



***From the Community Lay Director.....***

## **It's Not About Us!**

The Spring walks are upon us. Pilgrims have committed to attend the weekends. The teams are in the final phases of teaming and walk preparations. The TW Emmaus board members are busy performing their jobs to get ready for the weekend. Hurry here, hurry there. Check this, check that. Will everything turn out as planned? Probably not. But that's okay, because none of this is about us. So, what is it about? Let's review.

A TW Emmaus walk is about **Grace**, **Humility**, and **Teamwork**.



*Ephesians 2:8-9, "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast".*

We have the belief that the goodness and power of God can change anyone's life. We have seen His grace changing lives on past walks. We simply must get out of the way.



*Philippians 2:3, "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,*

The focus for the weekend is on God's work, not ours. We consider everyone else to be more important than ourselves. We don't take the credit or act differently when God uses us. We have the humility to allow ourselves to be outshined by God and others.



*1 Corinthians 12:14, "Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many."*

The teams are led by Jesus Christ through a plurality of leaders. The focus of our teams is on teamwork, not individuals. The team will not be dominated by any individuals. We will trust the Lord to guide us through teaming and the weekend.

**It's not about us.** It's time to be sure that your calendars are set for April 18-22 and May 2-5 so that you can support the new Pilgrims at send-off, Candlelight, and closing.

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*Larry Taylor*, TW 53



***From the Director of Finance.....***

## **Important Finance News**

For the past several years our community has been blessed with unchanged rates for the walk weekend fees. The TW Emmaus board has been working the past several months to closely review our current and projected expenses. We have also worked closely with the Wakefield Airfield Conference Center as they have faced increased operating expenses that they must pass on to us, and in fact are already passing on to us in the upcoming Spring Walks.

After much prayer and pencil sharpening, the Board of Directors has determined we can no longer continue to charge the current fees. In order to continue to support the walk weekends, we must now increase our weekend fees. However, we have taken a step of faith in basing the new fee structure on having a large number of pilgrims for each walk...approximately 35.



**So, we ask for your prayers for our community and encourage you to reach out to others and Sponsor, Sponsor, Sponsor 😊**

Your Board of Directors will continue to do all that we can to minimize expenses and be faithful stewards of the gifts that our Lord provides through the generosity of our Brothers and Sisters of the TWE Community.

### **New Weekend Fees: (Effective for Fall 2013 Walks)**

- **Pilgrim Application - \$55**
- **Sponsorship - \$195**
- **Conference Room Team Member- \$195**
- **Community Support Team Member - \$145**

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*Kim McConnaugh*, TW 65

## ***From the Director of Music.....***

### **Ever Wonder.....**

Ever wonder how we get the great music we do at Emmaus and Chrysalis? Yeah, probably not.....unless you've had to lead worship before. So here's some interesting info (or at least I think so). In order for us to be able to use these songs (make copies, project words, etc.) we have to get copyright permission. The Christian Copyright Licensing International, CCLI, offers copyright licensing of songs and other resource material for use in Christian Worship. Part of our weekend fees and monthly contributions to Emmaus go toward covering the cost of our yearly dues. Every few years they request us to keep detailed account of what songs we are using and when. CCLI takes note and makes sure the artists we love are being blessed in return.



How blessed Tidewater Emmaus is with having servant-hearted, capable musicians! But if you all know a musician, you probably know they are often over-played... Musicians arrive hours before any service, they leave hours after, and they have little social time in between. I am so grateful for the God-given gift of music and worship, but I have to say, sometimes it is just plain exhausting!

**So, we need you, I need you, God needs you!**

If you have musical talent- a voice, an instrument- prayerfully consider offering to help serve. There is no bigger blessing in my life than the gift of worship. What a joy to sing the praises of our glorious God! Come join in the joyful noise! Come to the heart of worship!



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*Amy Coxwell*, TWC 13

***From the Director of Agape.....***



## Prayer Vigil   Prayer Vigil   Prayer Vigil

Wanted: Emmaus Community Members to sign up for the Prayer Vigil for both the Men's & Women's Walks. We still have several spots open for you to sign up to pray for one half hour or more. Please help me to fill all the time slots. You can go to the TW Emmaus website under agape and sign up. Thanks for all your help in making these walks as memorable as ours was.

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*Joyce Thompson*, TW-54



**PS.**

### **Needed:**

Bottled water for the ladies and the men for chapels, bedroom hallways, and closing. If you have any questions please let me know. Thanks so much and God bless your week.  
Laurie Shertzer 418-2419

***From the Director of Gatherings....***

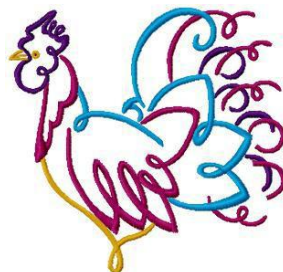


**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

Praise God that we are going to have 2 wonderful Walks in April and May. This is your chance to come out and support your new friends in Christ. Our April Gathering will be on Saturday night on the men's walk, TW100. Be there before 7:30 pm to sign placemats. Our service will start at 7:30 pm with Candlelight around 9:00 pm. There will be no pot luck or childcare, but your children are welcome to join us. Just an amazing evening of song, worship, and agape for the Team and Pilgrims of TW100. This is your chance to share what was so lovingly given to you on your walk. I will never forget my first Candlelight.

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*Barbara Edwards*, TW 35



# ***Important Dates***

## ***Spring Walks***

- ***TW 100 Men's Walk: April 18<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>***
- ***TW 101 Women's Walk: May 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>***

## ***DODU and Gathering***

- ***5/18/2013, Community UMC, 4:00 and 5:30***

## ***Fall Walks***

- ***TW102 Men's Walk: October 24-27***
- ***TW103 Women's Walk: November 14-17***

