TRWE - May 2018 Newsletter

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#### **FIVE FINGER PRAYER**

Recently my church began a monthly prayer service. On a Saturday morning we gather in the sanctuary and learn new ways and techniques to pray. One I would like to share is using your fingers as a visual recall of your prayer list.

Your thumb is nearest to you; pray for those who are closest to you (family, relatives and friends).



Your second finger (index) is used for pointing; pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction (teachers, doctors, pastors, mentors).

Your third finger is the tallest; pray for the leaders of the government, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.

Your fourth finger (ring) is the weakest as any piano teacher will tell you; pray for those who are in pain, in need, or in trouble.

Finally, your fifth finger (pinkie) is the smallest finger of all which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, "The least shall be the greatest

among you." Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for your needs more effectively.

When I was in the midst of a particular, troubling situation, someone told me, "I don't know how to help you. At least I can pray for you." I replied, "No, the most you can do is pray for me."

Our prayer vigils for the walks need many names added to them. Please go to our website, trwe.org, and use whatever fingers you want to click on the prayer vigil banner to sign up. You can sign up for as many 30 minute slots as you want.

It's the most you can do.

God's Peace.

Ron Hujik, Community Lay Director

#### EXPERIENCING GRACE & LOVE...

Experiencing Grace and Love...

In two of our recent growth groups at church we studied books by teaching pastor, Kyle Idleman.

In the introduction to the last book we studied, *Grace is Greater*, Pastor Idleman cautioned the reader about studying the familiar – that when we study something that has been around a long time, that has been talked about a lot, it becomes so common we might miss its significance.

Look at a few quotes from the book:

The word *grace* is so common it doesn't feel very amazing. (p. 14)

Jesus never used the word grace; he just showed us what it looks like! (p.17)

God's grace is compelling when explained but irresistible when experienced. (p.17)

As I was reading these words, like a brick it hit me – isn't this true about love, too? A very familiar word – been around a long time – talked about a lot – very common, so much so that we might miss its significance.

Words – God is love, Jesus loves me, – we've heard them, studied them, even sang about them. But to borrow a phrase from Pastor Idleman, to have those words be compelling and irresistible, we must experience love.

Isn't that what we get when we attend a Walk to Emmaus weekend? In real and tangible ways, God's love is showered on us even before we know it and continues during and beyond the 72 hours in camp. Think of the prayers and invitations of the sponsors, the letters from other communities, the servants who take care of your every need, agape gifts – WE EXPERIENCE LOVE IN ACTION.

In all of our Fourth Days, may we always remember our Walk as an expression of the love of God and grace of Jesus Christ that compels us to share it with others, not merely with words.

Lill Griffith, TRWE #28 Table of Sarah

### A NOTE FROM THE REGISTRAR

We're so excited!! The Spring 2018 Walks are finally here and we've attached the list of pilgrims and team for Walks #103 & #104, 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 Mt Chestnut Nazarene Retreat Center 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 because we all serve as "team members," even though we may not be staying at the camp. Times for Community and Sponsors to arrive for:

Saturday *Candlelights* (7:30 p.m. for Men's and 8 p.m. for Women's );

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Sunday Closing (3:30 p.m.).

If you have not done so already, please go to the trwe.org website and sign up for the *Prayer Vigil*, **4**<sup>th</sup> *Day service*, *snack agape*.

Remember that God has richly blessed YOU, so that YOU can be a blessing to others!! Pass it on

DeColores,

Judy Grice TRWE #40 and Sharon Gallagher TRWE#72

If you are making Agape see below for how many to make:



#### A NOTE FROM FOURTH DAY

In just a few weeks walks #103 and #104 are happening! 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. This set of walks needs your help to make it great. The Fourth Day sign-ups for these walks need many names added! You can sign up for as many slots as you like – we need your help!!!

While none of our Fourth Day service areas are full, the areas where we are in dire need are:

- Walk #103
  - Saturday/Sunday Facilities
  - Friday breakfast & dinner
  - Saturday breakfast
- Walk #104
  - Sunday Facilities
  - Friday lunch & dinner
  - Saturday breakfast
  - Sunday breakfast & lunch
  - Sunday Angels (assist to tear down)

You may sign up at:

http://trwe.org/4thDayService/4thDay.html.

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.

Men's Walk - Everyone (Team+Pilgrims) 41;
Pilgrims only 12;
Dining Room 34

Women's Walk - Everyone (Team+Pilgrims) 59;

Pilgrims only 25; Dining Room 51 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 <a href="http://trwe.org/Prayervigil/Prayervigil.html">http://trwe.org/Prayervigil/Prayervigil.html</a>.

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

# ATTENTION ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS!

If you own or have access to a digital camera (cell phone photos are not of high enough quality) you qualify as a TRWE photographer.

As the facility/kitchen board representative, one of my duties is to oversee the group photo on each walk. I would like to make a list of community members who have access to a camera, are available on a Friday morning, and willing to take the group photo. The photo is sent off to have copies made and the Tech on team takes over from there.

Please let me know if this is a task that you would be willing to fulfill on occasion.

Karen Edwards, timkaren1@verizon.net, 724-588-6003 (home), 724-866-5115 (cell, call or text)

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**DID YOU KNOW?** TRWE communion bread is now all gluten-free. Are you willing to bake some for a walk or gathering? Contact Karen Edwards for the recipe and to have your name added to the list of willing bakers. <u>Timkaren1@verizon.net</u>, 724-588-6003 (home), 724-866-5115 (cell, call or text).

# A PRICELESS GIFT

The Upper Room Devotion for April 25, 2018 was titled "A Priceless Gift."

The scripture was John 6:35 -Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."



The story was about a woman whose parents came to Christ through a good friend and a Pastor who simply spent time with each parent. After the mother became a believer, she shared with her daughter that her morning prayer always included, "Lord, put me in a place of need today." And God has seldom disappointed her. Opportunities for ministry found her wherever she was. What a beautiful story of faith.

When I read this devotion it brought to mind all the devoted community members who are sponsoring for Walks #103 and #104. You are sharing Christ's life-giving bread, "a priceless gift", with your pilgrims. It also brought to mind all the devoted team members, those making agape, praying, serving meals, cleaning bathrooms, setting up, cleaning up,

cooking, etc., to make sure the weekends are just right for the Holy Spirit's blessings to rain down. "Whom are you sharing Christ's life-giving bread with today?"

DeColores.

Judy Grice, TRWE #40



Save the Date!! - TRWE Annual Picnic

Saturday July 7, 2018 @ 1 p.m.

South Franklin Community Park Pavilion,

100 Municipal Drive, Washington, PA 15301

Ron Hujik will be grilling burgers and we'll be asking you all to provide covered dishes, but for now just mark your calendars!

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

# There are MANY ways to participate in the TRWE community. Some of the many ways are to:

- Attend gatherings & candlelights
- Serve on teams
- Sponsor pilgrims
- · Serve meals during walks
- Attend E-Day
- Join a reunion group
- Clean bathrooms during walks
- · Participate in the prayer vigils
- · Assist in set-up/tear-down of walks

#### · Supply agape

But one of the lesser known ways to participate in the TRWE community is to serve as a member of the Board of Directors. Did you know that you (yes, you!) can serve on the Board? If you have made a walk, you are eligible to serve on the Board.

What does the Board of Directors do, you ask? **Great question!** The Board has general oversight in all matters relating to the TRWE community. Each member has a "job" that they perform to make sure the walks, gatherings, and other community events are organizedno comma, and have plenty of supplies and help (and food, of course!). There are administrative tasks, like finances and purchasing, as well as social tasks, like fellowship.

Here are a few quotes from current Board members when asked why they said "yes" to serve on the board:

"Willing to serve when God calls"

"TRWE is a very valuable tool in bringing people closer to Jesus. The Board of Directors has been a devoted group of people driving the community. I felt that it was time for me to do my part."

You know the saying, "many hands make light work"? It's true for the TRWE Board of Directors too! Many of the Board members have committees to assist them in their role. If you are unsure whether you can make the 3-year commitment or are not yet ready for a leadership role, serving on a committee is a great way to get started.

If you are interested in serving the TRWE community in this capacity or have any questions, please contact Katy Selzer, 4<sup>th</sup> Day Coordinator, at 4thDay@trwe.org. DeColores!

#### **PILGRIMS**

	Pilgrim name	Church	Sponsor	
		Walk 103		
Chuck Ahlborn	Grace UMC			Bob Fragello
Lou Ernst	Community	Community UMC		Larry Johnston
Steve Hamilton	Life Church Pentecostal			Bob Morgan
Allen Hoke	Paradise UMC			Roger Howard
Rod Huffman	Truth Assembly Chapel			Teresa Roberts
Connor Huston	West Alexander Presbyterian			Bob Morgan
Steven McIlvaine	First UMC, Murrysville		David Fanguy	
Lee Rodgers	West Alexa	nder Presbyterian		Rosella Ealy

Dave Sloboda Northway Christian Community Byrl Johnson Earl Swanson Bethany Presbyterian, Bridgeville Terry Kohlmyer Dave Wislosky Crossroads Vineyard Lynnette Wislosky Keith Yancic Mt Zion UMC Jay Kinder

#### **Walk 104**

Betsy Ahlborn Grace UMC Marty Fragello Barb Baker Stone Methodist Lisa Clayton First UMC, Butler Lisa Barron Mary Pellett Good Shepherd UMC Rhonda Bendal Shelley Smith

Jackie Budkey Beaver UMC Lois Shields & Roger Howard

East End Non-denominational Kellie Wild Laila Carlo Ellen Flickner Saint Stephen, Catholic Tracy Rodgers Beallsville UMC Kylene Frye Lucy Kinder

Elaine George First UMC, Butler Lillian Griffith & Margo Perroti

Julie George New Stanton UMC Kathy & Mike Schmidt

Thelma Hassler First UMC, Butler Lillian Griffith & Margo Perroti

Michelle Hoke Paradise UMC Roger Howard Sandy Huffman Truth Assembly Chapel Teresa Roberts Shirleen Johnston Cathy Kessinger Community UMC Lindsay Klimcheck West Alexander Presbyterian Patty Johnson Donna Kravanja Life Church, Inter-denominational Criss Crider Jennifer Marshall Janice Gottschalk First UMC, Waynesburg Lezlee Shulik Community Alliance Cindy Goodale

Patsy Simon Community UMC Shirleen Johnston & Becky Oblak

Jodi Sloboda Northway Christian Community Susie Johnson Pam Smith Hebron First UPC Jan Moynihan Carol Sprowls West Alexander Presbyterian Kathy Morgan Pat Swanson Bethany Presby, Bridgeville Jaymi Neely Tiffany Wagner West Alexander Presbyterian Kathy Morgan Audrey Winstead Waynesburg Baptist Connie Hart

# **EMMAUS TEAM**

WALK #103	POSITION Men/Women	TALK	WALK #104	
Scott Roberts	LD	Perseveran	се	Sharon Gallagher
Dave Griffith	LDT	Fourth Day		Lisa Foust
Drew Patrick	ALD	Priority		Rosella Ealy
Dave Ealy	TL/ALD	Priesthood	of all Believers	Patti Johnston
Art Toven	ALD	Christian A	ction	Jan Brooks
Dennis Walker	ALD/TL	Changing (	Our World	Debbie Pass
Merle Timko	HSD	Means of C	Grace	Scott Gallagher
Scott Gallagher	ASD	Prevenient	Grace	Kelley Schanely
Roger Saunders	s ASD	Justifying G	Grace	Ernie DeLuca

Vivian Malits	ASD	Obstacles to Grace	Kellie Wild
Roger Saunders	ASD	Sanctifying Grace	Roger Howard
Scott Hargraves	TL	Piety	Patty Johnson
Lou McKibben	ATL/TL	Growth Through Study	Kathy Morgan
Ralph Smith	TL	Discipleship	Cindy Goodale
Tim Saxman	TL	Body of Christ	Linda Sweeney
John Turnbull	ATL		Lois Shields
Bob Morgan	ATL		Tyanne Saxman
Greg Quick	ATL		Jamie Toven
	ATL		Cathy Baumann
	ATL		Lisa Clayton
David Keppen	Music		Lori Slagle Roxbury
	Music		Chris Davis
Rich Steel	Tech		Nikki Gallagher
Chub Dietz	Board Rep.		Pam Walter
Chuck Foust	4 <sup>th</sup> Day		Lynn Bussey
Bob Fragello	4 <sup>th</sup> Day		Jeanette Lindsay
Terry Kohlmyer	Agape		Connie Hart
Robert Caresani	Agape		Kathy Dinger
Rob Dangel	Prayer Chapel		Susan Keppen
Jeff Cree	Prayer Chapel		Janice Gottschalk
Clair Hayes	Dining Room		Amy Parks
Bob Hengstenberg	Dining Room		Bonnie Wiegand
Wayne Hart	Snack Agape/Banner	Bearer	Rebecca DeLuca
			Stacey Snyder

# **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

There are two exciting events coming up that you going to be excited to attend:

**Saturday, July 7, 2018** – Annual TRWE Community Picnic @ the South Franklin Twp Community Park

Watch for more details.

**Friday, August 10, 2018** @ **7:00PM** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual All Community All Music Gathering @ Dutihl UMC in Cranberry.

(Sorry! I misspoke at the last gathering and gave the wrong date. This one is correct.)

There were so many positive comments about last year's all music gathering that we're doing it again. Join us for fellowship, singing and snacks. There will be some special surprises that are going to be a huge blessing.

**IMPORTANT DATES** 

**TRWE** 

Ron Hujik Community Lay Director

#### **TRWE Walk 103 Send Off**

May 10 - Mt. Chestnut Nazarene
Retreat Center
Butler, PA
6:30 PM Fellowship, 7 PM Send Off

# **TRWE Board of Directors**

May 12 - Panera Bread Butler, PA 3:00 PM

# TRWE Walk 103 Candlelight and All Community Gathering

May 12 - Mt. Chestnut Nazarene Retreat Center Butler, PA 7:00 PM Fellowship, 7:30 PM Worship CLD@trwe.org

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