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Dates to Remember

Men’s Walk Oct. 27-30, 2016

Candlelight & All Community Gathering
 Oct. 29, 2016 @ 8:00pm

Men’s Mini-Reunion
 Nov. 5, 2016 @ 5:30pm

Women’s Walk Nov. 3-6, 2016

Candlelight & All Community Gathering
 Nov. 5, 2016 @ 7:30pm

Women’s Mini-Reunion
 Nov. 18, 2016 @ 7pm
 Dutihl UMC, Cranberry Twp.



From the Community Lay Director

I am a reader.

Normally if I am not engaged in some activity, you will find me with a book in my hand. I read all sorts of things, but I tend to categorize by what I hope to get from the material. For instance, do I just want to take myself away from the real world and be entertained or add something to television watching time? Then I’ll pick up a “happily ever after” kind of novel, one that does not require much thought.

Or do I want to learn something, to respond to the challenge of that three-legged Emmaus stool – piety, study, action? That’s when I pick up what I like to call my thinking books! Pen and marker in hand, quiet place, open mind – and I find myself learning to find the voice of God in the

words on the pages. Many times of enrichment, many times of challenge, many times conviction.

The thinking book for now (with about 3 others on my nightstand) is *Rumors of God* by Darren Whitehead and Jon Tyson. Based on the premise that “God is doing something new in the church”, each chapter offers great insight into how we might live into this relationship with the God who seeks us out. Many times I find myself thinking...”this is Emmaus!” Let me share...

“We must prioritize seeking God...we must intentionally, deliberately, earnestly make seeking God a priority in the way we spend our time,”

“God desires fellowship with us...God does not want religious duty and obligation; he wants us to respond to him with gratitude and love.”

“The primary job of the Christian life is to remain in how God feels about us, not how we feel about him.”

“When the pivotal moments of our lives come, God’s vision is that the body of Christ will surround us with the life and love of God in real and tangible ways.”

And, then, three people walking on an Emmaus road – “Jesus’ love propels him to rescue us from our smaller stories and reunite us to his...Hope is not concerning our circumstances. Hope is concerning Jesus.”

Lill Griffith, TRWE #28 Table of Sarah



Sometimes I find myself an over-thinker. After my Walk, I tried to rationalize how I could have more than one fourth day, that every day after my walk was my fourth day. I had little success, although I fully embraced the concept of a closer walk with Jesus, greater service, commitment to my church and the Emmaus community, I struggle calling this now 2,555th day after my walk my Fourth Day. But...there is always something greater at work than the human mind.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth.” And it was so. God made two great lights#the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light

to govern the night. He also made the stars. God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day. Genesis 1:14-19

On the fourth day of creation, God spoke into existence time, as humankind has known it ever since. God spoke into existence “signs to mark sacred times, and days and years”. It is interesting that the same words can be translated “signs to mark sacred times, days and years” as if God was making every day and every year, dare I say every moment a sacred time.

I believe in the sacredness of every moment. I also believe that in the midst of God’s very creation there are specific times for us to share in that sacredness in a very special way. What if we approached every day in the way God intended? What if we entered each day seeing it as sacred day filled with sacred moments? How would our lives be different?

That is the special gift of the Fourth Day. The Walk and experience with God changed us, yet we enter back into an unchanged world. Our perspective is different. And even though the world has not changed, we have the opportunity to respond in a sacred way. We can see the struggles that surround us and see the blessing God can be if we invite God into the moment. We can see broken relationships and begin to be God’s loving bridge between people. We can help God reintroduce the sacredness of every moment.

Maybe it is intimidating to think of having to help reintroduce sacredness; it seems so very daunting of a word and idea. God does not ask more of us on our Fourth Day than we are able to accomplish with God. The word sacred simply means to be connected to God. Our role is to be the connecting point of God into the world, the moments, the lives and the circumstances that come before us.

Celebrate the Fourth Day in every moment!

Scott Gallagher, Community Spiritual Director



Over the last several months, your TRWE Board of Directors, together with many other volunteers, conducted a survey of our Community’s likes and dislikes pertaining to our Gatherings. We also attempted to update your contact information.

Over 200 individuals completed the surveys and updated information was identified for another 200 community members. Unfortunately, most of the updated information were telephone numbers and email addresses that were no



longer in service.

Now we need your help to create some solutions. First, has your telephone number, address, or email changed from the time you went on your walk? If so, please contact a Board member and give us your new information. It is our goal to communicate with you often and effectively. But, we can't do that if we don't have your current information. Please take a few minutes to do this.... now.... go ahead, the newsletter will be here when you are done. Don't know a Board member's contact information? Then contact me, Chub Dietz at chub.dietz1@comcast.net.

Second, now that we have feedback from over 200 individuals who took time to answer our questions, we need to evaluate all of that information and come up with some ideas on how to make out Gatherings even MORE valuable and inspirational to more members of our community. Want to be a part of arriving at those solutions? Then I need YOU! Some of this analysis can be done from your own home. Some may require getting together for discussion with the other team members. It would be REALLY REALLY helpful to have some members from all the geographical areas in the community: North, South, East and Central. Want to be one of the Fabulous Few? Then contact me now Go ahead, use the same email address as above and send me your name, phone number and email address.

Be a part of the solution.

God Bless.

Chub



Upon completing the Walk to Emmaus I wondered why I should bother to go to gatherings. I was very much involved in church activities and had a wonderful church family. Granted, the Love of Christ and the elevated spiritual lift that I received on the walk gave me a new sense of commitment to my relationship with God, but did I really need another commitment to add to my schedule?

A conversation that I had with my son and his wife recently reminded me of why I have made room in my schedule for Emmaus activities. During our after-dinner discussion my son's wife, a very committed Christian, complained that she missed having a group of Christian friends. My son pointed out that three of their friends were very strong in their faith, but his wife responded that the other 20 constantly challenged them to defend their beliefs. Defending her faith did make it stronger, but she was growing weary of the need to defend it. She wanted a comfort level with friends who shared the same values and who had similar beliefs.

When my wife and I considered with whom we associate with whom we spend most of our time with, it was plain to see that it was our church friends, our Emmaus friends and a small group



study circle of friends. Without a lot of conscious effort, we have surrounded ourselves with Christian love which has made us stronger in facing the sometimes harsh reality of the world. We are able to hold fast to the knowledge that we are spiritual beings having a human experience rather than human beings having a spiritual experience.

So, why do I bother to continue to interact with the Emmaus Community? To attend gatherings? To volunteer for working on Team for other walks? To offer to sponsor other pilgrims so that they too can benefit from this display of God's amazing grace? The answer is both simple and complex. Simple in that I enjoy living in God's love and spreading it to others. Complex in that in giving of my time, I receive so much more in return and in more ways than I can list here.

You now have an opportunity to share the love, to expand your circle of Christian friends, and to serve Christ in new ways. Consider what that might mean for both you and those whose lives you touch.

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Bob Dove, Emmaus Literature Board Rep.



Well, the time is fast approaching for our next set of Walks. Walk 99 and 100 are just a few days away. Is your Agape ready?

If you are donating Agape for the Walks, please bring or send with someone going to the camp for the Send Off on Thursday.

Remember anyone who was a pilgrim can donate Agape. Remember TRWE does NOT buy these gifts; they come from people like you.

The latest we can accept Agape is Candlelight.

If you aren't donating gifts of Agape. You can still give agape by signing up for Fourth Day help and Prayer Vigil. Go to TRWE.org and click on those sections to sign up.

May God bless you all,

Madeline Rainey, Agape Coordinator

Walk Agape:

Men's Walk: Pilgrims - 8; Dining Room - 30; Support Team - 9; Total Team & Pilgrims = 39

Women's Walk; Pilgrims - 14; Dining Room - 41; Support Team - 9; Total Team+Pilgrims = 50



We're so excited!! The fall 2016 Walks are finally here and we've included the list of pilgrims and team for Walks #99 & #100, who are coveting your prayers ☺ We are excited to see what the Lord has in store for these upcoming weekends. Sponsors know they are to have their pilgrims at the Family Resource Camp by 7 p.m. Thursday night for "Send Off." But "Send Off" isn't just for sponsors and their pilgrims!! The Community is encouraged to attend as well because we all serve as "team members," even though we may not be staying at the camp.

If you have not done so already, please go to the trwe.org website and sign up for the prayer vigil, 4th day service, snack agape, Candlelight and Closing. Remember that God has richly blessed YOU, so that YOU can be a blessing to others!! Pass it on ☺

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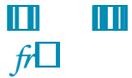
Judy Grice TRWE #40, Sharon Gallagher #72 and Lisa Wahl TRWE #54



Pilgrim name	Church	Sponsor
Richard Pyle	Bethany Presby.	Deb Pyle
Andy Burnette	Ingomar UMC	Andy Fraley
Rick Kunkle	Christ UCC	Brian Musick
Paul Barbour	Christ UMC	Mike Varner
Scott Thurman	Trenton Baptist	Eugene Smith
Bob Hengstenberg	Community UMC	Neil Simpson Jr.
Kyle Boyer	St. Paul Congregational	Eugene Smith
Tom Tessaro	Ingomar UMC	Barb Dempsey



Pilgrim name	Church	Sponsor
Jaymi Neely	Bethany Presby.	Sharon Salvini
Karen Talerico	Bethany Presby.	Sharon Salvini
Colleen McWilliams	Murrysville Alliance	Debbie Pass
Laura Vondas	Shadyside Presby.	John Vizzuto
Lydia Crooks	Clarion Alpha AOG	Janet Stewart
Desirae Burns	Windover Hills UMC	Emily Urso
Lori Weller	St. Stephen's Catholic	Janet Stewart
Margaret Wetzel	Emlenton UMC	Heather Seigworth
Leslie Meyer	Whitesburg UMC	Tracy Goldstrohm
Lori Martz	Community UMC	Kathy Shusteric
Peg Coffee	Crossroad Vineyard	Vivian Malits
Cheryl Ramsey	Bethel Presbyterian	Becky Ramsey & Carol Young
Caryl Randolph	Destiny International	Cyndi Bloise
Missi Mock	Trinity United Christian	Crystal Smicik



Bryan Pass	LD
Bob Morgan	LDT
John Debonis	ALD
Rex Walter	ALD
Wes Kindelberger	ALD
Larry Parker	ATL
Drew Patrick	TL
Rich Steel	TL
Art Toven	TL
Rob Dangel	ATL
David Fanguy	Prayer
Robert Henry	ATL
Tom Parks	Agape
Ken Potter	ATL
Tim Jordan	DiningR
Nick Denardo	HDiningR
Steve Grasha	HAgape
Jeff Clark	4th Day
Juan Olivarez	4th Day
Gary Kanouff	Snack
Richard Hill	Snack
Robert Dippolito	Prayer
Thurman Yost	Prayer
Dave Heasley	Agape
Ron Hujik	HMusic
Clair Hayes	Music
Mike Wild	Tech
Ken Gryger	B Rep
Cindy Parker	HSD
Ernie Deluca	ASD
Jerry Belloit	ASD

Linda Sweeney	LD
Flo Willaman	LDT
Maxine Ellis	ALD
Emma Sullivan	ALD
Pat Robinson	ALD
Bonnie Readie	Tech
Janet Ruckel	TL
Lisa Wahl	TL
Becky Houston	TL
Diana Hujik	TL
Diane Yeagers	TL
Tyanne Saxman	ATL
Missy Davies	ATL
Cherie Scatena	ATL
Cynthia Hill	ATL
Janet McKibbon	ATL
Lynne Cunningham	Agape
Heidi Walker	Agape
Kathy Grimes	Snack
Cathy Baumann	Snack
Janet Stewart	DiningR
Chris Davis	DiningR
Tammy Debonis	Music
Rachel Porch	Music
Sue Keppen	4th Day
Sharon Gallagher	4th Day
Rebecca Deluca	Prayer
LuAnn Eckman	Prayer
Linda Claypool	Prayer
Lois Dille	B Rep
Criss Crider	Banner B
Merle Timko	HSD
Cyndi Bloise	ASD
Brenda Walker	ASD
Vivian Malits	ASD
Jerry Belloit	ASD



Perseverance

Bryan Pass/Linda Sweeney

Priority

John DeBonis/Maxine Ellis

Christian Action

Ron Hujik/ Pat Robinson

Changing Our World

Larry Parker/Becky Houston

Grow through Study

Rich Steel/Lisa Wahl

Means of Grace

Cindy Parker/ Merle Timko

Justifying Grace

Ernie DeLuca/Jerry Belloit

Sanctifying Grace

Jerry Belloit/Brenda Walker

4th Day

Bob Morgan/Flo Willaman

Priesthood of all Believers

Rex Walter/Emma Sullivan

Body of Christ

Wes Kindelberger/Diana Hujik

Discipleship

Drew Patrick/Janet Ruckel

Life in Piety

Art Toven/Diane Yeargers

Prevenient Grace

Cindy Parker/Vivian Malits

Obstacles to Grace

Jerry Belloit/Cyndi Bloise

“Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?”

- Luke 23:32

