

Three Rivers Walk To Emmaus

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Twenty Two Years of Walking with Jesus



FROM THE COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

Encouragement for All Seasons

Spring, summer, fall, and winter—these are the seasons of the year. Life also has its seasons. Some are filled with joy, while others are characterized by difficulty. Take comfort because there is a principle from the Bible that can encourage and sustain you through every season. Our God is faithful and we learn about this attribute of the Lord from passages like 1Corinthians 1:9, where Paul says, “God is faithful through whom you were called into fellowship with HIS SON, JESUS CHRIST our LORD.” To say that God is faithful means He always does exactly what HE says HE will do. How reassuring is it to know that HE will keep HIS promises to HIS children and never leave their side, whatever “season” of life they are in. No matter how deep, how dark, how depressing, how hopeless, or how good things may seem, the child of GOD can count on the FATHER’S abiding presence. So regardless of your present trials or triumphs, embrace these three truths.

1. GOD WILL BE FAITHFUL TO YOU because that is his very nature.
2. GOD KNOWS ALL ABOUT YOUR SITUATIONS...you are never alone in any season of life.
3. GOD IS OMNIPOTENT, so HE has the power to meet every single need. HE knows how to move you through the various seasons of your life.

Hold onto this fact. You will change and seasons will change, but our wonderful GOD is always the same. That means HE won’t fail you. HE won’t waver on you, and HE won’t vary---you can fully rely on HIM. And HE will never forget about you. HE is with you always. Great is HIS faithfulness.

May YOUR seasons be filled with HIS mercy & grace!

DeColores,
Bryan Pass, 2014 Community Lay Director

IMPORTANT DATES

GATHERINGS:

April 11th 7:30 All Community

- Ingomar UMC

May 9th 7:30 Regional

- South-Meadowlands UMC
- North-Leesburg Presby
- East-Murrysville UMC

SPRING WALKS:

Men’s Walk #89 March 27-30
Candlelight – March 29 @8:00

Women’s Walk #90 April 3-6
Candlelight – April 5 @ 8:00

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FROM THE COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

A Lenten Treasure

Lent. We are in the midst of this beautiful and holy season the church calls **Lent**. What comes to your mind when you hear the word **Lent**? Fasting? Praying? Which church has the best fish fry? The need to give something up or do without?

At Christ Church, we began the season of **Lent** with a candle meditation. The worship team recycled purple advent candles and placed them in a circle around a crown of thorns, one for each Sunday in **Lent**. In the middle of the crown, they placed the white Christ candle. Unlike Advent, all of the candles were lit on the first Sunday in **Lent**, and will be extinguished weekly as we remember the darkness of Jesus' journey to the cross and acknowledge the pain of sin in the world.

We do not do this to be morbid. We do this because in the story of Jesus' death and resurrection - God is revealed! In the amazing transformation of death into life, in endings transformed into beginnings, and in dead-ends that become the source for new possibilities!

This is the sacred center of our faith that Jesus Christ brought to light. God is in each and every one of us-through the gift of the Holy Spirit-transforming us and transforming the world!

Through his pain and suffering, Jesus speaks to every pain, each loss you have endured and He offers you the promise of transformation.

You are a **Lenten** treasure-God's **Lenten** treasure!

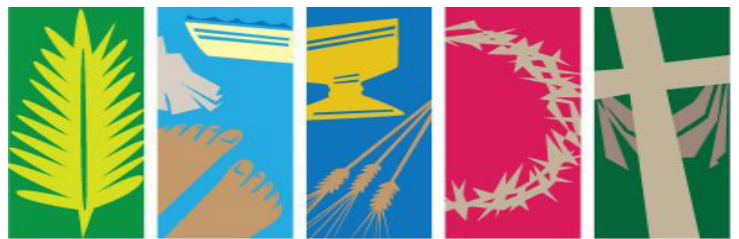
This old and familiar story has the power to heal us, to redeem us, to transform us - IF WE LET IT. Jesus is at the heart of our faith, in the very depth of our souls. He is waiting for **YOU**. He is inviting **YOU**, Inviting you on a journey with Him to the cross. Listen...Jesus is calling **YOU**! How will **YOU** be transformed on your **Lenten** journey? I can't wait to hear the stories!!!

Will you join me in prayer?

Loving God, as we journey through this holy season of **Lent**, we ask that you would fill us to overflowing with your strength and courage so that we are able to make the changes that are needed in our lives. Please open our hearts and minds to your steadfast presence and help us to always put our trust in you. Amen.

Blessing in your ministry and on your journey,

Rev. Cindy Parker, **CSD TRWE #64**



LENT

Service = Love = Worship

Think back to when you were a pilgrim...for some of you that might be a few months – for some, a few years, and for others, many years...

Okay, are you there?

Now, recall a few specific moments that you experienced...

- A semi-nervous send-off with enthusiastic people that you can't quite figure out...
- Walking into a fully stocked and organized "conference room" Friday morning...
- Returning to your cabin after enjoying a home-cooked meal and a long day to clean accommodations...
- Being overwhelmed with the local and international surrounding of prayer...

And since that time, we've learned that those experiences were not just coincidence, rather, they were intentional. They were intentional expressions of love and tangible forms of worship to God. So, by serving others – we love our neighbor – and when we love our neighbor, we worship and glorify God.

With Walks #89 and #90 right around the corner, won't you consider worshipping God with a simple, yet heartfelt gesture of serving others? Come meet new friends or rekindle a friendship from days gone by. No matter what – it's all good...no make that, IT IS ALL GREAT!

Visit www.trwe.org – and on the left, click on
4th DAY and PRAYER VIGIL

God Bless my Brothers and Sisters,
Glenn Brooks , 4th Day Board Representative

WALK #89 & #90 CLOSING

I hope everyone in the community can find time to attend the closing for the men's and women's walk. This is a very important part of the weekend, and we need to show the pilgrims how we stand behind them through our support in their final hour of the walk. We can show support by being there to take communion with them & applaud the importance of their commitments.

Also, when closing is over and the sponsors and pilgrims go home, there is still a lot of work to be done. The Community can give a gift of agape by helping to clean up and put things away. The team is tired as is the board who have worked hard to make the weekend a success. Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated. Visit the www.TRWE.org website & click on the 4th day link to sign up for serving opportunities.

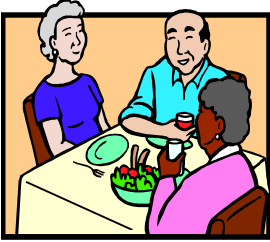
Please join me at around 4 PM for the start of the closing service.

DeColores, Bryan Pass



*Love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your mind
and with all your strength. The second is
this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There
is no commandment greater than these."*

Mark 12:30-31



REUNION GROUP UPDATE

As **Reunion Group Coordinator** I am to make sure our TRWE website has accurate information and to encourage you to join a group if you don't already belong.

I am saddened to say, several reunion groups are no longer meeting. Therefore, the list is quite small ☹️ But the ones who do meet would love to have you join them!!

If there aren't any groups in your area, please consider starting your own with your sponsor or those you have sponsored. It only takes 2 for a group ☺️ **The accountability and support of Reunion Groups are central to the Emmaus experience.** The www.trwe.org website has all the updated information, as well as a form to complete and send to me, if you have started a new group. Please check it out and invite a friend to join you.

Jesus in Matt. 18:20 said, **“For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.”** Who doesn't want to spend more time with Jesus? Think of the “Priority” talk from your walk and take the next step to join fellow Christian brothers and sisters-- fellowshiping with Christ and each other!!

DECOLORES,

Judy Grice, Reunion Groups Board Representative

TRWE #40

*“For where two or three
come together in my name,
there am I with them.”*

Matthew 18:20

REMEMBER CANDLELIGHT

Come LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE... .. and join the TRWE Community for an inspiring evening of worship and celebration as the new pilgrims get a glimpse of heaven on earth.

Men's Walk – Saturday, March 29 at 8PM

Women's Walk – Saturday, April 5 at 8PM



AGAPE

PAYING IT FORWARD

For those of us who have gone on the Walk to Emmaus, it goes without saying that we have all experienced *Agape* love at least one time in our lives. The love that is demonstrated during each Walk is amazing and truly awesome.

If, to this point in time you have only been the recipient of such love, there is no time like the present to pay it forward. *Agape* love can be shown a multitude of ways ...serving meals, cleaning bathrooms, and providing gifts of *Agape*.

Gifts of *Agape* are always needed for the Walks; so take a moment and think back to what you really enjoyed receiving during your Walk. Was it a piece of candy attached to a Bible verse? Was it a trinket of some sort that had a catchy phrase attached? Or was it something that could actually be used during your Walk (i.e., pens, pencils, flashlight, or water bottle).

Quick, while you are reminiscing, sit down. Put your thinking cap on. And use the left side of your brain (that is the creative side, right?) to come up with a gift of *Agape* for the upcoming Walks #89 and #90. If you can't think of anything yourself, you may want to search Google.com for "Gifts of *Agape* ideas". There are a multitude of resources available on the internet ...one of my favorite is www.niemmaus.com/agape which is a link to Northern Indiana Emmaus Community's list of 101 *Agape* Ideas.

Okay, let's assume you now have an idea for *Agape*. If you want to make *Agape* for just the Pilgrims, please make 14 (men) 19 (women). To include Inside Team, please add 23, and to include those serving on Outside Team, please add 12. But don't forget to multiply the number by two (2) if you want to provide your *Agape* for both the Men's and the Women's Walks.

Once you have completed your Gifts of *Agape*, the *Agape* should be taken to the Camp on either Thursday or Friday of the Walk so that the Walk's *Agape* Coordinator can plan accordingly. And if you wish to have your gift of *Agape* given on a specific day and/or time, please mark that on your box (or bag). Any leftover *Agape* can be picked up on Sunday afternoon before (or after) Closing.

Ready ... Set ... Go. It's time to pay it forward.


Janet Stewart, *Agape* Board Representative



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PILGRIMS FOR WALKS #89 AND #90

MEN'S WALK #89			WOMEN'S WALK #90		
Pilgrim	Church	Sponsor	Pilgrim	Church	Sponsor
Blay Bahnson	UMC of Our Savior	Larry Eckert	Haddie Behm	First UMC Waynesburg	Scott Roberts
Andrew Behm	First UMC Waynesburg	Janice Gottschalk	Niki Cermak	Community UMC Harrison City	Carol Soule
Bill Brant	Ingomar UMC	Scott Brideweser	Janet Cree	First UMC Waynesburg	Scott Roberts
Jeff Cree	First UMC Waynesburg	Janice Gottschalk	Nancy Diener	Mt. Pleasant UMC Summerville	Lois Shields
Alex Evanoff	First UMC Waynesburg	Theresa Roberts	Joanne Hagofsky	Whitesburg UMC	Linda Hayes
Timothy Goddard	Roseville Independent Chapel	Richard Steel	Diane Hetrick	OHL UMC	Roger Howard
Richard Hill	Garden City UMC	Scott Gallagher	Cynthia Hill	Garden City UMC	Scott Gallagher
William Meekins	Methodist Conference	Scott Gallagher	Emma Hutchinson	St. Johns UCC	Cindy Parker
Max Miller	First Church Houston UMC	Michelle Garrison	Donna Jack	Trinty UMC	Noel Jack
Greg Quick	OHL UMC	Roger Howard	Marylin Johnson	Ingomar UMC	Beth Gregory
Donald Shaffer	OHL UMC	Russell Beaumont	Paula Meyers-Junio	First UMC Murrysville	Brian & Debbie Pass
Walt Shields	Mt. Pleasant UMC	Art Toven	Jodi Musick	Christ UCC	Shirley Musick
Jim Wright	Bethel Presbyterian	Juan Olivarez	Kate Nichols	Sharpsburg Family Worship	Carena Phillips
Brian Musick	Christ UCC	Shirley Musick	Pat Rannard	Pulaski UMC	Laura Puleo
 <p>DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR THE PRAYER VIGIL www.trwe.org TEAM AND PILGRIMS NEED YOU HOLD THEM IN PRAYER FOR THE WHOLE 72 HOURS!</p>	Carol Roth	Pulaski UMC	Laura Puelo		
	Carol Sabreen	St. Mary RCC	Tammy Debonis		
	Hellen Sywyj	Church of the Resurrection	Jill Kusnyer		
	Elizabeth Visnesky	Christ Church UCC	Cindy Parker		
	Barbara Walker	Bethel Presby	Lois Dille		

SPRING 2014 WALKS

TEAMS

Walk 89

Walk 90

Team Member	Talks		Talks	Team Member
Chub Dietz	Perseverance	LD	Perseverance	Pam Walter
Chuck Foust	Fourth Day	LDT	Fourth Day	Amy Dove
Bob Ruckel	Priority	ALD	Priesthood of all Believers	Sandy Wakefield
Carl Wiker	Growth Thru Study	ALD	Life of Piety	Sophie Park
Bud Fickley, Sr.	Christian Action	ALD	Priority	Debbie Pass
Jerry Beloit	Means of Grace	HSD	Means of Grace	Ernie DeLuca
Laura Puleo	Prevenient Grace	ASD	Sanctifying Grace	Merle Timko
Deryl Larsen	Justifying Grace	ASD	Obstacles to Grace	Dan Grimes
Bill Saxman	Obstacles to Grace	ASD	Prevenient Grace	Vivian Maltis
Roger Howard	Sanctifying Grace	ASD	Justifying Grace	Sandy Conti
Lou McKibben	Priesthood of all Believers	TL	Christian Action	Pat Robinson
Rob Dangel	Life of Piety	TL	Body of Christ	Janet Ruckel
Tom Heisey	Discipleship	TL	Growth Thru Study	Janet McKibben
Scott Roberts	Changing Our World	TL	Changing Our World	Jenni Hornung
Bob Morgan	Body of Christ	TL	Discipleship	Kim Zielinski
Terry Kohlmyer		ATL		Linda Hayes
Larry Kretzler		ATL		Kathy Grimes
Raub Robinson		ATL		Celia Christman
Tim Saxman		ATL		Aletta Carrier
Art Toven		ATL		Mary Pellett
Bud Fickley, Jr.		Music		Wally Wells
Tim Collins		Music		
Mike Wild		Tech/AV		Pat Mould
Ty Ridenour		H. Prayer		Jamie Toven
Jay Kinder		Prayer		Nancy Frey
		Prayer		Maureen Brant
Phil Brooks		H. Dining Room		Lisa Foust
Clair Hayes		Dining Room		Lisa Clayton
Joe Frantz		H. 4 th Day		Patti Johnston
Eli Dille		4 th Day		Jan Moynihan
Drew Patrick		H. Agape		Lori Chess
Pat Garvey		Agape		Madeline Rainey
Larry Eckert		H. Snack		Kathy Wescoat
		Snack		Susan Keppen
Mike Schmidt		Board Rep		Kathy Shusteric
		Banner Bearer		Susan Keppen

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!!

**Save the Date – Make a Note – Tell your Emmaus Friends
2014 Important EMMAUS Events**



March 27 - #89 Men's Walk	September 12 – All Community Gathering
March 29 – Candlelight - 8 PM	October 10 – All Community Gathering
April 3 - #90 Women's Walk	October 13 – Application Deadline
April 5 – Candlelight 8 PM	October 30 - #91 Men's Walk
April 11 – All Community Gathering	November 1 – Gathering & Candlelight 7 PM
May 9 – Regional Gathering	November 6 - #92 Women's Walk
June 13 – All Community Gathering	November 8 – Candlelight 8 PM
July 11 – All Community Gathering	December 12 – All Community Gathering
August 9 – Leadership Training & E-day 9AM – 5 PM	

Note: All Gatherings begin at 7:30 PM
AND All Community Gatherings are held at Ingomar UMC

DIRECTIONS TO FAMILY RETREAT CENTER

1100 Freeport Road, Cranberry, PA

From Pittsburgh Take Route I-279 North to Route 79 North. Take Exit 76 (Cranberry, US 19—a left-hand exit). Your exit ramp will merge into Route 19 North. Stay in the right-hand turning lane; turn right at the first traffic light, onto Freeport Road. The intersection is marked by a Sunoco station and a Fifth Third Bank. **** See below for further directions.**

From Pennsylvania Turnpike (Points East/West) Take the Turnpike to Exit 28 (Cranberry). Take US Route 19 South. Move into the left-hand lane as soon as possible. At the first traffic light on Route 19, turn left. Count three more traffic lights and turn left onto Freeport Road. The intersection is marked by a Sunoco station and a Fifth Third Bank. **** See below for further directions.**

From Erie (Points North) Take Route 77 South to Exit 78 (Cranberry, US 19). At the end of the ramp, turn right onto Route 228. Move into the left-hand lane as soon as possible. At the first traffic light on Route 19, turn left. Count three more traffic lights and turn left onto Freeport Road. The intersection is marked by a Sunoco station and a Fifth Third Bank. **** See below for further directions.**

****The Family Retreat Center is approximately one half mile from the intersection of Route 19 and Freeport Road. Take Freeport Road over the bridge, passing the Regional Learning Alliance on the left, and continue another 300 yards. Slow down—the Retreat Center entrance is on the left, partly concealed by trees. Enter through the black gate and the first set of stone pillars.**



PRAYER CHAIN

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

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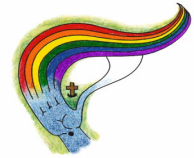
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