

# GREAT RIVER WALK TO EMMAUS (GRE) COMMUNITY UPDATE

January 2023

## REMEMBER HOW YOU ENJOYED AGAPE?

Someone took the time to make or order the Agape gifts you received. You can do the same for future teams!

50 pieces are needed for the Men's Walk

50 pieces are needed for the Women's Walk

Pinterest and Google are great resources for ideas.

Extra agape left from past walks has been depleted – and your help is needed to ensure agape gifts are available for our upcoming walks.

Get the family involved ... kids / grandkids / grandparents ... it's a great way to bond together and make a positive impact on many lives! "Agape Hour", making agape, could be a great way to spend quality time with friends!

**Luke 24: 13-35**



## WINTER WALK WEEKENDS!

### Men's Walk #31 – February 23-26

Lay Director Elvin Hodges  
Spiritual Director Gary Sheets

### Women's Walk #32 – March 16-19

Lay Director Cheryl Alberts  
Spiritual Director Mary Jean Sheets

### Prep Weekend – February 10-12

**Weekend Facility – Quincy University North Campus**

## WHERE CAN YOU SERVE?

Please volunteer! All of these opportunities are open to people who have previously attended a 3 Day Event.

### PRAY!

Pray for the teams being formed. Pray for pilgrims to be invited/attend. Pray for our GRE community. Pray for guidance where to volunteer and ways to serve the Lord through GRE.

### SPONSOR PILGRIMS!

To have GRE Walks, we must have pilgrims! Prayerfully consider sponsoring individuals. They won't ask you ... you need to personally invite them!

Pilgrim & Sponsor forms are on our website – Get Involved & Application Forms tab: [www.greatriveremmaus.org](http://www.greatriveremmaus.org)

## CONSIDER YOUR GIFTS & SERVE!

### Computer skills – or – enjoy music?

Consider serving in the conference room as the technician. Ensure the system is set up to show Talk presentations – and run the computer/PowerPoint slides.

– or –

Individuals who enjoy singing or playing a musical instrument are needed to volunteer at community gatherings, walks, and/or special services.

If you have computer skills or enjoy music, please contact Kathy Hull at 217-430-7645 or [khull82@casscom.com](mailto:khull82@casscom.com)

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

There are around 70 sets of sheets from the past walk that need to be washed in unscented detergent / dried / folded in a smoke/pet free environment.

Can you wash them? Or, would you be willing to pay for them to be laundered through a local laundry service? Contact Judy Hays 217-242-0122.

## JANUARY BOARD MEETING

will be held Sunday, January 22, at 1:00 at The Commons - Madison Park Church, Quincy. It is the transition meeting – final meeting for those going off the board and first meeting for those coming on. In addition, it will be our annual Board Retreat.

Where can you serve ... continued ...

## COMMIT TO BEING ON A SERVICE TEAM:

Please commit to being on a service team: Agape Chapel – Kitchen/dining – Work Room. At [www.greatriveremmaus.org](http://www.greatriveremmaus.org) click on the Get Involved & Application Forms tab – and complete the Support Crew Service Commitment.

Want information on any of these teams? Contact any board member.

## MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOMED/NEEDED

Costs are rising. Help support GRE so we can prevent raising the cost for Prep/Walk Weekends. You can also provide scholarships for pilgrims/team memberse unable to afford the full fee. And – contributions are needed so GRE can invest in technology and the ability to electronically submit & reply to applications, donations, etc. Thank you for mailing donations to Great River Emmaus, P O Box 5215, Quincy IL 62305.

## CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU!

### 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