September 2015 Newsletter

Three Rivers Walk To Emmai Three Rivers Walk To Emmaus

Twenty Three Years of Walking with Jesus



FROM THE COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

Finding What We're Looking for...and sharing it.

The chorus resounded at Madison Square Garden as recently as July 31, 2015. That's only a month ago. "But I still haven't found what I'm lookin' for..." has been resounding at U2 concerts ever since its debut in 1987 at the Community Center in Tucson, AZ. There's a sadness to that, don't you think? that those lyrics still express the hearts and minds of our culture even 28 years later.

Contrast: One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). John 1:40-41, ESV

Andrew was looking for Messiah, the Christ...not a song lyric that expressed his inner angst, not an idea, not a product, not a religion, not a movement...a person. Andrew found Jesus - living, breathing, in the flesh, God with us. And the first thing Andrew did was run to his brother and share the great news! There's a joy in that, don't you think? ...finding something you've been looking for all your life. There's a second joy in sharing it with those around who have been looking also...don't you think?

As I reach out across my wireless connection, the internet and your wireless or Cat 5 cable in writing this to you, I want to say I think I know something very personal about you. You've found something you were looking for. You've found Jesus. What's more, your Walk to Emmaus experience helped you know Him even a little better, how much He loves you, how precious your relationship is with Him. You've learned it's about relationship not religion and rules. And having found something you were looking for has made all the difference in your life.

Emmaus' Mission: Empowering Leaders through Emmaus and Chrysalis to be the hands and feet of Christ.

Emmaus' Vision: Fourth Day Leaders embodying Jesus Christ.

Fourth Day Leaders - that's you and I now. Embodying Christ - that's you and I helping other people find what they are looking for.

Here's something I will guess about you: that there are people around you, people you know who may even know Jesus but who still haven't fully found what they're looking for. If you found something you were looking for on your Walk to Emmaus, then go to those persons like Andrew went to Peter and tell them what you've found. Then ask them if they'd like to experience the Walk to Emmaus. Don't forget to ask. Sponsor them.

DeColores

Ken Gryger, Community Lay Director 2015

IMPORTANT DATES

FALL WALKS @ FRC:

Men's Walk #95 Oct. 29-Nov. 1 Candlelight - Oct. 31 @ 8 PM

Women's Walk #96 Nov. 5-8 All Community Gathering & Candlelight - Nov. 7 @ 7 PM

GATHERINGS:

Sept 11 – All Community Gathering

Oct 9 - All Community Gathering

Nov. 7 – All Community Gathering & Candlelight

Dec. 11- All Community Gathering

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FROM THE COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

What Emmaus has Meant and Continues to Mean

If I may, I would like to take a moment to introduce myself. I am Pastor Scott Gallagher, Three Rivers walk to Emmaus #71 and I sat at the Table of John. I currently serve as the senior pastor of Garden City UMC. As of July 1, 2015, I have humbly entered into the ministry of Three Rivers Walk to Emmaus Community Spiritual Director. I enter into this ministry following the great work of those who have served this community so faithfully and passionately since it was founded. I am especially appreciative of the work of Pastor Cindy Parker who has worked in, with, and for this community so very faithfully. I look forward to this coming year where Pastor Cindy and I can work together, learn together and grow together.

I am also joined in this new ministry by my family. My wife Sharon is and has always been my rock, and the love of my life. We are the proud parents of four daughters; Carrie, Nikki (whom many of you know from the community), Sarah and Cayleigh and grandparents of Nevaeh, Rishon, and LaTanya. Being a dad and grandpap is humbling. God thought enough of me to fill my life with such incredible blessings that I am in awe every day.

For those who know me within the community, it will come as no surprise that I am about to reveal that I am a rather candid person. I am candid, because I know that the trials, tribulations, struggles, joys and celebrations I have experienced throughout life are a means through which God can be revealed and connections can be made. I pray for the Holy Spirit to guide me in this new ministry, so that, together, we can continue to grow in God's Grace and be transformed more and more into a clear reflection of God in the world.

This morning I was asked, "So, what did Emmaus mean to you?" I don't think I have been asked that question so directly since I was at the Closing of my walk. I was still trying to absorb the entire experience at Closing. I think this is an important question for each of us to be asked and to continually ask ourselves. It is what compels and leads us to sponsor pilgrims. It is what encourages us to say yes to be on team. It is what guides us from our recliners and out to our gatherings. The Emmaus experience, being such a close connection to the outpouring of God's love, is overwhelming and inspiring.

My response to that question is this. Prior to my walk, I knew and proclaimed the love of God. I had a very profound experience of being embraced by God's Grace and love. I knew God loved me and that God loved everyone. I also was aware of Sharon's love for me, and the love that my children had for me. But, I never really saw any reason why others would love me. I mean I had a past, I had that history, and I was convinced that I was unlovable, except by God and family. On my walk I was convicted and convinced that I was loved, not only by God, but by strangers. I was loved deeply by longtime friends who wrote me letters. I mattered, not because of what I could do, but because of simply being me. It was overwhelming! And it still is overwhelming! My walk broke down the barrier that I had created that inhibited me from receiving the fullness of love from God, and all of God's creation. My service and time in the community since then has continued to build upon that reality.

That is a portion of my story. What is your story? What did and does Emmaus mean to you? The question for me is not what it once meant on my walk. The question is what it continues to mean as we stay connected in community! I have found, along with many others, that staying connected and participating in the community continues to build upon the incredible experience of Emmaus.

So, ask yourself, "What did and does Emmaus mean to me?" Let's continue to build upon our experiences together as a community.

Grace and Peace,

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E-DAY – AUGUST 14, 2015

Under the direction of the Upper Room in Nashville, each Emmaus community is directed to have E-Day, an opportunity to provide members education about this renewal movement. The emphasis of renewal movements is what happens after the Walk is over.

So this year the TRWE E-Day focus was "Beyond the Walk". The following areas were presented at Gathering.

Beginning Sunday at 7:01 Fourth Day

Not your church, but.. Emmaus Community

Closest to Christ Reunion Group

How we get there Sponsorship

From the comforts of home Prayer vigil, agape, agape speaker letters

What I am doing about it Fourth Day talk

I can sing.. Desire to Serve/Team Selection

I gave 2 talks.. I served snacks

We sang.. Gathering

We prayed..

We received Communion...

We ate

Lill Griffith ACLD

HELP WANTED AT THE TABLE OF TEAMWORK

September is the month that new TRWE Board members are voted on. The next election is at the next all-community gathering, September 11th.

The term on the board is three years, with a few exceptions. The job role starts in January.

If you feel compelled or know of someone who is interested in serving the Emmans community by joining the TRWE Board of Directors, "The Table of Teamwork", please contact Pam Walter, TRWE Community 4th Day Coordinator, to receive information at

4thDay@trwe.org.

Those presently on the List of Nominees: Janice Gottshalk, Dan Grimes, Ed Saxman, John Turnbull

IN His Service,

Pam Walter,

TRWE #42, Table of Rachel



YOU ARE NOT CALLED TO SERVE IN A PLACE... ...YOU ARE CALLED TO SERVE IN A PLACE OF THE SAVIOR!!!



Recently my husband and I joined a new church and quietly sat in a pew each Sunday morning, going in, going out, and going home. We participated in a small group, going in, going out, and going home. There was a change of pastors; the mix of the small group changed. We participated...going in, going out, and going home.

Soon we were asked to participate in a ministry in conjunction with some other area churches, serving children in one of the low-income areas of town. We cautiously agreed, we observed, and recently while we were serving, we saw the above words on a poster on the kitchen wall. We went in...and we stayed!

Here's an illustration from our Emmaus model out of Nashville:

Seems like for some gardens (church) to be successful, they may need a complementary (Emmaus) crop. In order for the garden crops to grow healthy, they need a boost, something to keep away anything that weakens or destroys. Think about the gardens you see with a border of marigolds around them! Emmaus is the marigolds, the boost to the church, revitalizing the faith and leadership of church members so that they can go out and serve in place of the SAVIOR.

Without YOU – each and every one of you- the marigolds will fade. You are invited to come back - to be called to serve in place of the Savior, to offer His love to His children. Can't wait to see you....

THE MINISTRIES OF KAIROS

Our ministries (Emmaus & Kairos) are both rooted on the Cursillo movement, designed to be a short course on Christianity where the servants allow the Holy Spirit to work and put their own ideals aside to do what Jesus has instructed us to do - love our neighbors as He has loved us. Kairos is blessed to officially be considered a sister ministry to Emmaus.

Our Mission - The mission of the Kairos Prison Ministry is to share the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to impact the hearts and lives of incarcerated men, women and youth, as well as their families, to become loving and productive citizens of their communities.

Kairos Inside (KI) conducts a 4-DAY weekend inside the prison. Short letters of encouragement or children's pictures are appreciated in support of the weekend. Each "resident" also receives a study bible as a gift of agape. They are now teaming for the #20 weekend (November 19-22) at SCI-Greene in Waynesburg. Their prayer vigil is online at **3dayol.org** if you would like to support the weekend with prayer. Would you consider donating \$25 to pay for a bible? If you would like to attend/witness a Closing inside the prison on November 22, you must act quickly to get your Clearance Request form in on time. (CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE)

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Kairos Outside (KO) conducts a 3-day weekend for women who have loved ones or friends that are/were incarcerated. This weekend demonstrates the power of Jesus and lifts the burdens of guilt and shame when they learn they are not in this journey alone. KO is now teaming for the #6 weekend (October 30-November 1) at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center in Pittsburgh.

The KO Weekend is provided free of charge to our guests, so support is definitely needed. The weekend prayer vigil is also posted on **3dayol.org**. We give folks the opportunity to donate a meal for a woman with a \$5 donation for a Meal Ticket. If you would like to support Kairos Outside, we appreciate any time you can give us as a Day Angel, or you could sponsor a guest's room and board for the weekend for \$125, or you can make agape for them. To get a true sense of the joy Christ gives this ministry, please consider attending our "Walking in Love" service on Saturday night at 8 PM (Oct. 31 - comparable to your candlelight) or our Closing at 2 PM on Sunday (Nov. 1).

For more information, you may email Carla Schubert at rizgirl896@comcast.net.

HISTORY OF THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE CHRISTIAN FLAG

September is usually the month that churches host a Sunday School rally, and over a hundred years ago, such an event was going on at Coney Island, New York. A scheduled speaker had failed to arrive so Sunday School Superintendent, Mr. Charles C. Overton felt compelled to fill in. He was inspired by a flag of the United States in front of the chapel. Charles asked the students what a Christian flag would look like.

Charles thought about the idea of a Christian flag for a long time – ten years! In 1907, he and Mr. <u>Ralph Diffendorfer</u>, who was the secretary of the <u>Methodist</u> Young People's Missionary Movement at that time, designed it with this in mind: Red – Blood of Jesus, Blue – Faith and Truth, White – Purity and Peace.

The Christian flag is not tied to any specific religious denomination or church institutions. Charles and Ralph dedicated the flag to all of Christendom; hence there is no patent. The first pledge was written by Lynn Harold Hough, a Methodist minister who had heard Ralph Diffendorfter's rally presentation. Present day churches generally use a more detailed version:

"I pledge allegiance
To the Christian Flag
And to the Saviour,
For whose Kingdom it stands.
One Saviour, crucified,
risen and coming again,
With life and liberty
for all who believe."



The famous hymn writer, Fanny J. Crosby was so inspired to write the hymn, "The Christian Flag". Look it up and read the inspiring lyrics.

* You are encouraged to copy this pledge, put it in your Bible, take it to church and read it on a September Sunday morning before the worship service. It will inspire you to persevere.

TRWE ANNUAL PICNIC





The weather was perfect for a day of fun and play. Plenty of food and cornhole tournament was enjoyed by all who were able to come.





The barn was the best place to have a photo booth!

A big "thank you" goes out to Maxine Ellis for being the hostess with the mostest. Koiania (Christian fellowship) was felt all through the day. And as you can tell by the photos, there were lots and lots of giggles shared. It was wonderful to see old friends and meet some new ones. The special part of the day was seeing the children playing together. They were so full of energy! We hope to see you all at the next one.

And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship and in breaking of bread and in prayers. Acts 2:42

Submitted by the official TRWE Fun Bunch Committee: Kathy Shusteric, Lois Dille, Pam Walter

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SERVANTHOOD...

...happens in many ways. One productive way is to help during the upcoming walks. There are several different ways that could happen. Serve a meal, facility detail and participate in the prayer vigil are a few ways to do so. Another way is to donate snacks and drink.

Just go to the TRWE website, click on the particular link that you are interested in helping and sign up on the day and time you need. Donated food and drink can be dropped off before Send-Off on either walk. Any of these activities would be a terrific Reunion Group Activity.



Note: Anyone is more than welcome to pray for an Emmaus weekend; the more the better! Prayer vigils/wheels aren't unique to Emmaus ministries. You do not have to have attended Emmaus to pray!" Isn't this an awesome revelation?

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So Community: Get members of your church family to sign up, especially if you have fellow parishioners attending a walk. Sponsors: Let your pilgrim's family and friends know, so they can get in on this exciting ministry. Just direct them to the www.trwe.org home page to sign up. Who knows?? It might even cultivate interest for a potential future pilgrim to think about attending a Walk.

In His Service,

Pam Walter
TRWE Community 4th Day

4TH DAY AND WALK MODES

Those newer in your 4th Day and Emmaus Community experience, welcome! We hope and pray you continue to experience God's abundant love and grace today and in all your 4th Days to come. Those whose 4th Days number well into the thousands, this is for you too!

We are now entering Pre-Walk Mode.

How blessed are those who observe His testimonies, Who seek Him with all [their] heart.
Psalm 119:2

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The Walk Lay Directors have been busy building their teams over the last two months with a lot of emails and phone calling. Teaming will begin in a few short weeks. Supplies will be purchased. Talks prepared and practiced. Snacks made and shared. Communion shared. There will be singing and prayer. There will be bonding and fellowship and spiritual growth and nurture. All with one desired outcome: to create a relational context and environment where the Holy Spirit may nudge Pilgrims on these upcoming walks even just a little bit closer to God in Jesus Christ, empowering leaders to be the hands and feet of Christ. It's a lot of work. It's rewarding work. It's our mission.

Those of us who aren't on team this time, what's our role? As a community I hope we'll take ownership of these walks. Although there is a designated team that will serve the Pilgrims directly at the camp, these walks don't belong to them. They are the special ones from among us who are privileged to serve in this way, at this time.

What are we to be doing as 4th Day while in Pre-Walk mode?

- Pray pray for the teams, pray for the Pilgrims God will be drawing near to Godself and call to an experience through these Walks.
- Encourage thank the team members when you see them, for stepping up to serve in this way as their offering to God and for the Pilgrims on behalf of all of us.
- Sponsor experience the joy of sponsoring someone. For help sponsoring, ask your sponsor to lead and guide you through the process.
- Attend your Reunion Group regularly. Be challenged in spiritual growth and nurture in community with simple yet probing questions like: At what moment this past week did you feel closest to Christ? Why? When was your faith tested this week through failure? Why?
- Agape Work within your Reunion group to consider Agape for the Pilgrims and Team of the upcoming walks.
- Gatherings Engage in All-Community and Regional Gatherings and contribute to community building.
- Plan for 4th Day on Walks support the walks by serving (sign-up on line at TRWE.org)
- Prayer Vigil commit to pray for the Walks (sign-up on line at TRWE.org)
- Plan to attend Candlelight and Closings "let the fire burn brightly within you, then I say...ay...you've seen Jesus my Lord."

So many ways to be the hands and feet of Christ! If you are not on team, how can you take ownership of these walks?

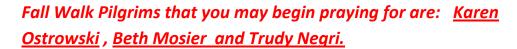
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REGISTRAR'S CORNER



Correction to the June newsletter. My apologies- I listed incorrectly, some names of pilgrims to begin praying for. These were taken from Registrar article that I forgot to delete when writing a new article

Sharon Swortwood, Tracy Goldstrohm, Ann DeBold, Patricia Goetz and Nancy Jones are already members of the TRWE Community. I'm sure they won't mind your prayers but I wanted to set the record straight. *DeColores, Judy Grice*





It's that time of year again and October will be here before we know it. Don't wait to the last minute to call a future pilgrim about attending the Fall Walks or to send in a pilgrim application of someone who has already said "yes". As you can see from above, to date we have 3 women and 0 men registered!! Pray and ask God to guide you to whomever He is calling to attend. Sponsorship is as rewarding as being a pilgrim. Questions about sponsorship? Go to the 'sponsorship' link on the www.trwe.org website.

I have included an application for your convenience on the next two pages. The application deadline for both Walks is October 12, 2015. We look forward to serving you[©]

DeColores, Judy Grice 7RWE #40. Janet Ruckel 7RWE #2 and Sharon Gallagher #72

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!!

Save the Date – Make a Note – Tell your Emmaus Friends 2015 Important EMMAUS Events

Sept 11 – All Community	Oct 31 – Candlelight 8 PM
Gathering/Meeting of the Corporation	
Oct 9 – All Community Gathering	Nov 5 - #96 Women's Walk
Oct 12 – Application Deadline	Nov 7 – All Community Gathering &
	Candlelight 7 PM
Oct 29 - #95 Men's Walk	Dec 11 – All Community Gathering

Note: For all Gatherings, doors open at 7:00 PM and service begins at 7:30 PM AND All Community Gatherings are held at Dutihl UMC







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Men's Walk	_ Women's Walk				
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To be filled out by sponsor:							
Candidate's name							
Remember when sponsoring a candidate, emotions, or an unstable marriage. The W Church, and fellow Christians. For married candidate must submit a separate applications same time so as to reserve space for the v	alk is designed to bring participal couples, husbands are encoural tion, and married couples should	ants into a re aged to atter	enewed related the median in the Wall	ationship with Christ, the k to Emmaus first. Each			
Sponsor's name Primary Phone							
Address	City	City		Zip			
E-mail Address	Cell Phone	Cell Phone					
Your Church	Denomination						
Location of your weekend	Walk #	Year	Table	e			
Are you in a reunion group?	Attend gatherings?						
As sponsors have you:							
1. Talked with candidate's spouse about the	ne weekend? Yes - No						
2. Explained transportation, meals, lodging	g, supplies, bedding, clothing? Y	es - No					
3. Explained Reunion Groups and Gatheri	ing to your candidate? Yes - No						
3a. Is the candidate willing to attend a Reu	union Group & Gatherings? Yes	- No					
3b. Are you willing to help your candidate	find and attend them? Yes - No						
4. Prayed for your candidate? Yes - No							
5. Explained the mini-reunion & give them	the date if known? Yes - No						
Why do you think this person would be a good candidate							
How long have you known the candidate?							
Are you able to arrange transportation to a	and from the Walk?						
Are you able to attend the Sponsor's Activ	rities?						
Minimal contact with your Pilgrim during th							
You are responsible for getting:							
Signature of Candidate's Pastor		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·					
Name of Candidate's Pastor							
Address of Candidate's Pastor							
Please mail this application and applica	ant's non-refundable \$25.00 de	eposit to:					

Judy Grice, Registrar, 1105 Vista Valley Road Washington, PA. 15301

Questions: Phone 724-225-7806 or e-mail registrar@TRWE.org



Medical Information Forms

...Inquiring minds want to know why??

In the spring, the Board implemented a new policy for team members and pilgrims, asking them to complete a "Voluntary Medical Information Form" for the Walk weekends.

This was done to:

- protect the privacy of participant's health information and
- to assist in the event of a medical emergency. Should a medical emergency occur, these forms will be given to the medical care giver to assist him/her in the treatment of the problem.

How the process works:

- Team members will be given these forms during teaming and Registrar will send the form to all Sponsors a couple weeks prior to the weekend to give to their pilgrims.
- The forms are to be competed prior to the Walk, placed in a sealed envelope with participant's name on the front.
- Team members are to give their envelopes to Board Reps and pilgrims give theirs to Registrar Committee at registration.
- Board Reps and Registrar committee will then give these envelopes to the Agape support team to hold for the weekend.
- If information is not needed on the weekend..(and we pray that it is not[©]), then the envelopes will be given back to everyone in their Sunday packets.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Your TRWE Board of Directors

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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

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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

If you know someone who does not have e-mail, please pass this information to him/her.

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