



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

Luke 24:15

Upcoming Events:

- Gathering May 23
- Gathering June 27

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

If possible, please bring a snack to share!

Board of Directors:

5/30/06 at 7:00 pm

6/27/06 at 5:45 pm

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Women's Walk #12 Team News

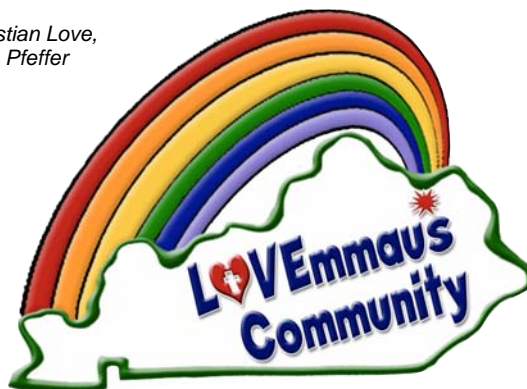
Dear Emmaus Community,

It is an honor to serve as lay director of Women's Walk #12. I have chosen **Philippians 4:13 " I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me!"** as our guide to help us focus on the task God has called us to do. I personally know this verse is true!!! Because of using this verse in past experiences and having full trust in God, I am able to accept this position I feel unworthy of, knowing I am only the vessel He will use. It is His strength not mine! That is so Good!!!

Emmaus has challenged me to grow in my spiritual walk with God. It has been through Emmaus that I have learned to let go of my will and allow God to be in control. I am always in awe of how He is in total control. He knows who the pilgrims will be, what table they need to be at, the people they need to be with, the people that need to give the talks, what they need to hear. Every detail is completely worked out in His divine plan ! By praying, meditating, and listening to His voice, I am confident this walk will be successful. I have seen so many "God Moments" happen, as I'm sure many of you have experienced also by participating in the walks, I just can't wait to see what God will unfold at this walk. Halleluiah!!! Praise the Lord!!! Emmaus has also help me shed my conservative Presbyterian upbringing.

The team for this walk is very dedicated and excited about preparing for the walk. We are all looking forward to see God working in the lives of the pilgrims. We appreciate the prayers from the community and your unending support. We look forward to seeing you at candlelight, the closing, clean-up, serving meals, agape, or whatever way you choose to participate in this walk. God Bless You All.

*In Christian Love,
 Debbie Pfeffer*



Limestone Ohio Valley Emmaus
 Maysville, Kentucky

Women's Walk #12 Team Members

Spiritual Director	Charles Mallory
- Assistant	Kenny Fox
Lay Director	Debbie Pfeffer
-Assistants	Alison Dunn
	Donna Tavis
	Theresa Mallory
Board Rep.	Colette McGinnis
Table Leaders	Shauna Spriggs
	Linda Ratcliff
	Angie Bowling
	Jutta King
	Lori Perry
	Janice Edingfield
-Assistants	Tracy Berry
	Linda Naylor
	Carol Spriggs
	Vickie Click
	Shirley Miller
	Denise Burke
Music Director	Tami Conrad
-Assistants	Andrea Wilkerson
	Mary Banks
Prayer Servants	Judy Calvert
	Bonnie Fox
Logistics	Donna Shoemaker
	Judy Nolte
	Sally Teegarden

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



The flowers are blooming and the grass is a growing. This can only mean one thing, spring cleaning! Our Women's Walk # 12 is almost here. Ruggles will need our tender, loving touch to be ready for our ladies.

Please mark the clean-up dates on your calendars!

- **Saturday, May 27th at 9:00 a.m. and**
- **Monday May 29th from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.**

Grab the mop, broom, dust pan, bucket, and cleaning supplies for the spring cleaning celebration. This would be a great time to invite your share group for a service project. Being God's servant always warms the heart and soul.

*Walene & Donnie Bennett
Volunteer Coordinators*

Women's Walk #12 Pilgrim List

Rosemary Boden
Carrie Bolender
Robin Burke
Elaine Collins
Debbie Davis
Kellie Day
Marci Forman
Judy Gambill
Angelia Glazebrook
Judy Gray
Mary Harper
April Henderson
Karen Lewis
Georgia McFarland Seabolt
Tanya Mitchell
Traci Nickel
Marianne Rossman
Anita Savoie
Ruth Saylor
Tammy Unger
Nedra Vogler
Janet Walters
Alyssa West
Melanie Wilson
Kathy Young

**PLEASE NOTE: There are still openings available for pilgrims on this walk. If you have someone who may be interested, please contact Registrar, Cyndi Frodge at membership@lovemmaus.org as soon as possible.
*Thank you!***

God's Will

As I begin to prepare my May message to the LOVE Community I find myself revisiting events leading up to our last gathering. As most of you are aware by now Men's Walk #12 has been postponed until September as we had only nine (9) pilgrims registered for that walk weekend. Our community rules require fifteen (15) pilgrims registered two weeks prior to the walk weekend. The team as well as members of the LOVE Community board struggled with some tough decisions but God is faithful and saw us through this process.

I addressed this issue during the April gathering framing the postponement of Men's Walk #12 as God's Will for our community. We have no problem as a community observing that during the time of team formation "this is God's team", pilgrims attend walks "in God's time", when previewing talks "these are God's talks", etc. Nothing happens in God's world by accident.

This is not a time for sadness or condemnation but a time to rejoice in the fact that God's Will IS at work within the LOVE Community. I encourage each of you to join me in prayer to seek God's face, listening to the Holy Spirit for guidance as we discern how God is calling each of us to be His hands and feet as we serve Him through the gift that is Emmaus. As we discern His Will and turn to Him He will heal our community and prosper us to His Glory!

*DeColores!
Roger Cheesbro
Community Lay Director*



Thoughts on Sponsorship

Please remember that we still have spots available on the upcoming Women's Walk #12, and it is not too late to consider sponsoring someone.

Likewise, it is not too EARLY to start considering who you might sponsor for the Men's Walk in the fall. Below are some things to remember:

- Start with prayer. Pray that God will show you the person who is ready, willing, and in need of the Emmaus experience.
- Present the Walk to your would-be pilgrim. **Take the attitude that you are giving the person a wonderful gift rather than he/she "needs to go."**
- Wait for his/her decision.
- Work actively to support the pilgrim, before, during and after the Walk.
- Do not take sponsorship responsibilities lightly or carry them out casually or haphazardly.
- Pray extensively, with diligent thought, careful planning and follow through.

*DeColores,
George Smith—Sponsorship Chair*

I Wish I Knew Then What I Know Now!

Hello again from your Good Shepherd! This article comes from one of those "wish I knew then what I know now" experiences. When I went on my Emmaus Walk, I was actually sponsored by someone whom I didn't know very well. I went to the Southern Ohio Emmaus community in Logan, Ohio where I knew not one single person on the team or any other pilgrim. It was planned by God and absolutely the perfect way for me to be able to feel free to open up to what He had to offer. I would not have changed a thing about my walk. It was life changing for me.

The problem occurred when I came home from my Emmaus walk. No one else from my church had been on an Emmaus walk and so I believed there was no one to form a share group with. It wasn't until two years later when Charles Mallory came to pastor our church and mentioned being involved in the LOVE Emmaus community that I was finally able to talk to some-

one about my experience. He invited me to a gathering and I have been involved ever since.

Now that I am the Good Shepherd of this wonderful community, I have learned some very important things about share groups. If I had only realized after my walk that there was a Good Shepherd who could have helped me to find another Emmaus community close to home. I'm sure that it was mentioned but maybe like me there was so much for your brain to process over the weekend that you may have missed a few little details.

If you have tried to find a share group, are the solo Emmaus member in your church, or attended the walk in a community far from your home and need any assistance in finding a share group, please know that I am available to assist you in any way that I can.

*DeColores,
Donna Tavis—The Good Shepherd
GoodShepherd@lovenemmaus.org*

From the Spiritual Director

Hello Beautiful Emmaus People!!

Scripture tells us that Jesus was a man "acquainted with sorrow, knowing disappointment and tears" Isaiah 53, Hebrews 5. I've often wondered how disappointed Jesus was when after teaching his disciples for 3 years the ways of the heavenly kingdom, and on his last night as a human saw them begin to dispute over which one was the greatest.

In the face of this disappointment Jesus speaks in Luke 22. 25-29. The essence of those words are in verse 22. "But let him who is the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as the servant." In the past few weeks as a community, we've all felt the disappointment of having to cancel Men's Emmaus Walk #12 because of the lack of pilgrims. In our last team meeting, we, as well as Roger Cheesbro, chairperson of the board, sat down to process the best we could our feelings as a group. What could we have done differently? What's the next step?

First of all, we were in unanimous agreement that even though things didn't work out as we'd hoped, we all experienced a new sense of unity and spiritual growth through our commitment to meet and become a team in this endeavor as brothers in Christ. It was truly wonderful and a bit scary at times! Secondly, we all agreed that one of the saddest things for God to see is when his people hold on to disappointments, blaming themselves and others, not learning anything about themselves and God's Grace because of an event.

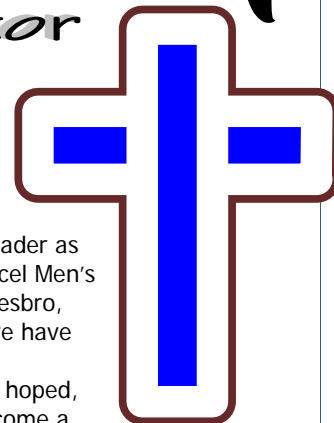
With that said, it's significant that we as a community note Jesus' words in this particular time of disappointment. He focuses on serving! "Let those who are the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as the servant."

Have you noticed the dynamic that quite often exhibited by the "youngest" member of a group? They're fresh, excited, and "a rarin' to go". The older members quite often grin, wink, and nudge one another, saying, "Let em' loose and thank God they're grabbing hold cause' I've paid my dues in this thing and I'm backing off."

There may be times that we "back off" serving on an Emmaus week-end, or even going to gatherings or connecting to a reunion group, but we should never get so old that we forget that as disciples our lives will always be about the process of "sponsoring" others to get to know God better. As disciples, we're constantly about establishing certain spiritual processes in our lives to make heaven's business of saving souls successful. All of our lives we set our hearts to be about God's business of polishing and refining our skills to help others become more firmly established in their faith. That's the main reason I'm committed to Emmaus. It's a tool to make others successful for God through my service.

What's next? We're planning to have Men's Emmaus Walk #12 Fall 2006. In the meantime, God always would have us enlarging and sharpening our mental and spiritual processes for expanding and strengthening His Kingdom on earth. He'd have us pray about Him opening doors to help us see those he knows who are hungry for a new life. (even when maybe we can't initially tell it). He'd have us be intentional about beginning to make a list of people we daily target prayerfully for salvation and spiritual growth to be mighty in God. God tells us in Romans 8.28: "He causes all things to work together for our good". This is specifically for "those who love Him and are called according to His purposes." As a community we love the Lord and open ourselves in new ways to serve Him.

*DeColores,
Michael Canada, Gulf Coast Emmaus #22, Table of Peter*





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Upcoming Walk Dates

Walk #12

Women: June 1-4, 2006

Walk #13

Men: September 7-10, 2006

Women: October 5-8, 2006

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