

# Greater Scioto Valley Emmaus Newsletter

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## Time to be a “Servant Leader”

When Jesus began his earthly ministry he stood in the Nazareth synagogue and quoted Isaiah 61:1-3, *“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor...to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor...”* And after he closed the scroll, he spoke the confirming word, *“Today, this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”* – Luke 4:21

Jesus’ ministry fulfilled a prophecy and established the kingdom of God from that time on. He ushered into the world a new way of seeing, feeling and experiencing God’s kingdom for humanity through his life, teaching and resurrection.

What new promise did God give you after your walk? I am sure the promise came through loud and clear either through the Word or the mountain of agape love! In whatever way God spoke to you it allowed you to feel a new way opening up for you...a new promise given...a new opportunity to start a ministry in your local congregation...a new leadership position in the Emmaus community.

Just as Jesus knew the right time to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor, now is the time for you to renew your relationship with Jesus Christ, and set on your course to live out God’ appointment for your life.

In the words of Ecclesiastes 3:1-2, *“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot...”* Now is your time to make new promise – to start anew, renew or re-enlist.

### *There is a time for everything...*

**Time to make a brand new start**

**Time for a fresh experience in a monthly Emmaus gathering**

**Time to invite a friend on the next walk**

**Time to join an Emmaus share group**

**Time to say yes to serve on the Emmaus Board**

**Time to invite the Holy Spirit to lead the way.**

De Colores,

Pastor Kurt King Community Spiritual Director for GSVEC

## Board Retreat

The GSVE Board, both current and newly elected members, will be attending a Board Retreat on Saturday May 31.

The Retreat will be held at Grace Fellowship Church ,  
536 Mill St. in Chillicothe  
(next to Central Center)

If you are on the board or hoping to be, please mark your calendar to attend this important event.

## May Gathering

Following our walk to Emmaus, we are encouraged to see every day as an ongoing walk to Emmaus in the companionship of the risen Christ. Just as the eleven gathered together, the monthly Gathering is for us a time to share stories of how God became real to us on the road with a friend or through a stranger, through scripture, in the breaking of the bread, in the sharing of our love. Through singing and prayer, small groups, Fourth Day talks, and Holy Communion, we share our stories and help one another recognize Christ in the busy times of our daily lives.

The Gatherings are an opportunity to rejuvenate and renew the excitement of our walk; to set aside the stress, the work, the overwhelming schedules we deal with and recharge our spiritual batteries in a setting of love and support.

At our May Gathering (May 15 at 7pm, Trinity United Methodist Church) we will be holding the election of new board members. I encourage you to attend the Gathering to participate in the election, but also to recommit yourself to the Emmaus community. Don't attend just to participate in the election and then not show up again. If you believe in the value of this community, you must also believe in the important role you can and should take every month.

## Sponsorship

What and who do you think Emmaus is for? Who is responsible? "The purpose of Emmaus is to renew the church as the body of the risen Christ in the world through the renewal of Christians as faithful and committed disciples of Jesus Christ" *The Upper Room Handbook on Emmaus, pg 2.*

Emmaus is not for everyone. There may be people you ask or want to ask who just aren't ready and that's ok. We need to focus on prayerfully considering who to ask. God knows who needs to become pilgrims. We just need to be patient and let him tell us in his time.

But we have to remember that it takes all of us in the community. It is not just you, not just me, it is ALL OF US! Sponsoring is an important job in Emmaus. It is not something to undertake lightly. If you choose to sponsor a pilgrim, you have a responsibility to make yourself available for the entire weekend. You should bring your pilgrim to Trinity for registration and stay for sponsor's hour. Yes it is an hour maximum. Isn't your pilgrim worth that? As a sponsor you should contact people to provide agape letters. Should sponsors be at candlelight Saturday night? Yes they should. Do sponsors need to attend closing? Absolutely! There is nothing sadder than for a pilgrim to be at closing and not have a sponsor there. Please don't let this happen to your pilgrims.

So go ahead, say some prayers and ask God for the names of the people he wants you to sponsor, and make sure to get the applications in immediately. Don't hold onto them until the next walk. The registrar will call them and confirm which walk they will be taking.

# Candidates for 2014-2015 GSVE Board

*(Elections to be held  
at next Gathering)!*

**Phil Howard**

**Don Mundy**

**Cathy Adams**

**Don  
Newsome**

**Ed  
Isenberger**

**Kim  
Buchanan**

**Laura Miller**

## ***Registering a Pilgrim; don't wait- do it now!***

If you have a friend or family member that your prayers have called you to sponsor on a walk, the process of Registration should be done as soon as possible. We keep the forms on file and check with the potential pilgrims three to four months before the next walk. Have potential pilgrims complete and fill out a Registration form as soon as possible.

Send the signed Application and the \$20.00 deposit to GSVE Registrar, P.O. Box 192, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601 and I will get them entered in the system. Applications are available at the GSVE website, [www.gsve.org](http://www.gsve.org). You can also contact me at [routlaw@roadrunner.com](mailto:routlaw@roadrunner.com) or 740-701-8006 and I will get you a hard copy of the form to complete. If your pilgrim is not able to attend the next upcoming walk, their application will be held and they will be called for the next walk.

In order for a walk to occur, we must have 16 confirmed applications sixty days prior to the walk, so please don't wait for the last minute. Now if we end up with a confirmed walk and you have a late pilgrim always contact me and get their application in, as we will continue to add pilgrims or put them on a wait list if the walk is full. However, if they are interested, now is the time to get them on the registrars list.

We are currently trying to insure that all pending applications have been put into the system, if you are concerned that your application has not been received, please feel free to contact me at the above address or phone number.

*Decolores! Michele R. Rout, Registrar*

## **Committees**

**In order to operate effectively we need many people to get involved. Most people do not want the responsibility of being on the Board for any organization. Luckily, you don't have to be on the board. As directed in *The Upper Room Handbook on Emmaus* every person in a position on the board should have a committee of people working along with them. No board member is to be expected to do all the work themselves.**

**Board members are there to oversee and delegate, delegate, delegate. Are you interested in becoming more involved in Emmaus? Ask the community lay director here you would best be able to help. Skills that are useful include musical abilities, computer operations and use of software, making phone calls, organizing, cleaning, lifting, food prep, washing dishes, making coffee, running errands and praying to name a few!**

## ***A note from the Kitchen:***

We welcome anyone who wants to help us in the kitchen during the Walk weekends! You can sign up on the website and click on the link to help in the kitchen. You email the times you'd like to help and I will email you back to confirm the times. Setup begins on Thursday afternoon. The Walk meal shifts are:

**Friday** morning (6:30 - 10:30), Friday lunch (10:30 - 3:30), Friday dinner (3:30 - 7:30),

***Saturday times are same as Friday***, but we also need people to serve the Saturday evening meal (*usually the new members from the previous walk - men serve the women, women serve the men*). Please wear white shirt and black pants.

**Sunday** morning (6:30 - 10:30), Sunday lunch and clean up (10:30 until all cleaning is done, about 2:30).

We hope you will come serve God as you serve the pilgrims on upcoming walks. We have a lot of fun and good fellowship. Everyone is welcome, whether or not you know how to cook - men as well as women! We are also looking for people to be on the "kitchen committee". You will learn/help with shopping, and supervising a shift (or more if you would like) during the weekend. The more committee members there are the more the responsibility of the kitchen is shared, and the load is light for everyone.

Please come and join us, and show the pilgrims the agape love that was shown to you. God Bless!

***DeColores! Linda Jones, Kitchen Board Rep.***

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