



SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Ahh.....spring! It's just around the corner. This is my favorite time of the year. The hours of daylight are getting longer, the temperature is getting warmer, the flowers are beginning to poke out of the soil, and buds are on the trees. And I always look forward to seeing the season's first red-wing blackbird (FYI – the first robins we see are still heading north to Canada so I don't count them).



Everything looks fresh and new to me. New life, new beginnings, new hope. Of course, my thoughts have turned to.....BASEBALL! Checking out the new players on my favorite team. Hoping they have enough pitching to last through a long season.

I love baseball! In fact my favorite movie is *Field of Dreams*. I've seen it so many times I can probably recite most of the dialogue. I even went to Dyersville, Iowa, where the movie was filmed. I walked out of the corn onto the field. I played catch on the diamond. I bought the t-shirt (and the hat).

Of course the movie really isn't about baseball more than it's about Ray Kinsella's walk of faith. One key lesson for Ray is that his walk isn't just about his reaching his necessary healing, but also is about helping others reach theirs.

Isn't that what we are called to do as Christians? We are not to make our way in our faith journey, our walk, alone. We also are to assist others in their walk, providing what is needed to help them reach "home."

Sponsorship of a pilgrim for Walks #103 and #104 is one way we can do this. We need to be conscious of

where potential pilgrims are in their faith walks. We should not sponsor someone just because they have a pulse. We need to be intentional sponsors. We want pilgrims who will share their experiences at their churches, who will assist others in their walk of faith. Hopefully, some will remain active in the TRWE community.

Judy Grice's article lists the pilgrims who have already signed up. But there is room for more. Our cutoff limit is 25 and our deadline for applications is April 24.

Two quotes from *Field of Dreams* have always stayed with me. You probably know one of them. "If you build it, they will come." The other is "There will always be baseball."

I'd like to think there will always be a Three Rivers Walk to Emmaus. But without intentional sponsorship and active participation.....

Please pray for the pilgrims (and the ones who don't know it yet) and our community.

DeColores and Play Ball!

Ron Hujik

A NOTE FROM THE REGISTRAR

We are happy to report 22 ladies and 7 gentlemen have been registered to attend Walks 103 & 104 as pilgrims, to date!!


Please begin praying for Walk 103 pilgrims: Allen Hoke; Rod Huffman; Earl Swanson, Chuck Ahlborn, Connor Huston, Ron Hixson and Lou Ernst Jr;

Walk 104 pilgrims: Michelle Hoke, Sandy Huffman, Pat Swanson, Betsy Ahlborn, Kylene Frye, Thelma Hassler, Elaine George, Karin Nass, Lisa Barron, Carol Sprowls, Lezlee Shilik, Ellen Flickner, Pam Smith, Donna Kravanja, Cathy Kessinger, Patsy Simon, Jennifer Marshall, Lindsay Klimcheck, Barb Baker, Audrey Winstead, Tiffany Wagner and Laila Carlo, as well as any other pilgrims that God is calling to attend.

*Is God asking you to make a phone call or start a conversation with someone? Be the hands and feet of Christ. Don't delay as we only accept 25 applications/Walk and the next set of Walks isn't



It's that time of year again... time for another set of Emmaus weekends! As you know, it takes many people to make an Emmaus weekend operate: dedicated team members, faithful lay directors, enthusiastic pilgrims, and a supportive and eager community. The Fourth Day sign-ups for Walks #103 and #104 are ready for you to add your name. This set of walks needs your help to make it great! You can sign up for

until October 2019. We hold the last two spots open for couples, so if you have a couples' application in hand, get it to Judy Grice asap, or call her @ 724-225-7806  and let her know it's on it's way. Application deadline is April 24th but don't wait until the end to send them.

For a pilgrim application (please use updated one on website) and/or sponsor information please go to our www.trwe.org website.

DeColores,
Judy Grice TRWE #40, Sharon Gallagher #72



one, two, or five service areas –
wherever you can help!!!

We need people to serve as Thursday “Angels” for set-up, daily facilities cleaning on Saturday and Sunday, daily meals, and agape snacks/beverages. You may sign up at: [4th Day](#). On the right of the webpage you will find the times the various services are needed. Reminder: the walks are being held at Mount Chestnut Nazarene Retreat Center in Butler, PA.

We also need your prayers for the team and pilgrims during Walks #103 and #104. You may access the prayer vigil for both walks at: [Prayer Vigil](#). It's never too early to sign up!

Contact Katy Selzer, 4th Day Coordinator, with any questions via email 4thDay@trwe.org.

TRWE ANNUAL PICNIC

Save the Date!!

Saturday July 7, 2018 @ 1 p.m.
South Franklin Community Park Pavilion,
100 Municipal Drive, Washington, PA
15301

More details to follow but mark your calendars now!

(We plan to have a “Corn Hole” Tournament!)



If you live in southern part of our TRWE Community and would like to help, please contact Judy Grice @ 724-225-786 or Judygrice74@gmail.com

THE WONDER OF IT ALL

Our community choir performed an Easter Cantata on Palm Sunday. The cantata is based on the Easter musical, "The Wonder Of It All". That meant choir practice on Tuesday nights. Our trusty choir director did a fabulous job bringing us all together in perfect harmony.

There is an introduction to each song. The words in each introduction, the musical score and lyrics have been tugging at my heart strings.

The cantata starts with a song of meditation about the purpose of Christ's death, for my salvation, for your salvation, for us all, "The Wonder of It All".

The introduction to the next song, "Quietly They Gathered" tells of a special Passover. The disciples did not know this would be the last meal they would share with their beloved Master.

It stirs a personal, intimate meal with a beloved family member. I didn't know it would be the last time we would be together . . .

Take a moment, close your eyes and think of the words to this next song, "He Could Have Saved Himself". He could have said no, he could have saved himself.

A couple more songs related to the Easter season rounds out the program. Then our minister requested that we close our eyes and bow our heads. The sanctuary was filled with his strong, baritone voice, soothing those who heard the Benediction song.

This cantata is a wonderful way to tell the story of Easter, to celebrate it in a beautiful, glorious way. My prayer was that when it is time to perform, every pew would be filled and those who hear

the music will appreciate the wonder of Easter.

I pray that you attended all the special Easter services at your church. May it stir your heart strings to say "I Glory In The Cross".

Blessings,

Pam Walter, TRWE #42

TRWE Community Music Director



Easter morn with lilies fair
fills the church with perfumes rare,
as their clouds of incense rise,
sweetest offerings to the skies.

Stately lilies pure and white
flooding darkness with their light,
gloom and sorrow drift away,
on the Holy, hallowed day.

Easter lilies bending low
in the golden afterglow,
bear a message from the sod
to the heavenly towers of God.

Lois Lewin Matthews



SUNSHINE ON MY SHOULDER

Dear Friends,

“Sunshine on my shoulder makes me happy”

Indeed, sunshine is finally brightening our dreary world once again. Thank you God for the light that shines in the darkness, for the darkness cannot overcome the light.

Have you ever considered gifting your pastor with an all-expenses paid ‘vacation’? [LOL] The Easter season is upon us and pastors have double the amount of work in Holy Week and Easter as in other seasons of the year. Pastors need a break after Easter.

Give your pastor a Walk to Emmaus break The Emmaus experience for pastors is the gift that keeps on giving; a great time of fellowship and renewal for your weary shepherd. Gather some friends from your church and plan your sponsorship. It may take some scheming, but what fun that can be! The cost is only \$195 but the gift is priceless.

Go to TRWE.org today to get a registration form.

Hurry! Registration is filling up.

Men's Walk 103, May 10-13, 2018

Women's Walk 104, May 17-20, 2018

Rev Merle Timko

Community Spiritual Director



Happy Mother's Day !

When the TRWE Board of Director was setting the 2018 Calendar and choosing dates for the spring walks, we were conflicted about the availability dates given to us by the camp. In order to get two back to back weekends, where teaming and Walks would not interfere with Easter week celebrations and not run into summer, we chose May 10-13 and May 17-20. Have you asked, "Why is the Men's Walk over Mother's Day weekend?" What better gift could be given to a mother, wife, child, family- than to have their husband, son, brother, father- grow in their love for the Lord and then share that love?

Galatians 6:10 says "Whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith." Thank you to the team members of Walk 103 and your families for understanding the importance of this opportunity.

Thank you to all the sponsors of Walk 103 pilgrims and sponsors of future pilgrims of Walk 103 for understanding the importance of this opportunity. You will be blessed to be a blessing!!!

DeColores,

Judy Grice TRWE #40
Registrar, Ex-Officio Board member

JUST AS I AM

Charlotte Elliott was known among her family as a cheerful writer. When she was thirteen years old, however, her health began to fail and within a few months, she was bedridden. It left her distraught and in despair.

Her father tried to comfort her. She confessed to him that she did not know how to come to Jesus. Her father's reply was, "Come to Him just as you are."

With that simple encouragement, Charlotte saw the dawn of hope and made a personal commitment to follow the Savior. Her physical health changed very little; but her emotional state improved and before long, her former cheerfulness returned.

Several years later, Charlotte's brother, wanted to build a school for the children of poor clergymen. A fundraiser was planned and a bazaar was organized. On the day of the bazaar, alone at home, Charlotte felt she had nothing to offer. She decided to write down the reasons for her trust in Christ.

She composed a poem, "Him That Cometh To Me I will in No Wise Cast Out (John 6:37), the stanzas of which comprise the hymn we know today as, "Just As I Am."

She had the poem printed in a leaflet. The following year, the poem was included in a volume of Charlotte's poetry entitled *The Invalid's Hymn Book*.

Charlotte Elliott's story echoes the themes of Easter, confirming that defeat can turn into victory and faith is not limited to human frailty.

Countless seekers today, who like Charlotte, have discovered there is peace and wholeness in coming to the risen Savior,

"Just As I Am."

IMPORTANT DATES

**SPRING WALKS @ Mt Chestnut
Nazarene Center**

Men's Walk #103, May 10-13, 2018

Women's Walk #104, May 17-20, 2018

ALL COMMUNITY GATHERING

April 13, 2018 @ 7pm
Dutilh UMC, Cranberry Township



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