



## THANKS

As we approach the end of the year (it's funny how fast it comes as you get older), I think about how Thanksgiving comes at an appropriate time. For me it is a time of reflection, of looking back over 2018 and contemplating the events that have occurred in



the past year. It is a time of celebrating the good things that have happened, but it is also a time of pondering over the not so good things, and I give thanks for all of them. I think about what these things have taught me and what I can do better in the future. Call it my Thanksgiving resolutions.

I have recently been thinking about when I made my Emmaus Walk in April 1991. God put me there at the exact time I needed it. I was supposed to attend in the fall of the previous year, but personal events kept me from going. It was a life changing experience, as it was for many of you.

So I give thanks that I made an Emmaus walk. I'd like to tell you how by an acrostic poem -- a type of poetry where the first letters in a line spell out a particular word or phrase. I hope you can relate to my experience.

**T**alks – Friday morning. Why am I here? The first talk, Priority. Wham! Words like a sledgehammer. Time to listen.

**H**ardened heart – dying moments; now soft like clay. Mold me, Lord.

**A**gape – the little baubles and trinkets. Pieces of God's love. Then the letters on Sunday. Moved to tears. Big chunks of God's love.

**N**ew friends – two other musicians at my table (God's timing?). The relationship that developed with

team members and fellow pilgrims.

**K**nocked out by Candlelight – an angelic glimpse of heaven.

**S**ongs – had started to lose my passion for playing and singing. Reignited in a huge way! Watch out world!

As I approach the end of my term as your Community Lay Director, it is a time of reflection, of looking back over 2018 and contemplating the events that have occurred in our community in the past year. It is a time of celebrating the good things that have happened in this community, but it is also a time of pondering over the not so good things. I think about what these things have taught me and what I can do better for our community in the future. Call it my Emmaus resolutions.

I hope you will celebrate and ponder with me. I hope you think about what these things have taught you and what you can do better for your community.

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Ron Hujik, Community Lay Director

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## **ALL COMMUNITY GATHERING**

The All  
Community  
Gathering on  
November  
9th will be  
held at Dutihl  
UMC @ 7:00  
p.m.



This will be our Annual Memorial Service where we remember deceased TRWE members.

If you know of someone from our community who has passed away since April of last year, please let Ron Hujik ([rkhujik@aol.com](mailto:rkhujik@aol.com)) or any other board member know by November 1st. We do not want anyone to be forgotten.



Dear God Our Father,  
Help me to wisely use the gifts and  
talents that  
You have so generously  
bestowed upon me.

Create in me Dear Lord,  
the right attitude with which to  
excel in any endeavor.

Create in me Dear Lord,  
a firm belief in you, Our Savior, that  
through you, I can do great things!

Create in me Dear Lord,  
a strong desire to never quit,

## **WALK TO THE MANGER**



Walk To The Manger is a wonderful way to give agape.

Just bring a non-perishable food item to a December 14th Regional Gathering.

All items will be distributed to a local food pantry or shelter.

no matter what the odds.  
A willingness of 100% of myself  
to You and others at all times.

Dear Lord, bestow in me  
a true understanding that,  
with you beside me,  
there is no end  
to what I can achieve.

Amen

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## **NEW BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEMBERS:**

At our Meeting of Corporation at October's Gathering, there was an election held to determine new members to serve on the TRWE Board of Directors.

Five individuals were chosen. They are Linda Claypool, Rosella Ealy, Chris Enoch, Patty Johnson, and Linda Sweeney.

Their terms will commence on January 1, 2019. I am thankful that God has chosen them and they have answered His call to serve our community for the next three years. Please welcome them and keep them, as well as the other board members, in your prayers.

## **WOMEN'S WALK #106 NEWS:**

Martha Johnson has accepted the position of Lay Director in Training for Walk #106. She will be the Lay Director for Walk #108 in 2020.

## **FROM THE ASSISTANT COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR**

September is my favorite month of the year. It is gone now, but I thoroughly enjoyed its arrival.

The bold colors of the leaves, the crisp, cool air and the beginning of a new school year. And now we are at the end of October. Before you know it, Thanksgiving will soon be here, and then the most wonderful season of all – Christmas will be upon us.

Wait, let's back up. No matter how many times you check the calendar, there will be no fall walks this year -- no send-off, no candlelight, no closing. But it doesn't mean we cannot enjoy what Three Rivers Walk to Emmaus brings us.

There are currently 22 reunion groups that meet to share their Fourth Day experiences. Our monthly services still continue to be every second Friday of the month - COME AND WORSHIP with your Emmaus family!

Our website is always updated to include current events as they happen. And the newsletter provides communication with the board and our community.

Take a moment to enjoy the moment of whatever season we are in. Remember what the Ecclesiastes 3:1 says, "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven."

In His Service,  
Pam Walter  
TRWE #42,  
Table of Rachel



## **TRWE WALK PREFERENCE SURVEY RESULTS**

In September we asked the community through the newsletter and an eblast to state your preference as to when to hold future walks. Out of 86 total respondents the results are:

Fall (October/November) – 59%

Spring (April/May) – 41%

79% of the respondents were laity, 21% were clergy.

There were also several comments concerning the preferences.

We appreciate those who took the time to answer the survey. The Board of Directors will seriously consider the results and comments when planning Walks #107 and #108 in 2020.

Ron Hujik, CLD

## **THANK YOU!**

The TRWE community has been so blessed by the service and commitment of those who serve on the Board of Directors.

So many decisions, details and action items were accomplished because of the experience, knowledge, and fellowship that these following board members have brought to the meetings, gatherings and the walks. Their term will end on/by December 31, 2018:

Chub Dietz, Bob Dippolito, Scott Gallagher, Judy Grice, Madeline Rainey, Ed Saxman, Katy Selzer, Merle

Timko, and Kellie Wild.

I would like to thank all of you for making my year as CLD a rather smooth one. Your wisdom, knowledge, experience, advice, commitment, and prayers are appreciated beyond words. You have been a blessing to the board and to the TRWE community.

God's Peace,  
Ron Hujik

## **DATES FOR GATHERING**

**November 7, 2018**  
**All Community Gathering**  
***Annual Memorial Service***  
**Dutahl UMC**  
**7:00 Doors Open**

**December 14, 2018:**  
**Regional Gatherings**  
***Walk To The Manger (Offering)***


**North: TBA**  
**East: Murrysville UMC**  
**South: Meadowlands UMC**  
**7:00 Doors Open**

**January 11, 2018:**  
**Regional Gatherings:**  
**North: Grace UMC, Grove City**  
**East: Murrysville UMC**  
**South: Meadowlands UMC**  
**7:00 Doors Open**

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