters UMC	Sandy Yeagley	Liberty Presby
Jan Lamm	Ingomar UMC	Virginia Youngker	UMC E. McKeesport

TO ALL SPONSORS

In accordance with *The Upper Room Handbook on Emmaus*, we ask sponsors to give only twelve letters for your pilgrim(s) for the Sunday packets. If you have more than twelve letters for your pilgrim(s), please give them to your pilgrim(s) Sunday after closing. Check with the agape room before Closing for any excess letters.

Applications are available on our web site WWW.TRWE.ORG

God sets himself against the proud, but He shows favor for the humble. So humble yourself before the Lord. James 4:6-7

The **TRWE MEMORIAL FUND** was created to support ongoing TRWE projects (e.g. Music books, banner poles, team books, board books, and other items deemed necessary by the Board).

Many of the members felt the need

If you would like to make a contribution with MEMORIAL FUND in the month of October, please make your check payable to TRWE and give or send it to Mike Wild 1600



in a tangible manner.

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TEAMS FOR FALL WALKS

MEN’S WALK # 47

John Turnbull	Perseverance	Lay Director
Joe Frantz	Fourth Day	LDT
Bob Ruckel	Christian Action	ALD
Bill Korbel	Priesthood of Believers	ALD
Glenn Brooks	Priority	ALD
Bill Wiegand	Discipleship	TL
John McMullan	Changing Our World	TL
Jeff Rahuba	Growth Thru Study	TL
Tom Stratigos	Life In Piety	TL
Thurman Yost	Body of Christ	TL
		TL
		TL
Curtis Marcase		ATL
Jeff Clark		ATL
Larry Burkhardt		ATL
Jim Park		ATL
Dwight Troup		ATL
		ATL
Tom Fodar		Technical
Forrest Gilmore		Tech. Assist
Olivia Graham	Means of Grace	SD
Ernie DeLuca	Prevenient Grace	ASD
Linda Merz	Justifying Grace	ASD
Bert Domineck	Sanctifying Grace	ASD
Rick Nelson	Obstacles to Grace	ASD
Allen Kitchen		Music
Matt Rahuba		Music
Ernie DeLuca		Board Rep.
		Banner Bear
		Prayer Chapel
		Prayer Chapel
		Prayer Chapel
		Kitchen Head
		Kitchen
		Kitchen
		Kitchen
		Kitchen
		Dining Room
		Dining Room

WOMEN’S WALK #48

Donna Turnbull	Perseverance
Kellie Wild	Fourth Day
Janet Ruckel	Priority
Rebecca DeLuca	Life in Piety
Barb Gusew	Christian Action
Kay Rahuba	Gr. Thru Study
Lynne Johnson	Changing our World
Bonnie Wiegand	Discipleship
Joyce Puebla	Priesthood of Believers
Noreen Nemit	Body of Christ
Janet Barczak	
Rosemary Pennington	
Colleen Clark	
Carla Rizzi	
Pam Walter	
Ann Bart	
Sue Scott	
Katie Furer	
Alice Wisniewski	
Charlotte Jones	
Forrest Gilmore	
Kay Day	Means of Grace
Millie Martin	Prevenient Grace
John Phillips	Justifying Grace
Lota Jones	Sanctifying Grace
Ed Young	Obstacles to Grace
Lori Slagle	
Mary Sickles	
Peg Nicholas	
Nancy DeNardo	
Sharon Salvini	
Patti Houy	
Janet Furer	
Susan Caldwell	
Amy Stevens	
Celeste Fodor	
Sandy Coddling	
Maxine Ellis	
Terri Fetter	

Cecil Furer
Frank Miller

Bud Fickley
Dave Claypool
Mike Zuber

Agape Head	Jamie Zacour
Agape	Linda Counselman
Agape	Emma Logue
Snack Agape	Sophie Park
Snack Agape	Heidi Varner
4th Day Coord.	Sandy Underwood

DeColores

Fourth Day Corner

Six months into my journey of Fourth Days, and it is time to reflect. How is life different? Slowly, and often painfully, I have been trying to honor the release I made in that powerful dying moment. At the time, the words would scarcely come out of my mouth. After all, I have had several decades of "being in charge" -- of "having it my way." It seems so recent that my college roommate back in the fifties asked me who died and left me in charge. God has convicted me of what I have probably known all along, that imposing my will on others is an injustice to friends and family and a misuse of leadership gifts. So, how is this playing out in my

fourth days? I am learning that it is not always necessary to have the last word. I am learning that delegating tasks is not a weakness. I am learning that "different" is not synonymous with "inferior." I am learning that the end product is not always the most important part of the task. I am learning that I do not always know best. I am learning that I do not need to offer an unsolicited solution for other people's problems. Yes, I am learning and perhaps some day part of that will be "I have learned. With the grace of God and the help of my sponsor, Covenant and Reunion Group, may it be so.
Jan Roberts TRWE #46 Table of Hannah



"I grew up in an active, church family so going to church every week and being involved in church activities was something I just did naturally. After my Walk to Emmaus, however, all of that changed. Of course I am still an active church member but my approach to my local church and to my faith in general has changed. No longer are church attendance and things like Bible study things of habit or the stuff that Christian families just do. Emmaus has shown me God's love and grace as a reality here on this side of eternity and I now seek, actively seek, the guidance of the Holy Spirit in

my life. I have been shown ways to use a desire to help others and some pretty simple talents in ways and places that I never would have thought of had I not opened myself to God's guidance. My guiding principle is that it is not what I do but why I do it that is important and that alone has opened my mind and soul to the reality of God's grace and love. I have never felt more fulfilled than when I do my best to be a vessel for God's love. I may have eventually figured that all out on my own but I attribute the Emmaus experience and approach to life as the catalyst to the rest of my Fourth Days.
DeColores Bob Ruckel TRWE #1 Table of Luke



I remember thinking, "I don't have time to take four days to go on a Walk to Emmaus. I am too busy. I have been on retreats before. What could be so special about this one?" The first night I thought about all the things I could be doing if I wasn't on this Walk. I was too busy for this. Friday was better, I really liked the speakers, the topics were right on for "busy me". On Saturday, one of the speakers had a word from the Lord that changed my life and

attitude in a big way. I finally realized that I didn't have to do it ALL. God had placed very capable people in my life to help me and to help Him, if I would only get out of the way. He also let me know that if I would surrender some things, by that pruning process, He would make the other things I was involved in much more fruitful. And He has. I can't believe how arrogant I was to think I had to do it ALL. I thank God for His patient persistence in my life. Nancy Denardo TRWE# 32



It Depends Whose Hand It's In!

A basketball in my hands is worth about \$19. worth about \$33 million. It depends whose



A basketball in Michael Jordan's hands is worth about \$33 million. It depends whose hands it's in.

A baseball in my hands is worth about \$6. about \$19 million. It depends whose hands



A baseball in Barry Bonds' hand is worth about \$19 million. It depends whose hands it's in.

A tennis racket is useless in my hands. Wimbledon Championship. It depends



A tennis racket in Pete Sampras' hands is a Wimbledon Championship. It depends whose hands it's in.

A rod in my hands will keep away a wild animal. mighty sea. It depends whose hands it's



A rod in Moses' hand will keep away a wild animal. It depends whose hands it's in.

A slingshot in my hands is a kid's toy. It depends whose hands it's in.



A slingshot in David's hands is a mighty weapon.

Two fish and five loaves of bread in my hands is a couple of fish sandwiches. and five loaves of bread in God's hands will feed thousands. It depends whose in.



Two fish and five loaves of bread in God's hands will feed thousands. It depends whose hands it's in.

Nails in my hands might produce a birdhouse. produce salvation for the entire world. It



Nails in Jesus Christ's hands will produce salvation for the entire world. It depends whose hands it's in.

So put your concerns, your relationships in



worries, your fears, your hopes, your dreams, your families and God's hands because ---- It depends whose hands it's in!

Directions to Camp Allegheny

From Interstate 79 Take Exit 96 to Portersville. Follow Route 448 West into Portersville. At Route 19, turn right. From R. 19, take the first road to the left back onto 488 W. Follow for about six miles to the Slippery Rock Creek bridge. Before crossing the bridge, make a sharp right turn at the Triangle Sporting Goods store onto Van Gorder's Mill Rd. Follow this road for about a mile to the camp entrance.

From I-76 (PA Turnpike) Take Exit 2 to Rt. 18 North. Turn right onto 351 E at Al's Citgo. After crossing the railroad tracks, 351 will make a left turn at the stop sign. Continue on 351. After crossing a long cement bridge, the road will curve sharply to the left again. Continue on 351 into Ellwood City. At 5th Street, make a left. Follow 5th St. to the second light and make a right at McDonald's. This road will become 488 East. Follow 488 out of town. You will cross two steel bridges and a cement bridge which spans the Slippery Rock Creek. Immediately after crossing this bridge, turn left onto Van Gorder's Mill Road. Follow this road for approximately 1.5 miles. After you cross a steel bridge, the camp is just up the road on your right

From Route 60 (Toll Road) Take the Exit 17 for Rt. 351 (Ellwood City). Follow signs for 351 East. After crossing Rt. 18, follow directions from above.



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