

November 1, 2001

Three Rivers **WALK to EMMAUS**

To all my friends and family in America,

I want to tell you how sad and broken -hearted I feel when I turn on the television. I empathize with you and the people of America. I am praying that God who is far greater than the evil around you will still your pain and give you peace and comfort when He wraps His loving arms around you. We prayed for you and the churches in America in church today. We sang the chorus Jesus loves me, it the first one I ever learnt when I was a toddler at my Nan's knee but at a time like this I feel the words are very profound. I would sing it to you if I could. We also sang these words:

"Jesus loves you. Jesus loves me too. Jesus loves me and you."

He also loves all the people in your country and shares your pain. He wants you all to turn to Him for your comfort. He will give you all the wisdom and strength you need to comfort those around you.

We send you our special love, Frank, Myrna and Craig Olyott

(Pat Mould, TRWE Agape Coordinator, received this message from Emmaus friends overseas after Sept. 11.)



A Message from the Lay Director

Fall has fallen on us. The weather is turning cooler. We are in the midst of a war against terrorism. Two of the three statements above tell us that the fall Emmaus walk weekends are coming. It also indicates that there is an opportunity to serve as fourth day, to attend candlelight and or closing, to participate in the 72-hour prayer vigil. Remember to pray for the prospective pilgrims and the team between now and the walks. Teaming is already underway. I am excited about the Fall walks because the Men's walk #39 and Women's walk #40 bring a milestone to the first 10 years of Three River Walk to Emmaus.

We can also pray for our country's leaders and our military personnel. If ever we are called to do something it is to pray.

It is with deep regrets that the Emmaus board announces the resignation of Kat McFarland as Community Lay Director. Please pray for Kat and her family. In the interim, I will be assuming the Community Lay Director's position. Ernie DeLuca and Barb Moore have also joined the Board, taking over for Cletus Hull and Kathy Pickett Jay, respectively, who both found it necessary to resign. We thank them for their service to TRWE.

There are plans underway for a gala event in May of 2002. See the newsletter for more information. There are exciting things happening at each gathering between now and the May 2002 gathering. Look in the newsletter for a schedule indicating walk weekends to be spotlighted at a gathering. So bring yourself your sponsor to that gathering. See old friends, meet new friends, and rekindle the fire within.

As we draw close to the end of the year I would also ask that you would keep the Emmaus Board in your prayers. Let's really be thankful during the Thanksgiving season. Each of us should take some time to list all the times we are thankful for. Let's also remember Christmas and its true meaning. Too many times we all get caught up in the world with "toys" and gadgets.

DeColores,
Randy Stevens
Community Lay Director



From the Community Spiritual Director

We are living in uncertain times. Since September 11th, nothing seems the same. Life and death have taken on new proportions. The economy ripples. The future looms with questions. If we look at the events of life, we may even be shaken.

But we are called to look beyond the events of life to the one who gives life, to the God who is the same yesterday, today and forever. We are invited to live in the faith that, in the midst of all that seems so different, God is still the same. It is out of this sameness of God, this unchanging character of God, that He calls us to act. The times are demanding, but God's instructions are clear. **"He has shown you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God."** (Micah 6:8)

Does that sound like something we have heard before? Does it look like a three-legged stool – piety, study, and action – the way, the truth, and the life? We know the talks; we know the scriptures. Now we are called upon to live them before a world that is uncertain and questioning, to say the least. Now is the time to be Christ's light in this dark world. And the world is dark at this moment. Now is the time to be encouraging one another to faithfulness, to mercy, to extending grace. This begins in our own communities – church, home, neighborhood, work and Emmaus. It begins right where we are. We have each been placed by God where we are to be his people for this time. He has shown us what is good and what he wants of us.

My prayer is that we will each step out in faith to be God's people for this time, to bring God's grace to the uncertainty and fear around us.

In Christ's love,
Kay Day



Celebration of Three Rivers Walk to Emmaus, a Decade of Love and Service

Well, we are off to a good start. We will continue to focus on certain Walks as we celebrate who we are as a Community. November's Celebration honors Walks #13-#18. Our Fellowship time will feature Pumpkin deserts.



In December we celebrate Walks #19-#24. I'm sure there will be some time of Caroling and there will be Christmas Cookies and Punch for Snack time. We want to encourage you to bring a staple food item for a food pantry. January's Gathering will honor Walks #25-#28 during our Fellowship time we will be sharing hot chocolate and cupcakes. February Gathering Celebrates Walks #29-#32 with "Won't you be my Valentine?" theme for refreshments. (cherry pie, heart cookies, etc.) Doesn't it all sound yummy !

There will be food for our tummies and food for our hearts as we celebrate what God has done and is doing in our lives in our 4th Day. So bring a snack, bring a friend, invite someone from your Walk to meet you at Gathering. Keep tuned in for more to come including our "Gala" Celebration Dinner May 11th.

10th Anniversary Committee



As plans are well underway for our 10th Anniversary Celebration, You should know that the Anniversary Committee is still accepting contributions of writings about YOUR Walk experience and YOUR 4th Day. I know, I know, you meant to get a *round-tuit*. Or the dog ate my first draft. Or life has been so disjointed since September 11th that I just couldn't muster the extra effort. Take heart; write today, or tomorrow, or sometime this month. Refer to the last newsletter for details or contact Pat. Send your Emmaus story to Pat Mould patmmould@worldnet.att.net RR #1 Box 195, Ellwood City, PA 16117



The election for the Board of Director's was held at the October Gathering. The following people were elected: Rolan Burnette, Lill Griffith, Lori Slagle, and Jamie Zacour. We thank all of those who agreed to be on the ballot. As Kay Day stated, there are no winners or losers – all are dedicated servants but only some will be called to serve in this way, at this time.

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FELLOWSHIP FRONT



They say that behind every good man stands a good woman. Unfortunately, in this particular instance, there isn't a good man to be found (and ladies, before you say what we know you're thinking, remember this is a Christian newsletter), but, boy, howdy, do I have some wonderful women behind me.

On the childcare front, Jamie Zacour has been an absolute *tour de force*. She has researched the Safe Sanctuary policy of Dutilh Church and come up with a set of guidelines to follow. As an act of agape to the TRWE Community, she has created a form letter to help all those interested in participating in the program to get the required State Clearances and has even agreed to provide self-addressed return envelopes to herself to make it easy for you to file the paperwork. She made a wonderful plea for help at the October Gathering. Our goal is still to have enough childcare volunteers so that no one will have to do it more than one time a year. Thanks to Jamie's efforts, we're halfway there. The rest is up to you. I'm giving away a little of my talk for the upcoming Walk, but it's certainly worth including here. The Rabbi Israel Zangwill, speaking to his Jewish brethren, told them that they were not so much the "Chosen" people so much as they are the "Choosing" people. I believe this holds true for we Christians even more. Please, brothers and sisters, choose to offer your services one time a year so that everyone can come to Gatherings without incurring unnecessary expense. Jamie's made it so easy, it's an offer you just can't refuse.

On another front, you may have noticed that the fellowship time at Gatherings has gotten much more colorful...and organized...and more tasteful...and, well, more ... "fellowshippy". No, I have not been taking Martha Stewart classes under the table! Actually, on an imagination scale of one to ten, I'm probably about a minus-four. What has happened is that Pat Mould and the Tenth Anniversary Committee have graciously agreed to take over the set up, organization and cleanup of the Fellowship time from now until May because of the special events they have planned for the Big One-Oh Bash. Pat and company will have sign up sheets in the narthex after each Gathering announcing what special snack items will be needed for the next month. Please help out if you can by pledging and bringing the needed items you sign for. Then, come and enjoy! Nobody told me this Board stuff was going to be so tough. Beulah, peel me a grape! (I don't know what's going to happen after May. Things will probably go back to the way they were before. I've been pulling my ties extremely tight around my neck lately, just to get ready for the reaction. But I won't think about that now. I'll think about it tomorrow at Tara. After all, tomorrow is another day).

And on the final front (Down, Trekkies, that's final front, not final frontier!), if there is anyone out there who has a song in their heart, a dance in their feet, gum on their shoe, or a burning desire to do a Fourth Day Talk at Gathering, I want to hear from you. I'm particularly interested in hearing from anyone who has a special interest or Christian presentation -- liturgical dance, drama group presentations, etc. If you have something, please give me a call at (412) 664-1201, or E-mail me at jkorbela@cs.com.

Bill Korbela, Fellowship/Gatherings Coordinator



Walks #39 and #40, November 8-11 and November 15-18

Important Walk Times to Remember: Thursday Send-Off – 7:00
 Saturday Candlelight – 8:30
 Sunday Closing – 4:30

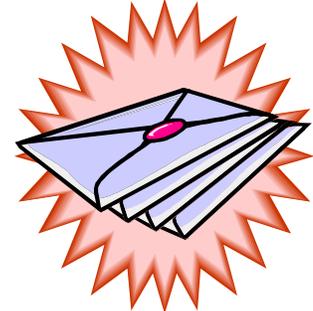
All 4th Day helpers should come to the Dining Hall (not Gym like last year). Check in with 4th Day Coordinator.

Parking is available behind the Dining Hall (only 20 spaces) and near Administration Building (only 28 spaces) There is plenty of parking in paved large parking lot across the main road. Also there are a few spaces in the lot beside the gym.

Concerning the Letters collected by the sponsors for the Sunday Packet, to quote the Emmaus Model:

"Personal agape letters are powerful evidence to each Pilgrim that he or she is personally loved by those who know the Pilgrims best. For some, the personal agape has the greatest impact of the Walk. Each sponsor has the responsibility of quietly requesting and collecting eight to twelve letters for their Pilgrim and delivering them to the agape team." (pg 66)

As we can see from the Model, the quality is more important than the quantity. For the good of all the pilgrims, I would like to clarify some points. These letters should be from close family members and good friend, though sometimes it's good to send a letter request to a friend or family member who lives far away. The purpose is to share the love of the people who are closest to them. The letter count of the rubber-banded bundle should be between 8 and 15. These are the letters that the Pilgrims will be instructed to read first. The Pilgrims will not have time to read more than 15. If the Pilgrim has many Emmaus acquaintances, you can still request that they write a personal letter, they will be in the envelope but not in the bundle of 15. As Pilgrims pull out the bundle from the envelope, there should be a feeling of 'equality' as they begin to read the letters. I think it can be difficult for a Pilgrim who has 8 personal letters to sit beside someone who pulls out a bundle of 40 letters.



For some Pilgrims, it might be difficult for the sponsor to collect more than a few personal letters. If that is the case, the Agape team will ask 4th Day workers to write general, but personal letters to those Pilgrims. Please bring your Pilgrim's letters with you Thursday night. If you will be bringing more letters to Candlelight, please let the Agape Team know. Short, love messages will be written by 4th Day volunteers for those Pilgrims who only have a few non-banded letters in their envelopes.

Community, you may still write a general but personal Agape letter of love to all the Pilgrims for the Sunday Packet. These are more personal if they are handwritten. If you print them on your computer, please consider typing in each person's name before you print them. This may take a bit longer, but will be more personal. If you want to send an inspirational writing to each pilgrim, with their name on it, they should be labeled for bed-time agape.



"I Thank My God Every Time I Think of You..." Philippians 1:3

In our lives there are some people we meet that leave a lasting impression. Just so was Marilyn K. Johnson. Everyone who met Marilyn (TRWE # 30) was touched by her honesty, love of life, and caring spirit. Marilyn had her resurrection day on June 30, 2001 and because of that, two of her friends that she met through Emmaus decided they wanted to offer an agape to the pilgrims of future walks in memory of their friend.

Rich & Esther McCloskey have enlisted the help of the TRWE Board to have a lanyard designed to use with our new name tag holders. They will be offering the lanyards to the pilgrims of TRWE # 39,40,41,42, as their love agape to remember Marilyn. The good news for the community is Rich & Esther would like to share the agape with you by offering you the opportunity to purchase a lanyard at cost - a mere \$3.00. Imagine yourself with a lovely light blue lanyard with "Three Rivers Walk to Emmaus" in purple lettering running around the lanyard separated by bright red roosters. This is also a great place to hang all those pins you don't know where else to put.

Esther and Rich pray that everyone who receives this will in some way be touched by the love of God that Marilyn shared with all she knew. If interested contact Barb Moore (724-654-3390 or pbixoye@yahoo.com).



LOST BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Kay Harvey has asked if anyone out there remembers sending in an application for Patricia Johnson. Her deposit was made but there's been no hint of her making a Walk since then. Please call Kay, 724-934-3707.



Directions to Salvation Army's Camp Allegheny, Ellwood City, PA



Corrected from September Newsletter

From Pittsburgh Area and Turnpike East:

Route 79 north to Zelienople exit NEW 87 (OLD# 27): Go left at end of exit ramp. That's route 68. In 1.3 miles, at the light on Main Street, go straight.(route 68 signs point to turn left) Go to second stop sign turn left, one block, turn right at stop sign, This is 288 to Ellwood City. After crossing a new small bridge, bear to the right staying with 288. (Left at the Y is 588 you do not want that) In about 7 miles you see Giant Eagle and Ames on the right. At that light (Mercer Road) turn right. Go to end, at stop sign bear to the right. Cross one bridge with metal overhead supports. Cross next bridge (Wurtemberg UM Church is just before bridge) immediately after bridge turn left onto Van Gorder Mill Road. Camp Allegheny is 7/10 of mile. CAUTION: Yield on one-lane bridge just before the camp.

From the North:

Route 79 south to Portersville exit NEW#96 (OLD#28): At the end of the exit ramp, turn left onto Route 488. In about a mile there is a stop sign and right merge onto route 19.(Portersville's Main Street) In less than ¼ mile, turn left, following signs for route 488. In about 7 miles you will come down a long hill and see that the road will cross a bridge. Turn right before the bridge, Van Gorder Mill Road. Camp Allegheny is 7/10 of mile. CAUTION: Yield on one-lane bridge just before the camp.

From Butler County:

Route 422 west to South Shore (Moraine State Park) exit: At the end of the exit ramp, turn left. At the stop sign, turn right onto route 488. In about 3 miles there is a stop sign and right merge onto route 19.(Portersville's Main Street) In less than ¼ mile, turn left, following signs for route 488. In about 7 miles you will come down a long hill and see that the road will cross a bridge. Turn right before the bridge, Van Gorder Mill Road. Camp Allegheny is 7/10 of mile. CAUTION: One-lane bridge just before the camp.

From the West (Ohio) and Route 18

Take Exit 2 of Turnpike. Follow route 18 north. At Al's Citco Station, turn right onto Route 351. Follow signs for 351. (left after RR tracks, left after long bridge.) At 5th Street in Ellwood, make a left turn. At second light, make a right turn, just before McDonald's. This street becomes Route 488 east. You will cross two bridges with metalwork overhead. The third bridge is modern cement. Immediately after Third bridge, make a left turn onto Van Gorder Mill Road. Camp Allegheny is 7/10 of mile. CAUTION: Yield on one-lane bridge just before the camp.

From Route 60

Take Exit #17 for Route 351. As you cross Route 18 follow above directions.

From Route 65, (Baden, Freedom, Sewickley)

Take 65 north through New Brighton. As you get close to Ellwood City, you will see Trader Horn's on the left. At next light, turn right. At next light turn left onto Mercer road. Go to end, at stop sign bear to the right. Cross one bridge with metal overhead supports. Cross next bridge (Wurtemberg UM Church is just before bridge) immediately after bridge turn left onto Van Gorder Mill Road. Camp Allegheny is 7/10 of mile. CAUTION: Yield on one-lane bridge just before the camp.



IMPORTANT DATES

Men's Walk #41	April 11-14, 2002
Women's Walk #42	April 18-21, 2002
Men's Walk ##43	November 7-10, 2002
Women's Walk #44	November 14-17, 2002

⌘ NOTE: November Gathering is November 2 due to Walk dates. ⌘

December Gathering – December 14, Dutilh UM Church, 7:30pm

Wanted: Fourth Day for Upcoming Walks

There are still plenty of opportunities for you to lend a helping hand on either of the upcoming fall walks. Listed below are the areas that need to be filled.

	MEN'S	WOMEN'S
Baking Needs:	Six dozen muffins (2 dozen/person) Five pans of gingerbread cake (9x9)	Four dozen muffins (2 dozen/person) 11 pans of gingerbread cake (9x9)
Bathroom Angels:	Friday - 10 AM—one person needed Saturday - 10 AM—three persons Sunday - 10 AM—one person	Friday - 10 AM—two persons needed Saturday - 10 AM—filled Sunday - 10 AM—three persons needed
Meal (prep, serve clean-up):		
<u>Breakfast - 6:30 - 9:30</u>	Friday - three persons needed Saturday - four persons needed Sunday - five persons needed	Friday - two persons needed Saturday - three persons needed Sunday - filled
<u>Lunch: 11:30 - 2:00 PM</u>	Friday - two persons needed Saturday - two persons needed Sunday - filled	Friday - three persons needed Saturday - filled Sunday - filled
<u>Dinner: 4:00 - 6:00</u>	Friday - seven persons needed Saturday - filled	Friday - one person needed Saturday - filled

-Two people with vans or trucks are needed to pick-up all the supplies at John DeBonis' office in Bellevue and take them to the camp on Thursday afternoon (11/8/01).

-Three people are also needed with vans or trucks to bring the supplies back to John's on Sunday evening after the Women's walk (11/18/01).

-Four people are needed to help set-up the walks on 11/8/01 and six people are needed to tear down the walks on Sunday, 11/18/01.

-Don't forget the 72 Hour Prayer Vigil. This is so important and you can do it from the comfort of your very own home. There are 78 openings for the Men's walk and 90 openings for the Women's walk.

As you can see, there are lots of opportunities for service.

Please call or e-mail Jack Gusew, Fourth Day Coordinator, if you are willing to fill any of the above needs.

Thank you!!!!!! (412-766-2833 or sneezeguesswho@JUNO.com)



!!! IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING TRWE NEWSLETTER !!!

Due to rising costs of publication and mailing hard copies of the TRWE Newsletter, the Board decided to make the following changes: The newsletter is free via email but you must be proactive and send your email address to Janet Ruckel at RJBKE@aol.com (please put TRWE newsletter as the subject). If you want a copy mailed to your home, you must subscribe at a cost of \$6.00 per year. Please tear off this section and mail with any address corrections and check (made out to TRWE) to:

Janet Ruckel
1184 King George Court
Pittsburgh, PA 15237
412-367-2728

Of course you can have both, in which case follow both sets of instructions above.

Men's #39 and Women's #40 TEAM LISTS

Dick Cronin	Perseverance	Lay director	Janet Cronin	Perseverance
Lou Martina	Discipleship	LDT	Linda Claypool	Life in Piety
Rolen Burnette	Fourth Day	ALD	Lill Griffith	Priesthood
Joe Frantz	Priesthood	ALD	Pat Robinson	
Juergen Kloof	Piety	ALD	Donna Turnbull	Body of Christ
Randy Stevens	Priority	Board Rep.	Peg Nicholas	Priority
Bill Korbel	Christian Action	TL	Lee Croakman	Christian Action
Scott Robinette	Growth thru Study	TL	Donna Johnston	Changing Our World
John Turnbull	Body of Christ	TL	Pat Mould	Discipleship
Thurman Yost	Changing Our World	TL	Pat Schussler	
Bruce Corbett		TL	Sandy Underwood	
		TL	Bonnie Weigand	Fourth Day
		TL	Jamie Zacour	Growth thru Study
Jim Grant		ATL	Lynne Cameron	
Bill Harvey		ATL	Julie Coleman	
Bill Johnston		ATL	Karen Jacobs	
Tom Kendig		ATL	Noreen Nemit	
Bill Weigand		ATL	Sandi Robbins	
		ATL	Terri Stevens	
		ATL	Sandy Zeigler	
Olivia Graham	Means of Grace	SD	Kay Day	Means of Grace
Jerry Belloit	Obstacles to Grace	ASD	Ernie DeLuca	Obstacles to Grace
Bobbie Croker	Sanctifying Grace	ASD	Barbara Moore	Sanctifying Grace
Andy Varner	Justifying Grace	ASD	J. D. Hilliard	Justifying Grace
(Olivia Graham)	Prevenient Grace	ASD	Linda Porter	Prevenient Grace
Ed Dubbs, George Day		Chapel	Kay Harvey, Rosemary Pennington	
Ken Gryger, Dan Baer		Music	Lori Slagle, Barb Robinette	
Forrest Gilmore		Sound king	Forrest Gilmore	
Jan Smith, Mike Burek, Jr.		Kitchen	Janet Furer, Joan Burnette	
Jeff Rahuba, Ken Potter		Kitchen	Cindy Korbel, Betty Scott	
Glenn Brooks		Dining Room	Alice Wisniewski	
John Jacobs, Mike Burek, Sr.		Agape	Peggy Gilmore, Della Rand, Kellie Wild	
Geoff Coleman, Art Terracio		Snacks	Kay Rahuba, Janet Barczak	
Tom Stratigos		4 th Day Coord.	Joyce Puebla	

Men's #39 and Women's #40 PILGRIM LISTS

Men

Jeff Allen	Dave Ruzomberka
Brett Allison	Don Scarborough
Chuck Bowie	Daniel Scheller
Mike Carlini	Jim Stewart
Rick Countryman	Dennis Walker
Tony Ditomanso	Rex Walter
Colin Gaiser	Mike Wild
Randy Gettens	Mark Worley
Bob Holmes	Ed Young
Pat McClennan	
Bryan Moyer	
Bill Pletz	

Women

Lisa Allen	Andrea Fragello	Kathy Paul
Sandy Beal	Judy Grice	Marta Pletz
Jean Bowie	Clarejean Haury	Toni Richards
Gail Bowman	Jeanne Hess	Suzy Roycroft
Jan Carlini	Patti Houy	Gerry Scarborough
Judy Cook	Katherine Hrivnak	Alex Solosko
Lynn Countryman	Tammy Jarrett	Amy Stevens
Carolyn Cranston	Jessica Korbel	Kathy Thornbury
Jane D'Amico	Carol Macklin	Jenn Walter
Sandy Deeds	Jane Martens	Mary Wells
Maggie Drost	Diane McClennan	Carol Witherell
Pat Ewing	Tammy Morini	