

# Three Rivers Walk To Emmaus

1995-2007 Fifteen years of Walking with Jesus

## IMPORTANT DATES

### GATHERINGS

August 10<sup>th</sup> at Regional

Locations

September 14<sup>th</sup> at Ingomar UMC

October 13<sup>th</sup> at Men's Walk

November 9<sup>th</sup> at Ingomar UMC

December 14<sup>th</sup> at Regional

Locations

January 11<sup>th</sup> at Ingomar UMC

February 8<sup>th</sup> at Regional

Locations

### FALL WALKS

#### LUTHERLYN

Men's Walk #63 Oct 11-14, 2007

Women's Walk #64 Oct 18-21, 2007

### CHRYSALIS FLIGHTS

#### Family Resource Center

Boy's Flight #6 Jan. 19 - 21, 2008

Girls Flight #7 Jan. 19 - 21, 2008

### SPRING WALKS

#### LUTHERLYN

Men's Walk #65 April 10 - 13, 2008

Women's Walk #66 April 17- 20,

2008

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August 2007

### FROM THE COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

An Emmaus friend, one whom I've had the privilege and joy to serve with on a couple of teams passed along the words to a song before the last Regional Gatherings. The song is entitled "The Servant Song (Brother, Let Me Be Your Servant), and we agreed that the author Richard Gillard must have been on an Emmaus Walk. Here are the lyrics to that song-

*Brother, let me be your servant | Let me be as Christ to you  
Pray that I may have the grace | To let you be my servant, too.*

*We are pilgrims on a journey | We are brothers on the road  
We are here to help each other | Walk the mile and bear the load.*

*I will hold the Christlight for you | In the night-time of your fear  
O will hold my hand out to you | Speak the peace you long to hear.*

*I will weep when you are weeping | When you laugh I'll laugh with you  
O will share your joy and sorrow | Till we've seen this journey through.*

*When we sing to God in heaven | We shall find such harmony  
Born of all we've known together | Of Christ's love and agony.*

*Brother, let me be you servant | Let me be as Christ to you  
Pray that I may have the grace | To let you be my servant, too.*

Do you see what we mean? So much of Emmaus is captured in the song: servanthood, grace, being Christ to others, weeping, laughing, sharing, praise, and love.

As we are in a time when summer is waning, and we look forward to fall, and the fall walks, and we re-focus on our service to the Emmaus movement. We will be teaming in preparation for TRWE # 63 & #64, praying for folks and sponsoring them, signing up for Prayer Vigils and 4<sup>th</sup> Day service, attending Candlelight and Closing...we are blessed as a community to have so many faithful servants, willing to give of themselves in the service of our Lord.

*"Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the Gospel of Christ; and for your generosity in sharing with them and everyone else." 2 Corinthians 9:13*

Thank you, God Bless and DeColores! John McMullan – TRWE #37



## FROM THE COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

Love Notes from Linda

*Faults are thick where love is thin*

“And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.” 1 Peter 4:8

The “thing” about the Emmaus Community which attracted me was the community’s ability to love one another; to serve sacrificially; and to support one another through life’s trials helping one another discern God’s will individually and corporately. Love defines who we are, and yet I still see fringes where love seeps out and unkind thoughts and actions seep in. Perhaps a reminder will be helpful.

A Lenten Bible Study “Loving the Jesus Way” talks a lot about kindnesses and charity; about growing spiritually **so that loving isn’t an effort, but rather a response.** Easier said than done! However, when love is not our priority, our main objective in every relationship and situation, we do tend to see the worst rather than the best

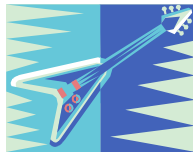
**We need to truly learn to pray for our enemies; for those that hurt us and our loved ones. We need to learn to let go of our anger and disappointments and focus on how our love can not only help to change another, but how it also will change us.**

**In our community, we must ever be vigilant that we do not become power hungry and lime-light seekers; but rather to remember always that we are SERVANT! It’s not about power or control; in fact it’s not about US – it’s about God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit and how we can reflect who we are in THEM.**

Every one of us has faults – too many to count, but when we stand before our Savior on judgment day, each of us wants Jesus to overlook those faults and to pour out his love, mercy and grace upon us. Therefore, we need to practice that wonderful scripture: (Matthew 7:12 and Luke 6:31 **“Treat others as you would like to be treated.”** **How many of us would respond, “Point out all of my faults and chastise me daily!”** Rather would we not say, “In spite of all that is wrong with me, love me and show me mercy.”

Our responsibility then is to learn to let go, let God, and love as if there is no tomorrow. This means that we love responsibly – that if we have a need to share how we have been hurt by another’s actions, we do it with grace, being sure that we own the hurt. Often we will find that what hurt us was unintentional on the part of the one who hurt us. **If we spend time fault counting, love may pass us by, and more importantly, an opportunity to express love may be missed.** Faulty, but seeking mercy and grace, I am,

Linda Tunnell DeColores! ( big hug )



# **Musicians**

**What would an Emmaus gathering or walk be without all that great inspirational music? Do you sing or play an instrument please contact Colin McRoberts. You never know when the community could use your gifts.** Colin McRoberts [cubistdog\\_42@yahoo.com](mailto:cubistdog_42@yahoo.com)

## Sponsorship

**Romans 10:14-15 says "How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? 15And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"**

**Each person who attends The Walk to Emmaus® has a sponsor. A sponsor is a person who has been through an Emmaus experience and is willing to share that experience with another new Emmaus participant. The aim of a sponsor should not be "to get all my friends to go," to fill up the weekend, to fix people's problems, or to reproduce one's own religious experience in others. Sponsorship is an act of love for God, for the participants in the Walk to Emmaus, for the Emmaus Community, and for the church. It is a demonstration of agape love.**

Faithfully consider who it is that you know that is ready and would benefit from attending an upcoming Walk. Please get in touch with our Registrar, Joan Burnette, or see the website [www.trwe.org](http://www.trwe.org) for applications.

**ALL COMMUNITY GATHERING**

**SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>**

**AT INGOMAR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.**

**Pizza before gathering for the hungry**

# How Can I Help on a Walk?

This is to encourage those who want to help our Emmaus community during the Retreat weekends coming up. There is lots you can do:

1. **Prayer Vigil:** this you can do right from your own home and it doesn't cost anything but your time. If you are computer savvy, go the Emmaus Website, connect to the appropriate link and sign up your name in the appropriate time slot. If you do not have a computer or do not know how to use one, you can sign up at our gatherings.
2. **Serve A Meal:** Once again, go to the Website and go to the appropriate link, or sign up at gatherings, there is always good food and clipboards there.
3. **Bathroom Angels:** I'm not too crazy about this one either, but bring an Emmaus buddy with you and the work goes faster.
4. **Sunday Angels:** This one is a big help for those who have been at camp all weekend. By Sunday afternoon, those who have been on team will have a smile on their face and much appreciation for the help you will provide to tear down and pack up the camp.

Well, there you go; [1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#). Pick one of these numbers, call up your reunion group or an Emmaus buddy; ask them to sign up to serve.

PS: I also encourage you to go to closing, even if you are not sponsoring anyone; it never fails to be a "revival" service; with much singing from the heart, rededications from those who have pulled away from God; and the participation in a very special Communion.

To see the pilgrims stand up together as one group, table by table, and tell of how the weekend has touched their lives is a reminder of why there is an Emmaus retreat.

Just come, you can sit with me, I'll save you a seat.

DeColores,  
Pam Walter  
TRWE #42  
Table of Rachel



# ***Regional Gatherings are back!***

\*\*\*\*\*Four Great Locations – One Night\*\*\*\*\*

East – First UMC Murrysville

Central – Ingomar UMC (Community Center Building)

North – Harrisville UMC

South - 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian, Houston, PA

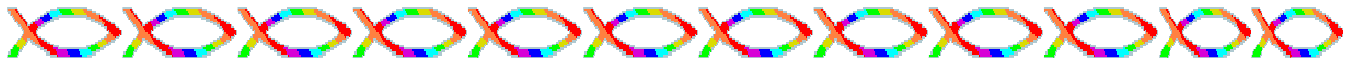
## **Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

Faithful Servants are needed!

If you would like to assist as a Leader, Clergy, 4<sup>th</sup> Day Speaker, Musician, Snack/Fellowship Time Coordinator with Clean Up, please contact

John McMullan-724-772-6623 [jmcmullan@zoominternet.net](mailto:jmcmullan@zoominternet.net) or

Colleen Clark- (412)-366-3278 [colleen.c.clark@verizon.net](mailto:colleen.c.clark@verizon.net)



## **Fourth Day Corner**

Regional Gatherings:

The regional gathering at the North destination (Harrisville UMC) has been a enlightening experience for me and have been richly blessed by it.

The atmosphere has been like it may have been when people met in "The Upper Room" for the first few times.

The attendance has been more than "just a few" and less than "a large crowd". At first people were a little shy about singing louder than their neighbor, but once we got in to the "spirit" of it; we didn't sound too bad.

I encourage those who have not attended a regional or a "community-wide" gathering to do so. Both have their advantages. It always makes me smile to see someone that I shared my walk with or even my "newest best friend".

The car ride home from a gathering is always relaxing. I usually have someone in the car with me to discuss and reflect on the night's activities.

I encourage everyone to try to make it to a gathering this year; put it on your "To Do List", perhaps make it a reunion group activity; call those who were at your table, carpool.

Stay connected with your Emmaus community and you shall be surely blessed.

Love In Christ,  
Pam Walter  
TRWE #42  
Table of Rachel

# Three Rivers **CHRYsalis**

The Chrysalis Steering Committee invited the entire Emmaus Community to join them on Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007 for a “Brain Storming” Session.

At the session we did a short exercise that I would like all of you to do on your own. Please spend the next few minutes writing down names of teenagers you know of in your church or in your personal life that are between the ages of 15-19 years old.

Would you consider sending any of them an invitation to our next Chrysalis Flight?

Cindy Bodnar is currently working on a new brochure which you can use when meeting with any teen and/or their parents. You can contact her at: [bodnarmc@comcast.net](mailto:bodnarmc@comcast.net)

We also made a bold decision about the actual flights. We are moving **BOTH** the BOYS Flight and the GIRLS Flight to the week-end prior to Martin Luther King’s Birthday Holiday in January, 2008. The Flights will both be **SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, SUNDAY, JANUARY 20 AND MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 2008.**

The public schools are all closed for Martin Luther King’s birthday that Monday. If for any reason the teen you sponsor’s school is not closed that Monday; they are afforded a religious holiday day by attending Chrysalis; they must simply request it off in an excuse from their parents.

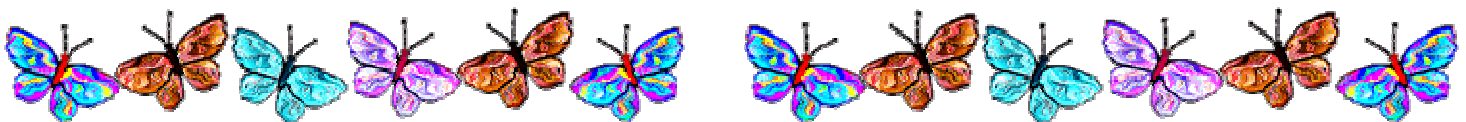
Our plan is to hold the one week-end event at the NEW Family Resource Camp (which was the old Fresh Air Camp). They have demolished most of the buildings, and built brand new cabins, conference rooms, and currently have two dining halls. The BOYS and the GIRLS will have separate conference rooms, separate dining times, separate breaks, separate candlelights, and separate closings.

We ask for your involvement to help this ministry. We need everyone to do something to help this ministry. Please pray about what you can do. Please choose to sponsor, make agape, pray for this ministry, serve on team, serve as fourth day, attend candlelight (it will be two in one night!!) Help us to reach out to this generation with the AGAPE LOVE of Jesus Christ and to spread the gospel to all.

Please choose to serve in some way.

Thank you!  
God Bless,

Heidi Varner, Three Rivers Walk to Emmaus Walk # 44



## TRWE 07-08 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

|  |   |
|--|---|
| AUGUST                                 |   |
| August 10 <sup>th</sup>                | <i>Regional Gatherings – 4 Locations 1 Night!</i><br>North – South – Central – East |
| SEPTEMBER                              |   |
| September 14 <sup>th</sup>             | All Community Gathering<br>Annual Meeting<br>Team Commissioning – Ingomar UMC       |
| OCTOBER                                |   |
| October 13 <sup>th</sup><br>(Saturday) | Gathering @ Men’s Candlelight TRWE #63<br>Camp Lutherlyn, Prospect, PA              |
| NOVEMBER                               |   |
| November 9 <sup>th</sup>               | All Community Gathering<br>Ingomar UMC  |
| DECEMBER                               |   |
| December 14 <sup>th</sup>              | <i>Regional Gatherings – 4 Locations 1 Night!</i><br>North – South – Central – East |
| JANUARY 2008                           |   |
| January 11 <sup>th</sup>               | All Community Gathering<br>Ingomar UMC  |
| FEBRUARY                               |   |
| February 8 <sup>th</sup>               | <i>Regional Gatherings – 4 Locations 1 Night!</i><br>North – South – Central – East |
| MARCH                                  |   |
| March 14 <sup>th</sup>                 | All Community Gathering<br>Ingomar UMC Team Commissioning                           |
| APRIL                                  |   |
| April 12 <sup>th</sup>                 | Gathering @ Men’s Candlelight TRWE #65<br>Camp Lutherlyn, Prospect, PA              |
| MAY                                    |   |
| May 9 <sup>th</sup>                    | All Community Gathering<br>Ingomar UMC  |
| JUNE                                   |   |
| June 6 <sup>th</sup>                   | All Community Gathering<br>Ingomar UMC  |
| JULY                                   |   |
| July 11 <sup>th</sup>                  | <i>Regional Gatherings – 4 Locations 1 Night!</i><br>North – South – Central – East |



# Board Notes

## Board of Directors News



**When was the last time (if ever) that you filled out a Desire to serve form.**

The Board of Directors is asking everyone in the community to complete and submit a new desire to serve form.

This form should be updated every couple of years because we as people are always changing and growing.

Attached to this newsletter is a Desire to serve form.

Return all completed forms to Bonnie Readie, 2543 Royal View Drive, Allison Park, PA 15101

Thank you for your co-operation

## Song Book Amnesty



*Have found an Emmaus song book around your house or in your car please bring it to the next gathering*

*We are missing many books and do not have enough for the gatherings*

*Please return the books no questions asked*





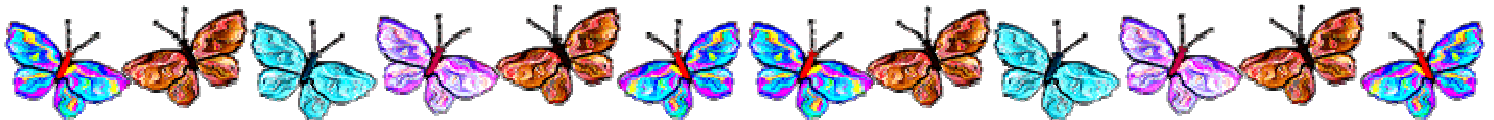
## Coming Soon! An Emmaus Cookbook

Have you ever been to a Gathering and had something wonderful to eat and wish you had the recipe? Or maybe you were on team and someone made something great for the Agape meal?

**LOOK FOR THE COOKBOOK COMING SOON  
THEY MAKE GREAT GIFTS**

**How many times have you  
wanted to sign up for the  
payer vigil or to work 4th day  
on a walk and missed sign up  
at gathering!**

Now available on the TRWE website  
([www.trwe.org](http://www.trwe.org))



Did you sign up to receive the prayer chain requests but are not receiving them?  
Did you change your email address and not let Bo Pratt know? If you want to be included in the prayer chain, please send your correct email address to [Rpratt2707@aol.com](mailto:Rpratt2707@aol.com). Prayer requests may also be sent here.

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

# Three Rivers **WALK to EMMAUS**

## Desire to Serve in 2007

Check what applies on each line:

Men's Team  Women's Team  Clergy

Spring Walk  Fall Walk  Both

Return to:  
**June Corbett**  
**303 South Park Street**  
**East Pgh., PA 15112**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone Number (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Church you attend \_\_\_\_\_ Reunion group you attend \_\_\_\_\_

If you do not belong to a reunion group, please tell us about an accountability group to which you belong \_\_\_\_\_

Date and place of your Walk \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate below the positions you have held and how many times you held them in Emmaus, Tres Dias, Chrysalis, Cursillo, and other related communities:

|   |                                      |   |
|---|--------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lay Director           | <input type="checkbox"/> Music       | <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Director           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assistant Lay Director | <input type="checkbox"/> Chapel      | <input type="checkbox"/> Assistant Spiritual Director |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen Head           | <input type="checkbox"/> Agape       | <input type="checkbox"/> 4th Day Coordinator          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen                | <input type="checkbox"/> Dining Room | <input type="checkbox"/> Assistant Table Leader       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Table Leader           | <input type="checkbox"/> Snack Agape | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Position           |

Please indicate areas in which you can serve at walks: Put **M** for men's, **W** for women's, **B** for both:

|                                       |   |  |
|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Vigil | <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen/Dining room    | <input type="checkbox"/> Provide Special Entertainment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Set up       | <input type="checkbox"/> Tear down and clean up | <input type="checkbox"/> Play music/lead singing       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Make agape   | <input type="checkbox"/> Bring snack Agape      | <input type="checkbox"/> Clean Bathrooms               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Run Errands  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor a pilgrim      | <input type="checkbox"/> Ice cream Social              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baking       | <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Candlelight     | <input type="checkbox"/> Set up candles                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clowning     | <input type="checkbox"/> Make Banner            | <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Sponsor's hour         |
|                                       |   | <input type="checkbox"/> Attend closing                |

Please check the talks you have given:

|  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Priority                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Growth Through Study | <input type="checkbox"/> Changing Our World |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prevenient Grace            | <input type="checkbox"/> Means of Grace       | <input type="checkbox"/> Sanctifying Grace  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Priesthood of All Believers | <input type="checkbox"/> Christian Action     | <input type="checkbox"/> Body of Christ     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Justifying Grace            | <input type="checkbox"/> Obstacles to Grace   | <input type="checkbox"/> Perseverance       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Life in Piety               | <input type="checkbox"/> Discipleship         | <input type="checkbox"/> Fourth Day         |

How many gatherings a year do you attend? 1-3    4-6    7-9    10-12

Have you attended an Emmaus Education Day?    Yes    No

Would you be willing to play an instrument at Gathering?  Help lead music?

Would you be willing to give a Fourth Day Talk at Gathering?