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Limestone-Ohio Valley Emmaus Community

Summer Issue II

While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and walked with them.

Luke 24:15

Upcoming Events:

- Gathering/Picnic at Camp Ruggles: August 26
- Men's Walk #16: Sept. 4-7, 2008
- Gathering: September 23
- Women's Walk #17: Oct. 2-5, 2008

IMPORTANT NOTE:
All Community
Gatherings are held at
7:00 p.m. at
Washington United
Methodist Church

If possible, please bring a snack to share!

Board of Directors: 9/23/08 at 5:45 pm

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Join us in August at Ruggles Campground for our Annual Outdoor Gathering and Cook-Out! Bring the Family!

Date: Tuesday—August 26, 2008 Time: 5:45 pm—Gather & Fellowship

6:00 pm—EAT!

7:00 pm—Worship Service Tabernacle

- Meats, buns, and drinks provided.
- Please bring your favorite potluck dish or dessert to share, a recipe for the cookbook—oh, and an extra lawn chair
- MUSIC: If you're interested in singing or playing in the worship team at the picnic, contact Phil Brown now at jogger2doc@windstream.net



MEN'S WALK PREPARATIONS UNDERWAY

Greetings to all you wonderful LOVE Emmaus folks! Men's Walk # 16 is progressing very well and we are in our 3rd week of team meetings. We have already been blessed with several great talks. So far, so good! All of the team is very excited for the great number of Pilgrims that we have (not to mention the great food that we have enjoyed at each team meeting)!

We are most grateful for all the prayers that each of you are lifting up, for the team and for the Pilgrims. So please keep them coming - it is such a blessing to be bathed in so many prayers.

Love and Prayers to You all! See you all at the Gathering!

George Smith Lay Director, Men's Walk #16 August

MEN'S WALK #16 TEAM MEMBERS

Charles Mallory - Spiritual Director - Asst. Sp. Dir. Mike Starkey George Smith - Lay Director Alan Leonard - Asst. Lay Dir. Michael Starkey - Asst. Lay Dir. Dell Click - Asst. Lay Dir. Tom Tavis - Prayer Servant Steve Waterfield - Prayer Servant Jonathan King - Table Leader Barry Rodbell - Table I eader Bill Perry - Table Leader Mike Burke - Table Leader Tim Ratcliff - Table Leader Joe Robinson - Table Leader Rick Satterfield - Asst. Table Ldr. Fred Kragler - Asst. Table Ldr. Rick Morgan - Asst. Table Ldr. Wid Boyles - Asst. Table Ldr. David Reveal - Asst. Table Ldr. Dan Reed - Asst. Table Ldr. Jeff Frodge - LOG Bob Smith - LOG Denny Perkins - LOG David Lewis - Tech. LOG Tom Josche - Board Rep Phil Brown - Music

Please pray for our team members, that they will serve in humility, with gratitude for the opportunity, and that they will be reminded that the Holy Spirit calls for their love, patience, kindness, gentleness and self-control in all things.

MusicMusic

Wayne Harper

Ken Applegate



MEN'S WALK #16 PILGRIMS

Les Andrews Mike Bailey Eric Baker Jerry Blanton Dean Collins Donnie Edgington Ryan Evans Al Gille Roy Gillespie James Howard Marty Huntley Jerry Huntley Matt Johnson Jack King Steve Kratzenberg Chris Reed Brant Rossman Jeremy Rutledge Troy Salsbury Craig Sanders Rick Storer Doug Thompson Roger Wilkins

This is the list of Pilgrims as of the time of publication. Please pray for these men, by name, who are answering God's call to participate in the upcoming journey to Emmaus.

Calling All Lanyards and Lanyard Makers!

We are in need of lanyards for the upcoming Men's and Women's Walks. If you have made lanyards for the pilgrim crosses, please bring them to the August and September gatherings. You still have plenty of time to bless the pilgrims by making lanyards for these fall Walks. This act of Agape will never be forgotten by the pilgrim as he/she wears their cross throughout their life.

DeColores!
Dan and Brenda Reed
Logistics Coordinators



Don't forget to be getting your Agape ready, especially for the Men's Walk. You will need 60 pieces for table agape or 30 for bedtime agape. And, remember, it needs to be equal for everyone.

Also be thinking about writing letters for the 4th day packet. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at: Agape@LOVEmmaus.org.

DeColores Bren Frodge Agape Coordinator

From The Community Lay Director

I know we have an awesome God and He does answer prayer when we get down on our knees and really seek Him. We are blessed with enough pilgrims for the Men's Walk! Twenty-four at the time of this printing!

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the Ruggles campground for the picnic. Come and enjoy the blessing God has for you. What could be better than sharing good food and fellowship with God's people? We are so Blessed!

Declores Georgjean Shelton Community Lay Director

Hello Community! The Fall Walks are just around the corner. We had a good response from Share Groups at the last Gathering for the Men's Walk to be held September 4-7. We are covered for Friday lunch, Saturday lunch and dinner, and Sunday breakfast. WE

STILL NEED HELP for Friday breakfast (we do have one share group serving that one) and dinner, Saturday breakfast, Sunday lunch and clean up.

Sign-up sheets will be at the August picnic for the Women's Walk to be held October 2-5 also. Share groups have signed up for Saturday lunch and dinner - all other TIMES ARE OPEN: Friday breakfast (again, one share group serving), lunch, dinner, Saturday breakfast, Sunday breakfast, lunch, and clean up time.

There's lots of <u>prep work</u> that needs to be done, plus <u>cooking</u>, <u>serving the meal</u>, and, of course, <u>setting up for and cleaning up after meals</u>. You can choose to do one or all these things for a particular meal. Remember on Saturday evening, team member spouses need to sign up to serve and to dress the part!

Sunday clean-up: After lunch, there is the big job of putting everything back in boxes to take to the storage building (strong backs needed here) and cleaning the kitchen and dining room so that it is, hopefully, cleaner than it was when we started.

Hope you'll be able to spend a couple of hours with us one or both week-ends. If you can't make it to the picnic, call me at 937-549-2113 or email me at kitchen@lovemmaus.org.

Kay Grooms Kitchen Coordinator

COOKBOOK UPDATE: To date 68 recipes have been turned in. We need a minimum of **200**. If we don't have enough by January we will just have to forget this project for now. If each family represented in the community would get just one recipe to me we would meet our goal!

You can email me at recipe@lovemmaus.org, mail them to Kay Grooms, PO Box 98, Manchester, OH 45144, or bring-them-to-the-picnic or a gathering or to Ruggles during the September or October walks. Kill two birds with one stonesign up to help in the kitchen, come help (prep, serve, wash dishes, clean, etc) and bring a recipe or two!

OPPORTUNITIES KNOCKING

Well, here we are again with two exciting Walks coming our way. With that are plenty of opportunities to serve God, our Pilgrims, and our Emmaus family. We still need volunteers for clean ups, both before and after the walks. If you haven't already had the pleasure of seeing it, we now have a sign-up sheet for those particular tasks in various areas out at Ruggles.

Prayer vigil posters will be circulated for both the Women's and Men's Walks. And please don't forget to look at our kitchen sign-up sheet. We need lots of helpers to make those meals great. After all, food is partly what we are known for.

Last, but surely not least, if you haven't already filled in a volunteer sheet, please do so. It is such a great resource for future teams, music, agape, and speakers. My Mom and Dad used to say that giving back to the community was a way of giving thanks for your blessings. Thanks to

all of you for sharing



DeColores Tim and Sally Teegarden Volunteer Chaircouple



The Law of the Garbage Truck

I hopped in a taxi and we took off for the airport. We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a black car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his breaks, skidded, and missed the other car by just inches! The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us. My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean he was really friendly.

So I asked, "Why did you just do that? This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!" This is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call, "The Law of the Garbage Truck."

He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger, and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they'll dump it on you. Don't take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home, or on the streets.

The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day. Life's too short to wake up in the morning with regrets, so ... "Love the people who treat you right. Pray for the ones who don't."

Submitted by Bren Frodge

From The Spiritual Director

Sometimes in the fourth days of life opportunity allows one to take another's grief — sort of like Jesus took ours — not 'exactly like' but 'sort of like' - a shadow if you will. This one is hot off the internet - well, maybe not so hot, but warm.

There is a nine-year-old kid sitting at his desk in a third grade classroom when all of a sudden, there is a puddle between his feet and the front of his pants are wet. He thinks his heart is going to stop because he cannot possibly imagine how this has happened. It's never happened before, and he knows that when the boys find out he will never hear the end of it. When the girls find out, they'll never speak to him again as long as he lives.

Charlie believes his heart is going to stop; he puts his head down and prays this prayer, 'Dear God, this is an emergency! I need help now! Five minutes from now I'm dead meat.' He looks up from his prayer and here comes the teacher with a look in her eves that says he has been discovered.

As the teacher is walking toward him, a classmate named Susie is carrying a goldfish bowl that is filled with water. Susie trips in front of the teacher and inexplicably dumps the bowl of water in Charlie's lap. Charlie pretends to be angry, but all the while is saving to himself, 'Thank you, Lord! Thank you, Lord!'

Now all of a sudden, instead of being the object of ridicule, Charlie is the object of sympathy. The teacher rushes him downstairs and gives him gym shorts to put on while his pants dry out. All the other children are on their hands and knees cleaning up around his desk. The sympathy is wonderful. But as life would have it, the ridicule that should have been his has been transferred to someone else - Susie. She tries to help, but they tell her to get out. 'You've done enough, you klutz!'

Finally, at the end of the day, as they are waiting for the bus, Charlie walks over to Susie and whispers, 'You did that on purpose, didn't you?' Susie whispers back, 'I wet my pants once, too.'

May God help us see the opportunities that are always around us to do good. Remember...Just going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in your garage makes you a car.

Each and everyone one of you has been through, is going through or is about to go through tough times, but God is getting ready to bless you in a way that only He can. As you keep the faith, may all your prayers be answered like Charlie's and may a few of your fourth day deeds be like Susie's.

Decolores Jim Finch Spiritual Director





Upcoming Walk Dates Announced!

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