



Three Rivers Walk To Emmaus

March 2006

IMPORTANT DATES GATHERINGS

March 18th at Camp Lutherlyn
April 21st at Ingomar UMC
May 12th at Ingomar UMC
June 9th at Ingomar UMC

SPRING WALKS LUTHERLYN
Men's Walk # 57 Mar. 16-19, 2006
Women's Walk #58 Mar. 23-26,
2006

CHRYSALIS FLIGHTS
Boy's Flight #4 June 23-25, 2006
Girls Flight #5 July 7-9, 2006

FALL WALKS LUTHERLYN
Men's Walk October 26 – 29, 2006
Women's Walk November 2–5,
2006

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FROM THE COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

The spring walks are quickly approaching. Much time has been spent in selecting and training the teams for Walk 57 & 58. Even though we all can't be on team, we can do our part to make the pilgrim's experience a meaningful one.

We start with prayer. We can never pray too much. Please sign up for the 72 Hour Prayer Vigil. You can go to the web site or sign up at the gathering. Pray for the team and their families. Pray for the pilgrims and their families.

You can make agape. Remember how special it was on your walk you receive those little gifts of love. Make snack agape; show the pilgrims the abundance of God's Love.

You can come to the camp and serve a meal or clean toilets. I remember after my walk I couldn't wait until the next walk so that I could serve a meal. I was very excited to a small part of that walk. I wanted to do what others had done for me.

I have always been active in my church, doing what ever I was asked to do.

It wasn't until my Emmaus Walk that I really learned what it was to serve Jesus. To be his hands and feet in the world. A few years ago I had the privilege to attend an E-Day, where Bob Brandt was the speaker. Bob Brandt was the regional representative from the Upper Room. His main concern for Emmaus was sponsorship and service. These two areas are very important for the Emmaus community. There was one thing that he said that has really stuck in my mind is "that we should be practicing sacrificial servanthood" Jesus gave his life for us; the least we could do is serve him when we get his call.

A favorite hymn of mine that we sing at Emmaus is: HERE I AM LORD. We all know the Chorus.

Here I am Lord
Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, If you lead me.
I will hold your people in your heart.

When I sing this song, it is my prayer to Jesus that I will answer his call.
Will You?

Decolores,
Linda Claypool Community Lay Director



FROM THE COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

Love Notes from Linda

Get on Board

As we approach another set of walks for this Emmaus Community, I can't help getting excited by the talks given by laity and clergy. These 15 talks are the meat as it were of the Emmaus experience for it is through these talks that the pilgrims really

get a sense of;

- 1) Who they are *to* God
- 2) Who they are *to* Christ
- 3) Who they are *in* Christ
- 4) Who the Holy Spirit *is to* them
- 5) Who they are *in* The Holy Spirit
- 6) And, how they are *supposed to be* as one who claims Jesus as Savior.

This three-day course in Christianity has *reclaimed* me, *rededicated* me, *refocused* me, and given me a new outlook on Linda Tunnell and my personal relationship with Christ. All of the Emmaus Community needs to be involved in our walks for the pilgrims – even if it is only coming to help serve a meal. There is no duty too small when we are acting as Christ's hands; when we are Christ's ambassadors. I was so deeply touched at how many people loved me and truly cared about me when I was on my walk. I appeal to each of you to think about how you might serve the Community as you witness to your faith.

Coming home from Arizona and the birth of my grandson, a transport van picked me up at the airport and the driver was under that old awesome spell called "Steeler Magic." As we chatted, he began to discuss the fans booing when the team didn't do well and asked me what I thought of fair-weather fans. I responded, "It's rather like being a Christian – you are or you're not. You can't sit the fence." He responded, "Ahhhh, yes, I get it. You have to live out your faith rather than just talking about it, even during the bad times. Don't get discouraged." BINGO! He scored a touchdown!

Each past pilgrim needs to commit to praying for the teams and the pilgrims. We must never get discouraged by numbers of pilgrims because God sends us who he will at just the right time in that person's life.

When you have an opportunity to come serve on a walk (however that might be), be prayerful about it, and if God directs you, just do it! It is a wonderful fourth-day experience and an act of discipleship.

I like to think of the Three Rivers Walk to Emmaus as "The Love Train" of Western Pennsylvania; a place and environment where people can come to personally know their savior as never before—a place where Christians can "feel the love." Just like the Steelers, we have to make goals, too, and ours is to love people to a closer relationship with Christ.

Get on Board, because the Love Train is departing for heavenly experiences and you don't want to miss out!

Amen, praise the Lord and DeColores!

Linda Tunnell (big hug)



Sign up for the Prayer Vigil online at www.trwe.org

Men's Walk #57



Name	Church	Name	Church
Cleo Carr Bethel	Homstead Ave UM	Jim Miller	Christ
Dave Castor	Harrisville UM	Jerry Morgan	Port Vue
Nick Denardo, Jr.	Port Vue	Paul Mowrey	Slippery Rock
John Dobi	1 st Pres. Greenville	Todd Palmer	Ingomar
James (Jim) Fulton	Community Harrisville City	Bill Rogers	Westminster UP
Keith Hays	Port Vue UM	Jerry Schoenborn	1 st UM Warren
Frank Jones	Christian Ch/Namerica	Mark Staker	Com. Harrison City
Richard (Rick) Larson	1 st UM Warren	William Stearns	Port Vue
John Lewis	1 st Warren	Matt Strong	North Park Ev. Pres

Women's Walk #58

Name	Church	Name	Church
Alexis Adamchik	St. John of God	Lori Beatty	1 st Warren
Erin Burkett		Kay Castor	Harrisville UM
Barbara (Barb) Clark	John McMillan Pres	Melanie (Mel) Clements	Bethel UP
Charlotte (Jo) Conner	UP New Kensington	Roberta (Bobbi) Crane	S. H. Bible Chapel
Dina Creighton	Sacred Heart	Paula Dahm	Ingomar
Pat Evey	Christ Bethel	Evelyn Fryman	Harrisville UM
Bonny Hall	Ingomar	Debbie Hall	Washington CMA
Alice Harris	Summerville UM	Lynne Hays	Port Vue UM
Kelly Rose Holman	Christ Bethel	Annette Hough	Trinity
Tracy Hust	Slippery Rock	Amy Johnston	Oakland UM
Annette Jones	Christian Ch. N. A.	Helen Kinder	Slippery Rock
Jani Marry	Washington CMA	Claire Mays	Mt. Lebanon
Kem Morgan	Port Vue	Nancy Mowrey	Slippery Rock
Mona Patterson	Unity Harrison City	Debbie Pass	1 st UM Murrysville
Brenda Pearlman	Monroeville UM	Louise Rogers	John McMillan
Lynne Scott	Mt Pisgah	Gloria Shick	Summerville UM
Mary Vandivier	Waverly Pres	Sandy Wainer	Pockety Pres
Susan Whitewood	Christ Bethel		

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HELP WANTED

Fourth day help need for the upcoming walks #57 & #58

Need cleaners on Fridays and Sundays for both men's and women's walks

Meal severs on Sundays

Community People for Candlelight on 3/18 & 3/25

Call June O'Masta 412-271-3342 and leave a message





Can you remember your walk and how you felt when you received agape for the first time? What a wonderful outpouring of unconditional love from members of the Emmaus Community this is. Now you have an opportunity to do the same for the upcoming Men and Women’s Walks.

Below are some guidelines that will help you and our Team members to create a wonderful experience of love for our Pilgrims.

Agape must be completed before bringing it to the camp. All the Team members are very busy and will need every minute to prepare for the Pilgrims.

Agape should be brought to the camp on Thursday night if possible, but no later than Saturday evening before Candlelight. For the Men’s Walk, please take agape to Rice Hall, which is the green building directly across from the Dining Hall. For the Women’s Walk, please take Agape to Redwood Lodge. There will be people to help you find these locations. Please remember that bedtime agape for Saturday will be distributed around 7:00 p. m.

If there is any problem with getting your agape to the camp, please contact:

Sandy Coddling, 43 Ruthfred Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15241 trweagape@yahoo.com

3. Agape can be made for the following situations:

MEN’S WALK		WOMEN’S WALK	
Pilgrims and Team	57	Pilgrims and Team	80
Pilgrims only	18	Pilgrims only	35
Conference Room	42	Conference Room	64
Pilgrims, Table Leaders and Assistants	28	Pilgrims, Table Leaders and Assistants	49

Note: please try to add a few extra pieces for last minute additions

Please label all agape with the following information:

Your name or reunion group name.

Number of pieces and to whom they should be distributed (Pilgrims only, Team and Pilgrims etc.).

When you would like it to be distributed.

Unused Agape can be picked up on Sunday Closing for both walks. If you are not able to attend, you will still be able to pick up your agape at the next gathering.

Please don’t forget Snack Agape!!!! Veggie trays, fruit trays are good. Homemade foods, (some salty, some sweet) are especially appreciated! **All agape should be brought to Rice Hall for the men and Redwood Lodge for the women.**

Agape letters for Sunday

If you are a Sponsor and are bringing letters for your Pilgrim, please make sure there are 12 letters bundled. These letters should be family and closest friends, etc. Remember these are the letters they will read first. The envelopes should be marked on the lower left-hand corner with family, friend etc. All others will be held and given to the Sponsor at closing.

If at all possible, please try to deliver letters before Candlelight on Saturday. It is helpful for the Agape team to be able to set up the Sunday Packets as soon as possible.

Also, identify yourself as the Pilgrim’s Sponsor when delivering the packets to Agape.

Please remember there are to be **no gifts** for any member of the Walks, Pilgrims or Team. If you have something you would like to give, it should be done on the way home.

Thank you Three Rivers Walk to Emmaus Community for showing the Pilgrims on the Men’s Walk #53 and the Women’s Walk #54 the love of Christ through your gifts of Agape. Jamie Zacour Agape Chairperson

Three Rivers Walk To Emmaus

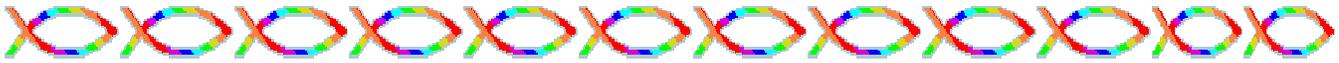
TRWE #57

Name	Position
Mike Wild	LD
Jim Park	LDT
Scott Robinette	ALD
Jeff Clark	ALD
Nick Denardo	ALD
Christian Stoecklein	BR
Joe Frantz	TL
Mike Varner	TL
Jeff Rahuba	TL
Larry Burkhardt	TL
Rich Underwood	TL
	TL
Geoff Coleman	ATL
John Ellis	ATL
Forton Remington	ATL
Marty Johnson	ATL
Tim Jordan	ATL
	ALT
	ATL
Ken Gryger	Music
Fred Whitney	Music
	Music
Jack Gusew	Technician
Bill Saxman	Spiritual Director
Millie Martin	Spiritual Director
Jerry Belloit	Spiritual Director
Ed Young	Spiritual Director
Andy Wahl	Spiritual Director
Cecil Furher	Fourth Day
Aaron Terracio	Fourth Day
Steve Fedosick	Snack Agape
Ike Readie	Snack Agape
Mark Miller	Agape
Wes Kindelberger	Agape
Dave Griffith	Agape
	Agape
Pat Garvey	Dining Room
John Hyde	Dining Room
John Turnbull	Prayer Chapels
Bruce Corbett	Prayer Chapels
Jan "Smitty" Smith	Prayer Chapels
Randy Gettens	Prayer Chapels
Bob Ruckel	Prayer Chapels
Christian Stoecklein	Banner Bearer:

TRWE #57

Name
Joan Burnette
Rebecca DeLuca
Janet Furer
Julie Coleman
Judy Grice
Linda Claypool
Pat Mould
Sophie Park
Carla Rizzi
Pat Robinson
Lori Slagle
Sandy Underwood
Linda Claypool
Lisa Czaikowski
Yo Lang
Kathy Johnson
Barbara Mantsch
Bonnie Readie
Dawn Smith
Jenny Stoecklein
Robin McRoberts
M. T. Timko
Kathy Westcoat
Kim Fickley
Linda Tunnell
Clara Belloit
Agnes Brady
Ernie DeLuca
Chuck Prevot
Lynn Ramsey
Patti Johnston
Linda Kindelberger
Angela Baumbach
Beverly Saunders
Ann Bart
Mary Whiteman
Beth Mulholland
Jenny Lockwood
Melissa Geisler
Emma Logue
Amy Dove
Bonnie McClaine
Susan Burkhart
Ruth Sabo

Fourth Day Corner



I can hardly believe that it has been almost three (3) years since I did my “walk.” On some days it seems like it’s been an eternity ago, yet the good news is that on most days it seems like just yesterday! I do have to admit that not all of the 4th days since then have been good days. When I first came home from my walk I felt like I was flying, and on cloud nine! I stayed that way for a long time. I did not let things get to me because I knew I was walking with Christ and He would help me with all my problems, big or small, every day.

Then, life as we know it, started to creep slowly back in, and I admittedly started sliding backwards. I started to let my everyday life take control again! I guess it was bound to happen eventually. I let the kids, my husband, sports, work, and who knows what else, to begin to take over again. I was not studying as much as I should have been and was not going to Reunion Group or Gatherings as much - - I was letting my life get out of control. Then I had the privilege of “teaming” for the first time.

I had the privilege of becoming an assistant table leader, and I also had the honor of watching these women do their walk for the first time. I had the opportunity to see first hand, their change from that first night of shyness, apprehensions and anticipation, to the last day of silliness, love, kindness, and the light of Jesus in their eyes, and on their faces! It was truly amazing. I then saw in others what people must have seen in me after my walk! What an awesome feeling!

After that my family and I moved, and even though I knew better, I let myself get too busy one more time. I did keep up on my studies and my prayer life, but I let some of my other obligations slip backwards. Then, one morning I woke up feeling kind of down-and-out, and began to wonder where my warm and fuzzy feeling had gone.

Then, I pulled my wonderful Agape, and Agape letters out of my bag and reread all of them again. After doing so, I remembered how LOVED and CHERISHED I really was. As a result, I realized one more time that I needed to give it up to the Cross, just like I had done before. Then, wouldn’t you know it, later that same week things started to turn around for the better for me, and I was asked to serve on the Team once again. It is wonderful. He obviously does have a plan for me, and it is there just waiting for me to figure out what it is! I will continue to keep looking, and praying, for my real purpose in life to be revealed! It is probably staring me right in the face, but I just can’t see it - - yet! I am committing myself, right here and now, to not let worldly, busy things interfere with my connection to God anymore! I will live my life, as it was those first few 4th days!

2 Corinthians 12:9-10: “But He said to me, “**my grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.**” Therefore, I boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weakness, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties, for when I am weak, then I am strong.”

DeColores!

Jenny Lockwood TRWE # 46 Table of Miriam



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.



Three Rivers **CHRY**SALIS

Teams are currently forming for our summer youth Chrysalis Flights. The boys TEAM members will arrive at Family Resources Retreat Center (The Fresh Air Camp) in Cranberry Twp., early evening on Thursday, June 22, 2006. They will organize the camp for the caterpillars to arrive the next morning around 8:00 am on Friday, June 23, 2006. We are asking every member of the Three Rivers Community to pray now about possibly sponsoring a young man for this Chrysalis Flight # 4. The girls TEAM follow the same schedule a few weeks later. The girls TEAM members will arrive at Family Resources Retreat Center on Thursday, July 6th, 2006 and they prepare for the young women to arrive the next morning at 8:00 am on Friday, July 7th, 2006. Again, we are asking for every member of the Three Rivers Community to pray now about possibly sponsoring a young woman for this Chrysalis Flight # 5.

The Upper Room has these great books that have helped my husband Mike and me when we were sponsoring men and women on the Walks. They are called "What is Emmaus?" It helps potential pilgrims with their questions. They now also have a book out called "What is Chrysalis?" It is also a great resource to have when inviting youth on this amazing three-day weekend.

There is a lot that goes into these weekends. The Lay Directors for each of these weekends are Bill Korbel for the Boys; and Bonnie Wiegand for the Girls. They have been reading manuals and getting familiar with all the behind the scenes things. They have also been praying for the people from the Three Rivers Community who are willing to serve on team; and also youth who are willing to serve on team. After the Spring Adult Walks; there is only a short break and then the Chrysalis TEAMS will start meeting the first Saturday in May. If you have never been on an Emmaus Team or a Chrysalis team, and would like to be someday, please go to www.trwe.org and print and complete a desire to serve form. Applications to sponsor youth on the Chrysalis weekends are also there. You may also get these forms at one of the monthly GATHERINGS at Ingomar United Methodist Church, which is usually held the second Friday of each month at 7:00 pm. March's gathering will be held at Camp Lutherlyn as part of the candlelight service for the MENS Emmaus Walk. This July, the monthly GATHERING will be at the Chrysalis Girls Flight's Candlelight the night of Saturday, July 8th, 2006.

If you haven't been to candlelight recently, please attend the Adult Spring Walk's candlelight, and please come show teen youth Christian Action in the world by letting your lights shine for the Boys Candlelight, Saturday, June 24th, and the Girls Candle-light, Saturday July 8th, 2006. I pray also if there is a teen in your life, that you would prayerfully consider sponsoring them. It is a wonderful gift to give them. Fly with Christ! Heidi Varner, Three Rivers Walk #44

FLY WITH CHRIST!