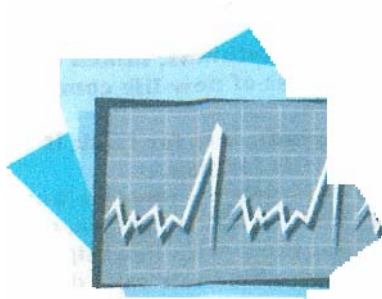


Heartbeat of the Heartland Emmaus Community

April 2004



Mens Walk April 15th – April 18th

Womens Walk April 22nd – April 25th

From the Lay Director:

March Madness!
Spring Fever!
April Fools Day!

When people describe spring, they usually talk about the warming weather, the greening of the world around us, the season of growth beginning anew, and so on. But there's another aspect to spring - a hint of craziness to go along with all of this growth. The season of Lent has us focus on our spiritual lives, dying to ourselves so that we can live eternally with God through the Resurrection. In our earthly lives, we've come through a long, cold winter and the joy we feel with the warm sunshine comes bursting out from inside us.

Paul, in the second letter to the Corinthians, talked about the ecstasy God's love brings, and this process of new life coming from death:

For if we are out of our minds, it is for God; if we are rational, it is for you. For the love of Christ impels us, once we have come to the conviction that one died for all; therefore, all have died. He indeed died for all, so that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. Consequently, from now on we regard no one according to the flesh; even if we once knew Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know him so no longer. So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.
2 Corinthians 5:13-17

The Spring Walks are fast approaching and (praise God!) the Women's Walk is full and the Men's Walk is nearly so - hopefully it will fill up too. These pilgrims will be going through their own time of death to self and birth of a new creation. Many hands will be needed to help bring God's love to them, and many prayers will be needed for the team and the pilgrims. Take a moment today to contact one of the board members to find out where your time and talents can be put to use.

My prayer for each of us is to find some time to listen to the still, small voice of God directing us into the warmth of His love and how to best live our lives as new creations in Jesus. May the blessings of Easter fill your heart and drive you out of your mind for God!

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Greg Rackers

Treasurer's Report – Your End 2003 Figures

Checking Balance 12/31/03	\$202.82
Less Scholarship Fund Balance	(\$360.00)
Funds Actually Available 12/31/03	(\$157.18)
Unpaid Walk #20 Expenses	(\$764.50)
Shortfall at Year End 2003	(\$921.68)

The checking account balance of \$202.82 at year-end showed available funds of negative \$ 157.18 since we borrowed from the \$360.00 we have designated to the Scholarship Fund. In addition, we had \$764.50 in unpaid expenses from Walk #20 that were carried into 2004 resulting in a shortfall at year-end of \$921.68. The shortfall was reported at the January board meeting and to the members at the January gathering.

Treasurer's Report – February 2004

Checking Balance 1/31/04	\$371.32
February Income	\$2,207.61
February Expenses	(\$204.36)
Checking Balance as of 2/29/04	\$2,374.57
Less Scholarship Fund Balance	(\$546.00)
Funds Actually Available 2/29/04	\$1,828.57

Our February income included: \$1,390 in team registrations and pre-registrations for Walk #21, \$723 in donations (with \$186 for Scholarships and \$250 from the music ministry of "The Walk" at Homer's Coffee House on February 7th), and \$94.61 for IOUs collected from Walk #20's book table. Please thank God for enabling us to do His work and be in prayer for pilgrims, team and all God's servants on Walk #21.

PRAYER CHAIN NEEDS YOU!

We have a lot of openings to be part of our prayer chain for our upcoming April walks. You can sign-up by visiting the Heartland of Kansas City website or by contacting Peggy Tingle at

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