

Three Rivers Walk To Emmaus

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Twenty Two Years of Walking with Jesus



FROM THE COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

PRIORITY----TIME WELL SPENT

I've been doing a lot of thinking about the Priority talk I heard on my Walk # 55. My priorities have changed from what they were back then. I thank GOD for that. We can set our priorities by asking basic questions:

1. Who am I?
2. Where am I going?
3. What does life mean to me?
4. Where do we get joy or sorrow?
5. What do we hang onto?
6. What habits do we have? Pleasures? Talents? Etc.

Our beliefs, values, ideas, and commitment help us to prioritize. What are we willing to work for? Put our money into? Our priorities give us motivation to reach goals. **If it doesn't motivate you, it's not a priority.** They are free from circumstances, being true to self and a path for your, life which is realistic and attainable. Every one of us has a different set of priorities.

Looking back, these have become my top priorities: **GOD** (GOD is always first & always will be) **FAMILY** (wife, son, and daughter-in-law) **CHURCH FAMILY AND EMMAUS FAMILY. WORK** (to provide for my family) give GOD His money back and **SERVING HIM** in other areas (Christian Action & Changing our World). The blessing of **TIME** that GOD gives me will allow me to do other things that come along.

The most precious gift GOD provides is our **TIME** here on earth. Being a Christian, we owe it to GOD to make HIM first & keep HIM first. We need to be the hands & feet of CHRIST, so we need to witness through our words, actions and our travels.

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage, do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your GOD is with you wherever you go." *Joshua 1:9*

GOD gave HIS only son to die on the cross for our sins. JESUS is the one who died on our behalf so we can have everlasting life with HIM. That is enough for me to put HIM first above all things. It's all about HIM, JESUS, JESUS, JESUS!!!

Bryan Pass, 2014 Community Lay Director

IMPORTANT DATES

GATHERINGS:

Dec 12 7:00 pm - All Community

- Ingomar UMC

Jan 9, 2015 7:00 pm - All Community

- Dutihl UMC

FALL WALKS:

Men's Walk #91 Oct. 30-Nov 2

- Gathering & Candlelight
Nov. 1 @ 7 PM

Women's Walk #92 Nov 6-9

- Candlelight--Nov 8 @
8PM

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FROM THE COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

Dear Three Rivers Emmaus Family,

"Moses was always listening for God's messages, so that he could teach about God's loving ways. Moses was leading the people of Israel away from Egypt, where they had been made slaves by the pharaoh, toward a new country and freedom.

It was a long journey in the wilderness. It was a hot journey in the wilderness. They were thirsty and tired.

Soon they forgot God's loving ways, they quarreled with one another and they complained about Moses. It was a hard time for the people, it was a hard time for Moses." (Exodus 20:1-4)

I am tired of being in the wilderness! I am tired of the complaining, I am tired of the whining, I am tired of the moaning and I am tired of the groaning! But most of all, I'm tired of being tired! I'm ready for the renewal of Emmaus!

If your pastor follows the lectionary, you might be tired of the wilderness, too, especially if you find the wilderness of everyday life a lonely place to be—a place of change and frustration—where nothing is what you thought it would be! **And maybe that's why you attended the Walk to Emmaus!**

Perhaps you find the wilderness of everyday life a welcome place: a place where all your worries and anxieties are left behind and you can fully concentrate on God and God's goodness. A place where you can let go of the busyness and focus on God's mercy. A place where you are embraced in God's loving arms. **And maybe that's why you attended the Walk to Emmaus!**

Whether you find yourself embraced or abandoned in the wilderness of everyday life, the TRWE board prays that during **your** Walk to Emmaus you were renewed by God's presence, embraced by the love of Christ and experienced the intimate friendship of the Holy Spirit!

"Life should be changed for people who are my followers, and other people should notice that you are different." Exodus 20:6

And that's why we sponsor—so that others can experience in a tangible way—a glimpse of the kingdom of heaven here on earth. And that's why we serve on team—so that others will experience the love of Jesus firsthand!

Our Emmaus community is so blessed to be over 1000 strong and growing every year! And YOU can make a difference in the life of someone else so that they (and you, too) will feel embraced and not abandoned in the wilderness.

Blessing in your ministry and on your journey,

Rev. Cindy Parker, CSD TRWE #64

The GIFT

Because it is more blessed to give than receive, please consider making a monetary contribution to “The Gift.”

“The Gift” is a concerted effort by the Emmaus and Chrysalis communities to raise money in order that Christians all around the world can someday have the opportunity to experience a “Walk”, regardless of what country they live in.

According to the Upper Room, there are Emmaus communities in 39 countries and Chrysalis communities in 19 countries. That is fantastic...but there are a multitude of other countries that would be richly blessed if there were resources available to help them develop their own communities and Walks.

“The Gift” helps emerging international communities that have the resources to secure facilities, provide scholarships, and train leaders.” (Upper Room E17 Emmaus Gift Tri-fold)

Chile is one of the countries currently emerging in the international Emmaus community. However, as is the case with many communities as they are becoming developed, funds to support the cause are quite limited. Start-up costs (particularly for the Chilean Emmaus Community) involves flying individuals to the states to learn and train on the different aspects of the Walks. Airfare is expensive, yet how can you put a price on sharing the Word of God. As the commercial on television states...some things in life, even though they may cost a monetary amount, in the larger scheme of life, are priceless.

“The Gift” allows Christians in those countries yet to be touched by the Emmaus movement a priceless opportunity.

Please pray about supporting this cause. If God is leading you to support this fundraising activity, please send your check to The Upper Room, Emmaus /Chrysalis Office, PO Box 305150, Nashville, TN 37230-9891 (or call 1/877-899-2780 ext. 7113).

Make your check payable to The Upper Room Emmaus Gift.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The fall walks are around the corner and as always there will be pilgrims who will not be able to attend a walk without YOUR help! On each walk, there are approximately 5 pilgrims and 5 team members who are in need of monies in order to attend. Without your generous gifts that would not be possible! There is always a need, so if you find yourself with a little extra money why not give the gift that keeps on giving-the gift of Emmaus and God’s extravagant love! THANK YOU!



*Countries around
the world
experience The
Walk to Emmaus*

WHAT ARE YOU CHOOSING TO DO WITH YOUR TIME?



*15 Look carefully then
how you walk, not as
unwise but as wise,
16 making the best use of
the time, because the
days are evil.
Ephesians 5:15-16*

A few years ago, four of my friends were talking about our busy lives. As we were commiserating with one another, I asked one of my friends if she had prayed about her circumstances. Her response back was “I don’t have time to pray.”

She, like many of us, is too busy to pray ... to read the Bible ... to attend Gatherings. We’re up before the crack of dawn, we put in 12-hour work days, and we’re asleep before our head hits the pillow. But those are the days when we need to be in commune with our Lord as well as with our fellow Pilgrims.

We need to fill our cups with the Holy Spirit. We certainly can (and should) do that by attending our local church. Most likely though, we need to do more. That’s when our “I don’t have time ...” needs to be changed into “I choose to ...”

I choose to spend time in prayer with my Father. I choose to spend time studying the Scriptures. I choose to join a TRWE Reunion Group. I choose to attend “Send-Off”, “Candlelight”, and “Closing” at the upcoming Fall Walks. And I challenge you to “choose” to attend Gatherings thereafter.

Repeat after me ... I choose to spend time in prayer with my Father... I choose to spend time studying the Scriptures. I choose to join a TRWE Reunion Group!

**EXCUSES MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER, BUT
DOES NOT CHANGE ANYTHING!**

REMEMBER CANDLELIGHT

Come **LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE... ..**
and join the TRWE Community for an inspiring evening of worship and celebration as the new pilgrims get a glimpse of heaven on earth.

Men’s Walk – Saturday, Nov. 1st – 7 PM

Women’s Walk – Saturday, Nov. 8th – 8 PM



REUNION GROUP UPDATE



“For where two or three
come together in my name,
there am I with them.”
Matthew 18:20

How do we persevere in Grace? The key is regular contact with Christ and with other Christians who share the vision of life lived wholly in the grace of God. The **group reunion** then becomes a dynamic means of support and maintenance of meaningful contact with Christ and other Christian friends for the long haul!!

I’ve attached the current list of TRWE reunion groups. If there are not any groups in your area, please consider starting your own with your current pilgrim, your sponsor or those you have sponsored in the past. It only takes 2 for a group☺ The www.trwe.org website has all the updated information but, **see page 6 for the current groups.** **Below is a sample form to complete and send to me if you start a new group.** Please check it out and invite a friend to join you.

DECOLORES,
Judy Grice, Reunion Groups Board Representative
TRWE #40



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Reunion Group Information Sheet

Reunion Group Name: _____
Reunion Group Location: (area/region where the reunion group meets) _____

Reunion Group Contact(s):

_____	Name	_____
_____	Address	_____
_____	City, Zip	_____
_____	Email	_____
_____	Phone	_____

Our Reunion Group meets On (day) _____ at (time) _____

Every (weekly, 1st & 3rd week, etc) _____

Location of Reunion Group: _____

Address: _____

Our Group is: Men Only Women Only Mixed Group

Are others available to join your group? Yes No

Are you willing to train other group leaders? Yes No

Please return this information form to our Reunion Group coordinator at Reunion@trwe.org

MIXED REUNION GROUPS

LOCATION	GROUP NAME	MEETING TIMES	GROUP LEADER
Bellevue/Ross	<i>The Hiding Place</i>	1st & 3rd Sunday evenings Rotate meeting @ our homes	Tammy DeBonis
Greene Co.	<i>God's Greene Gang</i>	1st Saturday of the month, 9-10 a.m. Waynesburg Restaurants	Janice Gottschalk Connie Hart
Irwin/Harrison	<i>Dinner with Friends</i>	Last Friday of the month, 6:30 p.m. Boulevard Restaurant, Delmont, PA	John & Kathy Shusteric
Latrobe	<i>The Comma Club</i>	3rd Friday of each month, 7:00 pm Christ Church, 1414 Ligonier St.	Rev. Cindy & Larry Parker
Mercer	<i>Third Thursday</i>	3rd Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m. Balm UMC, 1536 Butler Pike	Rex & Pam Walter
Plum	<i>Fruit Loops & Fruits of the Loom</i>	Last Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. Palmieri's in Plum	Kathy Wescoat
Washington	<i>WashPA Pray-ers</i>	3rd Saturday of the month, 8:30 a.m. Bob Evans Restaurant, W. Chestnut St.	Judy Grice
Westmoreland Mt Pleasant area	<i>Connect Group</i>	Twice a month, Tues. or Wed 6:30 p.m. at members' homes	Heidi Walker

MEN'S REUNION GROUPS

LOCATION	GROUP NAME	MEETING TIMES	GROUP LEADER
Brookville	<i>Brookville Men</i>	Every other Sunday @ a Brookville area restaurant	Richard Steel
Clarion	<i>Clarion Cluster</i>	Mondays, 7:15 a.m., Deb's Restaurant US 322, Strattenville, PA	Jerry Belloit
Monroeville	<i>Monroeville Men</i>	Every Tuesday, 7 a.m. @ Panera's Miracle Mile	Richard Hill Scott Gallaher
South Hills	<i>Fit2Serve</i>	3rd Saturday of the month, 7:30 a.m., Boyce-Mayview Park located at pavilion parking lot(wear your walking shoes!)	Mike Varner Glenn Brooks
Waynesburg	<i>Greene Co. Men</i>	1st Friday of the month, 8 a.m. Bob Evans Restaurant, Waynesburg, PA	Scott Roberts
Wexford	<i>Wexford I</i>	Mondays, 6 a.m.-Kings Restaurant, Rt 910	Jeff Clark
Wexford	<i>Wexford II</i>	Fridays, 7 a.m.-Eat 'n Park, Wexford	Dave Claypool
Wexford	<i>Wexford III</i>	Tuesdays, 7 a.m.-Kings Restaurant, Rt 910	Rolen Burnette

WOMEN'S REUNION GROUPS

LOCATION	GROUP NAME	MEETING TIMES	GROUP LEADER
Clarion	<i>Clarion 3rd Saturday</i>	3rd Saturday of the month, 10 a.m. Eat 'n Park, Clarion	Clara Belloit
McMurray	<i>South Hills Sisters</i>	3rd Monday of the month, 5 p.m. Panera Bread, McMurray	Judy Grice
North Hills	<i>Wexford Gals</i>	2nd Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. Eat 'n Park, Wexford	Bonnie Readie

AGAPE

The Men's Walk (#91) is less than two weeks away and the Women's Walk (#92) less than three weeks away. The lay directors (Amy Dove and Chuck Foust) have been hard at work (with the Lord's blessings) to make these Walks an awesome experience for the Pilgrims. However, they can only do so much. The rest is up to us, the TRWE Community.

It is our role to show Agape love to these Pilgrims. It might be through prayer. It might be through service (inside or outside team or 4th Day). Or it might be through gifts of Agape.

Whatever the Lord is leading you to do, please heed His call. After all, think back to your Walk and those memories you will treasure forever ... dying moments ... mimes ... candlelight ... and the gifts of Agape!

Gifts of Agape are due to Family Resource Center (Cranberry) by Thursday night, October 30th for the Men's Walk and November 6th for the Women's Walk so that the Walk's *Agape* Coordinator can plan accordingly. And if you wish to have your gift of *Agape* given on a specific day and/or time, please mark that on your box (or bag). Any leftover *Agape* can be picked up on Sunday afternoon before (or after) Closing.

	Men	Women
Pilgrims Only	11	25
Dining Room	37	52
Entire Team	46	61

DeColores,

Janet Stewart, Agape Board Representative

A NOTE FROM THE REGISTRAR COMMITTEE

[We're so excited!!](#) This is our first set of Walks as a Committee☺

The fall 2014 Walks are finally here and we've attached the list of pilgrims and team for Walks #91 and #92, who are coveting your prayers☺ We are excited to see what the Lord has in store for these upcoming weekends. Sponsors know they are to have their pilgrims at the Family Resource Camp by 7 p.m. Thursday night for "Send Off." **But "Send Off" isn't just for sponsors and their pilgrims!!** The Community is encouraged to attend as well. We also encourage participation in the *prayer vigil, 4th day service, Candlelight* and *Closing*. (See www.trwe.org website to sign up)

DeColores,

Judy Grice TRWE #40, Janet Ruckel TRWE #2 and Sharon Gallagher #72




Gifts of *Agape* are always needed for the Walks so take a moment and think back to what you really enjoyed receiving during your Walk.





PILGRIMS FOR WALKS #91 AND #92

MEN'S WALK #91			WOMEN'S WALK #92		
Pilgrim	Church	Sponsor	Pilgrim	Church	Sponsor
Don Brown	New Life Community Presby	Jack & Barb Gusew	Sherrie Brock	Mt. Pleasant UMC	Jamie Toven
Don Dille	Bethel Evang. Presby.	Eli Dille	Barbara Barnhart	Chestnut Ridge Great Commission	Teresa Roberts
Bob Heim	First UMC, Washington	Ruth Simmons	Pam Cox	Oakland UMC	Linda Sollinger
Troy Jack	Evangel Heights AOG	Donna Jack	Ann DeBold	Kingdom Life Fellowship	Edward Fisher
Eric Johnson	West Alexander Presby	Patty Johnson	Sarah Dille	Bethel Evang. Presby. Prosperity	Lois Dille
Gregory Keech	Monroeville UMC	Jerry/Jan Moynihan	Sasha Foust	Stone UMC	Lisa Clayton
Michael Meyer	Grace UMC, Coal Center	Scott Hargraves	Debra Geiger	First UMC, Butler	Kim Zielinski
Jim O'Connor	Christ Church UCC	Cindy Parker	Debbie Gillen	Roscoe UMC	Sandy Conti
Brian Yeagers	Community UMC, Harrison City	Kathy Shusteric	Patricia Goetz	Victorious Faith Evangelistic	Edward Fisher
			Tracy Goldstrohm	Whitesburg UMC	Joanne Hagofsky
			Julie Greene	Bethel UMC	Kelly Chase
			Pam Harden	Community UMC, Harrison City	Madeline Rainey
			Emily Heim	First UMC, Washington	Ruth Simmons
 <p>DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR THE PRAYER VIGIL www.trwe.org TEAM AND PILGRIMS NEED YOU TO HOLD THEM IN PRAYER FOR THE WHOLE 72 HOURS!</p>			Kerry Hornyak	East Butler Presby	Mary Kitchen
			Nancy Jones	Garden City UMC	Scott Gallagher
			Bonnie Kelly	Fredericktown UMC	Kim Barbetta
			Dorthy Paulovich	Christ Church UCC	Cindy Parker
			Darla Quick	OHL UMC	Donald Shaffer
			Becky Ross	Zion UMC, Sarver	Tyanne Saxman
			Shelly Smith	OHL UMC	Ronald Quick
			Teri Steel	Mt. Pleasant UMC	Jamie Toven
			Sharon Swortwood	Wurtenburg UMC	Gerald Riedel
			Patricia Tesone	Greensburg Trinity UMC	Doris Grafton
			Tammy Topar	Pleasant Valley AOG	Tom & Donna Topar
			Tara Topar	Girard First UMC	Tom & Donna Topar

FALL 2014 WALKS

TEAMS

Walk 91

Walk 92

Team Member	Talks		Talks	Team Member
Chuck Foust	Perseverance	LD	Perseverance	Amy Dove
Bob Ruckel	Fourth Day	LDT	Fourth Day	Jan Moynihan
Rex Walter	Priority	ALD	Christian Action	Flo Willaman
Mike Bodnar	Growth Thru Study	ALD	Changing Our World	Linda Sweeney
Frank Snodgrass	Christian Action	ALD	Priority	Pat Robinson
Scott Gallagher	Means of Grace	HSD	Means of Grace	Merle Timko
Dawn Hargraves	Prevenient Grace	ASD	Prevenient Grace	Sandy Conti
Jim Markley	Justifying Grace	ASD	Sanctifying Grace	Clara Belloit
Tom Gomola	Obstacles to Grace	ASD	Obstacles to Grace	Cindy Parker
Ernie DeLuca	Sanctifying Grace	ASD	Justifying Grace	Agnes Brady
Dave Griffith	Priesthood of all Believers	TL	Priesthood of all Believers	Emma Sullivan
Garth Johnson	Life of Piety	TL	Body of Christ	Pam Walter
Dick Briant	Discipleship	TL	Growth Thru Study	Patti Johnston
Nick Denardo	Changing Our World	TL	Life of Piety	Bonnie Readie
Tim Jordan	Body of Christ	TL	Discipleship	Lori Slagle
John Shusteric		ATL		Cynthia Hill
Tim Goddard		ATL		Diane Yeagers
LaVonn Phillips		ATL		Shirley Musick
Richard Hill		ATL		Janet Roberts
David Fanguy		ATL		Chris Davis
Dean Wells		H. Music		Barb Gusew
Paul Dippolito		Music		Amy Tucker
Rich Steel		Tech/AV		Sandy Underwood
Bob Dove		H. Prayer		Kathy Wescoat
Jerry Moynihan		Prayer		Lisa Wahl
		Prayer		Patty Johnson
Frank Miller		H. Dining Room		Lill Griffith
Ron Denham		Dining Room		Tyanne Saxman
Don Spindler		H. 4 th Day		Maxine Ellis
Brian Musick		4 th Day		Jamie Toven
John Ruppel		H. Agape		Kathy Grimes
Bob Fragello		Agape		Emma Hutchinson
Russel Beaumont		H. Snack		Lois Dille
		Snack		Joanne Bruker
Mike Schmidt		Board Rep		Carena Phillips
Jerry Riedel		Banner Bearer		Theresa Roberts

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!!

**Save the Date – Make a Note – Tell your Emmaus Friends
2014 Important EMMAUS Events**



October 30 - #91 Men's Walk
November 1 – Gathering & Candlelight 7 PM
November 6 - #92 Women's Walk
November 8 – Candlelight 8 PM
December 12 – All Community Gathering

Note: All Gatherings begin at 7:30 PM
AND All Community Gatherings are held at Ingomar UMC

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.



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

Newsletter Information

If you choose to get your newsletter by US Mail...Please send a check (Payable to TRWE) for \$10 for a 1 year subscription to: Kathy Shusteric, 627 Sandy Hill Road, Irwin, PA 15642

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