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**The purpose of the WALK
TO EMMAUS** is the renewal
of the Church as the body
of the risen Christ through
the renewal of church
members as faithful and
committed
disciples of
Jesus
Christ!



**Men's Walk #73 February 2-5
Women's Walk #74 February 9-12
at Spalding Renewal Center, Peoria
Be a blessing to all on these Walks.
Pray about who to Sponsor in 2012.**

Reflecting on the Past Two Years

I want to thank you all for allowing me to be the Community Lay Director these past two years. It has been a chance for me to grow and serve, and it was quite challenging. Just a short recap of what transpired these last two years. We conducted 10 walks (tried for 12 but had to postpone these last two). We tried out a new facility, the Old School Center in Farmington, with the hopes of serving our western brothers and sisters better. We attempted to do four walks in a two-month period and were successful at doing three with the fourth rescheduled in Nov, 2010. This rescheduled men's walk coincided with the Chrysalis Flight which we also supported. Boy, it is a long drive between East Bay and Farmington. We even had a fire drill at the summer 2010 men's walk, never heard of that before.

The walks originally scheduled for this fall in Farmington have been moved to the Spaulding Center in February. The lay director for the men's walk passed away this fall and Steve Gustafson, his 2nd assistant, has cordially agreed to take over the team. The Men's Walk 73 will be Feb. 2-5, 2012 with the anointing at the First United Methodist Church of Peoria in the chapel on January 30th at 7:00 p.m. The Women's Walk 74, lead by Kathy Deatherage, will be Feb. 9-12, 2012 with the anointing at Crossroads First United Methodist Church in Washington on February 6, at 7:00 p.m. The remaining two walks for this year will also be at the Spalding Center on June 14-17 for the men and June 28-July 1 for the women.

We have also tried to be a good parent organization to the youth of Chrysalis. Several in the community have stepped up to help the Chrysalis community conduct their flights. This last Flight 27 in November saw a great improvement in our involvement. We will have four more opportunities to assist them this next year. Like Emmaus, they will be going to individual weekends for the boys and the girls. The next Flights will be held at Eagle Crest Camp in Washburn, IL. The guys' flight is scheduled for March 16-18 and the gals will be the following weekend March 23-25. The facility in Washburn differs from what they experienced at East Bay in that all the meals will need to be prepared, not just served. We all know, from our experiences with Emmaus kitchen help, that this is no small task. We really need to come along side our young friends this year more than ever.

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**ILLINOIS
HEARTLAND
EMMAUS**

From the Community Lay Director:

My name is Pam Miller. I am writing this article to introduce myself to each of you as the Community Lay Director for 2012. I have spent the past year working closely with the current Community Lay Director. Thank you, John, for your instructions and guidance.

I took my Walk in May 2000 at Central Illinois Emmaus in Springfield. I took the Walk because my husband Wayne asked me to. We have had life changing events since that time. We have both been very active in the Heartland community for the past 10 years. We have both served on several teams, love to serve in the kitchen, and try never to miss the Gutbucket band. (Where else could any one look ridiculous and serve the Lord!)

I am a member of the Chillicothe First United Methodist Church. I am active there, wherever the Lord leads me. The guidance right now is MAPP (Ministry Assessment Planning Process). I am the director and through the process the congregation is finding itself moving in some different directions. It is challenging and rewarding to see people work together with one mission in mind.

During 2012 the Illinois Heartland Emmaus community will see some changes. The most notable will be that there are only two sets of Walks scheduled. The first set is the Men's Walk on February 2-5, and the Women's Walk on February 9-12, 2012. The second set is the Men's Walk on June 14-17, 2012 and the Women's Walk June 28 - July 1, 2012. Both sets will take place at the Spalding Center in Peoria, IL.

I am pleased to be able to serve the community in the capacity of Lay Director. If you have questions or concerns, please address them to me at millerwaypam@juno.com.

De Colores
Pam Miller
2012 Community
Lay Director

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Every year we have a group of servants leaving the board. This year we are losing four good men with a heart for serving our Lord. Let us all give our warm thanks to the outgoing board members for their tireless service to the community: Ron Zipfel, Dave Myers, Leonard Thomas and John Utt. We will miss you on the board, but I know you all will be there serving as usual with a loving heart. God Bless You, Gentlemen.

Lastly, I pray that this next year sees us growing stronger both in Emmaus and Chrysalis and in the connection between them.

DeColores
John Sittler
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**Best Wishes for a Happy
and Prosperous 2012**

**Welcome to the new Heartland
Emmaus Board Members:**

**Leslie Gerdt
Julie Mooberry
Diane Pfelderer
Jeff Puckett
Barb Swanson**

**Thank you to those who are
leaving the Board.
We appreciate your service.**

**JoAnn Cooper
Dave Myers
Leonard Thomas
John Utt
Ron Zipfel**

Sponsor a Pilgrim this year
Forms are online at
ilheartlandemmaus.com



Important Notice

If you have an e-mail account and are not receiving the Emmaus Newsletter or e-mail updates from Valerie, please send your e-mail address to vkruzan@aol.com. E-mail updates are sent out when events are changed, as reminders of upcoming events, to give notice of deadlines, etc. You don't want to miss this information.

Men's Walk #73 — February 2-5
Steve Gustafson, Lay Director
Women's Walk #74 — February 9-12
Kathy Deatherage, Lay Director

Men	Responsibility	Women
Steve Gustafson	Lay Director, Perseverance	Kathy Deatherage
Bill Holman	Assistant Lay Director, Priorities	Pat Gareau
	Assistant Lay Director	Val Kruzan
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	Musician	Judi Hauck
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Ed Winkler	Growth Through Study	Marie Sittig
James Hutcheson	Christian Action	Kathy Trowbridge
Chuck Franklin	Discipleship	Barb Steenrod
Perry Sinnett	Changing Our World	Janet Becker
Don Heytman	Body of Christ	Tanya Taber
Peter Ault	Table Leaders	Kristin Ross
Roger Greer		Mary Tollefson
Jason Duke		Carol Brubaker
Harold Cordes		Debbie Brown
Tom Boyd		Elaine Klahn
Dan Sabota		
David Myers		
Tom Hubbell	Agape Chapel	Nancy Booher
Shawn Warner		Sharon Craghead
Robert Mace		Paula Rickey
Arthur Inman		Cathy Mitchell
Bill Buselmeier		Mary Scott



✓✓✓ Sponsor a Pilgrim for the Upcoming Walks
Attend Candlelight Saturday, Feb 4 and Feb 11
 8:30 p.m.— Spalding Renewal Center
Attend Closing Sunday, Feb 5 and Feb 12
 5:00 p.m.— Spalding Renewal Center
 Another opportunity for great fellowship.



The next SonRise Chrysalis Flight #28 for Guys (sophomores through seniors in high school) will be March 16-18, 2012. Flight #29 for Gals will be March 23-25.

Chrysalis Guy's Flight #28 will be held at Eagle Crest Salvation Army Camp, Washburn, IL on March 16-18. Lay Director is Ron Aupperle and Spiritual Director is Rob Roy.

Chrysalis Gal's Flight #29 will be held at Eagle Crest Salvation Army Camp, Washburn, IL on March 23-25. Lay Director is Jennifer Merth and Spiritual Director is Randy Williams.

Check the website www.sonrisechrysalis.org for any further Chrysalis information and ways to get involved! Help is needed to prepare and serve meals for these Flights.

Fly with Christ! and De Colores!

Beth Hauck

SonRise Chrysalis Community Lay Director

Attend the Chrysalis Candlelight on Saturday, March 17 and 24, at 8 p.m. and Closing on Sunday, March 18 and 25, at 5 p.m. at Eagle Crest Salvation Army Camp, Washburn, IL.



Get Acquainted with the Walk #73 and #74 Lay Directors

My name is , Steve Gustafson, Lay Director for Walk #73. My wife Susan and I live in Peoria and attend First United Methodist there. We have two grown sons both living in Peoria so we do get to see them often. I am a semi-retired accountant.

I was a candidate in Cursillo in September 1989 but, unfortunately, didn't really follow through until a friend was lay director for walk #25 and asked me to be a table leader. In addition to stepping up my participation in local church activities after that I have been fairly active with Emmaus teams. Besides being a table leader I have given several talks, been Agape Chapel leader, and served as an assistant lay director.

While it is a humbling experience to be asked to be a lay director, and I had been told that my day would come in the next year or so, this is the most humbling of all. Following the tragic death of Jim Boswell in October, I was asked to move up from being one of his assistants to being the lay director. All of the efforts to make this a successful weekend can rightly be credited to Jim. Thank you and bless you for your fine work, Jim.

My name is Kathy Deatherage, Lay Director for Walk #74. I live in Washington and attend Crossroads United Methodist Church. My initial Walk was held at First United Methodist Church in downtown Peoria Walk #113 (CIE). I have served on many teams throughout the years and enjoy "gutbucket."

I have four children (19, 19, 21, and 26) and have been married to my husband Scott for 28 years. We have a daughter who is a freshman at ICC, a daughter who works in Peoria, and a daughter who just got married on September 3 and is a cosmetologist. Our son is a senior at ISU. We have had 21 foster children over the years.

I am actively involved in my church serving on the newcomer team, learn team, donut ministry, columbarium team and am currently trying to start a special needs ministry. I look forward to serving the Lord as Lay Director for Walk #74. I pray God will guide us through the weekend and that we remember His grace will always surprise us, overwhelm us, and leave us breathless.

Upcoming Gatherings (Clip and Save)

January 21, 2012 — 7:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church
116 NE Perry, Peoria
Host: Ron and Judy Zipfel
309-673-3641

**February 2012
Walks 73 and 74**
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March 10, 2012 — 7:00 p.m.

New Life Christian Church
401 W. Edgewood, Morton
Hosts: John and Joanne Utt
321-8003

April 21, 2012 — 7:00 p.m.

Chillicothe United
Methodist Church
1023 N. Sixth St., Chillicothe
Hosts: Wayne and Pam Miller 274-5100

**Help is needed
at each Walk.
Call Dawn and Dewey
Yates (744-5104) to
volunteer to cook
and/or serve meals.
For help with
security,
agape,
72-hour prayer vigil,
setup or cleanup,
contact Pam Miller at
309.274.5100 or
millerwaypam@juno.com
You will be blessed for
your service.**

From Our Community Spiritual Director —

The Christmas season was a busy time of the year with all the different activities at church, school, and in the community itself. But Christmas is a very special time of the year, a time of remembering the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The One who came into the world that we might receive God's greatest gift, His Son, into our lives and hearts. For me this is still the greatest gift anyone could receive, Jesus Christ as personal Lord and Savior. May we each cherish and celebrate God's great gift as we move into our new year.

We in the Emmaus community have the opportunity to help others reconnect with the Savior during an Emmaus weekend. I hope each of us will look around and see who we can sponsor for this next set of walks. Someone offered you that opportunity and now you need to offer someone else the privilege of attending a renewal weekend.

I would also like to invite you to join us at our monthly gatherings on the third Saturday of each month. The list will be posted on the web site, but the January gathering is at Peoria First UMC and the March gathering is in Morton. February we will be gathering at the men's and women's walks to support the participants. Please plan to join us!

DeColores! *Rev. Keith Ferguson*

Sponsorship! The Most Important Job of All

by John Utt

The ultimate reason for sponsoring a pilgrim for the “Walk to Emmaus” (or a butterfly for Chrysalis) is to strengthen and deepen that person’s relationship with Jesus and to create an enthusiastic disciple to do God’s work in his/her home, church, and community. The ultimate reason for YOUR wanting to sponsor someone is Christ’s love, and you want that same love for the prospective pilgrim. Christ’s love fills us up and we want to PASS IT ON!

Most communities take sponsorship for granted; they assume that everyone knows the how and why of sponsorship. Unfortunately, often sponsorship is not discussed except in reference to the number of pilgrims signed up for a Walk or to a conflict over an issue like the “husband/wife rule.” Yet sponsorship is the most important job in Emmaus and Chrysalis. It is more than “signing up people.” The importance of an Emmaus or Chrysalis Community being educated about the value of good sponsorship cannot be overemphasized. The quality of sponsorship influences the pilgrim, the health of the Emmaus Movement, and the church affected by the movement.

Good sponsorship is the first act of agape before a Walk ever begins; the experience of the Walk for a pilgrim really begins with how we handle sponsorship since good sponsorship requires your support the whole weekend with sacrificial love on behalf of each pilgrim. Sponsors use discernment in recruiting pilgrims, embody the personal commitment of the community to each pilgrim, and provide personal acts of agape during the three days for the pilgrims. Good sponsorship is the foundation for a healthy, effective Emmaus Movement that is fulfilling its true purpose: Not just the development of Christian leaders and the renewal of the church in ministry, but one’s individual spirituality.

The strength of any Emmaus Community is a direct result of that community’s recruiting practices. We should look for Christians who are hungry for “something more” and want to grow spiritually. We have been letting our community down

because we are not sponsoring as we could. We have all experienced the excitement and enthusiasm that followed our Walks. And, we remember how we wanted to share this experience with others; we need to pray about sponsorship.

Sponsorship is the act of revisiting The Walk to Emmaus or the Chrysalis experience with the person whom God has laid on your heart. Do not take its responsibilities lightly or carry them out casually or haphazardly. Sponsorship requires extensive prayer, diligent thought, careful planning, and acts of agape which include agape letters, presence at Candlelight and Closing, and follow-up.

One of the worst mistakes made by those of us who have attended the Emmaus Walk or Chrysalis Flight is to be too secretive about what happens on a Walk or Flight. There is nothing secret about Emmaus or Chrysalis. When your prospective participant asks a specific question, you should always give an honest and truthful answer. Chances are they aren’t going to think to ask you about Candlelight or Dying Moments, but if they do, do not deceive them. It would be better to tell them more than to be too secretive. Being a sponsor is an awesome way to share the Emmaus experience.

Unwise sponsorship

- ◆ Non-Christians and persons without connections to the church are usually not ready for this type of intense weekend.
- ◆ Do not sponsor people involved in recent or unresolved emotional distress; for example the death of a loved one, family breakup, divorce proceedings, work downsizing, or health problems.
- ◆ Those who are unable to sit in the conference room chairs for several hours at a time or have severe medical problems should not attend.
- ◆ Persons who differ significantly from the basic doctrine espoused in the Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis do not make strong prospects for the Walk.

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Sponsorships Hints

- ◆ Always have applications available. Take the application to your pilgrim and have him/her fill it out in your presence answering any question he/she may want to ask. Obtain the registration fee then mail it to the Emmaus Registrar (address on the application).
- ◆ After you have received confirmation of the pilgrim's "Walk date," begin working on letters. Letters are an extremely important part of the weekend, so spend some time to insure your pilgrim has at least 12 letters in your possession when you take them for their weekend. Be sure to have the Pilgrim's first and last names on the envelope - otherwise there is a chance of incorrect delivery. The letters from family members should have 'Family' written on the envelope and other envelopes should have 'Friend' written on the front. Some areas to search for letters, besides the spouse, are Sunday school classes, work, family, other organizations the pilgrim may be involved in, and your own church and Emmaus Community.
- ◆ Find out if your pilgrim needs a special diet or medication regimen and pass this information on to the Lay Director.
- ◆ Explain to the pilgrim there will be no contact with their family or business except, of course, in an emergency.
- ◆ Take or meet your pilgrim at the first Community Gathering after their Walk.

Remember how important Emmaus was to you.
PASS IT ON!



Consider a Chrysalis and Walk to Emmaus Fund at Your Church

Have you considered starting a Chrysalis and Walk to Emmaus fund at your church?

The purpose of such a fund is (1) to provide scholarships for part of all of the Chrysalis or Walk to Emmaus weekend fee for people in your church, and (2) to provide a place for donations from persons who have been on a Walk.

This is a win/win fund. Persons you sponsor can get help with fees from the church and those already in the Walk to Emmaus Community have a place to donate to help local pilgrims.

There are several churches that we are aware of that have done this: Eureka Christian Church, Crossroads UMC in Washington, Bradley Epworth UMC.

Of course, this doesn't take the place of your donations to the IL Heartland Community. Money is always needed for Walk supplies, this newsletter, food, Pilgrim Books, etc.



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sonrisechrysalis.org**

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March 10, New Life CC,
Morton (see p. 5)



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2012 Walk to Emmaus Schedule

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Spalding Renewal Center, Peoria
Men #73 — February 2-5, 2012
Women #74 — February 9-12, 2012
Men #75 — June 14-17, 2012
Women #76 — June 28-July 1, 2012

Sonrise Chrysalis Flights
(Weekend for Teens and Young Adults)

www.SonRiseChrysalis.org
For high school students
Eagle Crest Salvation Army Camp
Outside of Washburn, IL
2012

Flight for Guys #28 — Mar 16-18
Flight for Gals #29 — Mar 23-25

Central Illinois Emmaus
www.ciemmaus.com

Quincy University, Quincy, IL
Men #238 — Jan. 19-22, 2012
Women #239 — Feb. 9-12, 2012
Men #242 — July 19-22, 2012
Women #243 — Aug 2-5, 2012
Lake Springfield Christian Academy
Men #240 — Feb. 23-26, 2012
Women #241 — March 8-11, 2012

Promiseland Chrysalis Flights
for CIE

Green Pastures Christian Campground
www.promiselandchrysalis.com
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Flight for Gals #46 — Feb 18-20
Flight for Guys #47 — March 2-4

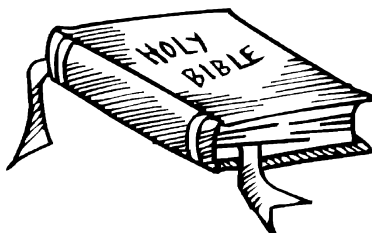
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Emmaus Walk. You
and the Pilgrim will
be blessed forever.**