



**IMPORTANT DATES**

**SPRING WALKS @ FRC**

Men’s Walk #97, April 14-17  
Candlelight, April 16 @ 7pm

Women’s Walk #98, April 21-24  
Men’s Mini-Reunion, Apr. 23 @ 6pm  
Candlelight, April 23 @ 8pm

**ALL COMMUNITY GATHERING**

April 16, 2016  
Family Resource Center @ 7pm  
w/Candlelight

**Men’s Mini-Reunion on Apr. 23rd**

Family Resource Center @ 6pm

**Women’s Mini-Reunion on Apr. 29th**

Dutilh UMC @ 7pm

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Therefore  
**ENCOURAGE**  
one another & build up each other  
as indeed you are doing.  
1 Thessalonians 5:11

**FROM THE COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR....**

The Walk to Emmaus is an ecumenical renewal weekend that encourages participants from many denominations. It is, however, a program of The United Methodist Church.

When a person expresses a desire to become a member of a United Methodist Church, he or she promises to uphold that particular congregation by **prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.**

As we approach Walks 97 and 98, let us all make that same promise to the teams and pilgrims who will share those weekends.

Our **PRAYERS** can be offered right now, that God will work wonders in the lives of all, that no obstacles will prevent people from participating. We can sign the prayer vigil to pray at specific times during the weekend and attend events of the weekend where individual prayers for the pilgrims are spoken.

Our **PRESENCE** – did you know you can come to Sponsors’ Hour even if you are not sponsoring a pilgrim?



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Same with Closing! Do you remember how you felt when you walked into Candlelight and saw those many faces singing just for you? And what about the grateful team members who can step back just a little while you show up to serve a meal, clean a toilet or set up and distribute candles?

Our **GIFTS** are not only our skills, abilities and talents, but all those trinkets, magnets, messages, bookmarks, letters – it's all about AGAPE! The newsletter will tell you how much you need for each Walk. Make something, buy something, do it alone or with an Emmaus friend.

Our **SERVICE** - that's called 4TH DAY! Can you carpool to the camp so that many of you can serve a meal, perhaps staying on for more than one meal? Can you help clean the bathrooms – oh, so many of them – but working in teams makes the job so much easier and faster. You can sign up for serving on the website – trwe.org

And, finally, our **WITNESS**. Taking time out of our schedules to support and encourage the pilgrims and the teams is a witness to the importance of spending time with Jesus Christ.

My prayer for each of you is that you can make the time to be an encourager for all who are involved in these Walks, by your prayers, your presence, your gifts and your service.

Lill Griffith

TRWE #28 Table of Sarah

CHALLENGE: At the end of every day ask yourself: "Where have I seen Christ today?"

### **THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING**

Okay, I know – corny, right? Certainly not original. But, as I thought about creating this message, this is what was whispered in my ear.

In 2015, TRWE disbursed over \$39,300 for expenses. Most of these expenses were related directly to the Spring and Fall Walks. Receipts of over \$40,500 were received. Although most of the receipts were from Pilgrims and Team members to cover the expenses of the walk, members of the community also contributed over \$6,500 in donations at Gatherings, for Scholarships, and to assist other Team members and Pilgrims.

Tax receipts have been distributed to those who gave donations of \$100 or more. The IRS only requires receipts for amounts donated of \$250 or more, so, for those who gave below this threshold, your cancelled check or other records should suffice.

On behalf of the Board and those Team members and Pilgrims who were blessed by your gifts, I want to say "Thank you". YOUR gifts have made it possible for these individuals to experience the gift of Agape and the Holy Spirit by participating in the Walk weekend. To those who have been blessed, I pray that you will use the result of these gifts to further your 4<sup>th</sup> Day Walk and to continue to grow in your faith development and in serving as a Christian Leader in your Church and your community.

Embrace this gift, and keep on giving.  
May God bless you in your 4<sup>th</sup> Day.

Chub Dietz, ACLD, TRWE

### **FROM THE COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR...**

**What About Fourth Day?** During our Walk we all heard more than once about our Fourth Day. Many of us have recommitted ourselves to a closer walk with the Lord, to study the Word more, to increase our prayer life, and/or to do some degree of mission field work, just to name a few. But what about the other ways in which we should be living out our Fourth Day?

When we look at the story of Emmaus, as it is recorded in Luke 24:13-25, there is a sense of community that threads its way through the verses. The story begins with two men walking before Jesus joins them. I think there is something very important in that particular reality. No one is to make this journey alone. Here we have two men walking along the road discussing what had happened in the past days. As they spoke together, as the two gathered speaking of the name of Jesus, there Jesus came alongside them. In Matthew 18:20 (NLT), Jesus says, "For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them." Right here this promise is lived out. These two men were in mourning. They were reflecting. They may have even been praying. One thing is for certain; they were in

need. One could argue that they were worshipping along that road, and in the very midst of their corporate worship, Jesus came and offered them comfort.

There is another point in the story. When they arrived at their home, Jesus appeared to be continuing on. They urged him to stay with them. Jesus accepted that invitation and in the midst of their time together, Christ's fullness was revealed to them. Again, there is a sense of community. This time it was not that Jesus caught up to them and joined them, but that the men invited Jesus into their home, into their company. Jesus will never refuse such an invitation.

Sometimes I can look too deeply into God's Word and I find myself buried in the minute details, but here I thank you for humoring me for these moments. Are there still parts of our life in which we leave Jesus outside of the door? Are there those places into which Jesus is simply not invited to participate? For whatever reason we all seem to have those places in our life. But what if it is in those places that Jesus will reveal himself more fully, in the same profound way that he did before the Emmaus travelers?

Beyond that, sometimes we forget that it is in the midst of community that Jesus says he will be "among us". That does not mean that on our own Jesus is not present. What it does mean is that there is something very special about being in community, special to us and to Christ. The Walk to Emmaus encourages everyone to grow in their spiritual life through worship and participation in the local church. These are not solitary things. We are also encouraged to become active in our discipleship throughout the world, this too is not a solitary thing. Remember on your Walk, you were not dropped off in an empty room but a room full of people. The first night you met a new friend, and the entire weekend was wrapped within community. Funny, after the Walk is complete each of us was celebrated as a new member of the Emmaus Community! There is not a single aspect of Emmaus that is done in isolation.

Remaining in community is one of the most beautiful elements that is woven throughout the Scriptures. The Emmaus Community celebrates this reality through reunion groups, monthly gatherings, teaming (including the prayer vigil, fourth day servers and helpers, along with the "at camp" team), the sharing and lifting of prayer concerns, the celebration of members of the community when they go home to glory, send off, closing, candlelight, and so many more ways that Emmaus reclaims the call for us to be in community. I hope to see you soon...

Scott Gallagher  
Community Spiritual Director

## INTO THE FOURTH DAY

The spring Walks are upon us. The teams are formed and teaming is almost finished. It is time for our Fourth day people to volunteer for the Walks. I ask that you prayerfully consider how you can help. We need people to setup and tear down the camp, to serve meals, to help with facilities, snack agape. You can signup for Fourth Day ministries at: <http://trwe.org/4thDayService/4thDay.html> We also hope to bathe the pilgrims in prayer and encourage you to join the prayer vigil at: <http://trwe.org/Prayervigil/Prayervigil.html> Remember your walk and how others did these things for you and pass it on. Thank you and may God bless you!

John W. Turnbull  
TRWE #21

## AGAPE FOR WALKS

Our Walks 97 and 98 are fast approaching. Have you gotten your Agape ready for those walks??

Agape means a lot to pilgrims and team members. Those little gifts of love bring smiles and warm the hearts of all who receive them. It doesn't need to cost a fortune and can be homemade. Remember those bags of cereal, sticks of gum, mini chocolate bars, jelly beans, even tea bags, etc.? A little can go far in brightening the weekend.

Your Agape should be at the site Thursday night, if possible, but no later than candlelight Saturday night.

We hope to see you at the send off of our new pilgrims, at the Candlelight service and, if possible, the Closing Ceremony.

Remember the walk dates are April 14-17 (men's), April 21-24 (women's).

Thank you in advance for your participation in making these weekends a little brighter with your Agape.

Madeline Rainey

Agape Chairperson

**A NOTE FROM THE REGISTRAR COMMITTEE:**



**We're so excited!!** The spring 2016 Walks are finally here and we've attached the list of pilgrims and team for Walks #97 & #98, 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 because we all serve as "team members," even though we may not be staying at the camp.

If you have not done so already, please go to the [trwe.org](http://trwe.org) website and sign up for the **prayer vigil, 4<sup>th</sup> day service, snack agape, Candlelight** and **Closing**. **Remember that God has richly blessed YOU, so that YOU can be a blessing to others!! Pass it on ☺**

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*Judy Grice TRWE #40. Sharon Gallagher #72 and Lisa Wahl TRWE #54*

<u>Walk #97</u>	<u>Pilgrim name</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
	Jerry Kuhn	Holy Trinity Lutheran	Richard Hill
	Dennis Durstine	Paradise UMC	Roger Howard
	Tim Edwards	St. Michael's Catholic	Karen Edwards
	Dean Nutter	West Alexander Presby	Bob Morgan
	Shawn Zwigart	Bethany Presby, Bridgeville	John Turnbull
	Jeff Zibrat	Orchard Hill Church	Janet McKibbin
	Abe Johnson	Crossroads Christian Fellowship	Marty Johnson
	Mike Tusey	Community UMC, Irwin	Kerry Moser
	Gary Kaufman	Harvest Community Church	Eugene Smith
	Bob Beabout	Washington St. UMC	Wayne Hart
	Robert Henry	Presbyterian Church, Marion	Susie Enoch
	Gary Kanouff	Presbyterian Church, Marion	Susie Enoch
	Joe Ruffing	All Saints Anglican	Richard Hill
	David Heasley	Holiday Park UMC	Frank Bloise
	Mike Dinger	Christian Missionary Alliance, Punxytawny	Greg Quick

<u>Walk #98</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Debbie Durstine	Paradise UMC	Roger Howard
Michelle Earnhardt	Crossroads Christian Fellowship	Karen Edwards
Helen Lichtenfels	Black Lick UMC	Kathy Dinger
Jackie Nixon	Bethany Presby, Bridgeville	Sharon Salvini
Deb Pyle	Bethany Presby, Bridgeville	Patty Houy
Andrea Gump	Bethel Presby, Prosperity	Laura Zoeller
Missy Davies	Leesburg ECO Presbyterian	Tom Gomola
Jodi White	Bethel Presby, Prosperity	Patty Johnson
Debbie U'Ren	West Alexander Presby	Kathy Morgan
Brenda McMinn	Christ UMC, Bethel Park	Karen Ostrowski
Judy Klein	Monroeville Assembly of God	Vivian Malits

LuAnn Eckman  
 Melanie Hutson  
 Teri Barr  
 Judy Brown  
 Debbie Downing  
 Criss Crider  
 Stephanie Sortwell  
 Cathy Baumann  
 Jennie Henry  
 Donna Kanouff  
 Lynne Scherf  
 Westlynn Davis  
 Stephanie Manko

Mt. Zion UMC  
 Bethel Presby, Prosperity  
 Greenville Alliance CMA  
 Leesburg ECO Presby.  
 Faith Country Chapel  
 New Stanton UMC  
 Peters Creek Baptist  
 New Stanton UMC  
 Presbyterian Church, Marion  
 Presbyterian Church, Marion  
 The Summit Church  
 Garden City UMC  
 Spirit Chapel

Rebecca DeLuca  
 Lois Dille  
 Martha Johnson  
 Sandy Yarian  
 Sandy Yarian  
 Wendy Miller  
 Kelly Rose Harter  
 Dennis Walker  
 Chris Enoch  
 Chris Enoch  
 Brenda Sommerville  
 Cynthia Hill  
 Carla Schubert

### ***“I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS,...NO TURNING BACK, NO TURNING BACK”***

With team members from Walks 97 and 98 enthusiastically leading us in song, the March Gathering at Dutilh began!

Our 4<sup>th</sup> day speaker was Robert Dippolito who blessed us and inspired us with a message about how the Walk to Emmaus has changed his life and continues to have an impact on him. His awareness of the Holy Spirit guiding him as a pilgrim and into his 4<sup>th</sup> day journey was shared with humor, but the depth of his faith and trust was evident.

Team Commissioning and the Memorial Service were on the agenda, but this time, under Pastor Scott Gallagher’s leadership, were done within the worship service making both of these activities an act of praise. During the time for the Offering, team members came forward and were commissioned – then prayers were offered, not only for the gifts of money, but also for the gifts and service willingly given by the men and women of Walks 97 and 98.

The memorial service for 14 of our departed members was a collective act of remembrance and prayer. As a name was read, friends and family came forward to light a candle and offer a prayer of thanksgiving for a life well-lived and now blessed to be in God’s presence.

We shared in Holy Communion and exited the sanctuary singing again our commitment to follow Jesus. Some commented that the evening was truly Spirit-filled, and, indeed, it was.

The next Gathering is April 16 just prior to Men’s Candlelight. Fellowship begins at 7, Gathering program at 7:30. Come, worship with us, pray for the pilgrims by name and then greet them in the name of Jesus as they continue building a closer relationship with the God of agape love!

## WHY IS IT SO HARD TO SAY YES?

When I was asked by a total stranger to consider going on the Walk to Emmaus, I immediately answered, YES. When I was asked to serve on team, I immediately answered, YES. When I was asked to serve on team in a leadership role, I hesitated, prayed on it, and answered, YES. The first time I was asked to serve on the Board of Directors, I immediately thought of all of the reasons why I couldn't do it...I was too busy and said, NO. Then I prayed on it, talked it over with my wife, spent a week thinking about it and tried to say, YES, but it was too late. Someone else had filled the position.

The second time I was asked to be on the Board, I again thought of all of the reasons why I couldn't do it...I was too busy and said, NO (when will I learn?). I prayed on it overnight and called back to say, YES. This time I was quick enough and the position hadn't been filled. There is a decision-making process that goes along with Emmaus requests for service that is both important and critical not to be circumvented. It goes something like this: (1) caller: "Would you consider....?" (2) "Before you answer, please pray on it and get back to me." (3) Prayerful consideration. (4) Call back with "YES, here am I Lord, send me, use me;" or with a carefully, prayerfully considered "NO, but maybe next time when I'm not so busy."

My morning prayer and meditation time ends with "As the call comes, here am I Lord send me, use me." And yet I still respond to the call with a NO at times, and later regret that decision. I ask you to please consider serving the Lord by serving on an Emmaus team, serving others at Emmaus functions, or serving in a leadership role when the call comes. You won't regret it. In fact, you will be enriched by it. That I can attest to from experience. There is still time to serve on the upcoming walk by signing up on the prayer list, coming up as 4th Day help, attending send off and candlelight, and/or contributing agape for the pilgrims and the team.

Decolores!

Bob Dove

Literature Board Rep



**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON REUNION GROUPS CONTACT:**

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**WOMEN'S REUNION GROUPS**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Group Name</b>	<b>Group Leader</b>
Brookville <i>3rd Saturday of the month, 12 pm at Mount Pleasant UMC located at Mount Pleasant/Ohl Road, Summerville PA</i>	Brookville Women's RG	Nancy Diener, Jamie Toven
Clarion <i>3rd Saturday of the month, 10 am at Perkins Rest, Clarion PA</i>	Clarion Third Saturday	Carol Brown
McMurray <i>3rd Tuesday of the month at 5:00 pm at Panera Bread</i>	South Hills Sisters	Judy Grice
North Hills <i>2nd Tuesday of every month at 6 PM, Eat N' Park, Wexford, PA</i>	Wexford Chicks	Bonnie Readie

**MEN'S REUNION GROUPS**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Group Name</b>	<b>Group Leader</b>
Brookville <i>The third Sunday of each month at the Ohl Church, 5pm</i>	Brookville Men Reunion Group	Richard Steel
Clarion <i>The Clarion Cluster will be meeting each Monday, 7:15 AM; at Plylers Restaurant, Allegheny Blvd. (route 36), Brookville, PA</i>	Clarion Cluster	Bill Saxman
Monroeville <i>Every other Wednesday afternoon, at Panera's, Monroeville</i>	Monroeville Men Reunion Group	Richard Hill/Scott Gallagher
South Hills <i>Third Saturday of every month, 7:00 AM at Boyce - Mayview Park located at Pavillion Parking Lot (wear your walking shoes!)</i>	Fit2Serve	Mike Varner/Glenn Brooks
Waynesburg <i>1st Saturday of the month 8 AM @ Bob Evans, Waynesburg</i>	Greene Co. Men	Scott Roberts
Wexford <i>Monday 6:00 am - King's Rt. 910</i>	Wexford I	Jeff Clark
Wexford <i>Friday 7:00 am - Wexford Eat' N Park</i>	Wexford II	Dave Claypool
Wexford <i>Every Tuesday 7:00 am - King's Rt. 910</i>	Wexford III	Rolan Burnette

**MIXED REUNION GROUPS**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Group Name</b>	<b>Group Leader</b>
Bellvue/Ross area	The Hiding Place <i>1st and 3rd Sunday evenings at a members' home (location varies)</i>	Tammy DeBonis
Greene County	God's Green Gang <i>1st Saturday of the month, 9-10 AM, at a Waynesburg restaurant (location varies)</i>	Janice Gottchalk, Connie Hart
Irwin/Harrison City	Dinner with Friends <i>Last Friday of each month, Boulevard Restaurant, Delmont, 6:30 PM</i>	Kathy & John Shusteric
Latrobe	The Comma Club <i>3rd Friday of the month at 7:00 PM - Christ Church, 1414 Ligonier St., Latrobe, PA</i>	Rev. Cindy & Larry Parker
Mercer County	Third Thursday <i>3rd Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. at Leesburg Presbyterian Church, Volant, PA</i>	Rex and Pam Walter
Murrysville	Saturday Morning East Reunion Group <i>Second Saturday of the month, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. at The First United Methodist Church Annex, Murrysville, PA</i>	Debbie and Bryan Pass
Plum	Fruit Loops & Fruits of the Loom <i>Last Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM at Golden Palace Chinese Restaurant in Holiday Park</i>	Kathy Wescoat
Washington County	WashPA Pray-ers <i>3rd Saturday of the month at 8:30 am at Bob Evans on W. Chestnut St., Washington PA</i>	Judy Grice
Mt. Pleasant area	Connect Group <i>Twice a month on a Tuesday or Wednesday at 6:30 PM at a members home</i>	Heidi Walker
West Alexander	West Alexander Group <i>Second Sunday of each month at 6-7 pm at West Alexander Presbyterian Church, 108 Main St., West Alexander Pa 15376</i>	Bob & Kathy Morgan