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L.O.V.Emmaus Community

Limestone-Ohio Valley Emmaus Community

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L.O.V.E. COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Luke 24:15

Upcoming Events:

- Gathering May 26
- Ruggles Clean-Up: May 30 (9:00 am) & June 1 (5:00 pm)
- Gathering May 26 June 23
- Women's Walk #18 6/4 - 7

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:
5/26/09 at 5:45 pm
6/23/09 at 5:45 pm

*Cry out to ME
to do the
UNEXPLAINABLE
and the
UNDENIABLE,
so MY church
will become
UNSTOPPABLE!*

- God

From our LAY DIRECTORS OUR COMMUNITY

Blessings on each of you! Congratulations to Alan and the Team for a job well done and welcome to our newest members from Men's Walk #17!

And thank you to every one of you for Pilgrim applications, for your prayers, all the great Agape, the many letters, and for taking the time to do the grooming and clean-up at Ruggles. Thanks also for being there for the opening Sponsorship hour, candlelight and closing. However, we need more of you involved. Please.

Janice Edingfield has a great team assembled for Women's Walk #18. Please be in Prayer for the team and Pilgrims. See you at the Gathering May 26!

God bless each of you!
George Smith
Community Lay Director

WOMEN'S WALK #18

Dear Emmaus Community,

Let me begin by saying what an honor and privilege it is to serve as Lay Director of Women's Walk #18. At this writing we have had two team meetings and they have been awesome. God has put together a wonderful team and I know great things are going to happen through them. Our scripture for the weekend is Matthew 11:28, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest", because we know some of the Pilgrims will come with burdens that need to be left behind.

Thanks to all of you for the prayers you have already lifted up on our behalf and for those you will continue to lift up until the weekend is complete. The team and I hope you'll plan to attend the candlelight and closing services, and perhaps we'll even see you serving meals or in other ways you choose to serve our Lord and the Pilgrims throughout the weekend. May God richly bless each of you.

DeColores,
Janice Edingfield, Lay Director
LOVE Community Women's Walk #18

MEN'S WALK #17

The L.O.V.E. Community held Men's Walk #17 April 30th through May 3rd at Ruggles Campground.

Seventeen men came to Ruggles as Pilgrims with the hope of experiencing a better understanding of God's grace. And through the Agape love of the Community this hope was realized. Thank you to all in the L.O.V.E. Community who gave of their time, talents, and prayers to make this a successful Walk.

A special thank you to the Team of Men's Walk #17. They did a wonderful job of being the hands and feet of Christ.

DeColores,
Alan Leonard, Lay Director
Men's Walk #17



Blessings & Opportunities!

Hi ya volunteer buddies!

As usual, you have been wonderful in signing up for the prayer vigil, only 13 spaces left to fill in for the Women's Walk!

We do desperately need helpers for our clean-up crews, including the tabernacle, landscaping, boy's dorm, shelter house, cottages and conference building. The dates and times are:

Saturday, May 30th, 9 am-3 pm and

Monday, June 1st, 5-8 pm.

The tabernacle and landscaping are big jobs, and we have only one volunteer for each on that Saturday. The sign-up sheet will be available at the next gathering.

DeColores!

Tim and Sally Teegarden
Volunteer Chaircouple

Kitchens & Cookbooks



Community Members,

Thanks to all who helped in the kitchen the week-end of the Men's Walk, especially to Tim Ratcliff who was wonderful help all weekend long.

It's time for the Women's Walk the first week-end in June - please let me know if you would like to help in the kitchen. Many of you signed up to help already - I thank you and look forward to working with you. We mostly need people to serve **Saturday lunch** and **Sunday breakfast and lunch**. If you can come those times call me at 937-549-2113 or email me at kaywgrooms@yahoo.com.

Don't forget to bring a covered dish and join us on Thursday evening to send the team and Pilgrims off for their weekend after an enjoyable meal. Meat and drinks are furnished, so all we need are vegetables, salads and desserts. Hope to see a good crowd on Thursday evening.

God's blessing to all who serve so that these walks can take place.

Kay Grooms
Kitchen Coordinator



SPONSORSHIP

I am glad to see so many Pilgrims going on the Walks. We had 18 on the past Men's Walk and there are over twenty signed up for the Women's Walk. Great job!

The fall Walks will soon be upon us so be thinking of people to sponsor. July 23 is the deadline for the Men's Walk in September and August 20 for the Women's Walk in October. Be praying for these Walks and for those who God has planned to attend these Walks. Our prayers will change lives. Continue to be faithful and God will answer your prayers. Thank you for going out and "beating the bushes"!



Sponsorship Chair,
Michael Starkey

A woman had just returned to her home from an evening of church services, when she was startled by an intruder. She caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables and yelled: "Stop! Acts 2:38!"

The burglar stopped in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done. As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar, "Why did you just stand there? All the old lady did was yell a scripture at you."

"Scripture?" replied the burglar. "She said she had an Ax and Two 38s!"

Repent and be Baptized, in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins may be forgiven. Acts 2:38

ANONYMOUS SERVANTHOOD

Thanks to each of you who helped with logistics on the last Men's Walk. Many of you made lanyards for the Pilgrim crosses. In fact you made enough lanyards for the Women's Walk also!

I know that many of you would like to have a way to serve and help with Emmaus Walks. As far as logistics, the Walk's Logs can usually use a hand with set-up for candlelight. Another way to help with logistics is to bring small toiletry items to be used in the baskets in the dorm spaces. The clean-up after candlelight is another time to volunteer to help the Walk's Logs get the supplies returned to the Log Room and neatly stored.

Again, thanks for making the Emmaus Walks a blessing to the Pilgrims as you help to supply their needs through logistics.

Dan and Brenda Reed
Logistics Coordinators

From the Ol' Reverend ...



Some years ago a man by the name of Charles Hummel wrote a magazine article entitled: "The Tyranny of the Urgent." He says, "We live in constant tension between the "urgent" and the "important". The problem is that the important task rarely has to be done today, or this week or even this year. Tasks like Bible study, prayer, a note or visit to a friend or the careful study of a good book are important but not urgent." Because our lives are so filled with the urgent, the important waits and waits and waits...!

The momentary appeal of the "urgent" becomes irresistible so that our energy and life become dissipated on what was not all that important. An understanding of time and eternity tell us that there is nothing more important than our relationship with Jesus Christ our Lord. He says at John 15:5, "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."

Let's forgo as much of the "urgent" as possible so that we may be obedient in fulfilling the "important" tasks of abiding in Him and bearing fruit.

DeColores!
Jim Finch
Community Spiritual Director

SHIRTS! SHIRTS! SHIRTS!

New LOVE Community T-Shirts will be available in a variety of colors and sizes at the next gatherings and prior to candlelight. In addition to our traditional community logo, we will be offering an alternate design, which will be similar to the one included here, and will be screen printed on the left chest.

We are also taking orders for long sleeve denim shirts (\$25 and up, depending on size; samples available to try on for sizing and fit purposes), and for short sleeve golf shirts (\$18 and up, dependent on size; colors available will be white, red, maize and light blue). Both of these will be offered in left chest embroidery with your choice of either logo.

Please see or contact Stella Hull (christiantreasures@maysvilleky.net) or Rebecca Smith (rebecca.smith@roadrunner.com) for further details or questions. Thanks!



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A Biblical Peter Principle

What God did through the Apostle Peter encourages me. Maybe it's because his personality and mine are similar. I think the three words I use most are, "I'm so sorry."

We are both frequently loud. In John 13, As Jesus washed His disciples' feet, Peter proclaims "you shall never wash my feet (13:8)." I once told a woman I wanted to get to know I didn't recognize her after not seeing her for several months - no wonder she later said she was uncomfortable around me. We both speak first and think later. At the Transfiguration in Matthew 17, Peter, James and John had just seen Jesus speak with Moses and Elijah, and Peter wants to build three shelters.

And we both wear our emotions on our sleeves, on our shoes, on our coats and socks (maybe Peter didn't have socks; work with me here). Sometimes I can be aggravatingly thin-skinned. But Peter is also the one who twice says of Jesus, "You are the Christ."

One more thing: First Peter 1:3 says, "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ..." Peter teaches that God's "great mercy" is also a bunch of little mercies available to us.

Since God used the sometimes arrogant, frequently crude fisherman who denied Christ three times to teach great truths of His love and forgiveness, He can also use us today when we let Him. That's encouraging.

DeColores!
Ray Schaefer
LOVE Community Men's Walk #15



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Upcoming Walk Dates Announced!

Women #18: 6/4 – 7, 2009

Men #18: 9/3 – 6, 2009

Women #19: 10/1 – 4, 2009

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