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TRWE - January 2017 Newsletter

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Can We Ever Get Enough?

Cutting the grass at my house is a 6 – 9 hour marathon. Now, I'm not complaining (well, not much anyway – at least I still have the energy to do it), but it does significantly eat into my nap time. To pass the time, I now wear headphones and listen to K-Love. It is a great way to pass the time and listening to uplifting music and stories of hope and the miracles of God's love makes weed-whacking more fun.



As is the case with most radio stations, when you listen to the same station for 6 – 9 hours, you tend to hear the same songs over and over again. But with the songs on K-Love, I don't mind. The songs are messages of hope and of God's wonderful love. It got me thinking about whether we can ever get enough. Can we ever get enough messages of hope and of the wonders of God? Can we ever worship enough? Can we ever sing his praises enough? Can our family of Christian brothers and sisters ever be big enough?

Now, I don't mean that there is some magic formula for what is enough to experience God's grace. That's free. But, in our life, to experience ALL that God has in store for us, can we ever get enough? Some worship at Easter and Christmas. After all, those are the most critical times in the life of Christ, right – His birth and His death and resurrection. Is that enough? Some worship once or twice a month. Is that enough? I worship every Sunday. I love to worship at my church and when I'm away, I WANT to worship at church, no matter where I am. Is that enough?

I worship at a wonderful, exciting, passionate church. I pray that you do too. But you and I also have the opportunity to worship, sing praises, and fellowship with so many fellow brothers and sisters in Christ in our TRWE Community. When's the last time you took advantage of that opportunity to worship one more time, to sing praises to God one more time, to fellowship with other Christians in our family...one more

time?

Haven't been to a Gathering lately? Come! There's fun, fellowship, food and you can experience God's love...one more time. Are you a member of a Reunion Group? If so, make it a priority to join your fellow members. Share their experiences with God and let them help lift you up. Don't have a Reunion Group? Check the website for Groups near you or contact me and we'll help find one for you or start one.

The journey in TRWE starts with the Walk. But it doesn't end there. Gatherings and Reunion Groups give you the opportunity to experience God...one more time. Take advantage of it!

God bless and DeColores.

Chub, CLD



Scott Gallagher is certainly not "old", but he IS the newest "old" Community Spiritual Director.

Scott's term as CSD ended in June. Scott has served the community as CSD for two years in a passionate and untiring manner. On behalf of the Board and the Community, I want to thank Scott for his servant's heart. Scott will continue on the Board for another year as CSD, Emeritus.

Merle Timko has stepped up to offer her services as our new Community Spiritual Director. Merle has served our community on the Board for three years and will now serve the community as CSD and Board member for the next year. Please join me in welcoming Merle to this new role and thanking her for her service and compassion.

Chub Dietz, CLD

Lost & Found

Found after August Gathering
at
Dutilh UM Church

light-weight, black, hooded jacket
that was bought at Kohls.

If it is yours, contact Lill Griffith 724-445-7475 



It's that time of year again... time for another set of Emmaus weekends! As you know, it takes many people to make an Emmaus weekend operate: dedicated team members, faithful lay directors, enthusiastic pilgrims, and a supportive and eager community. The Fourth Day sign-ups for walks #101 and #102 are ready for you to add your name. This set of walks needs your help to make it great!

You can sign up for one, two, or five service areas – wherever you can help!!!

We need people to serve as Thursday

“Angels” for set-up, daily facilities cleaning, daily meals, and agape snacks/beverages. You may sign up at <http://trwe.org/4thDayService/4thDay.html>.

On the right of the webpage you will find the times the various services are needed. Reminder: the walks are being held at Mount Chestnut Nazarene Retreat Center in Butler, PA.

We also need your prayers for the team and pilgrims during Walks #101 and #102.

You may access the prayer vigil for both walks at <http://trwe.org/Prayervigil/Prayervigil.html>.

It's never too early to sign up! Contact Katy Selzer, 4th Day Coordinator, with any questions via email 4thDay@trwe.org.

Training Opportunities

The following training events are available either via WebEx or at a Leadership Training Event. Any one of these opportunities meets the Clergy Criteria Training required for all that are serving as Community Spiritual Directors and Weekend Spiritual Directors. They are also highly recommended for those who would be considered in these roles in the future, for those who may need a refresher, and for any laity who may want to know about the roles and responsibilities of the community and weekend clergy and the theology presented on the events. Community Board Members and future Weekend Lay Directors have found this training to be very helpful as well.

(0.4) CEUs are offered to clergy for the 4-hour WebEx sessions and (0.6) CEUs are offered for the all day Leadership Development Events that include the 4 hour Clergy Training and the Clergy/Laity Partnership session.

Clergy Training WebEx sessions scheduled this year: (Only one is required.)

Friday, September 8th, 1-5pm

Friday, September 22nd, 1-5pm

Friday, October 6th, 1-5pm

Friday, November 3rd, 1-5pm

Each participant will need a computer, laptop or smart phone to access the WebEx. Headphones or ear-bugs with a microphone are recommended to avoid sound feedback. Participants need to email pastortina@aol.com 1) their name, 2) community name, 3) email address to which to send the WebEx invitation, 4) whether they are clergy or laity, and 5) a phone number where the participant can be reached

during the WebEx, if need arises. Invitations will be sent by email prior to the WebEx via admin@webex.com. Handouts will be sent as an attachment to an email a few days prior to the WebEx. Limited spaces are available for each of these.

The following four Leadership Development Events will include in-person Clergy Trainings.

August 19th, 9am-5pm, registration at 8:30am

At Nimmonsburg UMC

918 Upper Front Street

Binghamton, NY 13905

Contact and pre-register with: Louise Cator at eph31421@gmail.com

570-679-2335 

September 9th, 9am-5pm, registration at 8:30am

At Cornerstone UMC

3135 Summit Bridge Road

Bear, DE 19701

Contact and pre-register with: Kathie Eachus at kathleen.eachus@redclay.k12.de.us

302-229-7981 

September 23rd, 9am-5pm, registration at 8:30am

At Macedonia UMC

1941 Macedonia Church Road

White Post, VA 22663

Contact and pre-register with: Scott Garber at weareone1@comcast.net

540-533-4568 

October 7th, 9am-5pm, registration at 8:30am

At Chatham UMC

460 Main Street

Chatham, NJ 07928

Contact and pre-register with: Kathy Altobello at martha.ehsn.63@icloud.com

201-286-9592 

If you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact:

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***From The
Assistant Community
Lay Director***

Doggie Doors

James 1:14-15 - *But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to*

Couldn't have done it without you --

I'm sure you have heard this expression before. Maybe someone expressed gratitude to you for helping out in some endeavor. Perhaps you said it yourself to someone who was a big part of something you did.

There are some obvious things that occur that make Three Rivers Walk to Emmaus a vibrant part of people's lives; things that couldn't happen without our community getting involved. Obviously, without pilgrims there would be no walks. So sponsors – thank you; we couldn't have done it without you.

People being on team are another. So team members – thank you for saying yes to God's call; we couldn't have done it without you.

The 4th day folks -- those who pray for our walks, provide agape, those "angels" who clean our bathrooms, who come to candlelight, and others who help anonymously – while a weekend could happen without these precious people, I shudder to think what the outcome of a weekend would be without you. And we do truly thank you.

There is other work in Three Rivers Walk to Emmaus that is important for the community to function as it should, another way for you to get involved – that is as a member of the Board of Directors. As our bylaws state, the "direction of the community shall be vested in the Board of Directors having general oversight in all matters relating to the community following the guidelines of The Upper Room.....the powers, property, and affairs of the community...shall be exercised, controlled and conducted by the Board of Directors."

Without a Board of Directors, there is no 4th day help, no team and no pilgrims. There would simply be no Three Rivers Walk to Emmaus. This is the time of year where the board is seeking five members to replace those whose terms will expire at the end of this year.

sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

Recently the Pittsburgh Post- Gazette carried a story about a family in Latrobe, PA, and their dog, Boone, the boxer. Boone has a "doggie door" that enables him to enter and exit the house without supervision. Unfortunately, this door can be used by other animals as well—animals like skunks.

The Grays were not at home the night an uninvited skunk came in through the doggy door. A few hours later when the family returned, Boone and the skunk were still at it. Mr. Gray managed to corner the skunk in a bedroom and have it removed by the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

Experts were called in to tell the Grays how they might restore their home to pre-fight conditions.

What the experts said was this: get rid of your clothes; toss your furniture; tear the sheet rock off its studs, and begin over. The insurance company agreed that doing those things would be the way for the Gray family to proceed. Oh, the insurance company also said something else, something like "While we feel sorry for you, and deeply regret what has happened to your home, you should know your homeowner's policy does not cover your domicile for damages done by skunks that gained entrance through a doggy door left open."

As this devotion is written, the Grays have shelled out \$70,000 and they estimate they will spend another \$50,000 before they are done reclaiming their home.

Now there ought to be a devotional point to this sad story -- and there is. The point is we need to watch what comes into the homes of our hearts.

James talks about the process of how a sin begins in a simple way. It all starts when a heart which ought to be owned by the Lord has been built with a doggy door. It doesn't take too long

Members serve for three years. The Board usually meets on the first Saturday of each month (you get July off!).

Another way to serve is to assist the board by helping out when needed for specific tasks such as making phone calls, sending emails or working with a board member on a particular project.

If God is nudging you to serve Him and our TRWE community by serving on our Board, please contact Katy Selzer at 4thDay@trwe.org.

If you have any questions, contact me or any of the other board members. Future pilgrims, team and 4th day will say, "Thanks, we couldn't have done it without you."

God's Peace to all.

Ron Hujik, Assistant Community Lay Director
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before an unchristian temptation saunters in. Left unchecked, that desire will grow and become a sin which, as James says, "brings forth death."

Now, unlike the Gray family, we do have good news for those who find their hearts have been befouled by sin. We have a Savior who can, for people of faith, remove that sin and set things straight. Scripture is clear: if we confess our sins, the Lord will forgive us our sins. But, the Bible tells us God's people are smart if they don't leave open a doggy door for sin, in the first place.

Pastor Ken Klaus
Lutheran Hour July 1, 1917

Be watchful and guard the door of your heart so that sin does not sneak up on you and plant seeds of greed, bitterness, hatred, discouragement, and all manner of evil.

Merle Timko
Community Spiritual Director

A Note From The Registrar Committee

We have a dream!! Our dream is that both Walks 101&102 will have 25 pilgrims. TRWE CLD, Chub Dietz spoke at the August Gathering about a seminar he attended. One quote was "Dreams succeed because of the hope of what will go right, not fear of what will go wrong. Dreams flow from a love for others."

It's that time of year when we ask you to dream with us and think about whom the Holy Spirit is nudging you to share the experience of the Walk to Emmaus. We are thrilled to report that we have 5 men and 15 women registered for the fall 2017 Walks thus far. Please begin praying for these pilgrims now.

They are: Walk 101--Steve Graham, Sam Goldstrohm, Chett Schall, Tim Scherf, Marvin Snyder; Walk 102--Marcie Baker, Linda Barnett, Lynn Bryan, Judy Erdley, Bina Fyock, Shauna Graham, Julie Kolacz, Joan Kriebel, Barb Krupnik, Catharine Milller, Karin Nass, Esther Rees, Donna Richards, Cindy Rumbaugh, Stacey Snyder

The Holy Spirit is working on many others out there in our community, He just needs you to be His hands, feet and mouth to extend the invitation. Sponsorship is the most important job in Emmaus!! There is someone out there just waiting for you to extend the personal invitation to them. Please prayerfully consider for those whom God is placing on your heart so that you are able to share the Lord's fire.

September 25th is the application deadline and it will be here before you know! We only accept

25/Walk, so right now, go to the www.trwe.org website and print out an application form, so you have one with you when the “Yes” response comes. We look forward to hearing from you.

DeColores,

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

What You Missed At August 11 TRWE Gathering

*Fellowship around tables – pizza, music,
seeing old friends, meeting new ones

*Music, announcements –

Did you know that there are 5 men and 15
women registered for Walks #101 and
#102? There is still room for more,
especially men! Who is the Lord placing
on your heart as someone who would
have a life-changing experience on the
Walk to Emmaus?

Did you get on the TRWE website
(trwe.org) and sign up for the prayer vigil
and 4th day help? Do you remember
when you saw that prayer vigil filled up
and realized people you didn’t even know
prayed for you BY NAME? Do you know
the Walks are being held at a new camp –
Mt. Chestnut Church of the Nazarene in
Butler PA?

*CLD Chub Dietz shared what he learned
at a seminar, how it applies to our
Emmaus Community ---

The only thing between knowledge and
action is fear. (are we afraid to serve, too
much time, don’t know how, never did it
before)

Dreams built on hope of what might go

Pilgrims to pray for:

Walk 101

Pilgrim name & Church
Sponsor

Steve Graham Galloway UMC
Sponsor: Janet Stewart

Sam Goldstrohm Dayton UMC
Sponsor: Eugene Smith

Chett Schall Elderton Presbyterian
Sponsor: Brenda Sommerville Schall

Tim Scherf The Summit AOG
Sponsor: Lynne Scherf

Marvin Snyder Paradise UMC
Sponsor: Roger Howard

right, not what could go wrong; a dream of love of what might be so much better. (The Walks are built on hope of pilgrims coming and deepening relationships with Christ.)

*And then the worship –

Team Commissioning – Lay Directors Bob Morgan and Flo Willaman and all team members present were asked to come forward so that clergy Merle Timko could lead us in prayerful support for the work they are about to do for the Lord in the upcoming Walks.

In the message we heard about the devil selling his tools, the most expensive one sitting in the corner...can you guess what it is? I imagine many of us were surprised at the answer...discouragement! Think about it, though. When you are discouraged, doesn't that take you away from being in closer contact with Jesus – guess I think of it as losing trust in Him who is able...

Receiving the gift of Holy Communion to send us forth, forgiven, loved and free

*And, of course, we ended the evening with food and fellowship...Hope you can join us on September 8 at Dutilh UM Church in Cranberry – election of new Board members happening...you are joyfully invited

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**Make a friend.
Be a friend.
Bring a friend
to Christ.**

Walk 102

Marcie Baker Christ United COC
Sponsor: Dorthy Paulovich

Linda Barnett Rural Valley UMC
Sponsor: Donna Detwiler

Esther Bowden Seward UMC
Sponsor: Karyn Harshbarger

Lynn Bryan Grace Church, Cranberry
Sponsors: Marsha Kuhns / Lil Griffith

Judy Erdley Cochran's Mill UMC
Sponsor: Doris Grafton

Lucia Denner Champion Christian Ctr
Sponsor: Lavonne Snodgrass

Bina Fyock Harmony-Zelienople UMC
Sponsors: Marsha Kuhns / Lil Griffith

Debra Germany Jesus Dwelling Place
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Esther Rees Garden City UMC
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