



# From the Heart

A Bi-Monthly Publication of the Heartland Emmaus Community

January - February 2003

## FROM OUR LAY DIRECTOR,

## 2003

My prayer for all of you is a BLESSED New Year. One filled with the Peace and Joy that the Lord alone can provide.

During the election of officers in December for the 2003 Board, I was very honored in being asked to lead for another year. I am excited about the year ahead and seeing the Lord work through the Emmaus Community in touching lives.

As we aspire in the beginning of a new year to have new goals and determinations to accomplish "something this year" don't be disheartened by the feeling of wasted years. The Lord promises to restore the years the locusts have eaten. As I was reading this verse the other day, I was humbled to realize the Lord was going to use all those years that I wasn't walking with Him. They weren't wasted years, He will make some good come from them. His forgiveness and His ability to restore and use what has happened to His Glory is the strength to carry on and keep us walking on our path with Him knowing that in God's plans, nothing is wasted. Trust Him to lead you in this New Year.

Be sure and check the information on the Spring Walks in this Newsletter. Also the Board Members and their specific jobs are listed. Please call and volunteer your servanthood in any area. They are a GREAT group of people and would love to work with you. If you have any questions or need help in any area, please give one of us a call. There are many very important articles and information in this Newsletter, please take time to check it out.

Don't forget the upcoming 25th Anniversary celebration of the Walk to Emmaus in Nashville, TN on July 24-27th. Looks like a grand schedule and a very spiritual time of renewal and celebration.

We want also to welcome the new Crysallis members to our Heartland Emmaus Community. We are excited for you to be on your journey with the Lord as you are in your teen years.

I pray for a thirst for God and His Word that will deepen your relationship with him.

**Decolores**

*Darlene Burton*

Ahh the new year. A time that offers hope and fresh expectations. You can put to rest the past and look to the near future with excitement and anticipation. Many people will make resolutions or set goals, but have you noticed most of the goals that we set and the things we want to see changed have to do with our own personal life and well being. I wonder what would happen if we decided to see the new year as an opportunity to abandon ourselves and serve, to look for opportunities to be involved. Maybe to look for opportunities to do something in which we will receive no immediate gratification.

There are opportunities for us to serve in many capacities, but let's not have any misconceptions about serving. Jesus had a couple of people approach Him in Matt. 8:18. One said, "I will follow you anywhere", noble gesture, but Jesus quickly reminded him that following would not be a glamorous trip full of adventure and excitement... He didn't even have a place to lay his head like a simple fox. Another said, "let me bury my father", in other words, "I will come later when all the other things I have to do and obligations are over"... Jesus said, "let the dead bury the dead"... that is to say "come now and allow those obligations to take care of themselves. No excuses." What Jesus was trying to communicate is that to follow Him, to serve, meant abandonment of your comfort and personal agenda. That's a tough pill to swallow.

Here is some simple food for thought. As you look to the year ahead and go through your own goal setting procedure, or whatever it is that you do.... are you open to the opportunity to serve? Would you abandon yourself to a greater cause? There is ample opportunity within your church, your community and Emmaus.

Can you abandon your personal comfort and other priorities to follow Christ wherever He may lead? Give it some thought.

**Have a great year. De Colores**

*Mike Whitney*

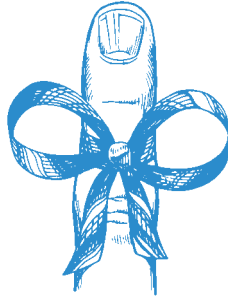
## Gathering Information

**February 15th- Church of the Resurrection**  
**7:00 PM**  
**13720 Roe**  
**Overland Park, Kansas**

**March 15th - Drexel UMC**  
**7:00 pm**

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

Look for reminder postcards via USPS or e-mail for directions to the above Gathering locations. Contact Dave and Betty DeVoe at 816-420-0036 if you have questions.



## Treasurers Report January 2003

2001 Year End Balance	\$1,409.55
2002 Income	\$23,778.29
2002 Expenses	(\$24,762.27)
2002 Year End Balance	\$425.57
January 2003 Income *	\$1,220.96
January 2003 Expenses	(\$1,123.62)
Balance 1/23/03	\$522.91

\* Praise the Lord for the community's response at the January gathering - \$627 was donated so we were able to pay \$1,000 bill that was outstanding from the October Walks. Other income came from shirt and booktable sales.

## Team Roster WALK #19

**October 10-13, 2002**  
**WOMEN'S TEAM**

**October 3-6, 2002**  
**MEN'S TEAM**

### Lay Director

Morrisa Costanzo Perseverance Warren Miller

### Assistant Lay Directors

Lisa Morris	Priorities	Leonard Bechtold
Delane Cohen	Discipleship	John Hamilton
Carolyn Enyeart	Fourth Day	Warren Miller

### Spiritual Director

Glenda Callicott Mike Whitney

### Assistant Spiritual Directors

Yolanda Villa	Prevenient Grace	Mark Turnbough
Glenda Callicott	Justifying Grace	Jim Robinson
Mike Whitney	Means Of Grace	Mike Whitney
Dick Emery	Obstacles of Grace	Kevin Ritter
	Sanctifying Grace	Dick Emery

### Silent Table Leaders (Lay Speakers)

Lyndell Colwell	Priesthood of All Believers	Terry Cook
Nancy Worthley	Life In Piety	Scott Bird
Natalie Pauley	Growth Through Study	Stan Shipman
Mickie Cummings	Christian Action	Ron Denning
Kelly Moore	Changing Our World	John Pauley
Leslie Cook	Body Of Christ	Bill Stacy

### Table Leaders

Dorothy Silvey	Bill Rowel
Bini Hamilton	Robert Bertoncin
Andrea Hunter	Dave Greenlee
Sandra Rackersr	Rick Cohen
Nancy Milliken	Greg Rackers
Lynda Whitney	Dave Dull
Suzanne Zimmerman	

### Team Assistants

Valerie Rowe	Jeff Dunlap
Lalita Ventkansammy	Delbert Jamison
Pat Brown	Terry Thomas
Catherine Mick	Dave Wooge
Judy Pickering	Rockey Dvorak
Tracy Livingston	Michael Surface
Nancy Perez	Bill Waggerman
Suzanne Zimmerman	

### Music

Debbie Heiser Paul Moore  
 Lori Norris Eliu Perez

### Board Representative

Lori Dunlap Dave DeVoe

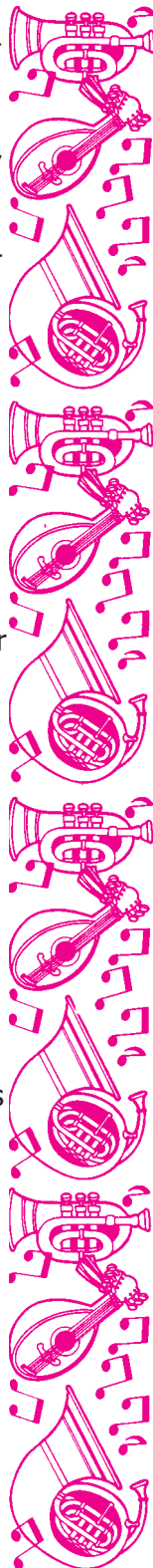
# **WANTED: MUSICALLY GIFTED WORSHIPERS!**

Our gracious God desires gratitude from his creation. He seeks to hear our call and feel our need for him. An exciting and heartfelt way to express our love and praise for him is through music. Col 3:16 tells us to "sing psalms, and hymns and spiritual songs, singing to the Lord with thankful hearts".

We have been blessed within our community to have many musically gifted folks. Not only are we surrounded by talented musicians and vocalists but we have an extremely diverse group of interests in music styles. Our interests range from traditional Hymns, Gospel music, to 'rockin' contemporary praise songs. Equally diverse are the talents given to us, instrumentalists and vocalists alike.

In an effort to maximize our talents for the Lord, a music ministry has been formed for our Emmaus community. This ministry will provide a listing of music volunteers who wish to give of their talents for a variety of events to include walks, gatherings, picnics, member church events, and special events such as community fund raisers! Additionally, the community will be provided a resource in which to draw from when in need of music volunteers. This effort will also further the organization of small groups within our community as has occurred within our new praise band, "The Walk".

If you have ever felt a calling to use your musical gifts in service to the Lord, or are interested in learning how you might become involved in doing so, please consider joining this 'service minded' ministry. If you are a current Emmaus musician, please join in and assist in this ministry. To become involved and sign up, please contact me (Jeff Reed) at our next Gathering. You may also reach me by e-mail at REEDMTN@yahoo.com , or telephone 816 941-2208.



## **Heartland Emmaus of Kansas City 2003 Board of Directors**

### **Chairperson Community Lay Director**

#### Child Care

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### **Vice Chairperson Community Assistant Lay Director**

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### **Community Spiritual Director**

**Mike Whitney** - 816-454-8269

### **Secretary**

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### **Treasurer**

#### Walk Locations

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#### Candle Light & Chrysalis

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#### Entertainment

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#### Kitchen

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#### Prayer Room & Closing

**Jeff & Rita Reed** - 816-941-2208  
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**Betty & Dave DeVoe** - 816-420-0036  
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#### Set-up & Clean-up

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## Reunion Group Activities

Day	Time	Location	Contact	Name	For
Mon	Noon	Wendys @ 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	11:00 AM	Platte Woods UMC, Parlor	Kathy Hopper 816-741-8598	Wildflowers	Women
Thurs	8:00 PM	Zimmerman Home	Suzanne Zimmerman 816-858-2655	Soul Sisters	Women
Thurs	11:30 AM	Bank of America 1200 Main, 14th floor	Sam Adams 816-587-2596	Downtown Disciples	Coed
Thurs	Noon	Platte Woods UMC, Parlor	Rick Hann 816-587-8790	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	6:00 PM	Taber Home	David & Lisa Taber 913-441-2238	Bonner Believers	Coed
Thurs	7:00 PM	Gashland UMC	Darlene Burton 816-468-9670	Grace Seekers	Women
Fri	7:00 AM	First Baptist of Stilw	Bruce Chyka 913-851-0732	TBD	Men
Fri	6:30 PM	Dvorak Home	Mary Dvorak 913-782-7575	TBD	Coed
Fri	7:00 PM	Homes of Pease & Hummel	Pease 816-741-2850 Hummel 816-420-9596	TGIF	Coed
Fri	7:00 PM	Homes of Kuhn & Reed	Jeff & Rita Reed 816-941-2208	CORTGIF <i>(Church of the Resurrection Thank God in Forgiveness)</i>	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	7:00 AM	Gashland UMC	Jim Colwell 816-468-8618	Hounds of Heaven	Men
Sat	7:30 AM	Liberty UMC	Mike & Cara Pilch 816-781-8887	Liberty Angel Wings	Coed
Sat	8:00 AM	Winstead's 107th & Roe	Rick & Delane Cohen 913-381-5004	Steadfast LUMC	Coed
Alt Sat	9:00 AM	Winstead's 435 & Nall	Tamara Smith 913-906-0336	COR-Footsteps	Coed

### VISION STATEMENT

*At Heartland Emmaus of Kansas City,  
our vision is to be servants of Jesus Christ and  
His local churches by:*

Increasing the number of Christians who experience the "Walk to Emmaus"

Strengthening our walk with Jesus Christ through reunion groups, gatherings and active servant hood

Communicating through word and deed the ecumenical, inclusive, Christ-centered outreach of Emmaus



Heartland Emmaus of Kansas City  
P.O. Box 901636  
Kansas City, MO 64190

## **SPRING WALKS ARE APPROACHING ARE YOU READY TO SPONSOR?\***

### **RECRUITMENT:**

To all of our friends in the Emmaus Community: The Spring Walks will be here before long. It is important to begin focusing on appropriate candidates for the Walk. It may surprise some of you to learn that not every person is an appropriate candidate - that is the reason that Sponsors play such a critical role. For each Emmaus Walk to be successful, Sponsors need to start by praying BEFORE recruiting their candidates. Sponsors need to ask questions like - Is the person I am considering spiritually ready for the Christ encounter? Is this a good time in their life to introduce them to this life changing event? God knows the answers to these question, but we must listen to learn who He would ask us to recruit. If we do that recruiting is EASY. It gets HARD when we aren't listening. But recruiting is only the beginning....then comes the important paperwork and continued prayer. Please be prepared to properly do the Sponsor's work if you sponsor.

### **SPONSOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- 1) Be in continuing prayer for your candidate.
- 2) Be sure your candidate gets his/her Pilgrim Application turned in to YOU and that YOU read through it to check it for missing information. (85% of the applications from Candidates are missing information.)
- 3) Be sure you fill out the Sponsor Application and return BOTH applications along with a \$20. NON-FUNDABLE check to Heartland Emmaus of Kansas City, P.O. Box 901636, KC, MO 64190.
- 4) Be certain to let your Candidate know that you are in prayer for them and that you will be their contact if they have any questions. (Candidates are always free to call the Registrar but even though they have questions many of them do not call us. It is easier for them to talk to someone whom they know.)
- 5) Be sure to read over the list of Sponsor Responsibilities that each Sponsor receives when their candidate has been accepted as a Pilgrim for the upcoming Walk. If you have any questions, or you know that you cannot meet some of the responsibilities, call a community member to fill in for you. Christ not only works through the Emmaus Walk Team, but through the SPONSORS of each Walk!
- 6) Keep in touch with the candidate/Pilgrim until the Walk begins and let the Registrar know immediately if your candi date/Pilgrim cannot attend the Walk. (It is not unusual for a waitlist to have 12 - 15 people as candidates and when they are notified there is a spot on the Walk for them some say they cannot attend.)
- 7) Please remind your Pilgrim that \$75 will be due when he/she registers the night of the Walk. Bring YOUR checkbook or cash in the event your Pilgrim forgets!

### **ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS BY SPONSORS AND CANDIDATES:**

*Who can sponsor a candidate to be a Pilgrim on the Emmaus Walk?*

Anyone who has competed an Emmaus Walk, Cursillo, Cairus Torch or Crysallis Flight and is willing to fulfill the responsibilities of the Sponsor.

### *My candidate sent in his/her application months ago, why isn't s/he assured a spot on the Walk ?*

In most cases they would be. However, and this is especially true with the Women's Walk, if we have a large Wait List and we get some wives of clergy who sign up and/or wives of spouses who have attended the Walk earlier, they would have precedence over someone who did not have these connections. (These are the rules from the governing Emmaus body that we are, as a community, required to follow.)

### *What are the cut off dates for accepting applications for the spring Walks?*

Men's Walk -- March 12                      Women's Walk - March 19

### *Is everyone placed on a Wait List to begin with?*

Technically yes, for the reasons stated above. The list of Pilgrims is not set until just before the Pilgrims are notified.

### *Why can't we take candidates who apply close to the Walk dates?*

A properly run Walk is a large undertaking. Food preparation is an especially intensive job. We often have candidates who are on special diets and need special food considerations. Gearing up for these at the last minute is difficult. But even more importantly, Sponsors need to have enough time to notify the candidate's friends and loved ones about writing the agape letters. A huge part of the Emmaus experience is lost if those letters are not appropriately solicited and everyone contacted.

### *What happens when a candidate is on the waitlist and does not make the Walk s/he requested?*

Unless the candidate notifies us to the contrary, s/he will be automatically rolled forward and placed on the top of the waitlist for the next Walk. If the candidate cannot go on the following Walk, s/he will again be rolled ahead automatically. This will happen automatically four times. If the candidate has not taking the Walk by this time, s/he will be taken off the waitlist assuming s/he is not really interested in attending a Walk. Their money is not refunded. If the candidate and/or Sponsor notifies the Registrar of extenuating circumstances, they can be kept on the waitlist longer. (We now have two people on the waitlist who have been there for some time. One has an ill spouse and the other is taking' Chemotherapy treatments.) When either of their circumstances permits them to attend a Walk, they will obviously be at the top of the list.

This article is not meant to be an exhaustive essay on registration or sponsorship. While this is a serious article about a serious subject, your Registrars are friendly, not so serious people, who would love to talk to you if you have questions. We can be reached at 913.897.4289 or by e-mail - ladyncly@aol.com or wcfronk@aol.com. Our fax number is 913.681.5512 which will work if you need to get us an application fast. ONE CAUTION - a candidate's application alone cannot get him/her on the waitlist. It must be accompanied by a check for \$20. and it is NON-REFUNDABLE.

Only Christ is perfect - certainly NOT your Registrars! Please, if you have questions or know of a problem that we can help you or your Pilgrim with, notify us.

\* Please check the Heartland Emmaus website at [heartlandemmauskc.org](http://heartlandemmauskc.org) for candidate and sponsor applications, dates and locations of the upcoming Walks. For those of you who do not have web access contact the Registrars at the above number.

# Walk #19 Schedule and Directions

Valley View United Methodist Church  
8412 West 95th Street  
Overland Park, Kansas 66212

	<b>Men's</b>	<b>Women's</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 26</b> 6:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	<b>April 2</b> n/a 8:00 p.m. - Set-up Chapel, Prayer Room & Agape Room - General Set-up Begins
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 27</b> 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	<b>April 3</b> 6:30 p.m. - Registration & Community gathers for Send-off fellowship. 7:30 p.m. - Send off followed by Sponsor's Hour in the Sanctuary
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 29</b> 8:00 p.m. 10:00 p.m.	<b>April 5</b> 8:00 p.m. - Community Gathers in Sanctuary 10:00 p.m. - Candlelight in Sanctuary
<b>Sunday*</b>	<b>March 30</b> 3:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	<b>April 6</b> 3:00 p.m. - Community Gathers for Closing 4:00 p.m. - Closing 5:30 p.m. - Tear-down

## Directions to Valley View UMC

Park in south lot (95th St. side) - Enter the southwest door marked "Main Entrance"

**From Northwest** (Platte City, Airport, Platte Woods, Kansas City, etc.):

- Take I-29 South to I-635 South
- Stay in left two lanes of I-635 crossing I-35 as it becomes Metcalf Avenue and US-69 South Exit
- Stay on Metcalf to W. 95th St. (when you pass 93rd St. get in right lane)
- Turn right (west) on W. 95th St. continuing on 95th St. through 3 traffic lights
- Church is on the right up on a hill

**From Northeast** (Hamilton, Excelsior Springs, Liberty, Kansas City, etc) :

- Take I-35 South to Metcalf Exit
- (Or take I-35 South to I-29 North to I-635 South to Metcalf and US-69 South Exit
- Stay on Metcalf to W. 95th St. (when you pass 93rd St. get in right lane)
- Turn right (west) on W. 95th St. continuing on 95th St. through 3 traffic lights
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**Optionally from north** (rather than going Metcalf):

- Take I-35 South to US-69 South Exit #225B just after 75th St. Exit
- Take US-69 South to 95th St. Exit
- Turn left (east) on 95th St.
- Church is about 1 and ½ miles on the left on a hill (just east of Antioch)

**From the Southwest** (Ottawa, Wellsville, Gardner, Olathe, etc.):

- Take I-35 North to 95th St. Exit #224
- Turn right (east) on 95th St.
- Church is about 2 and ½ miles on the left on a hill (just east of Antioch)

**From the Southeast** (Lee's Summit, Grandview, Raytown, etc.)

- Take I-435 West to Metcalf Avenue
- Turn right (north) on Metcalf to W. 95th St.
- Turn left (west) on W. 95th St. continuing on 95th St. through 3 traffic lights
- Church is on the right up on a hill

\*Daylight Savings Time will effect the Women's Walk

