

Twenty Two Years of Walking with Jesus

January 2014

IMPORTANT DATES

GATHERINGS:

February 14th 7:30 Regionals

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

March 14th 7:30 All Community

- Ingomar UMC

SPRING WALKS:

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

Women's Walk #90 April 3-6
Candlelight – April 5 @ 8:30

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FROM THE COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

Hey you, yeah you. Where have you been? We've missed you at the gatherings & the teaming. We've missed your smiles, your hugs, and your friendliness. Oh, and can't forget the good snacks you would bring to share. It's been a long time since you've been around. We would love to see you again real soon.

Now, that wasn't hard, was it? All it took was a couple of minutes to say those kind words to those who haven't been around for a while. The theme of my service to the community this year is **Bringing Friends Back Together** that have lost touch. I hope to see new faces and a lot of old friends at Gatherings and hopefully on teams to serve our LORD.

In JOHN 15 verses 11-17 we are told about friendship. We are told to love each other and do as the LORD has told us to do.

I have told you this so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your cup of joy will overflow! I demand that you love each other as much as I love you. And here is how to measure it—the greatest love is shown when a person lays down his life for his friends....You didn't choose me! I chose you! I appointed you to go and produce lovely fruit always, so that no matter what you ask for from the Father, using my name, he will give it to you. I demand that you love each other, John 15: 11-17

I invite you to take the time to make a phone call or send a note or e-mail to someone that hasn't been around for a while? Wouldn't it be nice to be at the receiving end of an invitation to come out with fellow brothers and sisters to worship the LORD together? Take a few minutes and think about people that you haven't seen for a while. Pick up the phone or send a personal note, e-mail, or even visit that person to say that you would love to see them at the next Gathering.

Regional Gatherings are February 14th. What a good time to show them "love." May God bless all of you & keep you safe until we come together again.

DeColores,

Bryan Pass, 2014 Community Lay Director



FROM THE COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

Baptism: does it mean what we think it means?

One of my favorite movies of all time is Princess Bride. It is the story of a girl named Buttercup who lives on a farm. Buttercup took great delight in tormenting the hired help, a boy named Wesley. No matter what demands Buttercup made on Wesley he always answered her, "As you wish."

Eventually Buttercup found herself falling in love with Wesley. Wesley, realizing that he had no way to support Buttercup, set off into the world to seek his fortune. Word got back to Buttercup that Wesley and his entire ship had been captured by the dread Pirate Roberts who was known to take no prisoners.

While Buttercup was grieving the loss of her beloved Wesley, her beauty was noticed by Prince Humperdink. The Prince proposed and Buttercup finally accepted, thinking that since her beloved was dead, she might as well.

But, unbeknownst to Buttercup, the evil Prince Humperdink didn't really want to marry Buttercup. He hired Vizzini, a man of diabolical and dizzying intellect to kidnap the princess and kill her, making it look as though the neighboring country is responsible. The Prince wanted to go to war and expand his empire.

Vizzini and his men kidnapped the Buttercup and sailed away. While they were on the ship, one of the men kept looking behind him. Vizzini asked, "What are you looking for?" The man said that he is looking to see if anyone is following them. Vizzini answered that that would be *Inconceivable*. No one knew what they had done.

The man continued to look behind him and said, "Are you sure no one is following us?" Vizzini once again said "As I told you it would be absolutely, totally and in all other ways, *Inconceivable!*"

It turned out that a man in black WAS following them. Against all odds he caught up to them and as Vizzini and his men climbed the steep Cliffs of Insanity with Buttercup as their prisoner, the man in black continued to follow behind them.

Vizzini looked down and said, "*Inconceivable!*" Vizzini then cut the rope they used to climb up the cliff- the rope that the man in black is now using to climb up the cliff. Vizzini throws the rope over the cliff. The men look down, expecting to see the man in black smashed to pieces on the rocks below-but all is not lost. The man in black is hanging on.

Vizzini peered over the cliff and said, "He didn't fall? *Inconceivable!*" One of his men said, "You keep using that word. I do not think it means what you think it means!"

How many times do we use a word, not realizing what it means? How many of us can explain **baptism**? Why do we **baptize**? Why did Jesus need to be **baptized** if He was without sin? How does **baptism** relate to our Emmaus community? "You keep using that word, I do not think it means what you think it means!"

Baptism always seems to cause problems. The first time it was a problem was when Jesus came to be baptized by John. After all, if Jesus was the Messiah, why in the world would he need to be baptized by John? *Inconceivable!*

John tried to prevent Jesus by protesting. He told Jesus: "I'm the one who should be baptized by you, and yet you come to be baptized by me?" Jesus explained to John- and to us- that he wanted to be baptized-that this was a temporary condition and in this way "fulfill all righteousness."

So why is Jesus baptized at all?

If we connect baptism to forgiveness of sin, and if Jesus is the sinless Son of God, why would he need to be baptized? *Inconceivable!* **Rev. Cindy Parker, CSD TRWE #64**

It's Never Too Early

Greetings. It is truly a humbling honor to serve this upcoming year as your 4th Day Board Representative. I have always been a proponent of serving others as a sincere, authentic and genuine act of worship to our mighty and loving God. Please pray for me that I will serve you, and God, accordingly.

Given such, two items that I would like to put in your thoughts and prayers follow.

1. Though this year has just started, it's never too early to begin considering those to serve on the TRWE Board for the next three years (beginning January 2015). Is there someone that just lights up when chatting about how the Way, the Truth and the Light work within our Emmaus community and beyond? Perhaps someone that "GETS IT" and encourages others (through their involvement and participation). Send the person's name for the spring consideration and autumn nominations. My email address is: 4thday@trwe.org
2. Sign-ups are now available and it's never too early to sign-up for the upcoming Walks to serve as 4th Day disciples. Setting Up/Tearing Down the conference room, Serving a meal, Cleaning a bathroom (doesn't sound glamorous but oh, so appreciated – remember?), and offering prayers during the weekend – it's all worship. Online Sign-Ups are available at www.trwe.org; click on 4th Day on the left side.

Thank you my friends – and let me leave you with the words of Richard Sterns, CEO of WorldVision and author of the book *Unfinished*.

"Our churches must be training camps for right behaviors, challenging disciples to put their beliefs into action in every sphere of their lives. Believing is only the beginning."

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

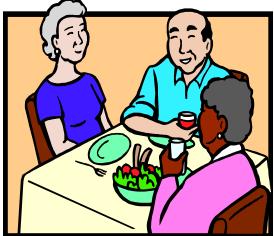
MEMORIAL SERVICE

The All Community Gathering on March 14, 2014 will be held at Ingomar UMC. At this Gathering we will have a Memorial service for those who have passed on to be with Our LORD in 2013 or for others who have passed from previous years & have not been memorialized. Please send names to Bryan Pass at bryanpass@windstream.net by February 14th. We will also be doing the team commissioning for the spring walks at this Gathering.



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REFLECTIONS FROM THE 2013 CLD



*"I thank my God every time I remember you I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel.
Phillipians 1:3-11."*

As I look back over this past year as your TRWE Community Lay Director, I realize just how fast time flies. The Apostle Paul says it so beautifully in **Phillipians 1:3-11** that I'm going to use his words--***"I thank my God every time I remember you. I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel!"***

Thank you **ALL** for your prayers and support this past year and I know you will do the same for Bryan Pass in 2014. It has been a wonderful experience to serve this community and I encourage you all to consider saying "yes" when asked to serve—in any role!!

My new role on the Board is "**Reunion Group Coordinator.**" If you are not in a Reunion Group, I encourage you to join one. If there aren't any in your area, start your own with your sponsor. It only takes two for a group😊 The accountability and support of Reunion Groups is central to the Emmaus experience. The newly updated trwe.org website has all the 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.

In closing, to continue with Paul's words ***"...And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ-to the glory and praise of God."*** **DECOLORES, Judy Grice, TRWE #40**

PURCHASING

I would like to thank everyone who has made the transition to Delores, our storage trailer namesake, a success. Between the Spring and Fall Walks last year, we were able to downsize our unused and outdated supplies. This has allowed the unloading and reloading of the trailer to become much more efficient. But this efficiency is only dependent upon the number of Community 4th Day help who are able to assist during the Walks. Your continued help is needed. We are also looking for a few additional people who have access to a vehicle which can tow the trailer from the maintenance area of the camp to the main building of the camp during the Walks. If you are able to lend a hand, please let Mike Schmidt, the new Board Rep for Purchasing, know by contacting him at mps123@zoominternet.net.

Our Community has always been very generous in helping the Board keep costs down by donating many items that we use on a regular basis. Prior to donating any items, please contact Mike Schmidt to see, if indeed, we need a particular item.

It has been a blessing these past three years to serve on the TRWE Board in various capacities. With prayers and discernment this Board past, present and future strives to follow God's will in leading this Community in its mission of finding Disciples and servant leaders for the transformation of the world. Please keep the board members in your prayers.

DeColores, Gary Pennington

SPRING 2014 WALKS

IT WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT!!!

Men's Walk #89, led by Chub Dietz as the Lay Director

- Thursday March 27th, Friday March 28th, Saturday March 29th, and Sunday March 30th.

Women's Walk #90, led by Pam Walter as the Lay Director

- Thursday April 3rd, Friday April 4th, Saturday April 5th, Sunday, and April 6th.

Deadline for Pilgrim applications is March 10th. The maximum number of pilgrims we can accept on each walk is 25. If someone drops off prior to the deadline and we have pilgrims on a waiting list, they will be called in the order that their applications were received.

It's not to early to send the applications to Bill Wiegand.

Send Pilgrim applications to:

Bill Wiegand
69 Edwin Drive
N. Huntingdon, PA 15642

bandbwiegand@aol.com

TRWE WEB SITE

Check out the new and improved TRWE.org web site. Scroll to the middle of the page if you need a:

- Pilgrim application
- Desire to Serve form
- Pilgrim and Team scholarship information
- Reunion group information
- Walk Forms (scroll down to the middle of the page).

Also, you can submit prayer request information, read daily scripture, daily devotions, access an On-line Bible Study and take the Spiritual Gifts Analysis, all while listening to praise music.

**A HUGE Thank You to
Mike Wild for creating the new TRWE.org website.
IT IS AWESOME.**



MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!!

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



February 14 – Regional Gathering	July 7 – All Community Gathering
March 14 – All Community Gathering	August 9 – Leadership Training & E-day 9AM – 5 PM
March 10 – Application Deadline	September 12 – All Community Gathering
March 27 - #89 Men's Walk	October 10 – All Community Gathering
March 29 – Candlelight - 8 PM	October 13 – Application Deadline
April 3 - #90 Women's Walk	October 30 - #91 Men's Walk
April 5 – Candlelight 8 PM	November 1 – Gathering & Candlelight 7 PM
April 11 – All Community Gathering	November 6 - #92 Women's Walk
May 9 – Regional Gathering	November 8 – Candlelight 8 PM
June 13 – All Community Gathering	December 12 – All Community Gathering

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

THE EMMAUS BOARD

A special THANK YOU to our retiring Board members **Lynne Johnson, Ricky Nelson, Gary Pennington and Maxine Ellis** for their service to our Emmaus Community! You have served us well!

2014 Board and Positions

"Servant-leadership is more than a concept, it is a fact. Any great leader, by which I also mean an ethical leader of any group, will see herself or himself as a servant of that group and will act accordingly."

--M. Scott Peck

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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

Newsletter Information

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