



From the Heart

A Bi-Monthly Publication of the Heartland Emmaus Community

November- December 2002

FROM OUR LAY DIRECTOR,

We Welcome Pilgrims from Walk # 18 - I pray there is still a sparkle in your heart from that experience.

Speaking of Sparkles, Sparkles are surrounding us everywhere, to just name a few:

- ◆ The Pilgrim's faces gleamed with sparkles
- ◆ Their eyes shone with sparkles - some with tears - some joy - anticipation - release and hope
- ◆ The sparkly reflection of the candle glow in the faces of the Pilgrims, Team and Community
- ◆ The love and grace of our Lord and Savior sparkles as we all learn more and more of His Grace everyday
- ◆ The sparkle of friendships formed and relationships deepened
- ◆ The sparkle of the foil wrapping as you unwrap that bite of "chocolate"
- ◆ The sparkle of fellowship with those of other denominations all bond together thru Christ into His Church
- ◆ The sparkle of time spent in worship and praise to God
- ◆ The sparkle of being able to trust God in every phase of our life
- ◆ Then there is the sparkle of the Christmas Season ahead
- ◆ The sparkle in the birth and now the celebration of our Lord Jesus Christ
- ◆ The lights on the tree sparkle and reflect into the faces of the little children standing in awe at the sight of that decorated tree
- ◆ The presents sparkle in their shining wrapping and accented with bows
- ◆ The decorations that give our homes a sparkling welcome
- ◆ The sparkle of family time together
- ◆ The sparkle of the Holy Spirit at work in your life and other's life

Let us all sparkle as we share our love for others during this blessed Christmas season and as the New Year arrives, let us all sparkle as we share Christ and what he has done for us and who He is in our lives.

I sparkle in my heart with Christian love for all of you as I finish this term as your Community Lay Director. I pray for each of you to have a thirst for God's Word, a deepening of your relationship with your friends, family and most of all our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Thanks for your love and support and may God Bless you richly in 2003.

Decolores

Darlene Burton

Tis the season to be Jolly!!!!!! Right!

In between the shopping, wrapping the things you bought, parties, church and school programs, family get togethers, and a host of other activities that finds its way to the calendar, who has time to breath much less be "jolly". It's more like, "tis the season to be wore out". Christmas is more of a deadline to be met than a holiday to be celebrated. Each year I am determined not to get caught up in the busyness and make the holiday season a little more meaningful, but each year I seem to fall into the same routine.

The busy activities of the season reminds me of the little town of Bethlehem in which Jesus was born. This little town that was so quiet and peaceful found itself swollen with people and activity. Like a creek that finds its banks overflowing after a hard rain. Bethlehem was so overrun with people, all the available rooms at the local hotels and Bed & Breakfast places were taken. People were coming and going, trying to find a place to stay, trying to get settled in, and families were visiting trying to catch up on old times. It was a busy time, it was a busy town. But what is so amazing is while all this activity is going on, God slipped into our world, and no one noticed. The air did not become still, the dogs did not stop barking, there was nothing different. People kept talking, people kept trying to settle in, the world kept rushing by. Just a few minutes away from everyone and their concerns, God became man and dwelt among us, and no one was aware that it happened. Bethlehem kept right on going with their busy activity and no one noticed that God had come.

I think sometimes we get so wrapped up in the busy activities of the season that we miss the very presence of God among us. Make it a point this season to slow down just a little bit and keep your eyes and ears open to the activity and presence of Jesus. Listen to the songs we sing and let the meaning really soak in. Take time to meditate on the scripture we hear every year at this time. Let it be fresh and new. Look for Him in the lives of those around us. Don't let the world rush by this year without recognizing that Jesus is among us.

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Mike Whitney, Spiritual Director

Gathering Information

December 21st - 7:00 pm
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

At 7:00 pm the Community will gather in the Fellowship Hall for our annual Christmas dinner. Afterwards we will move to the sanctuary, sing Christmas carols, worship and share in Holy Communion. We encourage children to participate in this service. We are asking community members to bring a main course and a salad, vegetable or dessert. Gloria Dei will provide the setup, place settings and beverages. Please mark your holiday calendars now and plan to attend, as always, guests are welcome!

January 18th- Platte Woods UMC

February 15th- Resurrection UMC

Potential 2003 Gathering Destinations

March - Drexel UMC
April - Liberty UMC
May - Blue Ridge UMC
June - Aldersgate UMC
July - Hamilton Core Group: Picnic
August - Leawood UMC
September - Ottawa Church of Bretheren
October - Gashland UMC
November - Resurrection UMC
December - Gloria Dei Lutheran

Each Gathering is the third Saturday of the month at 7:00 pm. The above schedule is based upon past years Gathering calendar. Please check with your church office to see if they have the Gathering on their calendar. Then contact Dave and Betty DeVoe at 816-420-0036 to let them know whether your church is able to host the Gathering. The DeVoes will assist you in planning the Gathering, and are available to answer any questions you may have.

A SPECIAL REQUEST FROM YOUR BOARD:

We would ask for you to prayerfully consider a donation to the general budget. We are in need of a little help at this present time. Also, we are setting up a separate fund for a Scholarship Fund to be used to allow someone to experience the Walk who otherwise financially would not be able to. Thanking you in advance for your generosity. God Bless You

Heartland Emmaus Board

#18 LAY DIRECTOR'S THOUGHTS

What did this weekend mean to me?

It was truly AWESOME!! My family knows that I only use that word when it comes to something that God has done. Well, God provided a truly AWESOME experience for all men involved with Walk #18! I didn't know for quite awhile if I should be taking the time to be the Lay Director of this Walk. Even after much prayer, it wasn't clear to me if I should take on the responsibility of organizing this Walk. You see, that's exactly where "my" problem was. "I" wasn't sure if "I" should be taking the time or taking on the responsibility. After finally hearing God telling me to allow the Holy Spirit to do it, the Walk preparation and the Walk weekend went on very smoothly!

What the weekend really meant to me was that I overcame a huge hurdle and allowed the Holy Spirit to take over in all that I do. It simply doesn't get any better than that!

The weekend was also very special because I got to experience it totally with my son, Aaron! I always dreamed of a special opportunity that would come along to allow me to experience an Emmaus Walk with my son. Well, it did, and there is rarely a time that I think about the weekend that I don't think of Aaron there! God truly blessed me with such a special gift!

What do I intend to do with it?

I have been working very intentionally at allowing the Holy Spirit to guide me in all of my days! There have been doors of opportunity that have been opening since I learned to get out of the way! I don't know where the open doors will lead me, but that doesn't even matter. I am just thankful for the opportunities that the Holy Spirit has provided!

Most important is that I am truly humbled to have been part of such a Spirit-filled and Spirit-led walk! I thank God for such a great experience!

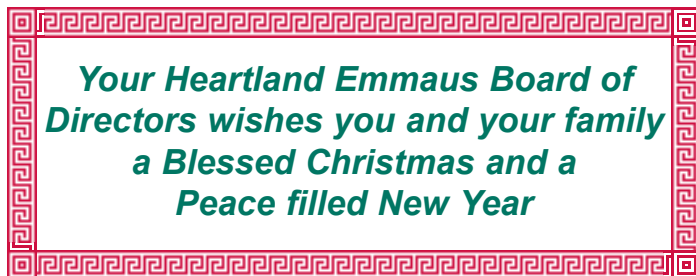
DeColores!

Denny Haugen

Since Walk #18, I have spent a great deal of time reflecting on the joys and challenges God gave us, pilgrims and team alike. He blessed us and made us whole! Now it's up to us to make the choices that will continue to glorify Him. We are newborn babies in Him. We are forgiven, and changed in ways we never dreamed possible. We have had time to rejoin the real world. The understanding that we have changed, and the world has not, has become very real! Sometimes painfully real. Our families are still

adjusting, and probably still a little bewildered at times to the new person we have begun in Christ. Something that helped after my walk 6 ½ years ago was to refer to the notes I had taken from the talks. As powerful as they are on the weekend, the wisdom and meaning comes through even more loud and clear, in the weeks and months to follow. I like to think of the process this way. One of my greatest personal pleasures is sewing. Planning a project, choosing a pattern and fabric, and imagining the possibilities is thrilling. Then comes the work. It is usually more difficult than I had imagined. It takes more time. Sometimes the point comes when I want to toss up my hands and abandon the whole project. But I have seldom done that. The faith in the final outcome keeps me going. And when the final product is complete, the joy and satisfaction are the greatest reward. Sounds a little like the faith God has in us, doesn't it? And also the faith He puts in us, as we are asked to be His hands and feet on earth. When the going gets tough, sometimes the best memory can be the 72 hours we were privileged to spend in Christ's loving arms, and the moment His cross was placed around your neck. The understanding that Christ is counting on you is awe-inspiring. The response that we are counting on Christ is the very least we can do. Please know that you can call or e-mail me anytime. I certainly don't have all the answers, but we can look for them together.

**Love.....Janet Miller, Lay Director, Walk #18
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PILGRIMS FROM WALK #18

Please welcome our newest members.

Kevin Alexander	Ray & Lesa Levi
Todd & Amy Andrews	Dan Milburn
Carol Bates	Larry Moser
Teri Clucas	Angela Motsinger
Dave Cornell & Mary Ruhl	Sandy Motsinger
Cindy Critten	Jimmy O'Rourke
Kathy Crouch	Lysander Overstreet
Sharon Ensminger	Kelly "Pick" Pickering
Bob & Robin Ewy	Julian & Stephanie Sandino
Yvonne Gentile	Larry & Deanne Sheets
Steve & June Grooms	Judy Shetter
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Reunion Group Activities

Day	Time	Location	Contact	Name	For
Mon	Noon	Wendys at I29 & Tiffany Springs	Sharon Horton 816-741-1128	Wings	Coed
Mon	7:30 PM	Gloria Dei Lutheran Church	Robin Musgrave 816-468-6018	Babe Chicks	Women
Tues	7:00 PM	109 S.Main, Ottawa, KS	Scott & Bev Bird 785-242-5236	TBD	Coed
Weds	7:30 AM	Platte Woods UMC, Parlor	Coby Gaulien 816-741-5543	Men from Mars	Men
Weds	11am	Platte Woods UMC, Parlor	Kathy Hopper 816-741-8598	Wildflowers	Women
Weds	7:00 PM	Drexel UMC	Aubrey & Linda Deal 1-816-657-4677	Drexel Disciples	Coed
Thurs	8:00 PM	Zimmerman Home	Suzanne Zimmerman 816-453-0889	Soul Sisters	Women
Thurs	11:30 AM	Bank of America <i>1200 Main, 14th floor</i>	Sam Adams -816-587-2596	Downtown Disciples	Coed
Thurs	Noon	Platte Woods UMC, Parlor	Larry Fagan 816-741-5422	King's Men	Men
Thurs	3:30 PM	Hardee's in Cameron	Leslie Cook 816-583-4031	Pumpkin Sisters	Women
Thurs	4:00 PM	Platte Woods UMC	Sonja Buttron 816-741-0577	BG's	Women
Thurs	7:00 PM	Gashland UMC	Darlene Burton 816-468-9670	Grace Seekers	Women
Fri	7:00 AM	Church of the Servant	Bruce Chyka 913-851-1251	TBD	Men
Fri	7:00 PM	Homes of Pease & Hummel	Pease 816-741-2850 Hummel 816-420-9596	TGIF (To God in Faith)	Coed
Fri	7:00 PM	Homes of Kuhn & Reed	Jeff & Rita Reed 816-941-2208 <i>(Church of the Resurrection Thank God in Forgiveness)</i>	CORTGIF	Coed
Fri	7:00 PM	Aldersgate UMC	Bill & Valerie Rowe 816-246-7499 Warren & Janet Miller 816-966-8972	Southside Servants	Coed
Sat	7:00 AM	Gloria Dei Lutheran Church	Phil Brandis 816-587-1615	Roosters	Men
Sat	7:30 AM	Liberty UMC	Mike & Cara Pilch 816-781-8887	Liberty Angel Wings	Coed
Sat	8:00 AM	Windstead's 107th & Roe	Rick & Delane Cohen 913-381-5004	Steadfast LUMC	Coed
Sat	9:00 AM	Windstead's 435 & Nall <i>This group meets every other Saturday</i>	Tamara Smith 913-906-0336	COR Footsteps	Coed
Sun	2:00 PM	Taber Home	David & Lisa Taber 913-441-2238	Bonner Believers	Coed
Sun	4:00 PM	Homes (Gashland UMC)	Jim & Lyndel Colwell 816-468-8618	TBD	Coed

CHRYSLIS? WHAT IS IT?

The objective of Chrysalis is to inspire, challenge, and equip local church youth for a closer friendship with Christ and for Christian action at home, church, school, and community. The next Chrysalis Flight will be held at Platte Woods UMC, on Sunday, 12-29-02 through Wednesday, 1-1-03. If you would like any more information please contact Robert Bertoncin at rbertoncin@kc.rr.com or go to the Heartland Emmaus web page at www.heartlandemmauskc.org and click on the Chrysalis link. Do you know a youth who wants to strengthen their friendship with Christ; who may have unanswered questions about prayer, study, and sharing their faith; are open to dedicating their everyday life to God in an ongoing manner? If they are a high school sophomore through College Freshman of any denomination then they can go through Chrysalis. If you know a youth that fits these criteria, please seriously consider having them go on this spiritual retreat. They will thank you in more ways than you can imagine.

Your Friend in Christ - Robert Bertoncin



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Board of Directors Ballot

Please vote for five (5) candidates
Each position is a for a three year term

Vote Deadline is December 1, 2002

This ballot is a "self-mailer", please see directions below and on reverse side

----- Robert and Cindy Bertoncin
----- Greg Rackers
----- Jeff and Rita Reed
----- Ann Sidwell
----- David and Lisa Taber

Jeff Worthington will be joining Karla in her board position

Directions

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