

June 2016

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Upcoming Gatherings:

SATURDAY June 25th
@ Preemption UMC,
6 p.m. Potluck
7 p.m. Apostolic Hour
9 p.m. Chrysalis Girls
Candlelight

ATTENTION!

Worship Services for
Emmaus Candlelight's,
Closings, Pilgrim Drop-
Off, etc.) will now be at
Alpha UMC. See the
website for directions.

Emmaus Walks

Men's Walk 109:
Sept. 15th -18th, 2016
Camp Summit

Women's Walk 110:
Sept. 22nd -25th, 2016
Camp Summit

Chrysalis Flights

Girl's Flight 121:
June 23-26, 2016
Camp Milan

Boy's Flight 122:
July 7-10, 2016
Camp Milan

Emmaus Walks
Held at Camp Summit
3321 57th Ave
New Windsor, IL

Chrysalis Flights
Held at Camp Milan
Milan, IL

Grapevine

QC Emmaus / QC Chrysalis



Community Lay Director

Welcome pilgrims of Walk's 107 and 108! I pray that you have seen and felt God's blessings to your Fourth Days so far. And as you continue to open yourself up to hear, see and feel God's calling for you as well!

Thanks and praise to Dave Ramp and Kelly Miller for their leadership as Weekend Lay Leaders for Walk's 107 and 108 as well as a thank you to the to the members of the teams that graciously serve our Lord and Savior Jesus. And in addition I give thanks and praise for all the community members who participated in the weekend's activities.

I ask for prayers for Randy Shipman and Darcy Sutton, the Weekend Lay Leaders for Walks 109 and 110. They are in the process of team formation with meetings to start in August. If you are interested in serving on this set of walks or any walks in the future please contact Carl Loweth, who is the chairman of the Team Selection Committee. His cell number is 563-505-1196 and his email is carl.loweth@gmail.com. Carl is in the process of building a reservoir of names for the lay directors to use now and in the future. We have had several community members step up to serve on this committee and commit themselves for one year of service. I praise God and give thanks for those people who have stepped up and said yes to this service.

One of the board's emphasis for this year is to have full weekends. We know that this is the process starting with prayer and people who are willing to serve. We have started an effort to do more sponsorship training, starting with right after the reunion meeting. In addition we have churches who have several Emmaus members in the congregation of these churches. So we have started and will be doing more sponsorship training meetings in churches. If you think your church would be interested in doing a sponsorship training please reach out to Kathy Ramp. Her cell number is 309-738-8389, her email is kdramp@mchsi.com.

The changes the board has made over the last several months has to do with our Gatherings. We have moved the Anointing Service to coincide with a Gathering Service and, in addition, some of our Gatherings are on Friday evenings. By and large, the Friday nights have been a huge success! If you have not had the opportunity to attend please do. We have also tried a combination of pot-lucks and "free will" offering dinners. The free will offering dinner we had at the Spring Anointing to benefit Chrysalis was blessed by raising over \$1200. As a board, we have talked about being the hands and feet of Christ by supporting all churches and missions within their churches. Going forward we will have a mixture of potlucks and free will offerings meals. So, I'm excited to inform you that the fall team Anointing will be on Saturday, August 20th at St. John's UMC in Davenport Iowa. There will be a free will offering meal to benefit Thanksgiving baskets mission to the communities. This mission usually benefits around 500 families. The meal will be at The Center located at 1411 14th St., Davenport. The start time for this will be 5 PM. Please come and support this very important mission.

May God bless you through all of your Fourth Day's.

Richard Willard Community Lay Leader, Walk #13



Community Spiritual Director

Dear friends of the Quad Cities Emmaus Community,

I greet you in the precious name of our Savior, Jesus, the Christ. Today [the day I wrote this] I received an E-mail 'note' from a former hometown classmate, that indicated: two folks (a "couple" from our class who dated through High School, and then married), were celebrating their 50th anniversary. The note stated that those of us who were interested were encouraged to send them well wishes. After I did so, I paused for a moment and reflected that it is now my generation who is having 50th anniversaries and 70th birthdays.

I am not calling attention to those numbers as being all that special, {even though we, my class mates and I, are counting our blessings of still being alive!} J That E-mail regarding the celebration of their anniversary 'jogged' in me thoughts of other things of which I rejoice in being able to reflect upon, and one of those joys, is another wonderful set of walks being completed! Halleluiah for 107 & 108!

The teams did their work, and prepared; the Holy Spirit showed up, again, as the Holy Spirit always does, and we now have recorded into our data base that there have been two more weekends of joy, growth, and empowerment. Praise be to our God, thanks to the teams, and blessings on the former Pilgrims, now members of the Quad Cities Walk to Emmaus family of faith!

I do, however find, that as I get older, these times of reflection are becoming more and more special. Special, not only because I am reminded that each year brings me closer to meeting my Maker, but also considering the thought that each special event really does mean there are fewer and fewer years left for me to be able to participate in, and enjoy these earthly blessings. I will be overjoyed to meet my Lord and Savior face to face, but these events that I, for one, find SUCH joy in, will have, when my eternity begins, changed forever.

OK, this certainly may be the ruminations of an old man, and possibly a bit too much trivia, but I read recently that the C.D.C. reports that for women, average life span currently is 81.1 years; for men, it's 76.5 years, so the average works out to be 78.8. And, of course, those numbers are averages. Many live more, some live less.

My point is that as life-events, it seems to me, come by and pass rather quickly. For me, it feels like they are picking up speed! I share this to encourage us all, whatever your age, to think about celebrating and enjoying life to the maximum. It can become all too easy, partially because of the rapid pace of life in the 21st century, for some of our special occasions, our significant dates to pass by, and we simply take them for granted.

Allow me, if you will, to remind us all of the words found in Hebrews 10:23-25 – "Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. 24and let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. 25Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching." {NIV} (italics mine) "The Day", here meaning the day Christ comes back. But the concept of meeting together, is something we need to remind ourselves of, over and over, while we still have the opportunity. We need to meet, regularly, to rekindle in ourselves the tremendous blessing we share as the Quad Cities Community of those who have been privileged to experience that awesome 'instrument' of God, called the Walk to Emmaus. It is, as I am attempting to emphasize, also important to regularly pause and reflect on our privileged status. We have been blessed to be recipients of His love and grace, and we should be grateful.

BIBLE TRIVIA

On what island was John when he was first given his revelation?

(Look in Revelation 1:9)

Why were the Israelites afraid to enter the promised land?

(Look in Numbers 13:33–14:4)

Upcoming Spring Walks:

Men's Walk #109

September 15–18th, 2016

Lay Director—Randy Shipman

Women's Walk # 110

September 22–25, 2016

Lay Director—Darcy Sutton

Who Should You Sponsor?

Sponsorship applications can be found at www.qcemmaus.org and sent to:

Quad City Conference of Walk to Emmaus
PO Box 971
Moline, IL 61266

Please contact Becky Layman, Emmaus Registrar @ 309-502-9508, or other Emmaus Board members with any questions.

Again, let me say: WELCOME, women and men of walks 107 and 108! We, who supported your weekend ask you to think even now of those you believe might be ready to experience what you just did.

As we pause for just a minute, to reflect on these last walks, be aware that the Emmaus Board has already begun working toward the September 15th men's, and September 22nd women's walks, and the opportunity we all have to once again be Christ's hands and feet by participating, and possibly bringing a friend / fellow church leader to the weekend.

May all your days bring sunshine. {at least the warmth of God's love!} Thinking with you of who it is I should invite.

Blessings in the name of our Jesus!

~Pastor Steve Hartman

What a wonderful time we had ...

at our April gathering held a Asbury UMC. We had over 80 community members come and share time on a Saturday night to support the new Pilgrims from Walks 107 and 108. Tom and Megan, the worship leaders from the weekends, played some wonderful worship music for us, while Pastor Tim, the Spiritual Director from the men's weekend, shared a few words.

Hey, do you remember those two questions that you were asked about on your pilgrim walk? So, what are going to do about it? How about giving one night a month to attend and support the Emmaus community?

What better way to enjoy a Friday night but to hang out with your Christian friends for an hour or two. I don't know about you, but usually I just sit at home on Friday and rest up from the week by filling my brain with TV shows, that by the way are taped and I can watch anytime. And yes, I'm trying to make you feel just a little bit guilty. Come on out and join us on the 18th of June, you'll have a blast.

DeColores! **Charlie Campbell**

Mark Your Calendars: Upcoming Gathering Information

JULY: Friday, July 8th @ Geneseo FUMC Potluck 6 PM Worship 7PM

AUGUST: Saturday, August 20th @ St. John's UMC Davenport, 5 PM Freewill Meal, 6:15 PM Anointing Service

SEPTEMBER: No Gatherings, Walks 109 and 110

OCTOBER: Saturday, October 8th @ Orion UMC, 3PM Reunion Meeting, 5 PM Freewill Meal, 6 PM Worship

Summer Christian Reading Recommendations

Counter Culture by David Platt, *Not a Fan* by Kyle Idleman, *Living Beyond Your Feelings* by Joyce Meyer, *Jesus Calling* by Sarah Young, *Purpose Driven Life* by Rick Warren, *Love and Respect* by Dr. Emerson Eggerichs

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