

# Three Rivers Walk To Emmaus

## Nineteen Years of Walking with Jesus

October 2011

FROM THE COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

### *Your Unique Gifts*



#### IMPORTANT DATES

##### GATHERINGS

Nov. 5 Lutherlyn (preceding Men's Candlelight) 7:30

Dec. 9 Ingomar UMC 7:30

Jan. 13 Ingomar UMC 7:30

Feb. 10 Locations TBA

##### FALL WALKS

Men's Walk # 79 Nov. 3 – 6  
Candlelight Nov. 5 8:30

Women's Walk #80 Nov. 10-13  
Candlelight Nov. 12 8:30

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A few years ago, I traveled to the Gulf Coast with a group from my church on a post-Katrina mission trip. There were two other churches there, about 130 people altogether. The leaders put us into groups of about six to eight workers and sent us to the various work-sites. Our team was sent to a house that had already been gutted and mostly put back together by groups that went before us, and so by then it just needed some drywall finishing and a lot of painting. That was good, since most of us weren't very experienced in the handyman department.

As we got to work, one of our team members, with an eye for details, began to notice something we all had in common. Every one of our six-person crew was left-handed! While it's true that paintbrushes and sanding blocks are bi-lateral tools, it was good that we weren't all somewhere that we'd need to stand on our heads to use a circular saw, for instance.

I still don't know if it was an amazing co-incidence, or if the organizers factored in hand-writing analysis of our applications as they determined who would be assigned where. I do know that as the week went on, one thing after another would happen, one conversation after another, all confirming that each one of us was EXACTLY where we were supposed to be that week. When the homeowner came by on Friday as we were packing up to leave, SHE immediately started praying for US. We knew that we were the ones who were blessed by the opportunity.

I was inspired to re-read the Old Testament story of Ehud in Judges 3. Like many of the colorful characters in Judges, Ehud utilized his uniquely configured collection of gifts (most noticeably, his left-handedness), in leading the nation of Israel in their struggles with their enemies.

Many passages in the New Testament talk about Fruit of the Spirit as well as Spiritual Gifts. The NLT version of Ephesians 4:7 says, "He has given each one of us a special gift according to the generosity of Christ." Other versions identify that special gift as God's grace. I know you've heard it said that we are blessed to be a blessing. How have you been blessed? How does your unique collection of gifts and talents play out in your life? How are they being put to use? Your world, your church, and your Emmaus Community all have unique needs, and YOU hold the key to putting your unique collection of gifts to work in filling those needs.

Our website, [www.trwe.org](http://www.trwe.org) has several tools that can help you with this:

- On-line sign-ups for 4<sup>th</sup> Day service to support the upcoming Walks
- On-line sign-ups for the Prayer Vigil
- On-line "Desire to Serve" forms that allow you to pro-actively communicate ways that you feel led to serve
- On-line Spiritual Gifts Assessment. Check it out. You might be surprised to learn of ways that God has blessed you.
- On-line registration forms. Yes, we need folks to exercise their gift of Sponsorship. **Pray** for God to reveal to you that individual or couple whom YOU are uniquely positioned to sponsor. Then go and talk with them!

- If you're not "on-line" or technically-savvy, you can call one of your Emmaus friends who are and give them the chance to use their techno-gifts to help you along.

I look forward to working alongside you in some future endeavor, where Christ can combine our gifts, and use them for His Glory. I promise to leave my circular saw at home.

*DE COLORES!!*

Mike Varner, TRWE #43

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## FROM THE COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

Dear Fellow Pilgrims

I use that salutation because while I am in my 4th day, my journey to the Cross of Christ continues. On this coming Women's Walk, TRWE #80, I am scheduled to give the Sanctifying Grace talk and on Sunday, Oct. 2, I spoke on Philippians 3:1-16. Both speak about God's grace as we continue our journey in faith.

In the Philippians passage, using the new CEB, Paul says, "be glad in the Lord." That phrase has caught my attention; as I continue my 4th day. Am I "glad in the Lord?" Is the Lord my source of happiness, joy or blessing? Then Paul goes on to say that his goal



is to be "found in Christ." And I thought WOW! That's what the talk on Sanctifying Grace is all about, and, more than a talk, that's what my life in Christ is intended to be. What a challenge! What a shower of gladness!

As we prepare for the coming walks, as the teams train and the community prays, may I suggest that you read and pray over Philippians 3:1-16; see what God has to reveal to you about your journey in Sanctifying Grace. Maybe we can talk about our discoveries when next we meet.

DeColores

Bill Saxman, Community Spiritual Director

## FELLOWSHIP CORNER



As Fellowship Coordinator for the Three Rivers Emmaus Community, I am responsible for getting Clergy, 4<sup>th</sup> Day Speakers, Musicians and Fellowship volunteers for the All Community Gatherings, as well as Leaders and Board Reps for the Regional Gatherings.

I'd like to take this opportunity to say **thank you** to the following people for serving at Gatherings in September and October: **4<sup>th</sup> Day Speakers**--- Gary Pennington, Dave and Heather Fitch; Joanna Hastings, Nancy Frey and Rob Liermann **Clergy**— Stan Schilfforth, Jim Markley, Lance Tucker; **Musicians**—Robin McRoberts, Bobbi Crane, Carol Smith, Mary Kitchen, Bud Fickley Jr.; **Fellowship**— Liz Reilly, Pat Mould, Lucy Kinder, Deidre Mock, Dave and Lill Griffith, Amy Dove, Becky Marshall and Mary Ellen Eckersley; **Leaders**- Teresa Kendall, Decolores, Judy Grice

Eleanor Miller and Larry/Diane Simmons ; **Board Reps**—Tom Gomola, Larry Simmons and me.

Thank you **Jay Kinder** -who volunteered to be our **4<sup>th</sup> Day Speaker** for the All Community Gathering, prior to the Men's Candlelight Service, on **Nov. 5**.

**December 9 will be our last All Community Gathering** in 2011, held at Ingomar UMC, Wexford. Thanks to those who have already volunteered to serve in December; **Donna Johnston**- 4<sup>th</sup> Day Speaker; **Stephanie Gottschalk**- Clergy; **Colleen Clark and Liz Reilly**-Fellowship. If anyone would like to help Ron Hujik with music, please let me know. (724) 225-7806 or [grice3@hotmail.com](mailto:grice3@hotmail.com)

Thank you all for your willingness to serve our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ☺

TRWE #40

## A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU!

One of our members has been making the copies of the 15 talk sheets that are provided to pilgrims, table leaders, and assistant table leaders for the past seven years. This entails going to the WPA UMC Center in Cranberry and making 125-150 copies for each walk, depending on the number of

pilgrims. The UMC Center prepares a bill which is then paid by the TRWE Board. We are looking for a willing servant who would be willing to do this gift of agape for our community beginning in the spring of 2012. Please contact Craig Hunkele at [chunkele@yahoo.com](mailto:chunkele@yahoo.com) 412 487 1809.



## PILGRIMS MEN'S WALK # 79

Burdelski, Randal	Oakmont UMC	Olivarez, Juan	Bethel Presby
Collins, Tim	Windy Gap Presby	Phillips, LaVonn	Deliverance Baptist
Delattre, Jeremy	Orchard Hill	Regule, John	Orchard Hill
Emery, Ron	Eldred UMC	Wakefield, Nate	McMasters UMC
Hankey, John	Orchard Hill		
Irey, Gary	West Alex Presby		

## WOMEN'S WALK #80

Anderson, Robyn	Marianna UMC	Gombos, Nancy	Harrison City UMC
Burdelsky, Katherine	Oakmont UMC	Hunter, Jessica	Bethel Presby
Bussey, Lynn	Waynesburg UMC	Hutts, Marilyn	Murrysville UMC
Campanelli, Krista	McMasters UMC	Kochasic, Becky	Harrison City UMC
Clayton, Lisa	Stone UMC	Lindsay, Jeanette	Waynesburg UMC
Clive, Diana	Ingomar UMC	McMuen, Cynthia	West Alex Presby
Collins, Becky	Windy Gap Presby	Olivarez, Dana	Bethel Presby
Conti, Sandy	Mt Zion UMC	Schreckengost, Barb	First Church of God
Duer, Lori	Waynesburg UMC	Smith, Dianna	West Alex Presby
Ealy, Rosella	West Alex UMC	Wakefield, Tina	McMasters UMC
Irey, Phyllis	West Alex Presby	Wood, Sally	Community Alliance
Gallagher, Nikki	McMasters UMC		

### Why should I make a donation to the Scholarship Fund?

**2 Corinthians 9:10-11** — “Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.”

As this passage from Corinthians states, God has given each of us what we need to be rich in every way. In response, we are to be generous in our giving to show praise and thanks to God for these gifts. Making a donation to the TRWE Scholarship fund is an excellent way to demonstrate your generosity.

When you give to the TRWE Scholarship Fund you are making it possible for a pilgrim or team member to participate in a life changing experience,

while at the same time providing yourself the opportunity to give back to the Emmaus community.

It is not too late to provide financial assistance for the upcoming fall walks. Your tax deductible contribution can be sent to Amy Dove at 406 Burlington Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15221; put into the collection plate at the next gathering; or given to the Board reps at teaming. Make the check payable to TRWE and write “scholarship fund” in the memo line. (You will receive a receipt for your donation by the end of the tax year.)

Money should never keep a pilgrim or team member from participating in a Walk. Do what you can today to make sure the Emmaus community is able to continue providing financial assistance to those who need it.

DeColores, Amy Dove, 2011 TRWE Treasurer

## Walks 79 and 80 Teams

Garth Johnston	Perseverance	LD	Diana Hujik	Perseverance
Ernie DeLuca	Means of Grace	Head SD	Cindy Parker	Means of Grace
Roger Saunders	Prevenient Grace	SD	Jerry Belloit	Prevenient Grace
Kelley Schanely	Justifying Grace	SD	Ardi Hill	Justifying Grace
Roger Howard	Obstacles to Grace	SD	Angie Deal	Obstacles to Grace
Scott Gallagher	Sanctifying Grace	SD	Bill Saxman	Sanctifying Grace
Nick Denardo	Fourth Day	LDT	Patti Johnston	Fourth Day
Jeff Clark	Christian Action	ALD	Janet Ruckel	Priority
Bryan McClaine	Priesthood Believers	ALD	Sara Dickey	
Brian Pass	Grow Through Study	ALD	Rosemary Pennington	Christian Action
Jerry Riedel	Discipleship	TL	Jan Moynihan	Grow Through Study
Thurman Yost	Changing Our World	TL	Lisa Foust	Discipleship
Deron Donalson	Life of Piety	TL	Gail Corbett	Changing Our World
Mike Bodnar	Body of Christ	TL	Pat Robinson	Body of Christ
		TL	Linda Sweeney	Life of Piety
		TL		
Larry Parker		ATL	Nancy Frey	
Noel Jack		ATL	Janet Stewart	
Larry Upton		ATL	Joanne Bruker	
Gay Bennett		ATL	Martha Johnson	
		ATL	Darlene Brideweser	
Dave Claypool		Tech	Joan Burnette	
Ron Hujik		BR	Judy Grice	Priesthood Believers
Ron Hujik		Music	Ron Hujik	
Terry O'Keefe	Priority	Music		
Dave Griffith		DR	Pam Walter	
Tim Spence		DR	Alice Saxman	
Rich Underwood		Prayer Chapel	Ginny Spindler	
Rex Walter		Prayer Chapel		
Donnie Spindler		4 <sup>th</sup> Day	Patty Johnson	
		4 <sup>th</sup> Day	Bobbi Crane	
		B Bearer		
Bill Flasche		Agape	Kathy Johnson	
		Agape	Jann Markley	
		Agape	Karen Edwards	
		Agape		
John Ruppel		Snack Agape	Jan Brooks	
		Snack Agape	Punkin Mowl	

# SAVE THE DATE



SEPTEMBER 15, 2012

**20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**, “Commemorating who we are and what GOD has done through us.”

Christ UMC, Bethel Park beginning with Fellowship @ 5:00 p.m., followed by a catered dinner @ 5:30 p.m. and an evening of “**EMMAUS STYLE**” PRAISE & WORSHIP☺

Mark your calendars **NOW!!** More information will follow in the coming months. **DeColores!!**

***“They began telling each other how their hearts had felt strangely warm as He talked with them....”***

Luke 24:32

Do you remember your ride home from your Walk to Emmaus? What did you do in the car, over the next several days and possibly weeks? You probably told many people about how your heart had been warmed, maybe even without using words ...

The committee for the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of TRWE would like to put together a booklet of memories of those heart-warming experiences. Our goal is to print up all of your stories and have the booklets available at the celebration dinner next September.

To help you get your thoughts together, look at the questions below. You need not answer all of them, just use them to jog your mind about the one memory of your TRWE experience that is most meaningful.

You might think you have lots of time to do this, but please don't wait. We need time to organize and get the printing done. We are ANTICIPATING a great response!!

## **WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE EMMAUS MEMORY??**

*Is it from the time.....*

*you were a pilgrim?.....you first served on team?.....you first sponsored someone?*

*Is it something from.....*

*one of the talks?..... a Communion meditation at a Gathering?*

*a fourth day talk?*

*Is it a song that you sang for the first time...or one that challenged you?*

*Is it something from your Fourth Day?*



**DeColores**

Provide your answer (with your name and Walk #) in 50-100 words or less and email to Lill Griffith at [ddglrm@gmail.com](mailto:ddglrm@gmail.com) or send it by US mail to 218 Maple Drive Karns City, PA 16041

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DIRECTIONS TO LUTHERLYN CAMP, WHICH IS LOCATED OFF Route 422 between Butler and Prospect. If you are traveling from the West, take I 79 to route 422, and head east 8.2 miles. Make a right turn at 84 Lumber on the right onto Dick Road. In approximately 1 1./2 miles, turn right and that will take you to the camp.

If traveling from the North, take I 79 to Route 422, make a left on to Route 422 and follow above directions.

you are traveling from the East, take Route 8 to Route 422, and head west 7 miles to 84 Lumber. Make a left hand turn on to Dick Road. The main entrance is 1.5 miles down the road.



# AGAPE FOR WALKS

Remember all of the agape left for you in the conference room, dining room and on your bed? You can now show the same agape love to our pilgrims on Walks 79 and 80.

Please bring your agape to camp on Thursday, if possible, but at least before Saturday evening Candlelight. Please label all agape with the name(s) or group name. Also include how many pieces there are, to whom they should be given and when you would like them to be distributed. Unused agape may be claimed at closing on Sunday.

**SPONSORS** Please leave only TWELVE agape letters (which should include family and/or closest friends) with the Agape team members. The rest of the letters, along with any gifts, should be given to your pilgrim on the way home on Sunday. Write family or friend on the envelope. If you have any questions, please contact Sara Dickey at 412-914-0121.

Agape may be made for the following situations:

Sara Dickey Agape Chairperson 412-914-0121

<b>MEN'S WALK #79</b>	Amount	<b>WOMEN'S WALK #80</b>	Amount
Pilgrims only	15	Pilgrims only	25
Pilgrims, TLs and ATLS	23	Pilgrims, TLs and ATLS	35
Conference Room	38	Conference Room	50
Pilgrims and Team	45	Pilgrims and Team	60



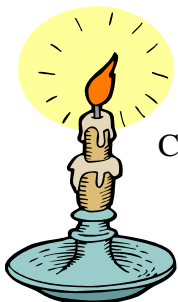
## The Emmaus Board

We are pleased to welcome Rev. Ernie DeLuca, Wes Kindelberger, Bryan Pass, Ginny Spindler, and Janet Stewart to the Emmaus Board. The Board will reorganize at the December Board meeting.

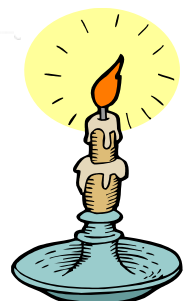


### PRAYER CHAIN

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](mailto:rpratt2707@gmail.com)



Remember **CANDLELIGHTS** November 5 and November 12.  
Men's Candlelight will be preceded by an All Community Gathering at 7:30.  
Candlelights will start at approximately 8:30.



<b>TRWE Men's Reunion Groups</b>			
<b>Area</b>	<b>Group Name</b>	<b>Meeting Time/Location</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Clarion	Clarion Cluster	Monday – Weekly 7:15 a.m. Eat –N-Park, I-80 Exit 60	Rev. Jerry Belloit (814) 227-2673 belloit@clarion.edu
Green County	The Southern Cross	2nd & 4th Wednesday 8:00 a.m. The Hartley Inn in Carmichaels, PA.	Ernie DeLuca 724-883-2165 revern@atlanticbb.net
McKeesport Area	IBSC	2nd & 4th Wednesday 6:00 a.m. Eat' N Park - McKeesport	Nick Denardo 412-780-3873 bigdumy@comcast.net
Wexford	Wexford I	Monday 6:00 a.m. King's Restaurant on Route 910	Jeff Clark 412-364-1515 jac@astmtmc.cmu.edu
Wexford	The Friday Eat N' Park Wexford II Group	Friday 7:00 a.m. Eat' N Park, Wexford	Dave Claypool 724-443-5627 dwclaypool@yahoo.com
Wexford	Wexford III	Tuesday 7:00 a.m. King's Restaurant on Route 910	Bruce Corbett 724-935-0094
Penn Township	Mark 1:17	Every 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday at 7:30 am At Lumpy's Deli and Pie Shop Route 130	Scott Mains 724-454-9300 <a href="mailto:sjmains@comcast.net">sjmains@comcast.net</a>

<b>TRWE Women's Reunion Groups</b>			
<b>Area</b>	<b>Group Name</b>	<b>Meeting Date/Location</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Irwin/Harrison City	SonCatchers	Every Sunday at 10:00 am Community UM Church, Harrison City In the Multi-ministries room	Jamie Greenier 412-856-0717 <a href="mailto:greeni166@gmail.com">greeni166@gmail.com</a> Diane Simmons 724-744-1989 SimmonsDA@e2minc.com
Oakmont		Thursday at 5:00 p.m.	Karen Jacobs 412-828-3854
McMurray	McMurray Paneras	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 5:30 pm McMurray Panera Bread	Judy Grice grice3_@hotmail.com 724 225-7806
Clarion	Clarion Third Saturday Reunion	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the Month at 10:00 a.m. 175 Westwood Dr, Clarian PA	Rev. Clara Belloit 814-227-2673 mamabelloit@hotmail.com



<b>TRWE Mixed Reunion Groups</b>			
<b>Area</b>	<b>Group Name</b>	<b>Meeting Date/Location</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Butler Area	Hearts on Fire	Meets on an irregular schedule Call or email for location, date, & time of meeting	Mary Kitchen 724-283-9597 pastor <a href="mailto:mary@zoominternet.net">mary@zoominternet.net</a>
East McKeesport	Disciples of the East	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday 7:30 p.m. East McKeesport UMC	Bill and Bonnie Wiegand 412-824-7061 bandbwiegand@aol.com
North Hills	The King's Kids	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Panera Bread in Shoppers Plaza Rt 8	Bonnie Readie 412-487-5082 blreadie@verizon.net
South Hills	1 Tuesday 3	1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. 35 Highland Rd., Apt. 2312, Bethel Park	Sam Lindsay 412-835-3935 Sam4415@hotmail.com
Warren County	Roosters & Cluck Hens	Call first	Heidi Ketzko 814-726-9768 ketzko@firstumwarren.com Lyn Kell 814-723-4689 garlyn47@verizon.net
Mercer County	Third Thursday	Every 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 6:30 pm at Balm United Methodist Church 1536 Butler Pike, Mercer	Rex & Pam Walter 724-752-0742 ellwodrose@yahoo.com
Westmoreland County		3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month at member's home call for location	Heidi Walker mountygirl571@verizon.net
Claysville	Country Time	4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday at 8:30 am at Huddle House	Frank Miller 724- 663-4400
Plum	Fruit Loops/ Fruits of the Loom	Last Tuesday of month at 6:00 pm At Palmieri's in Plum	Kathy Wescoat kwescoat2@verizon.net 724-335-5287

For corrections, additions, or removal of group information regarding *Three Rivers Walk to Emmaus* Reunion Groups, please contact Rev Jim Markley at [Markleyumc@yahoo.com](mailto:Markleyumc@yahoo.com).

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