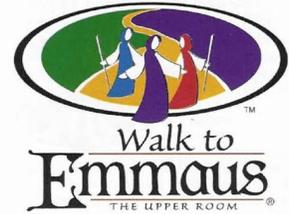


FOURTH DAY

Newsletter



Great River Emmaus

Thoughts from our Lay Director Kathy Wyatt

Greetings to all in the Great River Walk to Emmaus Community. This message is coming to you from Kathy Wyatt. I am the interim Community Lay Director for G.R.E. until the end of this calendar Year.

At this time G.R.E. is looking towards the future for our members and future Board members to help direct our actions. Later on in this newsletter, I hope you will read about the individuals who have stepped out in faith to run for the Emmaus Board. Familiarize yourself with these fine individuals by reading their information and prayerfully consider voting for them.

It goes without saying that it has been a challenging time for all of us: our faith, family, and fellowship.

I encourage everyone to continue to pray for a time when we can get together again to host walks. This is something that the Board has been struggling with for many months because we want to make a healthy decision for the whole community.

Don't lose faith, Christ is counting on us and we are counting on Christ.

De Colores,

Kathy Wyatt

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At Colchester United
Methodist Church 7 PM

“You Gentiles, be full of joy. Be Joyful together with God's People.”
Deuteronomy 32:43

On the Road to Emmaus
13And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about three-score furlongs. 14And they talked together of all these things which had happened. 15And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them. 16But their eyes were holden that they should not know him. Luke 24:13-16

GRE COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

Have you noticed the GRE monthly UPDATE? It is generated following board meetings to share information.

Our GRE board meetings continue to be through Zoom, which makes it difficult to encourage community participation. The monthly update was developed to keep our community in the communication loop.

If there is anyone within your Reunion Group who does not receive the updates or newsletter, please let Jeff Haskell know by emailing jeff13haskell@gmail.com

The board would soon like to resume meeting in person.

Facebook

Watch Facebook for timely information. The last few events have been available as Facebook events. That's handy since it is possible to quickly see details (such as start time and location). Anyone who has attended a walk can request to be included in the private FB group. A few questions will be asked, which must be answered before joining the group.

Upcoming walks around the world are posted on Facebook so we can pray for those pilgrims and teams. Several of the walks posted were actually cancelled or postponed (like ours). Once they are on the Upper Room Website, they remain even if they do not occur.

GreatRiverEmmaus.org

The GRE website is another community tool. It contains our newsletters/updates, applications/forms, general information, and gives an opportunity for people to donate.

Upcoming Walks

After postponing Summer 2020, Winter 2021, and Summer 2021 walks, it is exciting to think about potential upcoming winter walks.

The following dates are reserved on Quincy University's calendar:

- Men's Walk #27 tentatively set for January 27-30, 2022
- Women's Walk #28 tentatively set for February 24-27, 2022
- Prep Weekend tentatively set for January 7-9, 2022

This past year the Logistics Team spent a considerable amount of time looking at different location options. While the intention was to hold the Summer 2021 Walks at LaMoine Christian Camp, the 2022 Winter Walks will be held at Quincy University.

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We can expect changes for upcoming walks. As a result of COVID, Quincy University is implementing new policies and procedures which must be followed by groups utilizing their facilities. We have also learned that costs, such as food, are rising. More information will follow.

Confirmation of meals is required 10-14 days before walk weekends. Currently, ten pilgrims must have their application and non-refundable deposit in the hands of our registrar one week prior to the walk. To help with planning and covering total costs, the GRE Board is working on details to require a minimum number of pilgrims be registered prior to Prep weekend.

Application Forms

Visit GreatRiverEmmaus.org to access applications!

- Candidate Application
- Sponsor Application
- Support Team Service Application
- Clergy Team Application
- Conference Room Team Application

Watch for more information in future Updates!

2021 GRE Board of Directors		
Name (Members going off board hi- lited)	Serves Through (including following January meeting)	City - County
Alberts, Mike (C)	2022	Hannibal MO - Marion
Barlow, Amanda	2022	Hannibal MO - Marion
Bridges, Rick	2021	Roodhouse IL - Green
Cadwell, Kevin	2021	Winchester IL - Scott
Dennison, Craig	2023	Mendon IL - Adams
Gillingham, Mary	2022	Colchester IL - McDonough
Haskell, Jeff	2022	White Hall IL - Greene
Hays, Judy	2023	Quincy IL - Adams
Jenkins, Connie (C)	2023	Quincy IL - Adams
Kamradt, Tim	2022	Quincy IL - Adams
Loeschen, Steve	2023	Golden IL - Adams
Meservey, Deb	2023	Quincy IL - Adams
Vinyard, Allen	2021	Hillview IL - Greene
Wilson, Mike (C)	2021	Knox City MO - Knox
Wyatt, Kathy	2021	Good Hope IL - McDonough

Nomination Form for 2022 Board

Please choose **four** of the **eight Laity** and give to Kathy Wyatt by November 15, 2021. Nomination Form continues on the next two pages Send by email to kmwyatt@me.com or 450 E Main St Good Hope, Il 61438

Randy Azbell My name is Randy Azbell. I have both clergy and laity experience through these last 40 years of being involved in Walk to Emmaus. I went through my walk in Springfield as a lay person in the late 70s and served on many teams up to the time that I was finally a Lay Director of Walk #100 in Springfield. It was not long after that that I was called into ministry full time, in 1990, and took a break from Emmaus due to Julie and I location in ministry, until we moved down to Arenzville in 2014, where I joined up with the Quincy Great River Emmaus community. In the last 8 years I have worked with the community on four weekends as two assistant spiritual directors and two weekends as the Spiritual Director.

I have now retired from the United Methodist church and cannot serve communion on weekends and find myself unable to be a spiritual director but am placing my name into the position as a lay person

Lisa Dalton Hi everyone! I'm Lisa Dalton. I live in Jacksonville, Illinois from Greenfield, Illinois. I belong to Greenfield First Baptist church where I formally served as trustee. I work at Nestle beverage Company packaging nestle coffee mate. I have been there 31 years this year. I also got my realtor license in January of this year and I work for Keller Williams Capital out of Springfield, Il. I first went to Cursillo and helped with several of those. I felt I needed to be in Walk to Emmaus. I have been to one as a pilgrim and one as assistant table leader. I have helped in the kitchen, work room, and agape chapel. I felt the call last year to be on the board, but I did not apply as I felt I couldn't give 100% working the hours I do. I feel I'm failing my Lord and that hurts my heart! I feel I need to apply and pray about this and God will put me where He calls me to be. I've been a Christian since I was 6 or 7, and in church all my life. I have helped with production of Judgement House at my church in Greenfield 3 or 4 times. I usually took vacation so I could be there every night and be engaged. I would love to help with Walk to Emmaus, as I feel it's a place where a lot of people will come where they won't go into a church. The presence of God is definitely felt with all the prayers and people seeking God. I remember the first one I went to - I didn't want to go home.

Please consider me as an applicant and a servant for our God!! I would love to help further His kingdom.

Ginny Ersery, Hello friends (and those I've yet to meet!) My name is Ginny Ersery. I am 38 years old, and I've been married to my husband Dan, for 20 years. We have no children and live in Hannibal Missouri, where I work as an Enrollment Counselor for HLGU. When I'm not at work, I enjoy kayaking, camping, event planning and spending time in fellowship with my friends and family.

I became a follower of Christ when I was around 7 years old, while laying under a folding chair in the church sanctuary we had just moved into in Jacksonville, IL. We were singing "The Old Rugged Cross", and I was so touched by what the song said Jesus had done for everyone that I wanted him to know I was sorry that He had had to die and that I would love Him forever because He did.
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Nomination Form for Laity continues on the next two pages

Ginny Ersery, Continued I grew up doing my best to follow the teachings I was learning in Church and in my own studies, and loving Him more with the different seasons in my life. I began serving in church around 9 years old in the Nursery, and like most who grow up in smaller churches, began filling various roles as needed and as I was able. I believe at some point I've been involved in every official capacity you can in a congregation, except for Trustee. This includes having served as an appointed lay minister for our local congregation for a couple of years.

I was introduced to the Emmaus community in 2017, and became a part of it officially when I joined the Great River Emmaus Walk 18. I subsequently served as an Assistant Table Leader on (I believe) Walk 20, and on Walk 22 as a Table Leader. I have served in some capacity at every walk that has been held since my walk, including the Agape chapel, kitchen service, housekeeping, and mailroom (I feel like there is another name for the this? Lol)

I believe in the amazing work of the Emmaus Community, and have witnessed first hand it's life giving effects in nearly our entire congregation, and in many of my own family and friends. It is my desire to join the Board to help continue the amazing work that has been done in the past, and to use my creative and leadership skills to help assure that that work lives on and continues to grow long into the future.

Thank you for considering me to sit on this Board. It's very humbling to think that the lives of so many current and future community members will be touched by the decisions of this team, and that you've considered me to be a part of it. I truly am thankful, and pray that whoever God places in these roles shines His light above all else.



Jack Hull My name is Jack Hull. I am from Pittsfield, Illinois and am married to Kathy Hull. We have four adult children. I attended my first walk in Springfield at CIE. Walk 130 in February of 1999. I have served in the Agape Chapel, as a table leader, speaker and weekend Lay Director. My Lay Director weekend was Walk 184Q at The former Our Lady of Angels retreat center, now Quincy University North. I have also served on many Chrysalis weekends, serving as Lay Director. I was the CIE community Lay Director for almost 2 years. Previously served on Chrysalis and Emmaus boards. It has been approx. 8 years since serving on any of these boards and I feel God calling me to return to assist in boosting our communities during and after the past couple years of inability to have weekends. I believe it is important to explore new ways to offer week-ends in many locations throughout Great Rivers areas. Together we can continue, strengthen and grow our ministry to encourage and grow servant leaders. I also want to explore restarting Chrysalis weekends in our area. I am requesting your vote to return and serve on the local board.



Kathy Hull My name is Kathy Hull and I am a hospital leader in Pittsfield and Keokuk. I reside with my spouse Jack in Pittsfield where we have lived for 23 years. Jack and I have been married for 38 years and we have four adult children, 2 of which are married and we have 3 amazing grandchildren – ages 15, 12 and 6. At this time, all of our children and grands live in Pittsfield. We are also blessed to serve as stand in grandparents for my nephew's six children. They reside in Colorado. We attend First Christian in Pittsfield where I have served as an el-der and currently serve as a praise team member.

I did my original walk in 1999 in Springfield and have served on many Walks, Chrysalis and Journeys. I have served many times as musician as well as giving numerous talks. I was a lay director on Walk 245Q. I served on the CIE board for several terms and served my last term there as Community Lay Director.

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Nomination Form for Laity continues on the next page

Kathy Hull, continued ... I have treasured my experiences in Emmaus and the people I have been given the gift to meet. There is something very special about serving God's people with other of God's faithful! Had it not been for Walk To Emmaus

(WTE), I might not have met many of my dearest God friends nor learned so much about God's love and grace. Because of the importance Emmaus has played in my life, in my development as a Christ follower and as a person, I want to pay it forward by serving on the board of GRE. In a world where relationships are tense at best and we all need God more than ever, I think WTE is a perfect way for us to reach out to others and strengthen the faithful. If given the opportunity to serve on the GRE board, I would do my best to follow God's leading and make GRE strong and impactful.



Kipp Proefrock My name is Kipp Proefrock. I live in Jacksonville Illinois with my wife Phyllis. We have been married for 49 years and have a daughter, two granddaughters, and a great grandson. We all attend First Christian Church in Jacksonville. I am a retired Engineering Technician from Reynolds Consumer Products. I have been on several Walks serving in the conference Room and as an Assistant Lay Director. One of the things we learn on our "Walk to Emmaus" is to be in Service to others as the Lord leads us. Several years ago, I fell and broke my Pelvis. I have been confined to a wheelchair and Walker since then. I have had to learn to be physically served by others instead of the one serving others. Now I feel God calling me to applying for the GRE Board to once again being in service to others. Another thing we learn on our "Walk to Emmaus" is to lead. The Lord has led me over the years to hold several Leadership roles in the churches I have attended. Including chairman of the Administra-tive Council and Lay Speaker. I believe the Board has the responsibility to lead and ensure the GRE abides by the rules and bylaws of the "Walk to Emmaus" to make sure all the Pilgrims on every "Walk" have the same format and opportunity to turn their lives over to Christ. I respectfully hope and pray that you will consider me for a position on the GRE Board.



Ed Reid My name is Ed Reid I am married to Dana and have 3 kids. I am a 4th generation farmer in LaGrange, Mo. I have been apart of the Emmaus community since 2011 my first walk was 238Q and have served on walks 244Q, walks 1,5,8,11,13,17, and Lay Director on walk 21. I served on the steering committee before we became Great River Emmaus Community



Robyn Sprenger My name is Robyn Sprenger and I live in Quincy, IL. I attend the United Methodist Church of Loraine. I am the youngest of 4 siblings. I am not married and have 2 cats that are my fur babies. I work in the Quincy Public Schools as an Occupational Therapist. My first Walk to Emmaus was 239Q. Other walks I have attended were 245Q, 16, 20, and 26. I have served as Assistant Table leader twice, Table Leader, and most recent-ly as Assistant Lay Director. I have also served in the kitchen, Agape Chapel, and Workroom. I want to serve as a GRE Board Member because the Holy Spirit has told me it's time for me to do so. I am greatly concerned about the health of the worldwide Body of Christ in general, and our Emmaus community, especially after the past year and a half. I believe I can offer a firm but compassionate perspective that stands on the truth of God's Word to bring healing to the Board and our Community, so that we can move forward to do kingdom work. I believe with-out a doubt that time is of the essence and that we are in the thick of an all-out spiritual war that is intensifying daily. It's time for relational, religious, political, and all other differences and opinions to be set aside so we can do what Jesus has commanded us to do-LOVE each other and make disciples.

Nomination Form for 2022 Board

Please choose **one of two Clergy** and give to Kathy Wyatt by November 15, 2021

Send by email to kmwyatt@me.com or 450 E Main St Good Hope, IL 61438

Clergy Nomintion Form ballots on page 7 & 8



Jim Clayton Ladies and Gentlemen, My name is Jim Clayton. I currently serve as pastor for Colchester (which is where I live) and Hills Grove United Methodist Church(es). I am in my sixth year in that capacity and in my 11th year as a pastor in the United Methodist Church.

I have a bachelor's degree and an associate degree in Criminology/Sociology from Indiana State University. I spent over 20 years working in the Criminal Justice field.

I am in my 25th year of ministry. I began as a youth director in a small UMC in Terre Haute, Ind. (my home town). I spent 3.5 years as a fully credentialed candidate for Youth for Christ of the Wabash Valley, also located in Terre Haute and serves the neighboring communities in that area.

In the period of time since working for YFC I obtained a two year degree in Biblical Studies, with an emphasis on Youth Ministry, from Rhema Bible College in Tulsa, Oklahoma. I attended my Emmaus walk in the fall of 1993 at Marshall, Indiana. I served that community on several walks as kitchen help, sponsoring candidates, attending candlelight events, working in the Agape Chapel, the workroom, and praying regularly for all involved.

I still hold an affinity for that community, as it is in my home town, but it was impractical for me to serve once I moved to Illinois (Rushville) in 2003. Since that move I have served in the ministry full time at several churches: Faith Christian Family Church, Rushville, Ill., Abundant Life Church, La Harpe, Ill., West Prairie Presbyterian Church, Adair, Ill., and La Harpe, Durham, and Terre Haute UMCs, and my current appointment as mentioned earlier. I reentered the Emmaus community here in Illinois when asked by a pastor friend if I would serve as an assistant spiritual director on a Chrysalis walk in 2012, held in Moline, Ill., which I did.

I served that camp as a spiritual director again in 2014, and was slated to serve as a spiritual director for a walk in 2016 which was cancelled. I have been active in the Great River Emmaus Community since being appointed to my current placement in 2017. I served as assistant spiritual director on walks 15 and 19, and filled in for the Obstacles to Grace talk on one other (I have presented the Obstacles to Grace talk and The Preventive Grace talk two times each). I have attended several candlelight services here and have served in the Agape Chapel on one occasion. I have also hosted two Emmaus gatherings at Colchester UMC and been an active member of the GRE reunion group. My time there has been limited since the spring of 2020 as I enrolled at Asbury Theological Seminary, and have been using my mornings to watch class videos and study.

I am very interested in seeing this group grow and move into a deeper spiritual connection in our surrounding communities. I believe I can be a vital member of the board and help to accomplish those connections.

If I were to claim one defining trait that is inherent in my leadership style, I would say that it is my ability to help unify people around the cause of Christ. There is one section of scripture that, in my heart and mind, is the most unifying in the body of Christ.

Mark 16:15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. (NKJV)

I truly believe that every single person in the Body of Christ is called to fulfill that commission, and that Emmaus walks are a wonderful avenue to administer it in a great way. And, I am not shy about proclaiming it to be so!

I also believe that the best is yet to come for the entire body of Christ, and I would love to be a part of helping the Emmaus Community be a critical connection to people in these trying times.

Thank you for your consideration.



Tom Lemons Judy and I have been married since 1972. We live near Palmyra, MO. We have 2 adult children with spouses and 4 grandchildren.

I am the pastor at Hydesburg United Methodist Church, 4 miles outside of Hannibal. I was a dentist for 41 years and have been a part-time licensed pastor for the past 11 years.

I have served as an assistant spiritual director on 6 walks and as spiritual director on 2 walks.

I am willing to serve Christ by serving on the Board again because I am thankful my Walk in 1994 transformed me from being a strong believer to experiencing the Holy Spirit in my heart in a powerful way for the first time.

I was asked to submit my name for election to the Board again because the new clergy person elected to the 2022 Board will need to be someone who has previously served as a Walk Spiritual Director.

GREAT RIVER EMMAUS BOARD LAITY (vote for 4)		
		Randy Azbell
		Lisa Dalton
		Ginny Ersery
		Jack Hull
		Kathy Hull
		Kipp Proefrock
		Ed Reid
		Robyn Sprenger
GREAT RIVER EMMAUS BOARD CLERGY (vote for 1)		
		Jim Clayton
		Tom Lemons
<p>Please choose four Laity and one Clergy and give to Kathy Wyatt by November 15, 2021. Send by email to kmwyatt@me.com or 450 E Main St Good Hope, Il 61438</p>		

NEXT GATHERING YOU'RE INVITED

TWO FALL GATHERINGS ARE BEING PLANNED.

BELOW IS INFORMATION ON THE COLCHESTER IL GATHERING.

*A SECOND GATHERING WILL BE HELD IN MISSOURI. WATCH FOR
INFORMATION ON THE DATE/TIME/LOCATION.*

PLAN TO ATTEND BOTH -- OR THE ONE CLOSEST/MOST CONVENIENT!



Hello All

I know everyone has been missing the opportunity to gather and fellowship....So mark your calendars!!!!

An Emmaus gathering will be held at Colchester United Methodist Church, 218 Mclean St, Colchester, IL 62326 , at 7:00 PM Friday, November 19th 2021. Come and help us sing and celebrate Christ's love for us. Remember; you do not have to have been on a walk to attend a gathering. Jim Clayton will do the homily. Please come and join us in worship and fellowship. Childcare will be available. This is Emmaus so bring a snack to share.

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Matthew 18:20