Great River Emmaus

Newsletter

Thoughts from our Community Lay Director Kathy Wyatt

Greetings to all in the name of Jesus Christ. During this Lenten season it is a good idea to remember the blessings that God has provided us. I think the most important message is the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Our ability to share Christ with one another is the basis of our Walk to Emmaus, three-day journey. Walks 21 and 22 did just that with the guidance of the Lay Directors Ed Reid and Jane Beck.

Our Board Advisors were Elvin Hodges and Cheryl Dickerson, who quietly observed, and our Spiritual Directors were Bob Greene and Helen McFarland. The teams were exceptional as the pilgrims were gently guided through their 72-hour experience and welcomed into our community with open arms, and warm hearts. Welcome! Please re-

ence and welcomed into our community with open arms, and warm hearts. Welcome! Please remember you are encouraged to attend reunion groups, and Gatherings. You are also encouraged to sponsor a new pilgrim, or perhaps you would prefer working in the Agape Chapel, kitchen

or work room, as so many others did on the weekend you attended.

At our church, we have been looking at Brother Lawrence, in our Tuesday night Bible Study. Brother Lawrence was an interesting brother in a Catholic Monastery in 18th century France. He chose a life very different from ours in the 21st century but his message and devotion to Jesus Christ has been a unique message that transcends itself throughout the ages. We can all love God, trust God and share in God's gifts of joy and peace. May God's Grace and Peace be with you always.

I would like to thank Dan Clair for his leadership as the Community Lay Director for the last two years. He is a man of Faith and with a gentle personality. As a Board member, I was elected to lead the Board for the next several months. If you have ideas, please feel free to contact me and share your thoughts. I was the Lay Director on Walk #12. I have been active in the GRE and CIE communities, and have had the privilege to serve on a few teams over time. Please remember that your thoughts are always welcome. De Colores,

Kathy



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

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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

Walk #21 Submitted by Ed Reid

What can I say about walk 21 and my experience as Lay Director.

As Lay Director this was quite an experience I have a new respect for all that have done this and will in the future. Placing our faith and trust in God is amazing, however, when we have to give up control and rely on God through people around us it's not as easy. God assembled an awesome team and the perfect group of pilgrims to be there. I continually found doubt in this process and in myself. As the weekend approached I was pushed to limits from the outside world as well as in my own head. At one point, just before prep weekend I was ready to give up but God in his amazing splendor picked me up and walked me through an amazing experience. I can't tell you how grateful I am to Jesus for loving me and being with me throughout my life.

I am always amazed to watch these weekends come together. How God picks people that have struggles and puts them in the same place so they can help each other and God will be glorified at the end of the weekend when pilgrims are asked those two questions. What has this weekend meant to me? and What am I going to do about it?

What this weekend has meant to me?

To me these weekends restore my faith in God and in humanity. Throughout the course of the weekend we ride a physical and emotional roller coaster, from doubt to frustration to joy and peace. The fact that a bunch of people can spend a weekend like that and walk away friends is only because of God. There are several opportunities that these weekends have prepared me for not just speaking and sharing my testimony but also every day I wake up and I want to be a better follower of Christ Jesus.

What am I going to do about it?

So what am I going to do about this? God only knows, I never thought I would give a talk let alone direct a weekend, I never thought I would do any Lay speaking, never thought I would reach out to a lost and hurting soul. All this is because of Jesus Christ. I cannot do any of these things on my own. I have no idea what God has in store for me. I just pray that I see what he wants for me when he wants me to.

De Colores

Ed Reid



Next Walks—All at the QU Retreat Center:

Men's weekend: Aug 22nd-25th with Lay Director Kevin Cadwell Women's weekend: Sept 12th- 15th with Lay Director Harla Friesz Prep weekend: Aug 9th-11th

Emmaus Women's Walk #22 Submitted by Jane Beck (Feb.14th -17th, 2019)

"And they said to one another 'Did not our hearts burn within us, while he talked with us by the way and while he opened to us the scripture?" (Luke 24:32) Well, our hearts did burn within us, during Walk #22 as we listened to the talks by Lay and Clergy, and reflected on the many stories of how faith in God carried many through difficult times and also through good times. God spoke through our many speakers and let it be known that He loved us so much that He gave His only son, to die on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins. He still courts us with His Mercy & Grace. I accepted being Lay Director for Walk #22 because Emmaus has helped me grow in my faith during my life journey with God. It was also through Emmaus that I became close friends with "Momma Helen" one of the most godly persons I have ever met. Sitting at her feet was like sitting at the feet of Jesus, and I learned so much about being a servant for God. After many phone calls "our" team was finally complete. I had wanted to have our team in place by the last of October, but it wasn't until shortly before 2019, that we had our team. I did finally say, "Okay, God, I'm turning it over to you," and I felt a load lift off my back. Me, wanting to be in charge? I'm a slow learner.

Anyway, I can truly say the Walk was way beyond my expectations. I know we aren't to anticipate, but the Walk blew me away. To see the tables bonding almost immediately, and Pilgrims feeling so safe they began bringing up things in their past that had been weighing on their minds and by verbalizing these things to those who cared, they found peace, God's Peace. It was truly amazing to watch the Pilgrims and even some team members being transformed from Thursday night through Sunday afternoon. The Holy Spirit was working overtime, and God's love just flowed through the Conference Room, Dining Room and the Sanctuary like a river. Acts of agape were given and received with love from those serving us in the dining room, leaving agape gifts on our doors, dining tables, those praying for us 24/7 in the Agape Chapel (many holding each cross and praying over each Pilgrim by name) and many other acts of Agape from the Emmaus Community. Our team was phenomenal in serving God. I love each one of you for the grace you showed through your caring for your Pilgrims and in playing a role in the transforming of many of the Pilgrims. And I love each one of our Pilgrims. I can't begin to thank all those who helped before, (including the sponsors,) during and after the Walk. It takes a Community of dedicated Christians to make a Walk an experience the Pilgrims will never forget, and to all of you unsung heroes, I give you my utmost "Thank You." The food was great; the music inspiring, and I was happily surprised to see so many Pilgrims and Team members really get into the posters, hilarious skits, etc. I was blessed to have Rev. Helen McFarland as our Spiritual Director. And I can't forget to thank Lynette Schenk for all her help and support. The Closing is the favorite for most of us, and our closing brought me to tears, for the excitement many Pilgrims expressed to go out and spread the good news, and for others, who realized they needed to re-examine their lives and make some changes, as they had encountered Christ during the Walk. God is still alive and working in our lives, if we just STOP, LISTEN, and then obey.

De Colores, Jane Beck, Lay Director Women's Walk #22

Current members of the Board

Cheryl Alberts-Historian/Workroom/Agape

Tammy Carman-Music/Agape

Chapel/Secretary

Dan Clair-Community Training/Facility?QU

Mike Coplan and Elvin Hodges-

Communications

Kathy Wyatt-Gatherings/Registration

Dan Clair-Facility/QU

Bob Greene-Group Reunions

Lavon Baker-Agape Chapel/ Team

selection

Kevin Cadwell WorkRoom/Agape

Claudia McCain-CMA

Candy Moore-Treasure/Childcare

Allen Vineyard and Rick

Bridges-Kitchen

Bob Greene-Community
Training/Spiritual Director

Dana Reid-and Kevin Cadwell-

Storeroom/Supplies

Mike Wilson-

Candlelight/Sponsor's Hour

Walk #21 Board Rep Elvin Hodges

Walk #21 was an excellent Walk. There were 10 pilgrims and a great team that was called by God to go on this 72 hour walk. The Holy Spirit was certainly present and blessing were present for all that were attendance. Being in the background as a board rep allowed me to see how the various support groups i.e. Agape Prayer Chapel, work room and the kitchen personnel came together and quietly did their Agape for the walk. The lay director, assistant lay directors, table leaders, assistant table leaders, spiritual director, assistant spiritual directors and musicians all worked together for a great weekend.

Elvin Hodges Board Rep.

Walk #22 Board Rep. Cheryl Dickerson

On Valentines Day evening, 2019, twenty-five team members, sixteen pilgrims and one service dog, named Rambo, took the short walk from the Quincy University Retreat center cafeteria to the conference room to begin Walk #22. The 72 hour weekend was underway. After a very snowy prep-weekend, and two additional team meetings, the team was ready to serve. God's love and presence was evident to each participant. The Clergy and Lay speakers gave fifteen excellent talks and the tables were very creative in their presentations of skits, posters and songs, during the evenings Poster Parties. The music was upbeat and fun in the conference room and absolutely beautiful during the evening chapel services. The love, agape and, of course, prayer of the support team was felt the entire weekend. Thanks to each of you for your support during Walk #22.

Cheryl Dickerson

BA for Walk #22

Memories of sights, sounds, taste and feelings of an Emmaus Walk.

Looking out the window and seeing a young lady scrape ice and snow off the car windows on Sunday morning. * Hearing from the corner of the conference room, "sing Halleluiah to the Lord". * Seeing the stained glass in the chapel with the sun coming through... beautiful. * Hearing the sigh from the group after the Body of Christ in announced at candle light. * 1st prayer partner on a walk, to hear his name called, but not be able to see him even though he is standing. I love you Donnie. * Seeing an elderly couple come through the lobby doors together on a cold winter night to pray together in the Agape Chapel. * Hearing someone washing dishes. It was Roy's whistle. * Hearing Gordon say, "David, I don't know about this". * Hearing someone say, "I will never give a talk". * Hearing someone blow their nose and then several people doing the same. * Feeling the embrace of my son after my last talk on perseverance, there was some healing then. * Hearing a harmonica being played. Thank you, Marvin. * Seeing the clergy in council with a pilgrim on Saturday night and learning later that person had given his life to Christ that night. * The taste of cinnamon rolls. Know the love of those who prepared them. Thank you, Jeff and Donna. * Hearing testimony at the closing, of a life that had been changed on the Walk. * Seeing the faces of pilgrims during candlelight. * Hearing a blind man, Sunday morning, singing acapella "I come to the garden alone". Not a dry eye, thank you Will. * Hearing a bell. Hearing "rise and shine" at 6:00 in the morning. * Hearing someone sobbing. * Hearing angelic sounds of laughter coming from the women's conference room. * Seeing a small group of women praying, arms locked in the middle of the cafeteria. * Seeing and feeling how a team comes together on a prep weekend. * Giving a talk on the weekend, the best one, looking up and seeing someone asleep! * Feeling the peace of being "humbled". * Feeling The Holy Spirit in the Agape Chapel. * Taste of homemade ice cream, knowing that it was made in love. Thank you, James. * Feeling how fortunate and blessed we are to be a part of the movement. * Seeing Debbie coming through her first candlelight "the glow". * Seeing the reaction and hearing the laughter of the pilgrims at gut bucket. * Witnessing the humility of unnoticed servants working behind the scenes on a weekend. * Seeing and feeling your table come together as one in the small Agape Chapel. * Seeing clergy, Friday night, long day, glasses crooked, tired, knowing that he had given his all. Thank you, Mike. * Scripture tonight comes from Luke 24:31 Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him.

Reunion Groups

Open to new participants Please try out one or more of these groups as part of your "4th day" Great River Emmaus 9/25/18

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.

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

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. Wednesday (1st & 3rd) 4:30 p.m. Crown. Contact Kathy Wyatt 309-456-3759

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. Thursday 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.

<u>Hannib</u>al

Mixed group. Saturday, 8:30 a.m. Java Jive. Contact Jim Dewey 217-242-9220. jimbacca74@yahoo.com.

Cheryl Alberts, 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 6:00 p.m. Fiddlesticks -573-795-6908

Paloma Mixed Group Last Friday of month 11:30 Paloma Restaurant Contact Dan Clair 217-257-9964

Palmyra

Tim & Shanna O'Brien, 573-406-2334

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 Bob Greene, greenerd@frontier.com or 309-252-2120 (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:

Support Crew Committee Chairpersons

Rick Bridges Allen Vinvard 519 NW 1325 St 220 North Orr St Roodhouse, II 62082 **Hillview**, II 62050 217-589-4723 217-320-1982 RicknKathy@nwcable.net allenvinyard@ymail.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? 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**



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CLERGY TEAM SERVICE COMMITMENT

The Great Rivers 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:

Bob Greene

P O Box 57

Vermont, Il 61484

greenerd@frontier.com

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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 309-252-1727

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Return to your sponsor or GRE Registrar: Kathy Wyatt 450 E. Main
Good Hope, IL 61438
kmwyatt@me.com
309-456-3759 or 309-252-1727

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GREAT RIVER EMMAUS WOMEN'S WALK #22 February 14 – February 17, 2019

- ROW #1: Barb Edwards, LuAnn Kleemeyer, Linda Wilson, Cheryl Dickerson, Jane Beck, Rev. Helen McFarland, Rev. Gayle Pope, Joyce Whitaker
- ROW #2: Dawn Williams, Dana Reid, Lori Salisbury, Marcia Johnson, Carol Ruffin, Sarah Meginnes, Cheryl Alberts
- ROW #3: Joni Smith, Emily Barfield, Ginny Kennedy, Sandra Speaker, Sharon Graves, Linda Spaun, Jean Clow, Mike Alberts
- ROW #4: Amanda Barlow, Ashley Shriver, Deb Potts, Angie Coffman, Teresa Kuchling, Caitlyn Hendricks, Ginny Ersery, Tonya Elliott
- ROW #5: Lennie Gottman, Tammy Carman, Pam Ruyle, Lisa Dalton, Kelly Long, Kensey McGartland, Johanna Wilkerson, Leann Walters, Chris Vonderheide, Brandy Miller

Pilgrims are denoted in BOLD print.



GREAT RIVER EMMAUS MEN'S WALK #21 January 31 - February 3, 2019

ROW #1: Jim Dewey, Bob Greene, Ed Reid, Steve Loeschen, Joe Booth

ROW #2: Corey Vinyard, Tim O'Brien, Keith Branham, Tyler Young, Brandon Churchill, Jeff Haskell
ROW #3: Steve Vincent, Don Pierce, Kyle Phillips, Eric Anderson, Alan Speaker, Jeff Oenning, Kyle Frink
ROW #4: Craig Bannard, Tom Wemhoener, Alan Wilkerson, Mike Zajac, Brian Wollbrink, Elvin Hodges,

Robert Barfield

ROW #5: Chris Patterson, Robert Smith, Don Hummel, Brent Clair, Craig Dennison, Chris Doane, Peter Wehrly, Rusty Schultz

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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.

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Breakfast 8 am, Lunch 12:00



News from the Franciscan Retreat Center

If you were in the Dining Room during the last two Walks, you, no doubt, noticed the new tables. Since that time, the old carpet and tile flooring has been replace with new tile. New chairs have been added, as well. There is also discussion of replacing the furniture in the Gathering Room outside the Main Chapel. There will also be a sign in that area displaying the logos of the three Fourth Day movements that use this facility: Cursillo, Walk to Emmaus and TEC. Donations are always welcome to continue projects like this.

Just a reminder: The entire campus is smoke free.