Greetings from the Board of Great River Walk to Emmaus!

The Great River Emmaus Gathering community, now some 11 years old, has continue to mature to the point that we now have been chartered by the Upper Room as an independent community, with our own bylaws and Board. Having been elected by our community, we have now met and are preparing to serve the GRE community. Henceforth we shall be the Great River Emmaus Community.

Since the new board has been elected, we have had 2 successful walks—#9 led by LD Tom Ford and #10 with LD Donna Reid. --and with them, 34 new men and women pilgrims have now joined the family of the GRE community.

Without the support of the community, the board cannot successfully support the Emmaus mission, hold walks and reunions, and support the church of Jesus Christ. We will be forming committees and task forces for further our duties; we will need your help to move forward. Please respond as you are called to do so, and serve on a committee. Come to a weekend and carry a food tray, hold a candle, pray in the agape chapel, write a letter (yes, even to someone you do not know!), and support those who are working to offer to new pilgrims the same intense spiritual experience that was offered to you. And come to a board meeting--we are open to the community, we meet the 4th Monday of each month from 7-8:30pm at Union UMC (11th and State in Quincy) and all are welcome. (We next meet on April 25—the March meeting is superseded by the board retreat).

Meet the officers and board members:
Chairman Dave Lockhart
Vice Chairman Dan Clair
Secretary Nancy Miller
Assistant Secretary/media rep Dana Reid
Treasurer Sharon Oberdahlhoff
Lay members: James Abbott, Donnie Barton, Barb Edwards, Mandy Hatchel, Donna Reid, David Schutz, and James Wyatt.
Spiritual Director Nadine Preston
Clergy members: Mark Smith and Tom Lemons

Dave Lockhart, Board Chmn.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life"
(John 3:16).

On the Road to Emmaus

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. As they were talking with each other about everything that had happened, As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him.

Enriching Thoughts
Submitted by Dave Lockhart

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Spring 2016
Walk #9  Submitted by Tom Ford

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The weekend went good with just a few issues. Issue one was when Marvin got sick and couldn’t be there on Thursday night. However he made it Friday morning and did a great job leading with music all weekend. Question I didn’t know what the protocol would of been if Marvin couldn’t of done the weekend. Dave Lockhart stepped up until Marvin got there.

Issue two was me not feeling good from Friday morning to the end of the weekend so I know I wasn’t on top of my game. I know I messed some things up and I had to be out of the conference room several times because of these health issues.

Issue three was when Jeff got sick Saturday night and wasn’t able to participate Sunday. Issue four was with the computer it looked like there was a virus in the computer. We also had an issue finding some things in the storage room.

All three assistants did a great job keeping everything on schedule all weekend only once did we get behind and that when we had a table who stayed in the chapel too long. Need to pass on to next assistants that they need to keep an eye on the time at this time of the weekend. At this time we had some tables that didn’t have a discussion time for the means of grace talk. And no posters were done at that time so what I had the tables do in place of posters for the talks I had them all make sure that they did a summy for the poster time. Thursday night in the chapel need a little more light to read the book.

No issues with length of talks.

Food was good

Tom Ford,
Lay Director Walk #9

Walk #10 submitted by Donna Reid

The Great River Emmaus Web site is up and running if you need extra applications or more information you can get it at www.greatriveremmaus.org

Every walk I have been involved with always ends with “I think this is the BEST walk ever”, And I have to agree. Walk #10 was the best walk ever, but every walk is the best walk ever when we allow God to work through us.

Walk #10 was no exception from the beginning on Thursday evening to the closing on Sunday and all of our Fourth days after, GOD is good, all the time. We may go through some valleys but if we keep our eyes open, God will bring us through.

We listened to talks, ate great food, made exceptional posters and skits, and shared laughter and tears at our tables. And we did eat some great food, did I mention that. The team stepped up to the plate where ever needed and the Pilgrims bloomed like a beautiful flower of spring from a bud on Thursday night to a bull blossom on Sunday. What a joy to see that happen. For the new members of the Great River Community, please come and serve in the kitchen, work room, and agape chapel this summer for a couple of hours, a day or all weekend, just come and serve and experience Emmaus in a different way.

Remember Faith is the Substance of things Hoped for, the Evidence of things Not seen.

DeColores,
Donna Reid,
Lay Director Walk #10
Winter Walks

Next Walks—ALL AT THE QU retreat center:
pre weekend July 7-10
#11 July 28-31, 2016, LD Randy Johnson (men)
#12 Aug 11-14, 2016, LD Kathy Wyatt (women)
Prep weekend Jan 6-8, 2017 Prep weekend July 7-9, 2017
#13 Jan 26-29 (men) #15 July 27-31 (men)
#14 Feb 16-19 (women) #16 Aug 10-13 (women)

Make sure to get your pilgrims signed up before January 15 for the men and for the January 29 women 2016. A copy of the Sponsors form and Pilgrims are included in this letter. Send them together to the registrar with your $25 deposit.

IMS—Update

If you haven’t’ tried to sign into the IMS yet we ask that you please do so soon at gre.inetmember.com do not put the www in front of it. Your username is your email address and password is gregre. If this doesn’t work you need to contact Mike Oberdolhof at 217-223-8686.

Gatherings

GREAT RIVER WALK TO EMMAUS GATHERINGS

The next Great River Emmaus Gathering will be Saturday, April 16, 6-8 p.m. at Loraine, IL United Methodist Church, 610 E. Center St. Carry-in foods would be appreciated. Everyone is invited, including people who have not been on a weekend event. Childcare will be provided. If you would be able to give a brief Fourth-Day talk or assist with the organization of this Gathering, please contact Tom Lemons at JLemons@nemonet.com.

April GRE Gathering  Saturday, April 30, 2016
5:00 PM Worship Service (the normal weekly Palmyra United Methodist Church Saturday evening worship) Afterwards Fellowship Palmyra United Methodist Church 110 West Olive. From 61 turn at the Maincross (Hardees) Exit. Continue west to the stop sign (Main street). Cross Main street and take next left (Dickerson). Church is two blocks on the left.

(If you would like to have a gathering or are planning one let us know so that we can get a message out to the community.)

Musicians

Musicians are in desperate need. Barb Edwards is willing to teach people how to play the guitar as an agape. If you are interested in learning how to play you can contact her at bje1285@bje@yahoo.com or 217-779-7974.
Also, if you know how to play or sing let us know so that we can get you on a team as a musician.

“He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.”
2Thessalonians 2:14
Great River Emmaus Gather Community Reunion Groups  
(this is not an all inclusive listing.)

**Mixed Reunion Group/ Bible Study**
This group meets every Tuesday night at Steve & Patty Bunch’s home located at 5026 Sunview Drive, Quincy, IL from 7 pm till approx. 8:30 pm. You can contact Steve Bunch at 217-257-8312 for more information.

This mixed Group meets every Friday at 12:30 pm at different area restaurants. Contact Candy Moore at 217-430-9734 or Dana Reid at 573-470-5000 for more information and to be added to the email notification list.

Road to Damascus Reunion Group meets at different places in Quincy on Thursday nights from 6-8 pm for more information contact Tim Kamradt at 217-440-3084 or wolfsnake3@yahoo.com.

**Edina & Memphis, MO Area:** This reunion group meets in Edina, MO every Wednesday starting with a meal at 5 pm and reunion 6 pm at Lucky’s Restaurant. Gatherings held in Edina, MO every other month on the 2nd Sat, beginning at 6 pm at the United Methodist Church in Edina. Contact Helen Hettinger at 660-434-5386 for more information.

**Men’s Reunion Groups**
- **Quincy:** This mixed Cursillo and Emmaus pilgrims group meets every other Wednesday nights from 7:30 pm at St. Francis Rectory. Contact Dave Lockhart at dwl1001@comcast.net for more information.
- **Missouri:** Men’s Reunion Group meets every Thursday night at 8 pm in the shop at Ed Reid’s 31369 State Hwy V, LaGrange, MO. Contact Ed Reid at 573-248-6270.
- **White Hall area:** Men’s Reunion Group meets every Monday at the White Hall Christian Church at 7 pm. Contact Dave Schutz at 217-473-4276.
- **Macomb area:** Men’s Reunion Group meets Tuesday mornings at 6:45 am at eh Old Dairy. For more information contact Mike Coplan at mikecoplan@gmail.com

**Women’s Reunion Groups**
- **Quincy:** The Gathering Place Women’s Reunion Group meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month 1 pm at the Gathering Place on 1704 Nth 24th St., Quincy, IL contact Tammy Carman 217-257-5603.
- **White Hall Area:** Women’s Reunion Group meets the 1st and 3rd Monday night at 1st Christian Church beginning at 6 pm. Contact Mandy Hatchell 217-883-2281.
- **Macomb Area:** Women’s Reunion Group contact Kathy Wyatt at 309-836-1656.

If you would like to add your reunion group to the list send it to Dana Reid at eddanareid@marktwain.net or give to the workroom crew. Thank you!
SUPPORT CREW SERVICE COMMITMENT - AGAPE CHAPEL, WORKROOM, and KITCHEN SERVICE TEAMS

The Great River Emmaus Gathering Community Support Crew Service Committee needs your help in determining those who desire to serve on a team. Please complete this form and return to:

Roy & Nancy Miller
Support Crew Committee Chairpersons
6586 CR 423
Palmyra, MO 63461
573-221-9498
nmiller@blessinghospital.com

I made my   Walk # ________ or Cursillo # ________ in (City): ______________

I have already served on a: O Walk    O Chrysalis    O Cursillo

I served as an: O Assistant Table Leader    O Service Team    O Musician

Other ________________________________

Speaker (Talk Names) ____________________________________________

________________________________________

Where? ______________________________________________

Name _______________________________ E-mail ______________________

Address ________________________________

City __________________ State ______ Zip __________

Phone (_____) ______________________ Date ______________________

_____ I would like to work anywhere, as needed.

_____ I would like to serve in the Agape Chapel.

_____ I would like to serve in the workroom during the Walk.

_____ I would like to serve in the kitchen during the Walk.

_____ I have included additional comments/information on the back of this form.

_____ Please remove me from the mailing list permanently.

(Duplicate this form as needed.)
TO BE COMPLETED BY SPONSOR
Quincy/Great River Application   (Duplicate as needed)
Circle Below Where Applicable

Name:____________________________________Address:____________________________________
City:____________________________________ State:_________________ Zip Code:_____________
Phone: (     ) _____________________ Emergency Phone: (     ) __

Name of church now attending: _______________________________Pastor’s Name____________________

Do you attend regularly? Yes No When did you make your Emmaus/Cursillo/Chrysalis Walk? _________ Where:
__________________________________Emmaus/Cursillo/Chrysalis Number: ______________ Have you been a
sponsor before?   Yes   No     If yes, when: ___________________________________

Are you now in a weekly Reunion Group? Yes  No Are you praying & sacrificing for your candidate: Yes No  How
long and well have you known your Candidate? ______________________________________________

Why do you feel this person would be a good Candidate? _______________________________________

________________________________________________________________________________________________

Does the Candidate have the physical, emotional & mental health needed for an Emmaus weekend? Yes No

Is your Candidate under any temporary emotional strain that might indicate their weekend would/should be postponed?
Yes No

If your Candidate is married?   Yes   No     Do they both plan on attending Walk to Emmaus?   Yes   No

Medical Reason?   Yes   No Other Reason: _______________________________________________________

Will you bring your Candidate to the Emmaus site on Thursday Night?   Yes   No Someone else?   Yes   No

Will you attend Sponsor’s Hour?   Yes   No Apostolic Hour?   Yes   No Closing?   Yes   No

Can you care for the needs of your candidate’s spouse/family over the weekend?   Yes   No

Are you aware of the importance of minimal or no contact with the candidate during the weekend, especially if the can-
didate is your spouse?   Yes   No

Does your candidate need a scholarship from the Great River Emmaus Gathering Community?   Yes   No

Are you willing to assist your candidate in getting into a Weekly Reunion Group?   Yes   No

Sponsor’s Signature: ___________________________________________  Date:  ________________

A non-refundable deposit of $25 is required by you or your Candidate to be applied to the total cost of $150

~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ THIS APPLICATION WILL BE HELD IN STRICT CONFIDENTIALITY ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~
CANDIDATE APPLICATION
Quincy/Great River Registration
(Duplicate at Needed)

TO BE COMPLETED BY CANDIDATE:

Name: ___________________________________ Address: ________________________________________

City:_____________________ State:___________ Zip Code:_______ Phone:____________________

Name preferred on Nametag:________________________________ Your Age:___________

Divorced Separated Single Widowed (Circle One)

If married, spouse’s name: __________________________________

Will they go on as Emmaus Walk?    Yes   No    (Circle One)       (Submit at the same time)

Has your spouse ever attended? Emmaus Chrysalis Cursillo No (Circle One)

Emergency Phone Number ________________ Occupation: ___________________________________

Church now attending: _________________________ Pastor’s Name: ___________________________

In what religious or community organizations are you active? ___________________________________ Has the Walk to Emmaus been explained to you?    Yes    No    (Circle One)

Have weekly reunions and other Emmaus follow-up meetings been explained?    Yes    No    (Circle One)

Are you on a special diet?    Yes    No    If so, what?_______________________________(So meals can be planned)

Special medication?    Yes    No    If so, what?_______________________________(To remind you of times)

Do you have a health problem or physical handicap that may affect participation on an Emmaus weekend? Yes   No

If yes, please specify:____________________________________(Wheelchair, etc.)

State briefly why you wish to be involved in the Emmaus Community and what you expect from it:

____________________________________________________________________________________________

____________________________________________________________________________

Candidate Signature: __________________________________________ Date:___________________

All of the above information is necessary for your proper placement in a Walk to Emmaus. Please fill in all the blanks. Please enclose a registration deposit of $25.00 unless Sponsor is paying. This will be applied to your total cost of $150.00 that partially offsets the expenses of the weekend. This deposit is not refundable.

Make your check payable to: Great River Emmaus Gathering Community or GREGC

~~~~~~~~~~~~ THIS FORM WILL BE HELD IN STRICT CONFIDENTIALITY ~~~~~~~~~~~
MEMORIAL OR IN HONOR OF

If you would like to donate a Memorial to GREC or would care give a Gift of Honor for an Anniversary, at Retirement, Birthday, in Recognition of an Accomplishment (Teacher of the Year or the like) or other special Occasion, please send it to:
(GREC Treasurer)

A card of recognition will be sent to the family or the honoree. Be sure to supply an address or enclose a stamped envelope addressed to whom you request to receive the card.

Great River Walk to Emmaus©
Quincy, Illinois

In appreciation of the gift in the amount of _______________ received

(in loving memory of)* ________________________________________

From: ___________________________________________________

Date _________________

*(Or Accomplishment, Birthday, etc.)
GREAT RIVER EMMAUS MEN’S WALK # 9

ROW #1: Charles Baker, James Abbot, Rex Link, Mike Wilson, Tom Ford, Kevin Cadwell, Nadine Preston, Dave Lockhart

ROW #2: LEN NORTHCUUTT, RON CRABTREE, DAVID JONES, Tim Kamradt, Charlie Janus, Daren Griesbaum, BRANDON VANCAMP, Steve Martin

ROW #3: PARKER KIRKPATRICK, DOUG THORNTON, Sonnie Meredith, Joe Booth, RUSSELL GLUAE, BRAD BALLARD, Mack Ellis, KEITH FULLER, DWAYNE GOODWIN

ROW #4: Allen Vinyard, Rick Bridges, TERRY SHEETS, DANNY FORD, BRANDON KOCH, Greg Lee, Elvin Hodges, Will Hatchel, Mark Smith

ROW #5: Jeff Haskell, MIKE FRY, BROWNY ROTHWEILER, Tyler Moore, MARCUS DEEGE, GARY ABBOTT, Rusty Schultz, KENT VONDERHEIDE, PRESTON MCKINNON

Not Pictured: Marvin Meservey

Pilgrims are denoted in bold print
GREAT RIVER EMMAUS WOMEN'S WALK #10
February 18-21, 2016

ROW #1: KATHY WHITE, Barb Edwards, LaVon Baker, Donna Reid, Cheryl Alberts, Harla Friesz, TERESA ALTHOFF

ROW #2: Gale Pope, Patty Johansen, BARB KENADY, DESNIEE FORD, Patty Martin, Carolyn Kling, MS PAT MARTIN, Patty Edwards

ROW #3: Deb Meservey, DEB NORTHCUITT, SALLY BAIR, DEBBIE HOWARD, GEE-MIN GLAUE, Joyce Whitaker, LORI LAWSON, Linda Murry

ROW #4: Sheryl Vinyard, Cindy Prentice, TAFI LATHROP, APRIL FOHEY, Julie Howard, Jackie Booth, Tammy Carman, Debbie Sieck, Mark Dickerson

ROW #5: STEPHANIE DEEGE, Donna Davis, Brandy Miller, Millie Kirkpatrick, TAMMY BIGLEY, MARQUITA BANNON, JEAN NORRIS, Annelle Ruemmler, Mandy Hatchel

Pilgrims are denoted in BOLD print.
**Walk to Emmaus**

*Quincy Franciscan Retreat Center*

**Sponsor’s Hour:**
Thursday at 8:00 p.m.

**Apostolic Hour:**
Saturday at 8:30 p.m.

**Closing:**
Sunday at 4:30 p.m.

www.greatriveremmaus.org

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**Who to Contact?**

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Good Hope, IL 61438
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Quincy, IL 62301
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La Grange, MO 63448
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mtolivetum@marktwain.net
Please put “GRWE” in the subject line.

**Support Crew Service Coordinators**
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