

# GREAT RIVER WALK TO EMMAUS (GRE) COMMUNITY UPDATE

DECEMBER 2022

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITY!

There are around 70 sets of sheets from the past walk that need to be wash/dried/folded in unscented detergent. Can you launder them? Please contact Judy Hays 217.242.0122.

## SPONSOR PILGRIMS!

Applications and sponsor forms are on our website: [www.GreatRiverEmmaus.org](http://www.GreatRiverEmmaus.org)

## ASK AROUND ...

Is everyone in your Reunion Group ... in your Emmaus family ... receiving emailed monthly updates & prayer requests? They can be added by emailing: [GreatRiverEmmaus@gmail.com](mailto:GreatRiverEmmaus@gmail.com)

Be an active participant in the Emmaus community!

**Luke 24: 13-35**



## SUPPORT YOUR GREAT RIVER EMMAUS (GRE) COMMUNITY!

This time of year we receive many appeals for donations. Prior to year-end many organizations ask for money, reminding people their contributions are tax deductible. Whether or not you itemize your taxes -- Christ needs your support to continue the work within your Emmaus Community!

It's common knowledge costs are rising. Your board is doing everything within their power to keep the fees as affordable as possible. Many team members and pilgrims need a scholarship to help offset the costs of participating. We don't want to turn away a pilgrim or a team member who needs this weekend with Christ and fellow believers!

In addition, it is important GRE invests in technology to meet the needs of our community and future pilgrims. Your board is looking at mechanisms to allow electronic submission of pilgrim, sponsor, and board applications. Mail service isn't always dependable, and does not provide the turn-around time needed to receive applications and respond back to pilgrims/sponsors in time to prepare for walks. In addition, technology such as Zoom and online giving comes at an expense.

Your financial contributions are important to the Great River Emmaus community and our future pilgrims. Please prayerfully consider sending a contribution to Great River Emmaus.

**GREAT RIVER EMMAUS**  
**P.O. Box 5215**  
**Quincy IL 62305**

## SPONSOR PILGRIMS!

Teams are being formed and pilgrims are needed! Prayerfully sponsor NOW!

What a life-changing gift – sponsor a pilgrim!

Sponsor forms are available at [www.greatriveremmaus.org](http://www.greatriveremmaus.org)

## REMEMBER HOW YOU ENJOYED RECEIVING AGAPE?

Start putting agape together!

50 pieces are needed for the Men's Walk

50 pieces are needed for the Women's Walk.

## SPECIAL GATHERING/CARRY IN

The December 30 GRE Board meeting is being held on a Friday evening, giving the community and new/existing/outgoing board members an opportunity to gather together. Board meetings are open to the public – and this month's agenda is short – so we are combining with a gathering!

**Friday, December 30 - 6:30 pm**  
**The Commons at Madison Park Church, Quincy IL**  
**Bring a dish to share**

## UPCOMING WALK WEEKENDS

**Quincy University**  
**Men's Walk #31 – February**  
 Lay Director Elvin Hodges

**Women's Walk #32 – March 16-19**  
 Lay Director Cheryl Alberts

Prep Weekend will be February 10-12

## WATCH FOR UPDATED BYLAWS!

Your GRE Board voted to update our ByLaws. As stated in the ByLaws, they will be emailed to our membership. If no petitions signed by at least 25 Community members objecting to the new amendments are received, they will be considered adopted. Any objections must be received within 60 days.

## 2022 GRE Board of Directors (by class)

Name	Outgoing Jan.	
Dennison, Craig	2024	
Dewey, Jim	2024	Welcome!
Hays, Judy	2024	
Malin, Tobias	2024	Welcome!
Jenkins, Connie (C)	2024	
Clayton, Jim (C)	2025	
Hull, Jack	2025	
Hull, Kathy	2025	
Reid, Ed	2025	
Open position	2025	
Alberts, Cheryl	2026	Welcome!
Herman, Lisa	2026	Welcome!
Johnson, Diane	2026	Welcome!
Lemons, Tom (C)	2026	Welcome!
Vonderheide, Chris	2026	Welcome!
Alberts, Mike CSD		

A huge THANK YOU to our outgoing board members:  
 James Abbott  
 Mike Alberts  
 Tammy Carman  
 Lisa Dalton  
 Mary Gillingham  
 Kipp Proefrock  
 Robyn Sprenger  
 Community Spiritual Director:  
 Mike Wilson