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GATHERINGS

October 28th at Lutherlyn Men's Candlelight November 10th at Ingomar UMC

November 10th at Ingomar UMC December 8th at Ingomar UMC January 13th at Carnegie MC HOOTS

October 28th at Lutherlyn Men's Candlelight

December 2nd

FALL WALKS LUTHERLYN

Men's Walk October 26 – 29, 2006 Women's Walk Nov. 2–5, 2006 SPRING WALKS LUTHERLYN

Men's Walk April 12–15, 2007 Women's Walk April 19–22, 2007

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Boy's Flight #6 June 29- July 1 2007

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Three Rivers Walk To Emmaus

October 2006

FROM THE COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

As we approach a new season, I would like to share with you a devotion that is a part of a Bible Study I am a part of at my church. The Bible Study is called REALITY 7 TRUTHS FROM EXPERIENCING GOD.

"There is a time for everything, and season for every activity under heaven:" Ecclesiastes 3:1

The beauty in the way God designed the four seasons is that, each one is distinct, and they all work together to bring life and growth. Spring is a period of freshness and new life. Summer sees growth and productivity. Autumn is a time for harvesting the rewards of past labors. Winter is the season of dormancy and closure. Each season has its own unique beauty and makes a significant contribution to life.

Just as God planned seasons in nature. He has planned seasons in life as well. Life has its springtime. When we begin new things and look excitedly toward the future. Summer comes, and we work diligently in the heat of the day at all that God has assigned to us. With autumn comes the fruition of things begun at an earlier time in our lives. Winter brings an end to a particular period in our lives. Sometimes winter brings hardship, but we remain hopeful, for another spring is just around the corner!

In God's perfect design for our lives, He has planned for times of fruitfulness and activity. He will also build in times of quiet and rest. There will be times when He asks us to remain faithful doing the same work day after day. But there will also be periods of excitement and new beginnings.

By God's grace, we will enjoy seasons of harvesting the fruit of our faithfulness. By God's grace we will overcome the cold winter of heartache and grief, for without winter there would be no spring. Just as it is with the seasons of nature, these seasons in our lives work together to bring about God's perfect will for each of us.

Remember, that whatever season of life we may be in, God Our Father is with us ALWAYS! He would never send us into any season of life alone.

The Fall and Spring are the seasons we focus on our Walks. The Fall Walks are fast approaching. Please pray for the teams, pilgrims and for sponsoring a pilgrim. Please prayerfully consider signing up for the 72-hour Prayer Vigil, for serving a meal, or cleaning bathrooms. Christ is counting on us to do our part.

DeColores, Linda Claypool

FROM THE COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

Love Notes from Linda

Oh no, we cloned the church!

In Ecclesiastes chapter 3, we read about the seasons of our lives, and how there is a time for everything. The Byrds recorded a tune in the 70s called *Turn*, *Turn*, *Turn* which pretty much summed up Ecclesiastes 3, but what neither mentioned is that a certain few "turn, turn" while the rest of the world "sits, sits, sits."

The Emmaus community is in dire need of willing clergy to serve on the walks. I sent a letter out with a self-addressed, stamped envelope and only $1/10^{th}$ of the persons to whom I mailed it responded. Where have all the letters gone – that's another good oldie; or was that Where have all the Flowers gone?

For me the beauty and attraction of the Emmaus Community is that it is unlike the church in that it offers Christ at His servant best. Yet, over the past several years, I continue to see the same faces at teaming – most especially clergy. We need servants who are willing to give sacrificially of time and talent. We need churches that will let the clergy go! Or was that Moses and Pharaoh?

We need to return to our roots and stop acting like cloned churches where the same few folks do all of the work. Step out in faith that God will provide the talent you need to serve.

We need to stop our in-house "fussing about"...it depletes our grace supply when we fuss and make much ado about matters that do not bring about a positive experience for the pilgrim.

Do I sound old and grouchy? Well I reckon I am both. But I am serious about what it means to be different from the standard church. We are to let them Know We Are Christians by our Love! By our willing hearts, and kind mouths.

This is the season for servant hood. This is the season for sponsoring someone on a walk. This is the season for loving one another to spiritual maturity! This is the season for grace and compassion.

So, *Turn*, *Turn*, and *Come go With Me* that we might leave the church and Emmaus Community more beautiful places than we found them.

Amen, praise	the Lord and	DeColores! 1	Linda (big	g hug) Tu	nnell
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Men's Walk #59

PILGRIM

Bloise, Frank
Castor, Dave
Close, Gary
Contois, Art
Cunningham, Jim
Davis, Daniel
Dille, Eli
Greenfield, Howard

CHURCH

Monroeville UMC
Harrisville UMC
Puckety Pres. Church
Wurtemberg UMC
3rd Presbyt Church
Basin Bible Church
Bethel Pres.
Zion UMC

PILGRIM

Markley, Jim Mountain, Jim Patrick, Drew Perry, Pat Pinyot, David Pinyot, Ernie Wainer, Dean Malota, Tom

CHURCH

Ingomar UMC
Community UMC
Orchard Hill Church
New Community Church
Christ Ch of Grove Farm
Puckety Pres. Church
Port Vue UMC

Women's Walk #60

PILGRIM

Adams, Penny
Baker, Dee
Baker, Vicky
Banycky, Ernestine (Erney)
Bloise, Cyndi
Boardman, Janet
Burris, Julie
Castor, Kay
Close, Susan
Dille, Lois
Ellis, Suzanne
Ellsworth, Jessica
Goetz, Nora
Guarnaccia, Char
Howell, Sue

CHURCH

Summit Chapel
Pleasant Valley UMC
Puckety Pres
St Gabriel Catholic
Monroeville UMC
Christ Comm UMC
Slippery Rock UMC
Harrisville UMC
Puckety Pres
Bethel Pres
Edwards Chapel
Grace UMC
Beulah Presby
Mars CMA
Pleasant Valley UMC

PILGRIM

Kunca, Eileen Moynihan, Jan Newport, Judy Park, Donna Pass, Debbie Porter, Esther Scott, Lois Scully, Bernadette Stakor, Doreen Wehrle, Denise Workley, Carolyn Young, Carol Zahn, Nancy Kathy Gordon

CHURCH

First Presyterian Monroeville UMC Community UMC Faith Comm 1st UM Murraysville Rogers Chapel Christ UMC

Community UMC
Puckety Pres
Wurtemburg UMC
Bethel Pres
Wurtemburg UMC
First UMC Ellwood



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TRWE Team



Men's Walk #59

Women's Walk #60

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TALK	NAME	POSITION	NAME	TALK
Perseverance	Jim Park	LD	Rebecca DeLuca	Perseverance
Fourth Day	Glenn Brooks	LDT	Judy Grice	Fourth Day
Priority	John McMullan	ALD	Janet Ruckel	Priority
Priesthood of All Believers	Curt Marcase	ALD	Colleen Clark	Priesthood of All Believers
Body of Christ	Chuck Bowe	ALD	Patty Houy	Christian Action
Means of Grace	Olivia Graham	SD	Ernie DeLuca	Means of Grace
Prevenient Grace	Maggie Foreman	SD	Roger Saunders	Obstacles to Grace
Justifying Grace	Christine Groeger	SD	Barb Moore	Sanctifying Grace
Obstacles to Grace	David Keller	SD	Sara Wrona	Justifying Grace
Sanctifying Grace	Ricky Nelson	SD	Merle Timko	Prevenient Grace
Life in Piety	Bob Kapolka	TL	Rosemary Pennington	Life in Piety
Christian Action	Garth Johnston	TL	Pam Walter	Growth Through Study
Growth Through Study	Bob Dove	TL	Cooky Larrick	Body of Christ
Discipleship	Frank Miller	TL	Jane D'Amico	Discipleship
Changing Our World	John DeBonis	TL	Jan Roberts	Changing Our World
		TL	Tammy DeBonis	
	Colin McRoberts	ATL	Pat Over	
	Frank Jones	ATL	Amy Stevens	
	Frank Snodgrass	ATL	Linda Stewart	
	Karl Salvini	ATL	Suzanne Rackley	
	Rich Underwood	ATL	Mary Bureau	
	Tilon Onderwood	ATL	Laura Matta	
	Ron Hujik	Music	Mary Sickels	
	1 ton 1 tajik	Music	Lori Slagle	
		Music	Kathy Wescoat	
		4th Day	Kay Rahuba	
		4th Day Asst.	Tiffany Boardman	
	Don Shipton	Dining Room	Cindy Bodnar	
	Bon ompton	Dining Room Asst.	Sheila McGlaughlin	
	Bill Flasche	Agape	Diana Hujik	
	Allen Kitchen	Agape	Jennifer Forbes	
	511 1 (1.011011	Agape	Connie Hagan	
		Agape	Ellie Upton	
	Gay Bennet	Snack	Debra Young	
	y	Snack	Kim Zielinski	
	Nick DeNardo	Prayer	Maxine Ellis	
	Mike Varner	Prayer	Joyce Puebla	
		Prayer	Ćarla Rizzi	
		Prayer	Lil Griffith	
		Prayer	Ginny Spindler	
	Don Boardman Jr.	Banner Bearer	Emma Logue	
	Don Boardman Sr.	Tech	Lynne Johnson	
	Rolen Burnette	Board Rep	Peggy Nicholas	

AGAPE

Can you remember your walk and how you felt when you received agape for the first time? What a wonderful outpouring of unconditional love from members of the Emmaus Community this is. Now you have an opportunity to do the same for the upcoming Men and Women's Walks.

Below are some guidelines that will help you and our Team members to create a wonderful experience of love for our Pilgrims.

- 1. Agape must be completed before bringing it to the camp. All the Team members are very busy and will need every minute to prepare for the Pilgrims.
- 2. Agape should be brought to the camp on Thursday night if possible, but no later than Saturday evening before Candlelight. For the Men's Walk, please take agape to Rice Hall, which is the green building directly across from the Dining Hall. For the Women's Walk, please take Agape to Redwood Lodge. There will be people to help you find these locations. Please remember that bedtime agape for Saturday will be distributed around 7:00 p. m.

If there is any problem with getting your agape to the camp, please contact:

Sandy Codding, 43 Ruthfred Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15241 trweagape@vahoo.com

3. Agape can be made for the following situations:

MEN'S WALK		WOMEN'S WALK	
Pilgrims and Team	52	Pilgrims and Team	73
Pilgrims only	20	Pilgrims only	30
Conference Room	40	Conference Room	52
Pilgrims, Table Leaders and Assistants	30	Pilgrims, Table Leaders and Assistants	42

Note: please try to add a few extra pieces for last minute additions

- 4. Please label all agape with the following information:
 - Your name or reunion group name.
 - Number of pieces and to whom they should be distributed (Pilgrims only, Team and Pilgrims etc.).
 - When you would like it to be distributed.

Unused Agape can be picked up on Sunday closing for both walks. If you are not able to attend, you will still be able to pick up your agape at the next gathering.

<u>Please don't forget Snack Agape!!!!</u> Veggie trays, fruit trays are good. Homemade foods, (some salty, some sweet) are especially appreciated! **All agape should be brought to Redwood Lodge for both the men and women.**

Agape letters for Sunday

- If you are a Sponsor and are bringing letters for your Pilgrim, please make sure there are 12 letters bundled. These letters should be family and closest friends, etc. Remember these are the letters they will read first. The envelopes should be marked on the lower left-hand corner with family, friend etc. All others will be held and given to the Sponsor at closing.
- If at all possible, please try to deliver letters before Candlelight on Saturday. It is helpful for the Agape team to be able to set up the Sunday Packets as soon as possible.
- Also, identify yourself as the Pilgrim's Sponsor when delivering the packets to Agape.
- Please remember there are to be **no gifts** for any member of the Walks, Pilgrims or Team. If you have something you would like to give, it should be done on the way home.
- Thank you Three Rivers Walk to Emmaus Community for showing the Pilgrims on the Men's Walk #57 and the Women's Walk #58 the love of Christ through your gifts of Agape. Sandy Codding Agape Chairperson



Fourth Day Corner

Fourth Day Reflections

Emmaus Haiku
Fall 2004 – Take a walk (thank my sponsor June "Bug" O'Masta)
Spring 2005 – Sponsor wife on walk
Fall 2005 – Join the team, do Fruit of the Spirit Talk, Sponsor 3 on the Women's Walk
(to thank my Sponsor who believes in "Pay it Forward")
Fall 2006 – Join the team, do a Talk, invite 5 men on the walk

I met my Emmaus sponsor, June O'Masta while sitting in a dentist's chair waiting for all of the prep work that goes into a root canal. She was the assistant doing the "prep." She noticed that I was reading *The Purpose Driven Life* by Rick Warren. Her excitement became visible as she related to me how she was introduced to the book while on a spiritual retreat in Ohio, a Walk to Emmaus. She was looking for a Purpose Driven discussion group, I was starting one, and we joined purposes. Not long afterward, she offered to sponsor me. Her enthusiasm for the life-changing nature of the experience intrigued me. I wasn't looking for a life-changing experience for myself but wanted to know more about this transforming process that she had been through. Prior to committing to the walk, I attended a Gathering with Amy, my wife, to get a better sense of the group I was about to spend a weekend with.

Why start with my introduction to Emmaus in a Fourth Day discussion? Because the Fourth Day begins with the First Day. Not the First Day of the walk, but the first day of the introduction to the Emmaus concept and community. It was June's Fourth Day excitement that peaked my curiosity about the Walk and it is my enthusiasm about my Fourth Day that will lead others further along their spiritual journey. My belief in "purpose" is that each of us shares one definite purpose in life and that purpose is to help each other along our individual spiritual journey. The beauty of an Emmaus Walk is its ability to meet a person where he or she is and provide tools for individual spiritual growth, growth that often leads to deeper commitment to one's faith and one's church. These tools can be used at the discretion of the pilgrim and that can be pulled out of a toolkit when needed. These tools also become stronger and more useful when one serves on team.

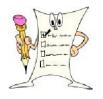
My spiritual journey would have continued with or without the Walk, but it certainly was enhanced, deepened and enriched by it. I am more solid in my faith, more comfortable with Grace, and even more committed to helping others along their own spiritual paths. Recommending the Walk to others and the privilege of serving on team helps me to serve God's purpose for my life on this earth. DeColores!

Bob Dove, TRWE #51, Table of James.



ATTENTION FOUTH DAY SERVANTS

Please report to the fourth day chapel and be prayed in *before* starting to serve the pilgrims





What's Happening with Gathering in '07?

by John McMullan - Asst. Community Lay Director

So how do you make something bigger by making it smaller? And how do you help people come together by keeping them apart? And how can a community that stretches from Greene County to Warren, PA, and from Alliance, OH to Johnstown fully utilize its gifts and talents in the service of the Kingdom?

As a community Three Rivers Walk to Emmaus is blessed and challenged by our geography and the impact it has on our ability to best serve the Lord. It is a blessing we have such a large area from which to sponsor pilgrims, but given the distances some folks are required to travel it is very difficult for many to attend Gatherings and other community events. As that makes it harder to stay in touch, some of these folks may be over-looked for Team Selection, and in many cases they don't feel the same connection with the community that you or I might. And their ability to serve God on Team, and be a blessing to the Pilgrims may not be realized. And at the same time these folks are demonstrating their importance to the community through the faithful sponsorship of pilgrims from their local churches.

So how do we make sure these far-flung folks are not disenfranchised by geography? And how can the community best keep these folks connected as a part of a vibrant 4th Day Community?

At the September Board of Directors Meeting it was established that for 2007 we will change our Gathering schedule to include four (4) Regional Gatherings. Plans are to hold Gatherings at some location far North (around I-80), South (in the far South Hills or Washington County), East (Monroeville, Irwin, Greensburg) and at our current location at Ingomar UMC. We aren't going to change our location for Gathering, we're going to have four Gatherings the same night in four locations. The elements of a Regional Gathering might vary somewhat but could include some Praise & Worship, announcements, an activity and/or 4th Day Speaker and a message from Clergy and Communion.

Of course if you currently coming to Gatherings at Ingomar UMC, you don't need to make a change, we will continue to have our "Center" Gathering at Ingomar. The goal is to reach out to those who are not currently able to attend gatherings due to the distance barrier.

I think I just heard someone say "We've never done it like that before!", which are often cited as the last words of a dying church. The Three Rivers Walk to Emmaus has continued to grow, with over 1,400 members, but Gatherings are attended by less than 10% of our folks. It is hoped that with Regional Gatherings we will be more inclusive of all our community members across our geography, that new servants will step up to provide music, 4th Day Talks, and serve as clergy at our monthly get-togethers, and desire to serve on future Teams.

Two Board of Directors members have volunteered to serve as coordinators to get the Regional Gatherings planned and started; Colleen Clark (412-366-3278) and myself (John McMullan 724-772-6623) will be working hard over the next few months to find faithful folks to lead, participate and provide agape (snacks) at our Regional get-togethers. We are planning four Regional Gatherings likely to be held in February, June, August and December; see the tentative full year calendar in this month's newsletter. If you are interested in serving in any capacity in Regional Gatherings please contact Colleen or myself.

May God bless this plan for Regional Gatherings, and use it to enrich the life of the Three Rivers Walk to Emmaus Community.

TRWE	2007 COMMUNITY CALENDAR			
	JANUARY			
January 13 th	E-Day/Gathering – Special Day & Time! Saturday / 9:00 am – 4:00			
(Saturday)	pm			
	FEBRUARY			
February 9 th	Regional Gatherings			
	North – Central – South – East			
	MARCH			
March 9 th	All Community Gathering			
	Team Commissioning – Ingomar UMC			
	APRIL			
April 14 th	Gathering @ Men's Candlelight TRWE #61 Camp Lutherlyn,			
(Saturday)	Prospect, PA			
	MAY			
May 11 th	All Community Gathering			
	Ingomar UMC			
	JUNE			
June 8 th	Regional Gatherings			
	North – Central – South – East			
	JULY			
July 7 th	Gathering @ Chrysalis Candlelight Location: TBD			
(Saturday)				
	AUGUST			
August 10 th	Regional Gatherings			
	North – Central – South – East			
	SEPTEMBER			
September 14 th	All Community Gathering			
	Annual Meeting			
	Team Commissioning – Ingomar UMC			
	OCTOBER			
October 13 th	Gathering @ Men's Candlelight TRWE #63 Camp Lutherlyn,			
(Saturday)	Prospect, PA			
	NOVEMBER			
November 9 th	All Community Gathering			
	Ingomar UMC			
	DECEMBER			
December 7 th	Regional Gatherings			
	North – Central – South – East			

E-Day & January Gathering

Do you remember the old Doublemint Gum commercials? Well as far as E (Education) Day and January Gathering "Its two, two, two meetings in one!" January 13th Ilyse Johnson, a Regional Trainer from The Upper Room Walk to Emmaus, will visit us. As a part of our covenant we agree as a community to have an Education Day at least once per year.

Ilyse has agreed to come visit us and help us improve in areas such as Sponsorship, Agape, Team Formation, 4th Day Service and many other areas. Did you ever wonder why we show the movie "In Remembrance" on Thursday night? Did you ever wonder how Candlelight got started and why we do it? Ilyse has got the answers to these and other questions. The training portion will be fast moving, interactive and fun. Mark your calendar today to attend.

In celebration of E-Day and to get maximum participation we will hold Gathering following our E-Day training. So plan to come for E-Day and stay for Gathering to follow. The schedule looks like this-Saturday, January 13th 9:00 am to 3:00 pm – E-Day

3:00 pm to 4:00 ish – Gathering

Location is to be determined at this date, look for updates to follow soon.

Remember, Study: Giving our minds to Christ. See you at E-Day!

E-Day & January Gathering Together Again!

Plan to attend Education Day in January.

Study: Giving our hearts and minds to Christ.

Saturday, January 13, 2007

E-Day: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Gathering: 3:00 pm to 4:00 ish

Location: Carnegie United Methodist



Chrysalis has its own gatherings, called HOOTS.

We encourage adults and youth to come check out our next HOOT that will be at Camp Lutherlyn before the MENS CANDLELIGHT on Saturday October 28th, 2006 at 6:30 pm. We will meet in the parking lot near AGAPE around 6:20 pm. John DeBonis and Jessica Baier will direct you where the HOOT will take place up at Camp. For directions to Camp Lutherlyn in Butler, please go to Three Rivers Emmaus web-site: www.trwe.org. We will have time for our own hoot, and then we will join the Emmaus Community for praise and worship, communion, pray for the men on the adult walk and of course attend candlelight together.

HOOTS are a blessing for all that attend. It's a time to discuss our what is going on in our lives with fellow Christians. That makes God smile. It is the body of Christ coming together to share, worship and encourage one another. Jesus told us to love God with all of our hearts, and minds and to love one another. We do both of these things at a HOOT.

We decided not to have a HOOT in November and then in December we will have a Christmas Party HOOT on Saturday, December 2, 2006 at 7:00 pm at the home of Rick and Suzanne Rackley 119 Oak Ridge Place, Venetia, PA 15367. Phone #: 724-942-4214

In 2007 we will hold monthly HOOTS on the last Saturday of each Month at the Café at Ingomar United Methodist Church. The café is across the street from the sanctuary. We usually gather around 7:15 pm and begin around 7:30 pm.

<u>UPCOMING NEWS</u>: Please be on the look out for a newly formed NEXT STEPS Reunion Groups coming to a location near you!!!!! If you would be interested in helping to lead a NEXT STEPS Group in your area, please contact Peggy Osborne at <u>youth@christumc.net</u>

We are starting an e-mail prayer request chain. Please either call or e-mail any prayer concerns or requests to Jessica Baier Phone: 412-758-2019

Jmbaier77@netscape.net

QUESTIONS ABOUT CHRYSALIS???? Contact Heidi Varner at heidiv491@msn.com Or call her home at 412-833-2944.







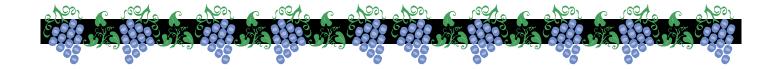
KAIROS KORNER

In our first installment, we mentioned a word to you that is peculiar to the Kairos movement. That word was "Riverbanks." Generally, the concept of Riverbanks guides the activities that occur both prior to and during a Kairos weekend. Riverbanks come in seven parts, and each tries to teach that, like a river, there are places where the banks are wide and others where the banks are very narrow indeed. We'll look at them over the next several issues of this Newsletter.

The first part addresses ecumenical differences. It really isn't that much different from Emmaus. In fact, anyone who has ever served on an Emmaus team, particularly as a Table Leader or Assistant, will recall, as part of their training, an item called "Sticky Subjects." The literature on this tells us that certain subjects—such as predestination, forms and means of baptism, whether there will be a pre- or post-tribulation rapture, etc—have been the subject of division and debate since the time of Christ, and are probably better to be avoided. Like Emmaus, the Kairos movement involves many faith traditions. The general rule for Kairos, then, is to seek a common ground. As a result, certain faith traditions—for example, Marian theology, speaking or praying in tongues, anointing with oil, slaying in the Spirit, healing services, praying the Rosary, etc—are expressly off limits within the walls of the prison. One thing I found personally particularly troubling (especially in light of my Emmaus background) was the fact that neither was Baptism discussed nor was Communion was celebrated. The reason they are not, of course, is obvious: they are "sticky subjects" in an ecumenical setting. Debates over which form of Baptism—sprinkling, immersion, etc.—or when it should be done—infant or adult—lead to division. So it isn't brought up. It's a great lesson in obedience.

More next issue. If your Church is looking for speakers, we have put together a presentation to describe Kairos and some of our guys would be happy to come to your service at your convenience. For info or to book, call Bill Korbel, (412) 664-1201, or e-mail me at WKorbel@state.pa.us.

Fly with Christ,



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