

IMPORTANT DATES

GATHERINGS

June 13th Ingomar UMC

July 11th at Regional Locations

August 9th TRWE Picnic

September 12th Ingomar UMC

October 10th Ingomar UMC

November 8th at Camp
Lutherlyn Men's Walk #67

December 12th at Regional
Locations

FALL WALKS LUTHERLYN

Note Date Changes

Men's Walk #67 Nov 6-9, 2008

Women's Walk #68 Nov 13-16, 2008

SPRING WALKS LUTHERLYN

Men's Walk #69 April 10 - 13, 2009

Women's Walk #70 April 17- 20,
2009

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Three Rivers Walk To Emmaus

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June 2008

From the Community Lay Director
Continue the Journey

Vacation time is quickly approaching. The kids have been anxious for school to end for weeks so parents and teachers have struggled to keep them focused on their work. Many of us have been planning for weeks or months that brief period when we can leave our work behind and spend some time in R&R. If you are in charge of vacation planning like I am you are responsible for all of the little details. What day and time do we leave? Will we be stopping on the way or traveling straight through to our destination? What clothes to pack? Etc, etc, etc the list goes on and on.

Our spiritual journey requires even more planning and attention to details. We each must determine God's plan for our lives and pursue that destination diligently. Our participation in our home church gives us a fuel and guidance station to help us and others travel in the right direction. We help our each other to stay on track through our accountability groups. Our church, family, small group, prayer circle reunion group, home and community are the vehicles we use in our travel. We also need to include the Emmaus Community in our plans. We sometimes forget that the function of the community is not to "put on weekends". On the weekend we received tools to keep ourselves and our fellow travelers from getting lost or detoured by the world.

In my work I often refer to the seasons of our lives. We are always flowing from one season to another. Some of us are caring for children or elderly parents others are just beginning a career or pursuing education. Whatever season we are in right now we know we will not be in that "season" forever. Because we are in these various seasons the role of the community in our lives will be different but the same principles of Piety, Study and Action apply to us all. As we plan for our journey we see the value of these tools in helping us to reach our destination. Reunion groups, gatherings and other Emmaus activities lift us up and speed us on our way. If they are not a part of our journey perhaps we need to go back and recheck the packing list.

Bon Voyage and
DeColores
Bonnie Readie



FROM THE COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

The Spring Walk to Emmaus is over. The fall walk's team is being chosen. Memorial Day has passed, the pools are officially open, school is out or almost out for most, gardens are being planted, and summer vacations are being planned. Summer is upon us. For many summer offers a time for rest and re-creation. For most, I believe, it is a time where they are increasingly busy. For me, summer is also a time to catch up on some of the important things I have not been able to do. One of the important things I have not been able to do this spring was to share with you some thoughts on your fourth day.

First, I want to encourage you to keep active in your church home. It is so easy in the summertime to be tempted on Sunday mornings to golf, fish, boat, garden, or any other of a myriad of opportunities to do things other than worship. I know, I have been there and bought the t-shirt. I have to confess that even this past Sunday, the weather was beautiful, and for a fleeting second, I was coveting an opportunity to slip away and "wet a line." I doubt the congregation would have understood, however. The problem with skipping church is not just missing the joys God may have waiting for you but also it becomes easier to miss the next Sunday. Before you know it, going to church on Sunday is not longer the first priority for the day. If you're not careful, it might drop way down on your list of priorities (remember the priority talk?). Finally, if you are on vacation, try to find a church to visit. You may find an unexpected blessing.

Second, don't forget the spiritual discipline of a reunion group. If you have not yet become involved with a reunion group, you are missing what I believe is the MOST important part of the Walk to Emmaus. The three days of the Walk to Emmaus are certainly an important part, but they only lasted three days. By actively participating in a reunion group, you can extend your weekend indefinitely. For me and several others I know, my weekend was not made by dying moments, by candlelight, or by the letters of agape. My weekend was made in the weeks, months, and years of participating with my reunion group. If you do not have a reunion group, contact Rev. Andy Wahl and he will help you find a group. If you are participating in a group, don't go dormant during the summer. It will be harder to pick up where you left off.

Finally, in my last article, I wrote about my dream to have enough funding that walks would not have a financial constraint against participation. If you have not already done so, please consider helping make that dream a reality. There are a variety of ways you can help our community achieve financial independence. If you missed the email on the ways you can participate, email me at belloit@clarion.edu and I will be glad to forward the information to you. One thing I am particularly concerned with is the financial burden for those who are serving on a team. With escalating gasoline prices and other expenses, I am worried about the costs of teaming. (This spring, there were a number of persons like me that commuted over a hundred miles each way to come to a team meeting. Even with my gasoline stingy hybrid, the expense adds up. This fall gasoline prices are likely to be even more expensive.)

Have a great summer!

De Colores,
Jerry Belloit

Kairos Prison Ministry



*Jesus, come join us in our journey as we seek your will for this community **in this environment**. Teach us to love each other as you love us, to give ourselves as you give yourself that the Kingdom of God might be made present to all. (**Kairos Community Prayer**)*

The fifth Kairos Weekend was held at SCI Greene over the weekend of April 24 – 27, and I have to tell you, God put on just a mind-boggling, dazzling display of His grace. Here is what Bill Klingensmith, the Leader for the K-5 Weekend had to say about his experience:

“My heart is filled with much joy because I’ve been greatly blessed by serving with all of you on this Kairos. From the beginning of team formation to the closing on Sunday (Apr.27), GOD has given me a sense of peace.

“All of you have shown true servanthood to each other and to the residents of SCI Greene. Because of the obedience of the whole team, GOD has blessed us (John 15:15-17).”

And these are the words of TRWE’s Ed Dunne: “I am still processing all of the events of the weekend and getting choked up as one memory after another comes flooding back. It has been a privilege to serve God with you in this way.”

K-5 was absolutely incredible. For the first four Kairos weekends, the prison chaplain had a lot of input into who was invited to attend, so we got a lot of, for lack of a better term, “the choirboys,” those who are already actively involved in the Church and intercessory prayer and study groups of the institution. I don’t mean this as a complaint against them. Before K-5, we’d had 100 guys come through the Kairos program. 25 of them have left the institution via transfers or parole. Of the 75 still left, an average of 40 faithfully comes to our Friday night Prayer and Share (i.e., Reunion Group) time. It is they who are now witnessing to their brothers telling them how much Jesus the Christ did for them during their own weekends and encouraging them to come see what He can do for them.

But this time, we had some atheists, a committed Muslim (he did not convert to Christianity but I think he now realizes that Jesus is not “his enemy”), several nominal Christians who really accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior, and one Wiccan, whose last words at closing, in response to the question “what will you take away from your Kairos weekend?” were, “The love of the Lord Jesus in my heart.” Hallelujah!

As always, at the open mic session they have on Saturday night and at closing, many of the guys mentioned how blown away they were by the letters they received, or by the fact that people were praying for them by name. K-5 was no exception. We heard one guy say how he hadn’t received any mail in ten years and he told the room, “I’m going to take my letters and put them in envelopes and each day, when mail call comes, I’m going to pull one out and read it.” Another mentioned how for a little while he didn’t feel like he was in prison – that he felt free.

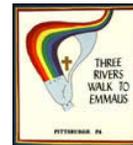
As always, we saw tears flow and hearts broken and then healed by our awesome God of Mercy at the Forgiveness Service on Saturday night. We heard the guys at closing remark, “Man, I haven’t cried since I was, like, five but . . . “ While we’re on the subject of tears, I have to say that, while I’m not much for crying, there was a moment on the weekend that broke me. And it’s really strange. One of the guys at my table was a resident who spoke only broken English. (We could talk to one another, but he had to speak very slowly and I had to listen very carefully—hey, that sounds like it might be a neat way to approach God!) On Sunday afternoon, we have a Table Family Prayer Circle. Each man says a prayer over each person in the Table Family, speaking one line of thanksgiving and one line of blessing. Because Spanish was my friend’s native language, that is what he used for his prayers. And as I listened to him fervently praying to God in that language, I lost it. When the circle was over, I looked at him, and with tears streaming down my face, said, “I don’t have a clue what you prayed, but my goodness, it sure was beautiful.” I have been prayed over many times (no complaint—keep ‘em coming) but I don’t think I’ve ever felt so blessed before.

One thing that I heard at closing this time that I can’t recall hearing before was, for me at least, prophetic. Several of the guys said that Kairos showed them something about prison that they didn’t think was possible: a completely non-racial atmosphere of love and brotherhood! That’s a powerful statement, my friends. Indeed, if anything can sum up what the Kairos movement is supposed to be about, it is that. Praise the Lord.

TRWE was well represented on K-5. Besides Ed Dunne, Randy Stevens served as a Table Clergy, Larry Simmons was a Table Assistant, Dwight Willaman was the Inside Steward, and Jay Newport, the Inside Coordinator. Carla Rizzi, Diane Simmons, Lynette Jones (who just completed her walk the week before at TRWE #66) and Judy Newport served on the Prayer & Sacrifice Team. Now I don’t mention these folks to try to glorify them. They each would be the first one to tell you that they were far more blessed than they blessed. Rather, I mention them to let you know that there are plenty of openings for servants on future Kairos teams. SCI-Fayette has been begging us to come in. SCI-Greensburg, Cresson and Laurel Highlands have expressed interest. We can’t minister in these prisons without the needed volunteers. Truly, the harvest is ready, but the laborers are few.

Faisal Malick has said, “Kairos time is a moment when a portal is opened between time and eternity so that an event can take place in its fullness, as appointed by God, to forever change the destiny of man.” We who have served Kairos at SCI-Greene have witnessed many of these moments. Come, join us, and experience them for yourselves. Bill Korbel, TRWE #31

My 2008 TRWE Pledge



TRWE Walk Expenses for 2008 will exceed the cost we charge Team and Pilgrims by \$15.00 to \$20.00 per person. It is our short-term goal to offset these extra costs to keep our Walk Fees at \$150.00 for 2008, it is our ultimate goal to eliminate all fees associated with attending or serving on a Three Rivers Walk to Emmaus. A big hairy audacious goal- you bet!, but the agape love of God and our community can make it a reality.

Your specific commitment will enable the Board to budget accordingly for future Walks. Thank you for your prayerful and heartfelt consideration in this pledge. Please bring your Commitment or Gift to Gathering.

Regular Giving-

I will support the TRWE Community by giving \$_____ monthly /annually.

Regular giving will be dedicated to Community Costs, Walk Costs and Scholarships.

Special Gifts-

I would like to make a Special Gift to the TRWE Community as a Sponsor.
 TRWE Pledge Sponsorship Gifts are designed to completely offset the cost of one Pilgrim or one Team Member; Walk Sponsors gifts offset overall Walk costs.

I would like to be a-

| (Check Here) | | Cost | Sponsor's Gift |
|--------------|-----------------------------|------------|----------------|
| _____ | Shortfall Sponsor* | @ \$15.00 | \$_____ |
| _____ | Pilgrim/Team Sponsor | @ \$150.00 | \$_____ |
| _____ | Walk Sponsor | @ \$500.00 | \$_____ |
| >>>>>>>> | Matching Sponsor | See below | <<<<<<<< |

* Shortfall Sponsor covers the difference between Walk Cost and Walk Fee for one person.

I would like to be a **Matching Sponsor-**

- ◆ I will match the gifts of _____ Pilgrim/Team or Walk Sponsors up to \$_____.

I would like to be a **Contributing Sponsor-**

| I would like to be a Sponsor for- | Cost Ea. | Cost/ Set of Walks | My Gift |
|---|----------|--------------------|---------|
| Purple Worship Books | \$4.00 | \$172 | \$_____ |
| Pilgrim Crosses | \$5.00 | \$215 | \$_____ |
| Conference Room Supplies | --- | \$100 | \$_____ |
| Photo Reproductions | \$1.00 | \$150 | \$_____ |
| Hearty Snack | \$150.00 | \$300 | \$_____ |
| Kitchen / Dining Room Supplies | \$150.00 | \$300 | \$_____ |
| Pilgrim Fees | \$10.00 | \$430 | \$_____ |
| Lay Director Supplies | \$300.00 | \$600 | \$_____ |
| Mailing / Registration | \$25.00 | \$50 | \$_____ |
| Misc. Walk / 4 th Day Expenses | \$100.00 | \$200 | \$_____ |
| Agape (Letter Printing/Misc.) | \$67.50 | \$135 | \$_____ |
| General Special Gift | --- | --- | \$_____ |

Name: _____
 Make your commitment or offering at Gathering.
 Walk: _____

- ◆ As a Sponsor- you will receive No Recognition to Pilgrims, Team Members or Community of your Gift. Your sponsorship is a gift of anonymous Agape love.
- ◆ An annual "Statement of Giving" will be provided for all donations paid by check that exceed \$100.00 for the calendar year.
- ◆ The TRWE Board of Directors reserves the right to re-allocate funds if multiple community members sponsor the same component unless specifically designated otherwise by the giver.

TRWE Picnic & E Day – August 9th



Mark your calendars now for Saturday, August 9th. That day we will be holding our annual E day (Education day) at Camp Lutherlyn near Prospect in northern Butler County where we have held the past few Walks. Information on a variety of subject areas will be offered from 1 pm to 4 pm.

E day is an opportunity for those who are new or have not been recently active in Emmaus, to expand their Fourth Day involvement by learning more about Emmaus and how we work together to glorify God. Our community is growing and we all need to know who we contact with questions about different areas and learn how we can better serve the community. Get to know your Board of Directors. Discover what it takes to put together an Emmaus weekend. Learn what happens behind the scenes at a Walk; organization; logistical support; and Fourth Day volunteers.

A family picnic/pig roast will follow beginning at 5 pm. Pork and barbecued chicken along with baked beans, pasta salad, potato salad and beverages will be provided. The cost is \$10 per person with children 15 and under FREE. Please make reservations using the form below and include your payment (we need a good head count prior to the event). Reservation forms will also be available at the June gathering. Otherwise, they can be mailed to: Gary Wakefield, 115 Ralston Road, Slippery Rock, PA 16057. Plan to join us for a wonderful day together. De Colores!

TRWE E-DAY PICNIC & PIG ROAST

Name _____

Number of Adults _____ Number of Children (15 & under)

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Mail to:

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Next Regional Gatherings

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

East – First UMC Murrysville

Central – Ingomar UMC

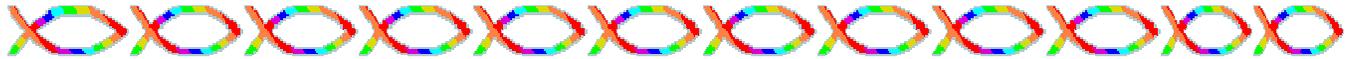
North – Harrisville UMC

South - 1st Presbyterian, Houston, PA

Friday, July 11th

Faithful Servants are needed!

If you would like to assist as a Leader, Clergy, 4th Day Speaker, Musician, Snack/Fellowship Time Coordinator with Clean Up, please contact John McMullan–724-772-6623 jmcmullan@zoominternet.net



Reunion Groups

If you have any changes to your information i.e.: place, time, contact person PLEASE send the information to Andy Wahl at pastorandy@comcast.net

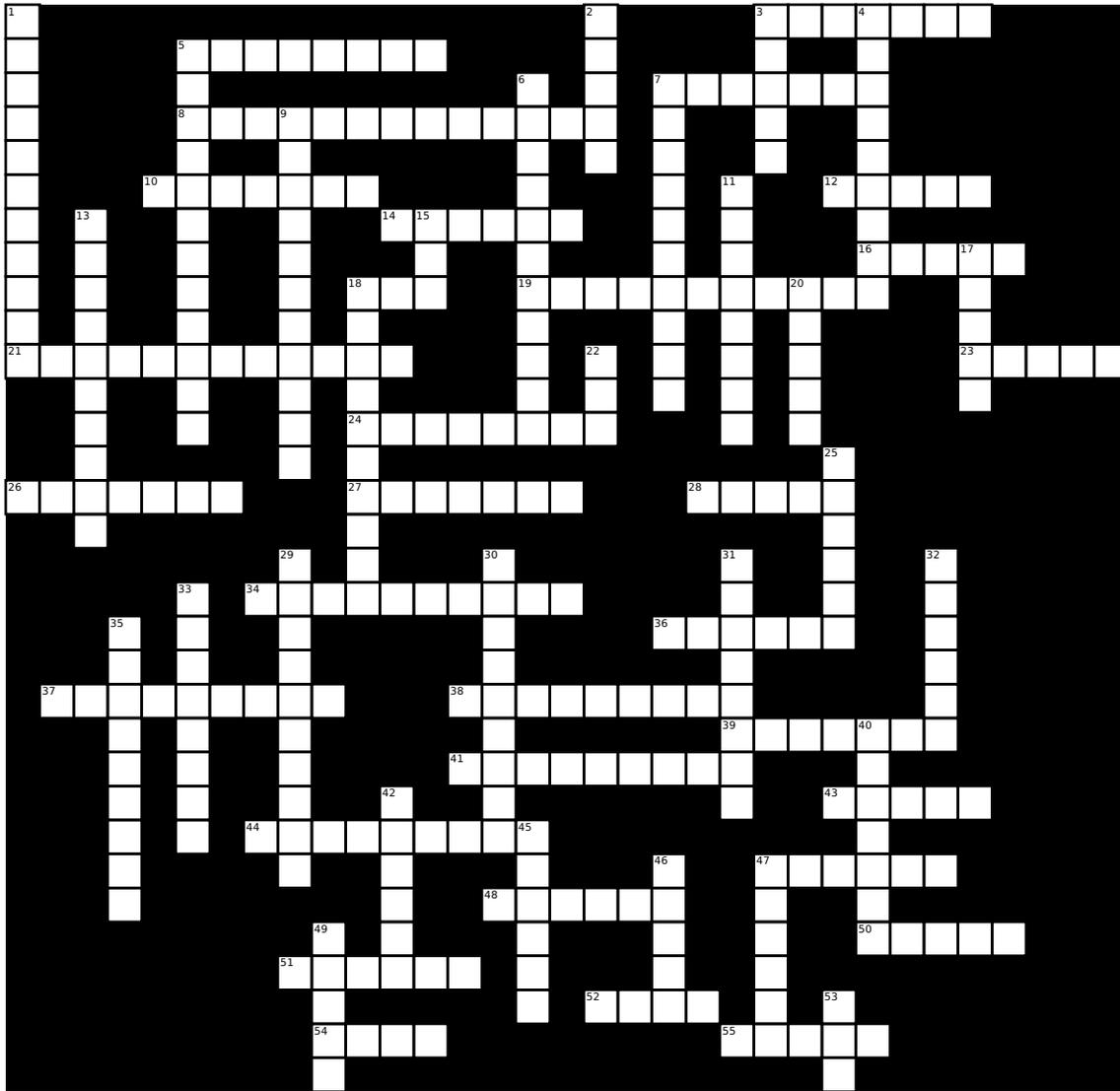


Did you sign up to receive the prayer chain requests but are not receiving them? Did you change your email address and not let Bo Pratt know? If you want to be included in the prayer chain, please send your correct email address to Rpratt2707@aol.com.

Prayer requests may also be sent here.

The Walk to Emmaus

Ilyse Johnson



Across

- 3 Chrysalis weekends for college age
- 5 Friday morning meditation, with Son
- 7 Time to welcome the new community members
- 8 Saturday night
- 10 ___ Groups
- 12 Grow Through ___
- 14 Handbook on Emmaus or Chrysalis
- 16 Demonstration of Unconditional Love
- 18 Chairman of the Board, abbr.
- 19 Most important job in the conference room, 2 words
- 21 Cross ___
- 23 One-___ rule ensures balanced teams
- 24 When Candlelight happens
- 26 With a clean sheet of paper and a spirit of ___...
- 27 Greg ___, Int. Lay Director
- 28 ___ Room
- 34 Purpose of Emmaus is to develop this
- 36 Reviewed every 5 years by each community
- 37 Chrysalis symbol
- 38 Do this in remembrance of me
- 39 One of the disciples on the Road
- 41 Home of The Upper Room
- 43 Tom ___, Dean of the Upper Room Chapel
- 44 Said ___ at the end of talks 2-15
- 47 ___ Day, everything after your Walk
- 48 ___ Perez, Int. Spiritual Director
- 50 ___ Director leads worship
- 51 Foundation for the entire movement
- 52 Book of ___, 24:13-35
- 54 Service ___, used for reunion groups
- 55 These make you laugh at lunch

Down

- 1 The skill of taking responsibility for another
- 2 These make you laugh in the evening
- 3 ___ (x2) Can I tell you how I feel?
- 4 Sends out info to sponsors and pilgrims
- 5 Weekend Lay Director talk on Sunday
- 6 Progressive ___; growing in commitment
- 7 ___ Room Team
- 9 Held prior to teaming
- 11 Sing ___, Centering song before each talk
- 13 Open to all who profess Christ as Savior
- 15 Gives the Priority Talk (abbr)
- 17 Life of ___, Talk #5
- 18 Set apart from the world
- 20 ___ Moments
- 22 ___ With Christ
- 25 Love, Joy, Peace, ex
- 29 Community Communications
- 30 A must-have agape treat
- 31 Team selection ensures this type of team
- 32 4th Day Prison Ministry
- 33 Letter of Agreement
- 35 Monthly celebration
- 40 Person attending a walk
- 42 Spiritual directors
- 45 Prayer to the Holy ___, prior to Talks 2-15
- 46 This is longer on Saturday afternoon
- 47 Site of Celebration, November 08
- 49 Prevenient, Justifying, Sanctifying, etc...
- 53 Board ___, background role on the weekend

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