



From the Heart

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FROM OUR LAY DIRECTOR,

BACK FROM TENNESSEE

Just imagine a room the size of at least 2 football fields, then envision upon the receiving of the Lord's Supper, a huge circle being formed and by the end, we are having to squeeze together to get everyone in the circle with hands held all the way around. Songs were being sung as everyone finished communion and joined the circle. We broke out in singing Amazing Grace with arms raised in reverence to our Lord. It was a beautiful sight not only to be in, but to see the face of Christ shining in the faces around you, many with tears in their eyes. That was just one of the highlights from my trip to Tennessee.

There were so many topics discussed and some new decisions shared with us from the Upper Room. The major focus was concerning staying true to the "MODEL" of the Emmaus Weekend. This was confirmed many times in the workshops from Communities all over the world stating that they had problems and struggles when they strayed from the God ordained Model of The Walk to Emmaus. Isn't that so like us as individuals when we stray from the instructions laid down for us in God's Word. Staying in the Word, being obedient and striving daily to be more Christlike in every action keeps us on our own Walk to Emmaus. And, when we fail, there is God's Grace.

The 25th Celebration had approximately 1400 representatives from 28 different counties, representing 37 different churches. Just realizing when gazing upon the map they had on display of the world with every represented country marked - we were all here for 1 reason, because of our belief in and our relationship with Jesus Christ. It seemed to make the World seem smaller and filled with Hope.

There will be more to as a follow-up in the next Newsletter and Gathering.

One very important request!!!! Would you like to be a Board Member? Please pray and think about this very important contribution to the Emmaus Community. Please contact myself or any Board member letting us know you are interested. We will be nominating and voting in the very near future.

Have a Blessed rest of summer. Decolores Darlene

TIME TO THINK ABOUT SPONSORING

Who can think of Sponsoring for a Fall Walk when the temps are hovering at 98 degrees! After all, it's still summer. It may be the middle of summer for you, but if you are the Heartland Emmaus Registrars, it's only 10 weeks until the cut off date for the Men's Fall Walk and 11 weeks for the Women's. The Men's Walks are never full so there is no Wait List there. However, the Women's Walk is another story. Currently we are now contacting all of those on the Wait List to see who will be attending in the fall.

Sponsors need to begin recruiting now. This is especially important if you are thinking about asking a couple with children. They have more issues to resolve to get away two weekends in a row. Also, if you are recruiting a single woman, her application needs to be in early because we take couples and clergy before single women. That means that it is more difficult for single women to go.... An early application will increase their chances.

Please remember, sponsoring is an important role. It means more than getting your Pilgrim to Send Off, attending Candle Light and Closing. Sponsoring means praying for your Pilgrim, looking over their application to be sure everything is complete and sending in the Sponsor Application. It also means being around for their family while the Pilgrim is at Emmaus, obtaining the Agape Letters, and connecting them to a Reunion Group for their 4th Day Journey.

I am often asked why some churches get to have so many more Pilgrims on Walks than others. The answer is simple. Some churches have Emmaus people who are more active as Sponsors and recruit not only more Pilgrims, but they get those applications in early.

Consider what Emmaus has done in your life and think about who God wants to be given an opportunity to become a Pilgrim in your circle of friends. Imagine the wonderful difference in someone's life that can come about because of Emmaus. Think about Sponsoring, pray for guidance and then act. Pilgrim and Sponsor Walk Applications are available on the Heartland Emmaus website at heartlandemmauskc.org or for those who need hard copies mailed, call Linda and Bill Fronk at 913.897.4289

Gathering Information

August 16th - 7:00 PM
LEAWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
2915 West 95th St, Leawood, KS

Directions: I-435 to Stateline Rd turn North to 95th St then turn West. The church is 6½ blocks West of Stateline, just past Lee Blvd on the South side of 95th St. Parking all around the building.

September 20th - 7:00 pm
OTTAWA CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

109 W. 9th (corner of 9th and Main) Ottawa, KS

Directions: Take I-35 South to third Ottawa exit, No. 183. Stay on this main drag traveling north. This will merge into Main Street continuing north to 9th and Main. The Church is a white clapboard building that sits on the left (west) side of Main, right across from Subway

October 18th - 7:00 PM
GASHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

7715 N.Oak Trafficway, Kansas City, MO

Directions: Rte 35 (or 29) to Rte 152 and follow 152 to N.Oak. Head south on N.Oak about 1.5 miles (past Barry Rd) to the church which is on the left when headed south. Parking in back.



Treasurers Report **April, May & June 2003**

Closing Balance 3/31/03	\$4,075.13
April 2003 Income	\$5,613.69
April 2003 Expenses	(\$4,867.58)
Closing Balance 4/30/03	\$4,821.24
May 2003 Income	\$825.78
May 2003 Expense	(\$2,860.00)
May Closing Balance	\$2,787.02
June Income	\$472.32
June Expense	(\$1,300.00)
June Closing Balance	\$1,628.03

The cost of Walk #19 that was held in March/April was \$6,967.10. Registration fees and donations associated with Walk #19 were \$9,278.42 giving us a gain of \$2,311.31. Keep in mind that Walk #20 to be held at Wilderness Camp the first two weekends in October will cost us about \$4,500 more due to the cost of the retreat center facilities. As you pray for Walk #20, ask the Lord to continue to bless this His work financially.

Morrissa Costanzo
St. Luke's United Methodist Church
Heartland Walk #7, Table of Naomi

What have these three days meant to me? And what do I intend to do about it? We ask this of the pilgrims at the closing of each walk, but the pilgrims are not the only ones that God speaks to on the Walks. We are each called by God to be there on a particular weekend, including the Lay Director. So what DID the weekend mean to me and what do I intend to do about it.

For me, Walk #19 was about letting go and letting God. It is not in my nature to be layed back. I like to make sure I have all of my details clearly understood, have my notes organized, color coded, and labeled under the appropriate color coded tab in my three ring binder. Yes folks, I am Type A personality extra-ordinaire. But somewhere along the way to preparing for the first team meeting, I realized that this weekend was bigger than what I alone could handle and that all of the color coding and organizing in the world was not going to be enough. I realized that I needed to surrender every detail to God and sit back and let Him take control. So I did just that.

The results were amazing. The team and pilgrims clicked immediately. The speakers were so obviously God inspired. The talks themselves were right on for working together to build and weave together God's message for the weekend. The clergy were awesome. The kitchen once again, spoiled all of us with their incredible meals. The entertainment on Saturday was both fun and inspiring. Everything worked together to make the most incredible weekend I've ever had the privilege of working on.

What I've learned and plan to do with what the weekend meant to me is to let God be in control from now on. I'll still plan, organize, and color code, it's in my nature. But I'm going to start listening to those "nudges", those "feelings", those "I'm not quite sure why, but I really feel led to..." and act on them. God's way is so much better than mine. Walk #19 is proof positive of that.

Thank you to every behind the scene person who helped, prayed, or lifted up the team, pilgrims, and myself, in any way. You've made a difference in the lives of 51 women. On behalf of all of us, THANK YOU!

Team Roster

WALK #20

October 9-14, 2003
WOMEN'S TEAM

October 2-5, 2003
MEN'S TEAM

Lay Director
Lisa Morris Perseverance Leonard Bechtold

Assistant Lay Directors
Jennifer Dull Priorities Mike Pilch
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Debbie Deems Obstacles to Grace TBD
Dick Emery Sanctifying Grace Mike Whitney

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Marcy Scott Life in Piety Bob Hummel
JoAnn Hummel Growth Through Study Terry Cook
Lalita Venkatsammy Christian Action Jim Hunter
Nancy Millikan Changing Our World Mark Stubbs
Linda Shipman Body of Christ Gene Pease

Table Leaders
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Linda Whitney Scott Bird
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Team Assistants
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Music
Deb Heiser Ron Denning
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If any team member needs babysitting for the team meetings please contact Leonard Bechtold or Lisa Morris

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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 <i>1200 Main, 14th floor</i>	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 <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	7:00 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

Do we have your current address?

There are two ways to receive this Heartland Emmaus Newsletter. US Postal Service and electronically, through e-mail. Dave and Betty DeVoe do an outstanding job of keeping track of our growing community and it's members. But they need your help to continue this process. If you have recently moved or changed e-mail providers you need to let them know. Please e-mail them at ddevoe@gbronline.com or call at 816-420-0036 with any and all address changes or corrections.

Renuion Groups

Do you belong to a reunion group that is not on the following list? If so, please contact Dave or Betty DeVoe, and we will see that the reunion group list is updated with your information. We have found that reunion groups are the most important part of our 4th days, and can really help to bring us closer to the Lord. Thanks for your help & DECOLORES.

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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