



Three Rivers Walk To Emmaus

Nineteen Years of Walking with Jesus

August 2011

Strrretching your world!

Among my reactions to my initial Emmaus Walk back in 2002 was, "here I thought that I already belonged to a pretty big church, and now being part of Emmaus, my concept of 'what is my church?' had just grown exponentially in every direction."

Since then I have come to see that each of our Emmaus experiences are opportunities for God to use that time to further stretch your world. Whether it's sponsoring a pilgrim, serving on a team or as 4th Day, helping with a Walk, or a Gathering, or serving on the Board, these are all times where our world can be expanded further than what we might have perceived or marked off as limitations. Remember, God does not call the qualified, but He will qualify the called.

Earlier this year, Heidi and I received an invitation to my nephew's wedding in Los Angeles. Neither of us had ever been to California, (and I for one was okay with keeping it that way), but we talked and prayed about it and ultimately decided to make the trip. Basically, we ended up having a 3-day weekend in La La Land, in lieu of taking a typical week's vacation closer to home. I am so glad we did. My nephew was born and raised in France, so I had only met him a couple times before. This was a nice chance to catch up some with him and his brothers and his mom (my sister). He had come to the states for schooling a few years ago, and then found work on the West Coast. His bride was born in Thailand but lived most of her life in LA.

At the wedding ceremony, a large ball of string was passed around so that everyone in attendance was holding onto it together, while a blessing was shared for the bride and groom, giving us all a tangible reminder of how we are all connected.

We got to meet with friends and family of the happy couple, from not only France and Thailand, but also Canada, Mexico, Germany, Kenya, and Norway. We enjoyed a picnic reception that featured French crepes, Irish harp music, and a panoramic hilltop view that rivals the one I love here at nearby Jumonville.

Sunday morning, I went to church just around the corner from our hotel. The minister was originally from Korea, and I discovered that she had done the Walk there in California. She introduced me to the contemporary music leader, who is slated to be the Lay Director on their upcoming Fall Walk.

IMPORTANT DATES

GATHERINGS

August 13 1 pm All Community Gathering
 E-Day Picnic Family Retreat Center
 September 9 7:30 Ingomar UMC
 October 13 7:30
 South **New Location** Beallsville UMC
 North Harrisville UMC
 East Murrysville UMC
 November 5 All Community Gathering
 before Men's Candlelight
 December 9 7:30 Ingomar UMC

FALL WALKS LUTHERLYN

Men's Walk #79 Nov. 3-6
 Candlelight/Gathering Nov 5. 7:00
 Women's Walk #80 Nov. 10-13
 Candlelight Nov. 12 8:30

SPRING WALKS TBD

Men's Walk #81 Apr. 12-15
 Candlelight/Gathering Apr. 14. 7:00
 Women's Walk #82 Apr. 19-22
 Candlelight Apr. 21 8:30

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Later that evening, the bride's parents hosted a dinner at a local Thai restaurant. That was our first time for Thai food, but I am happy to say, it will not be the last! That was really good! On our 3rd day there, we were on our own, and Heidi had booked a tour for us at nearby Sony Studios. It was mostly unremarkable, but we got to see the room where they have created and recorded all the sound effects for thousands of TV shows and movies, including those unforgettable sounds for *The Passion of the Christ*. We can only imagine how that creative experience may have stretched the artists who were working on that film.

Before heading home, we had to take a drive up the coast on Highway 1, to experience some breathtaking views of God's creation that we just do not get to see on the East Coast.

It was a nice trip, but I am glad to be home, and I am looking forward to seeing what God still has planned for stretching my world and yours as well. If you have been resisting some stretching opportunities lately, I would encourage you to pray hard about it. If it is something that He wants you to do, He will provide what you need to be able to do it. I am sure that by the time it is over, you will say that you really enjoyed the experience.

De Colores!! Mike Varner, TRWE 43 - Table of Mark



FROM THE COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

Sometimes when I look at this world in which we live, I am reminded of the old adage that "what goes around, comes around," or the words from Ecclesiastes, "there is nothing new under the sun." Then I attend a School Board meeting and come home disgusted because we have not planned education, we have simply maintained the structure. Or I go to Church and sing the same hymns, sit in the same pew and end up roasting the same preacher (yea we do it too).

Then, all of a sudden, I am reminded that Jesus makes a rather surprising promise. He says, "Behold I make all things new!" And by things he refers to creation and church and (take a deep breath) even life as it is lived by you and me and our churches and even Emmaus!

All things are made new in Jesus - I think that is part of what Paul meant when he said that "nothing can ever separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." What an awesome promise.

Maybe on your weekend, like mine in the seventy's with Tres Dias, you experienced the newness of God's love. I pray that you have, and I pray that as we walk our journey together we can find time and place to share the newness of God's love with one another.

I guess I will have this job of Community Spiritual Director for a little while so if I can help with the newness issue in your life, let me know.

DeColores Bill Saxman
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FELLOWSHIP CORNER ☺

As Fellowship Coordinator for the Three Rivers Emmaus Community, I am responsible for getting Clergy, 4th Day Speakers, Musicians and Fellowship volunteers for the All Community Gatherings as well as Leaders and Board Reps. for the Regional Gatherings.

I'd like to take this opportunity to say **thank you** to the following people for serving at Gatherings in May, June and July: **4th Day Speakers**--- Tim Moses, Sandy Wakefield, Jan Moynihan, Patty Johnson and Andy Nelson; **Clergy**—Laurie Armstrong, Teresa Kendall, Millie Martin, Randy Stevens, Ardi Hill and Tom Gomola; **Musicians**—Bobbi Crane, Merle Timko, Tracy Hust, Mary Kitchen, Kathy Westcoat, Barb Gusew, Lynn Ramsey, Barb Robinette and Ron Hujik; **Fellowship**—Lois and Eli Dille, Lisa and Bernice Foust, Bill and Bonnie Wiegand, Debbie Pass, Frank & Eleanor Miller, Joyce Zajac, Loma Parry; **Leaders** Curt Marcuse, Kim Zielinski and Bryan Pass; **Board Reps**—Lynne Johnson, Cindy Parker, Mary Pellett.

September 9 and December 9 will be All Community Gatherings at Ingomar UMC, Wexford. Stan Schilfforth has volunteered to serve as Clergy in Sept. and Stephanie Gottschalk in December. Carla Rizzi and Liz Reilly have volunteered to help with Fellowship in September. I still need 4th Day Speakers for both as well as for the Men's Candlelight Service on Nov. 5.

The October 14th Regional Gatherings I still need Clergy, 4th Day Speaker and musicians for East @ Murrysville UMC; Clergy, Musicians and Fellowship for North @ Harrisville UMC and musicians for South @ Beallsville UMC.

If YOU would be willing to serve in any of these areas, please contact me via email @ grice3_@hotmail.com (note there is an underscore after 3) telephone (724) 225-7806. Thank you all for your willingness to serve our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ ☺
DeColores, Judy Grice TRWE #40



We have a growing number of both musicians and song leaders in our community but we are always looking for more. I have a data base set up for musicians/song leaders and have been in communication with them via email.

If you are interested in sharing your gifts by serving our community for Gatherings or Emmaus Weekends and **have not** received an email from me, please send your email address to me at rkhujik@aol.com. If you wish to call instead, my phone number is 330 896-0481. If you are a musician, include what instrument(s) you play.

On another note (get the pun?), we are missing a few songbooks from the last set of walks, from teaming, or from past Gatherings. If one has happened to follow you home would you please return it to one of the board reps during an upcoming Gathering.

Ron Hujik, TRWE Music Board Rep



If you have a prayer concern that you would like lifted in prayer or have other information that you want to share with the Community, please send the information to Rpratt2707@gmail.com.

PLEASE NOTE THE EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGE FOR THE PRAYER CHAIN.

Sponsorship - The most important job of all

The following guidelines are to help you decide whom to sponsor. This is not intended to be a complete list but rather a list of suggestions. Those sponsored could include the following:

- Church leaders (pastors and laypersons) who will bring new vision, commitment, and understanding back to their congregations and who need the renewal and grace Emmaus channels.
- Dependable church members who are the quiet backbone of the church.
- Less active members who need their awareness of grace rekindled and their commitments renewed.
- Christians who are hungry for "something more" and who want to grow spiritually.
- Members and leaders who represent a cross section of the church and who will help Emmaus remain theologically sound, centered on the essentials of our common faith and open to different perspectives.
- Respected laypersons and clergypersons whose participation, support, and leadership will encourage others to take the Walk and will build a sound, balanced leadership base for the movement in the community.
- Members of diverse congregations, denominations, and ethnic groups.

From *The Upper Room Handbook on Emmaus-- Upper Room Books, Nashville*

BOOK TABLE MEMO



Remember the Book Table from your Walk? How after the "Growth Through Study" talk, you were invited to look over books of

interest and purchase them at a discount fee?

Would it not be great if these books were FREE!!!! Well we are going to try something different for the Fall Men's and Women's Walks.

Do you have new or gently used books that you have read and enjoyed and now don't know what to do with? If so, bring them to E Day, September or October Gatherings or get

them to any Board member** or any Walk team member prior to the Fall Walks. **For list of Board members, please see page 5.

If you are giving a Talk and refer to a book, maybe you could purchase a few for the Table and donate them as agape. The possibilities are endless☺

Any questions, please call or email me @ (724) 225-7806 grice3@hotmail.com

May God Bless your giving,

Judy Grice

Board Rep. for Walk #80

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Don't be left out! Visit www.trwe.org to sign up for 4th Day help and the Prayer vigils for Walks # 79 and 80. You can also download an application for a pilgrim on the site.



Following is a list of pilgrims for whom we are searching. If you have information on any of them, please contact Lynne Johnson at trwecomm@comcast.net or 412-257-2727.

Allison, Bruce and Janet
 Allison, Julie and Brett
 Baker, Don
 Balicki, Joan
 Balogh, Sue
 Banycyk, Emey
 Barbin, Jim
 Barkley, Minnie
 Burns, Erin and Scott
 Byers, Mary Lou
 Callahan, John
 Campbell, Nancy
 Cantor, Judy
 Carlino, Pete
 Dale, Wilma
 Dausey, Dan and Jody
 Davies, Linda
 Davis, Angelina
 Fouts, Theresa
 Franco, April and Dan

Frantz, Jeff and Brenda
 Haddox, Crista
 Hagerman, Christine
 Haines, Jane
 Hall, Diane
 Hall, Mike
 Hanley, Ed
 Hankey, Harry
 Hanson, Martha
 Kandala, Celine
 Kearney, Patrick
 Kelley, Duane and Doris
 Kelley, Laura
 Kelley, Lynn
 Keogh, Tish
 Kieninger, Frank and Lois
 Kightlinger, Darlene
 Kightlinger, Katie
 Lauster, Karen
 LaVelle Bill and Barbara

Lavins, John
 Law, Nancy
 Lawson, James
 Leftwich, Neil
 Lenahan, Russell
 Lerch, Patricia
 LeViere, Betty
 Licker, Laurie
 Lockwood, Jenny
 Matsko, John and Mary
 McClain, Cheryl
 McClellan, Diane and Patrick
 McClendon, Virgil
 Nolan, Tim
 Noullet, Linda
 Nulph, Linda
 Nuzzo, John
 O'Connell, Bill
 Oberle, Luke

AGAPE 101

Is your reunion group looking to donate agape for the upcoming walks? But you don't know the difference between a glue gun and a shoehorn? Is your group all thumbs when it comes to crafts? Never fear, the answer's here! Why not donate some \$ to help supply the communion elements or that famous Three Rivers peanut butter? The cost for the ingredients to make the peanut butter is \$30-\$40 (which includes enough delicious peanut

butter for both the men's and the women's walks.) \$25-\$35 will cover the communion elements for both walks as well. All you have to do is come up with the money and we'll do the rest- no buying anything, no mixing up that delicious butter! It's that easy!! Take amongst your group and contact Cindy Parker at revcindyparker@gmail.com if you are interested/ want more information! Thanks!

Another way for those "uncreative" people to furnish agape for our walks is by purchasing items that we use on the Walks. There is always a need for construction paper, glue, markers, hand soap for the restrooms, tissues,

tape, etc. Think of your Walk and what was used in the Conference Room or cabins. If you draw a blank, contact Sophie Park, Board Rep. for Purchasing at sophie.pittsburgh@gmail.com. She can give you suggestions!

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Our Dear Emmaus Family:

On behalf of Kairos Outside, I would like to extend our thanks to all of you for the prayers, providing Agape, the support of our fundraisers, providing transportation for our Guests, helping as Day Angels, coming to Walking in Love, and attending our Closing. It was heart-warming to see your familiar faces.

Going into our first weekend, we expected there could be 40 women attending. We were told to expect a 50% dropout. Praise God we were blessed with 33 Guests who are “counting on Christ, as He is counting on them.” During the closing, they shared that they felt the love of Christ all around them and could not have expected what they received. We had our Reunion on July 24 and 11 of our former Guests were there, all offering to help with our KO#2 weekend! There, they shared that the weekend made them stronger and they are still feeling uplifted by what they experienced. Some say they want more (Emmaus). They brought some friends along, and all of them signed up to be Guests on KO#2. There is no doubt this ministry is God’s will!

Our second weekend, KOWPA #2, will be held on December 9-11, 2011, at the same facility, St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center. Pat Mould will be our Weekend Leader and I will be Observing Leader. If you would like to serve in any way, please email us at KOWesternPA@gmail.com.

**EXTENDING A
SPECIAL THANKS**

Thanks again, Three Rivers Walk to Emmaus Community. You truly blessed Kairos Outside Western PA #1; may the blessings continue to flow between our communities as we serve our Risen Savior by presenting weekends of love and renewal to all those who God sends our way.

Fly with Christ! Carla Rizzi, TRWE #46