



From the Community Lay Director....



"Staying Connected"

It's only been a few weekends ago since the completion of the men's walk (TW102). Sitting there at closing Sunday afternoon, I'm always amazed at what God does on a weekend to the lives of the pilgrims. I know how they feel because a weekend long ago also changed my life.

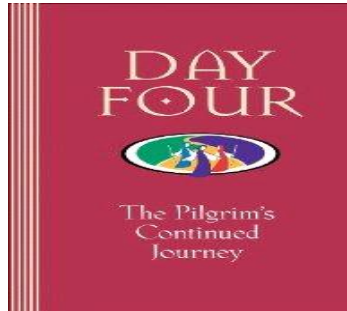
Thank you all for participating in Candlelight during the recent Walk. Your prayers and presence certainly made a lasting impression on our new Community members. We now have the opportunity to support the women's walk (TW103) this weekend November 14-17. Please be in prayer for them throughout the weekend.



Just as the pilgrims did on TW102, we each learned on our walk about the fundamental disciplines of a life in grace: piety, study, and action. We learned how important it is to **stay connected through a reunion or accountability group** in order to keep the flame of the Emmaus Walk from being extinguished.

The Group Reunion itself is one of the chief values of the Emmaus Movement- one of the greatest treasures the Walk to Emmaus contains. It is a way of persevering in the life of grace so that those things that are valuable to you during the weekend will not be lost when you return to your life in the world.

One of the greatest resources you have at your disposal to understand the Group Reunion concept is the book *Day Four, The Pilgrim's Continued Journey*. You received a copy of this book in your fourth day packet on Sunday of your walk. Chapter 6 is devoted solely to this topic and makes it very easy to know just what to do. It is even helpful if you have had a group for a long time that may need revitalizing or to get back on the right track.



One of the things to keep in mind about Group Reunions is that the group should be fairly small in number and made up of friends you feel comfortable sharing with. Another nice feature of the group is that no one in the group needs to feel the pressure of being the group leader. Each member takes responsibility for the group process. Some groups meet weekly, others monthly or quarterly. You need to meet often enough to be accountable to one another in your commitment to practice the fundamental disciplines of a life in grace: piety, study, and action. Another thing to keep in mind is to not limit those who can be in Group Reunions to Emmaus pilgrims.

Group Reunions are spiritual support groups for any Christian who is a pilgrim on the journey of faith and who desires to live a life of accountable discipleship. If one of the things your group does is make agape for the walks or encourage each other in sponsorship of pilgrims, you may want to plan a separate meeting date to accomplish those tasks if you have people involved in your group who have not attended the walk to Emmaus yet.

The service card you received on your walk helps you to keep your time together focused on the purpose of the group.

Many groups meet on Saturday mornings or Wednesday evenings after work. You can meet in a restaurant, homes or churches.

The important thing is to get plugged into a group in order to persevere in the life of grace.

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Larry Taylor, TW53

.From the Director of Gatherings....



"We Owe You!"

The **November Gathering** will be at the TW 103 Candlelight at the Wakefield 4-H Conference Center, Saturday, November 16. We will not have a pot luck supper before the Gathering. However, it is the TW Emmaus community's custom to bring snacks and cookies to munch on while we sign placemats. Please be there at 7:30.

I have a special message to the Pilgrims of TW99. The ladies on the below list did not receive the "red book" (Day Four, The Pilgrim's Continued Journey) in their 4th Day Packet because we ran short. I am sorry it has taken awhile, but I finally have those books now. If you are on this list or are in contact with one of them, please see me at Wakefield before the Women's Candlelight on Nov 16. I will also have the books with me at future gatherings.

**Sheri Lussier
Christine Phelps
Missy Folta
Laura Roy
Kelly Maxey
Nancy Schaedel
Roxy Zok
Janet Simons
Jackie Corfey
Valerie Arntsen
Bobbie Lockwood**

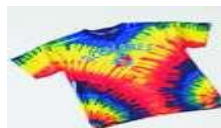
Looking ahead, the **December Gathering** is on the 21st at Mt. Pleasant UMC. Pot Luck will start at 5:30 pm followed by Gathering at 6:30 pm.

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Barbara Edwards, TW-35

P.S....

And don't forget to wear your colors!



From the Director of Records.....



“I Need Your Information”

In our continued effort to keep our community data base up to date I need your Help! I know through the past several years you might have changed your phone number or in fact terminated your home phone and just went with you cell phone. Many people have relocated from one address to another.... someone might have changed churches.....

Whatever changes that might have occurred, if you could share that with me, I will try to keep everything up to date. You can e-mail your information to me at donniegray1@cox.net.

NOTE: We ONLY use this information to contact you directly or to get our newsletter to you. We DO NOT share this information with anyone else.

Tidewater Emmaus By-Laws - If you have a copy of the Tidewater By-Laws there have been a couple of "housekeeping" changes approved by the board. If you will e-mail me and let me know who you are, I will forward a copy of those changes to you.

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Donnie Gray TW 92



TW Emmaus Reminders



- ***Gathering/TW103 Candlelight – Wakefield***
 - ✓ ***Saturday, November 16***
 - ✓ ***Time: 7:30 – Monthly Gathering***
 - ✓ ***Board nominations will be voted on***

- ***Sonrise Service – Wakefield***
 - ✓ ***Sunday morning -6:15 am at Gray***

- ***Closing – Wakefield***
 - ✓ ***Sunday, 4:00pm***

- ✓ ***DODU November 23, Community UMC***
 - ✓ ***Starting at 3:00pm (no pot luck/no Gathering)***

- ***December Gathering at Mt. Pleasant UMC.***
 - ✓ ***Saturday, December 21***
 - ✓ ***Time: 5:30 – Pot Luck Supper***
 - ✓ ***Time: 6:30 - Gathering***