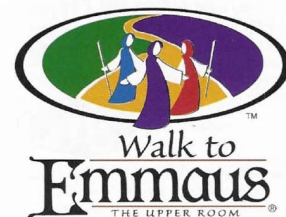


Great River Emmaus

Newsletter



Thoughts from our Lay Director Dan Clair

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I write this, it has been only a few weeks since our dear Sister in Christ, Helen Dickens (known by most as Mama Helen, also HalleluiaH Helen) has gone to her eternal home. What an example for us for how to share the Love of Christ with everyone, and I mean everyone! She almost always answered her phone with "Jesus loves you and I do too." At her funeral the song "Thank You, for Giving to the Lord" was sung. God only knows how many lives this sweet, precious Saint has touched. She will be greatly missed by the Emmaus, Cursillo and REC Communities as well as those who knew her through many other ways. I was thinking, what if we all started answer our phones with "Jesus loves you and I do too." HalleluiaH, rest in peace, Mama Helen - we love you. Amen

Great River Emmaus Walks #15 & #16 are now history. Walk #15 only had 10 men and #16 only 7 ladies - although both had more before the Walk began. Both Walks probably should have been cancelled. But, I think everyone agreed they were glad we went ahead with them as there were both Spirit filled weekends. Nevertheless,

we simply cannot accept these low numbers as the norm. All must do a better job of Sponsorship in an attempt to help this situation.

Your Great River Board has decided to reschedule Walks #19 & #20 in 2018 to August 23-26 for the Men and September 13-16 for the Women. This will be after the start of school and before harvest begins for farmers. Hopefully we can avoid conflicts with summer vacations, families visiting back and forth, County Fairs, KC BBQ, etc.

The Franciscan Retreat Center committee has continued to work to improve air conditions at the facility. Since spring, 31 new air conditions installed in sleeping rooms, twenty-six mattresses have been replaced with new mattress covers and window blinds have been replaced or repaired. Also, two new and larger air conditioners units have been installed in the gathering area just outside the main Chapel. Repairs have also been made to the PA system in the Chapel. Most of the funds have come from Cursillo and TEC with a little help from Emmaus. If anyone would like to donate to projects such as these, and many more are planned, you may send your gifts to GRE, and designate them for projects at the FRC.

The GRE Board has faced more than a few challenges in the past 6 months, but God's Grace, we have met them and grown stronger and more united through them as a result. I am so thankful for those who have served this past year and for those that have stepped up to offer their service in the coming years. **DON'T FORGET TO VOTE THE BALLOT THAT IS PART OF THIS NEWSLETTER.**

In John 15:10-12, Jesus says "If you obey My Commands You will remain in My Love just as I have obeyed My Father's Commands and remain in His Love. I have told you this so My Joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My Command is this - love each other as I have loved you."

DeColores - Jesus loves you and I do too. Amen
Dan Clair, GRE CLD

Next Walks—All at the QU Retreat Center:

Prep weekend

#17 Men's Walk January 25-28

#18 Women's Walk February 15-18

A copy of the sponsor form and Candidate form is included in the newsletter or on the website.

Winter 2017

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"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 threescore 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

Reunion Groups
Open to new participants
Please try out one or more of these groups as part of your “4th day”
Great River Emmaus 10/10/17

Quincy

Mixed group. Tuesday 7 p.m. Steve & Patty Bunch residence, 5026 Sunview Dr., 217-257-8312.

Mixed group. Friday 12:30 p.m. Various restaurants. Contact Candy Moore 217-430-9734 or Dana Reid 573-470-5000.

Mixed group. Thursday 6 p.m. Various locations. Road to Damascus Reunion Group. Contact Tim Kamradt 217-440-3084.

Mixed group. Monday noon. Union United Methodist Church. Contact Barb Specht.

Men. Wednesday (every-other) 7:30 p.m. St. Francis Rectory. Mixed Cursillo & Emmaus group. Contact Dave Lockhart. dwl@comcast.net

Women. Tuesday (1st & 3rd) 1 p.m. The Gathering Place, 1704 N. 24th St. Contact Tammy Carman 217-257-5603.

Macomb

Men. Tuesday 6:45 a.m. at the Old Dairy. Men of Heart, Honor, Examine, Asking, Requesting Help, Thanking God. Contact Mike Coplan mikecoplan@gmail.com

Women. Tuesday (1st & 3rd) 4:30 p.m. Crown. Contact Kathy Wyatt 309-836-1656

White Hall

Men. Monday 7 p.m. First Christian Church. Contact Dave Schutz 217-473-4376.

Women. Monday (1st & 3rd) 7 p.m. First Christian Church. Contact Mandy Hatchell 217-883-2281.

LaGrange

Men. Monday 8 p.m. Ed Reid’s Shop. 31369 State Hwy. V. Contact Ed Reid 573-248-6270.

Edina

Mixed Group. Wednesday 5 p.m. Lucky’s Cafe. Contact Helen Hettinger 660-434-5386.

Hannibal

Mixed group. Saturday, 8:30 a.m. Java Jive. Contact Jim Dewey 217-242-9220. jimbac-ca74@yahoo.com

Or, you may begin your own reunion group.

If you know of other reunion groups that accept new participants or have corrections to the above, please contact Tom Lemons at JLemons@nemonet.com or 573-248-4349 (phone or text).

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
roynancy.miller@yahoo.com

I made my Walk # _____ or Cursillo # _____ in (City): _____
I have already served on a: Walk Chrysalis Cursillo
I served as an: Assistant Table Leader Service Team 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.)
Christ is Counting On You



Great River Emmaus
www.greatriveremmaus.org

CLERGY TEAM SERVICE COMMITMENT

The Great River Emmaus Team Selection Committee needs your help in determining those who desire to serve on a team. Please complete the form and return it to:

Nadine Preston
GRE Spiritual Director
2122 Washington
Quincy, IL 62301
217-473-9269 nnpreston@comcast.net

I made my Cursillo # _____ Walk # _____ in (City, State) _____

I have already served as Clergy on a: Cursillo Walk Chrysalis

Grace Talk Names and Walk No's: _____

Where did you serve? _____

Name _____ E-mail (optional) _____

Address _____ Home Phone () _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Work Phone () _____ Date _____

I desire to serve on a team in: Winter Spring Summer Fall Quincy only

* I've included additional comments/information on the back of this form.

(Duplicate this form as needed)

Christ Is Counting On You!



Husband and wife applications should be submitted at the same time. Any exceptions will be at the discretion of the Registrar Committee, Spiritual Director, and/or Community Lay Director.
 Deposit Received: _____
 Return to: GRE Registrar
 Kathy Wyatt
 450 E. Main
 Good Hope, IL 61438
 kmwyatt@me.com 309-456-3759 or 309-252-1717

TO BE COMPLETED BY SPONSOR

Quincy/Great River Application

(Duplicate as needed)

Circle Below Where Applicable

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Personal 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 candidate 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

Husband and wife applications should be submitted at the same time. Any exceptions will be at the discretion of the Registrar Committee, Spiritual Director, and/or Community Lay Director.  
Deposit Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Return to your sponsor or GRE Registrar:  
Kathy Wyatt  
450 E. Main  
Good Hope, IL 61438  
[kmwyatt@mdh.org](mailto:kmwyatt@mdh.org)  
309-456-3759 or 309-252-1717

**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** ~~~~~


Walk #15 Submitted by Jim Wyatt

Great River Emmaus, it was a great honor to serve as Lay Director on Walk #15. The honor was to serve God and help spread his word. God put together a perfect team of caring men who wanted to help the pilgrims understand God's love for them.

We had a small group of pilgrims but the interaction between the team and pilgrims was great! While they summarized each talk there wasn't one person who wasn't talking and giving ideas on what to do for the summary. God's spirit was in the room and in their hearts.

The behind the scenes people are the backbone of the walk. The kitchen help that made sure the meals are ready on time, the workroom people that make sure everything in the Chapel is set up and the Agape Chapel where someone was praying for us the whole weekend. Also people praying at home for us. It takes a whole community for a Walk to Emmaus to be successful!

God Bless All of You!

DeColores!

Jim Wyatt



Walk #16 Submitted by Jeanie Shriver

The Biggest Little Walk!

On behalf of Great River Walk #16, I would like to thank everyone that worked together to make it a success. Although we were small in number, you still supported us "big" time. Your prayers and presence in the background were felt and appreciated. The pilgrims, as well as the team, experienced the Love of God in a fresh new way because of your actions.

A special thanks to the team.

You are a group of very busy people, but you carved out the time to make Walk #16 happen. Thank you for your belief in and commitment to this instrument that Christ uses to draw people closer to Him. Blessings to you all.

The next set of walks is fast approaching. It is time to be thinking and praying for a pilgrim or two that you can sponsor. Then, be intentional and ask them! If you and I don't pray and ask

someone to attend a walk, who will? We are the hands and feet of Christ and He is counting on us!

In God's Amazing Love

Jeanie Shriver

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

Matthew 18:20



GREAT RIVER EMMAUS MEN'S WALK #15
July 27-30, 2017

ROW #1: Allen Vinyard, Lynette DeAtley, Bob Greene, Jim Wyatt, Tom Ford, **David Cramer**, Dave Lockhart

ROW #2: Kevin Cadwell, Jeff Reid, **Peter Danielsons**, Sonnie Meredith, Roy Miller, **A. Lee Unger**, Mike Coplan

ROW #3: Warren Abbot, **Eric Custer**, Chip Shriver, **Gary Noel**, Tom Lemons, Jim Dallmeyer

ROW #4: Terry Johnson, **Kenneth Clark**, **Bland Snider**, Trevor Swisegood, Mike Fry

ROW #5: Kent Vonderheide, Marvin Meservey, **Mark Scott**, **John McCord**, **Ryan Little**, Jeff Haskell

Not pictured: Jim Clayton
 Pilgrims are denoted in **Bold** print.



GREAT RIVER EMMAUS WALK #16
August 10-13, 2017

ROW #1: **Jeanie Zackey, Judy Hayes, Jeanne Shriver, Nadine Preston, Lisa Herman.**

ROW #2: **MARTY HENDERSON, MARIE CLAIRE NYIRABAGENZI, Connie Jenkins, JANET MCKAY, Nancy Miller, Barb Specht, Lynette DeAtley.**

ROW #3: **Jen Dougherty, PAULA BAUGHMAN, GINNY KENNEDY, Carol Stufflebeam. Kathy Hull.**

ROW #4: **Geemin Glaue, Sheryl Vinyard, Robyn Sprenger, Jewel Holt, Barb Clem, Claudia Davis, Deb Meservey.**

ROW #5: **Helen Wittler, Katie Hull, PENNY EILERS, PAM RUYLE, Jean Norris, Chris Vonderheide, Jodi Kamradt.**

Pilgrims are denoted in **BOLD** print.

Nomination Form for 2018 Board

Please choose 4 Laity and give to Dan Clair by November 15, 2017
Send by email scoclair@adams.net or P.O. Box 5215, Quincy, ILL 62301

Candy Moore, Laity from Quincy, IL has been a ATL, TL, ALD has worked in all aspects of a week-end behind the scenes and is a member of the Friday Lunch Bunch.

Maggie Ambrose, St. Frances Church, Quincy, IL was on walk 4 has been a ATL, TL, Member of Friday Lunch Bunch reunion group, has worked behind the scenes in all areas and sponsored several people.

Elvin Hodges, Member of Colchester United Methodist Church Colchester, IL

Pilgrim on Walk 212 Springfield, 2008

Assisted in the Agape Chapel Springfield 2009

Changing our World Springfield 2010

Body of Christ Springfield 2011

Life of Piety Quincy 2013

Christian Action Quincy 2016

Discipleship Quincy 2017

Participated in Agape Chapel for several hours, Gut Buckets, Candlelight, Closings, sponsored pilgrims, several times. Regularly attend Reunion Group in Macomb, Participated in several Gatherings

Tim Kamradt, Married 12 years to Jodi Kamradt...4 kids. Preston 15, Joslin and Cayden 8 and Chance 7. Been on the last 3 winter walks. Pilgrim then Asst table leader and then a Table leader. I have given 1 talk. I have helped in the Agape chapel, kitchen and in the work room over the last 3 years.

Tammy Carman, I am a massage therapist, Married to Carl we have two beautiful girls, I have been on several walks, sponsored several people, and have worked behind the scenes in everyway possible, I have helped with closings, candlelight and spent many a night in the agape chapel.

Trevor Swisegood, I am from Plymouth, IL , married, and have two beautiful daughters. I go to Hills Grove UMC. I sell seed and chemicals. I have given many Fourth Day talks at Naples, Bluffs, La Prairie, Trenton, and St. Mary's. My original walk was Walk #11. I also serve on REC teams. Emmaus is very special to me.

Husband and Wives should send in two separate ballots

Who to Contact?

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Mandy Hatchel, Michael Coplan,
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roynancy.miller@yahoo.com

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.

Meal Times:

Fri & Sat

Breakfast 8 am, Lunch 12:30,
Dinner 5:30 pm Please bring a white
shirt and black pants to dinner to help
serve.

Sun

Breakfast 8 am, Lunch 12 :00

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