



FROM THE COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

Just a word for our new brothers and sisters. I believe the Emmaus Walk movement is a powerful outpouring of God's Spirit. It is not an end in and of itself; rather God is using Emmaus to strengthen fellow pilgrims for work in their home churches. Your fourth day is to be of service to the Lord and your field of harvest is your local church and your local community first. I pray your

weekend was a blessing and you give all glory to God. It is our pleasure to do God's will in serving you. Should you desire to serve in similar manner, speak with your sponsor and go to TRWE.org where you will find a "desire to serve form." May the Lord be praised through your fourth day.

Bill Saxman
Community Spiritual Director



Save The Date- July 20th-NE Leadership Training/E Day 8:30 AM –5:PM.

We will also be having our First Scholarship Fundraiser Dinner. All you care to eat Pasta Buffet from 4:30 till 6:30pm. Then plan on joining us for The All Community Gathering at 7:30 PM.

BONUS!!!

Frequent Flyer Miles, 4th Day, Emmaus Sponsorship, TRWE Board Nominations!

My wife, Liz, and I make a habit of collecting Frequent Flyer Miles. The notion of earning a free flight to some exotic getaway excites us, especially as we attempt to be good stewards of finances. They make it easy. They award miles for things we do all the time anyway--like buy groceries and pay utility bills, just by using this airline credit card. They add up! **BUT THEN**...every once in a while they make a special offer to award **BONUS Frequent Flyer Miles** – those that are awarded above and beyond the regular deal, but once again, they are likely awarded for *things we would do anyway*. That's incredible! It's like...well...a free gift! And then I got to thinking about our own Emmaus Frequent Flyer Bonus account program. What blessings have filled our accounts from doing what we would anyway! All we do is say yes and show up. It's that simple!

4th Day for Walks 85 and 86 – Thank you TRWE community for responding to 4th day needs during these most recent walks – praying, serving on team, unpacking the trailer, serving meals, cleaning bathrooms, praying, providing snacks, supporting Sendoff, Candlelight, and Closing, providing agape, re-packing the trailer – whatever! Did I mention praying? The point is: Thank you for your generous support of this set of Walks. Lives were impacted for Christ! And this knowledge is how our Emmaus Frequent Flyer Bonus Point Program account is filled. That's not why we did it, but the blessing is simply awarded for *things we would do anyway*. For those of you who missed this opportunity for free BONUS points, don't worry. There is no shortage of opportunities. Read on.

Free BONUS points opportunities – the 4th day things we would, should, or could do anyway. Don't miss out!

SPONSORSHIP (free triple bonus point opportunity)– Let me back up a sec to share a little. On this past set of walks men and women were exposed to a life of grace...you remember, a life that balances piety, study and action in Christ's service. Remember God's grace – the grace that always surrounds us and draws us closer to God's own self, the grace that justified us in God's sight, the grace that moves us closer to the persons God made us to be,

better able to navigate the obstacles to God's grace and better equipped to avail ourselves of the means of God's grace. Some comments at closing included things like: "I've been going to church for a long time and yet in all those years I don't think I ever understood God's love and grace the way I do now." "I desperately needed this!" "Can we go back and do Candlelight again? It was a glimpse of heaven!" One young man recently even made this claim: that his encounter with Christ on Emmaus Walk 85 literally saved his life.

Did these points jump out at you? First, the comments we hear at closing speak of God's redemption, renewal, restoration, and refreshment. Praise God's Holy Name! But, they also reflect hunger, a deep hunger for an authentic experience of God's love in Christ. In our places of work, play, church, social spheres – we each know others who are hungry for this Emmaus brand of Godly redemption, renewal and refreshment. Across Western PA, pain and quiet desperation cry out for an experience of God's grace – even among the church. What can we do? What's the - would, should, could do anyway - that earns free triple BONUS points? Sponsor one or more on a Walk to Emmaus – NOW! You do not have to wait until the fall walks are only weeks away. From our seasoned sponsors to our most recent 4th day community members, this 4th Day activity starts with **PRAYER, and it starts NOW**. Need help sponsoring? Ask your sponsor. Registration forms are available on the website. Registration for the Fall 2013 Walks is now open!

TRWE Board Nominations (free double bonus points) – Each and every year a new class of board members replaces those who have served their three year commitment. **This is the season for nominating**, from among the 4th day community, new candidates for this role of servant leadership. Community, **please prayerfully consider** who you might nominate to the board from those within our community who may stand out as humble servant leaders with a passion for the Walk to Emmaus, clergy or laity. And yes, you may nominate yourself. **Please forward your nominations to me, Ken Gryger, 4th Day Board Rep, email: krgrgyer@comcast.net as soon as possible.**

E-Day = Emmaus Education Day and Leader Training (free double bonus points) July 20th @ Ingomar UMC, 8:30am to 5pm, with Gathering to follow at 7pm. Yes, it makes for a long day but a day of blessing and free bonus points as the inner workings of the Emmaus model are hashed out in more depth in a setting of Emmaus fellowship, food, and worship. Highly recommended for all 4th Day community, newer members to the community and those wanting to serve on team, and those growing in Emmaus leadership. There is always more to learn and experience! As Bill Harvey used to say, "It just keeps getting better!" More information about this **Northeast Regional Walk to Emmaus E-day and Leader Training** forthcoming. Don't miss out on this free **double-bonus point** opportunity.

Regular free Bonus Point Opportunities: Things we should do anyway!

- **Attend gatherings!** - 2nd Friday of every month (that's this Friday, May 10!)
- **Support Gatherings!** – Offer your gift of worship leadership, a 4th Day Speaker Talk, or bring snacks to a Gathering. Email: Carena Phillips, p.carena@yahoo.com
- **Attend a group reunion** to review the card – if there is no reunion group in your area, start one with your sponsor.
- **Serve in your local church** – Ultimately, Emmaus isn't about Emmaus. It's about you, Jesus Christ, and your local church! Have you walked into your Pastor's office and asked him or her what you can do yet? That's the spirit of the Walk to Emmaus, to restore and renew servant leadership to the local church. It's just what we should do.
- **Serve on team or 4th day for the Fall 2013 Walks** – It's never too early to consider how you might be called to serve on the next set of Walks. It's not even too late to think ahead to next spring!

Thanks for your patience in reading and with me for trying to outclever myself to get you to read on. I wish I could award you all thousands of actual **BONUS frequent flyer miles** for all the things you would do anyway. The simple fact is: we are blessed to be a blessing in God's economy both now and into eternity. It's not a marketing ploy. It just happens that way. May you be blessed to be a blessing.

DeColores, Ken Gryger – TRWE 4th Day Board Rep



WALK 85

Anderson	Glenn	Mt Zion UMC	Scott Hargraves
Chase	Curtis	Oakland UMC Oil Ciy	Ed Saxman
Costanzo	Greg	Christ Church @Grove Farm	Anthony Braun
Dippolito	PJ	Slippery Rock UMC	Sandy Wakefield
Edner	Merritt	Mercer UMC	Rick Nelson
Gottschalk	Kurt	First Methodist Waynesburg	Janice Gottschalk
Grimes	Dan	West Alexander UMC	David Ealy
Keverline	Dean	Atlantic Ave United Brothen	Janet Stewart
Kretzler	Larry	Christ Community Methodist	Dave and Lill Griffith
Negri	Joe	New Stanton UMC	Mike Schmidt
Peters	Wade	East Butler Presbyterian	Mary Kitchen
Piper	Jack	Holiday Park UMC	Bob Dove
Razete	Ron	Christ Church @ Grove Farm	Anthony Braun
Ritsko	Greg	Mt Zion UMC	Bob Howes
Roberts	Scott	First Methodist Waynesburg	Janice Gottschalk
Soule	Bill	Community UMC, Harrison City	Jeffery Schroder
Swartz	Dave	White Chapel UMC	Rick Nelson

WALK 86

Atkins	Shirley	New Hope UMC	Kellie Wild
Chase	Kelly	Oakland UMC	Susan Saxman
Edner	Carol	Mercer UMC	Rick Nelson
Faupel	Sandy	United Church of Schellsburg	Cindy Parker
Fiorentini	Dianne	Bethany Presbyterian	Terry Kohlmyer
Mazon	Mim	Monroeville UMC	Jan Moynihan
Miller	Wendy	New Stanton UMC	Dennis Walker
Negri	Pam	New Stanton UMC	Mike Schmidt
Nicholson	Jenny	Mt Morris UMC	Linda Stewart
Oblak	Becky	Community UMC Harrison City	Shirleen Johnston
Rankin	Savannah	Wright's UMC	Cecilia Yurchey
Roberts	Teresa	1st Methodist Waynesburg	Janice Gottschalk
Rohrer	Holly	Centerville UMC	Jann Markley
Rosneck	Lori	Allison Christian Church	Karen Hegedus
Saxman	Tyanne	Zion UMC	William Saxman
Schoonmaker	Sarah	West Alexander Presbyterian	Lori Chess
Simmons	Jeanna-Mar	Christ UMC, Bethel Park	Richard Dickey
Starkey	Patty	Christ UMC Bethel Park	Ann Bart
Stewart	Heather	Kanter UMC	Ryan Moynihan
Teagarden	Chris	West Alexander Presbyterian	Kathy Morgan
Toven	Jamie	Mt Pleasant UMC	Roger Howard
Wilson	Pam	Christ Community UMC	Dave and Lill Griffith
Yoho	Paula Jo	Cornerstone (ND)	Ryan Moynihan

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