March 2017

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Upcoming Gatherings:

SAT, Mar 18, 2017

@ Silvis UMC

1301 2nd Ave, Silvis
Combined Gathering &
Anointing dinner and service. FREE WILL dinner
@ 5:00P and service to follow.

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 III: Apr 20—23, 2017 Camp Summit

Women's **Walk 112**: April 27—30, 2017 Camp Summit

Chrysalis Flights

Girl's Flight 125: June 15—18, 2017 Camp Milan

Boy's Flight 126: July 13—16, 2017 Camp Milan

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

Chrysalis Flights Held at Camp Milan Milan, IL



Community Lay Director

I want you give you some history of where we have had our Emmaus Walks. I will do my best to be accurate as possible.

The first six Walks were held at the Villa De Chantal Convent in Rock Island, IL starting in the spring of 1991. Walks #7 - #90 where held at Camp Abe Lincoln, Buffalo IA. The change to Camp Abe Lincoln was because the Villa closed. Camp Abe Lincoln served our community very well, however the fees for the Weekends where becoming very costly. It became very challenging to work with the camp personnel and the conditions of the camp were declining.

The Emmaus Board made the decision to explore other locations for future Walks. Committee member, Bill Jarrett with others, visited several locations. At their visit to Camp Summit where they meet with YouthHope and Camp Summit leadership, the visit started with a prayer outside before viewing the facilities. Prayer should always be first.

The board made the decision and moved to Camp Summit starting with Walk #91. This move cut the cost of the weekends by more than half. There are other Emmaus Communities around us that charge \$200 - \$250 per person per weekend. Our move to Camp Summit has allowed us to leave the cost at \$125. YouthHope / Camp Summit has also provided us with a secured storage area for our use at the camp.

In addition, I want to make all of you aware of YouthHope / Camp Summit mission statement: To bring at-risk children and teens from low-income areas into a life-changing relationship with Christ through encouraging, equipping, and empowering them at our youth centers and camp.

So, why do I remind you of all this information? YouthHope / Camp Summit is having *Capital Campaign* for several expansion projections in different phases. Phase I will more than double the Activity Room (our Conference Room), new sound booth and upgrades to the audio and visual equipment and much needed addition to storage space. Phase I will also create a new endowment to cover future operating expenses. Cost \$265,000.

The other Phases include expanding the Dining Room (our Weekend Chapel), additional bedroom with 18 beds, relocating kitchen, nurses station, office and Bunk House with 36 beds. Another important thing about YouthHope / Camp Summit; they operate with NO DEBT. No project is started unless all funds are raised.

When the Emmaus Board heard this, they decided to bring this to the QC Emmaus Community. What a blessing this camp has been to our community! We have set a goal to raise \$10,000 to give towards their Capital Campaign.

So let's pack the house! On Saturday May 20^{th,} the Reunion Meeting / Gathering will be held at YouthHope, 3928 12th Ave, Moline, IL 61265. This is our opportunity to show agape love and support to YouthHope / Camp Summit's *Capital Campaign*. If you cannot attend the gathering but want to contribute please send your contribution to Walk to Emmaus, P.O. Box 971, Moline, IL 61264. Write "Camp Summit" in memo section.

DeColores, Richard Willard Community Lay Leader, Walk #13

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Community Spiritual Director

BIBLE TRIVIA

What was the apparent source of Samson's strength? (Look in Judges 16:17)

Onesimus was a run away slave from what city? (Look in Philemon 1:12)

Upcoming Spring Walks:

Men's Walk #111 April 20–23, 2017 Lay Director—Chris Rogers

Women's Walk # 112
April 27—30, 2017
Lay Director—Jayne Hullinger

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 97 I Moline, IL 61266

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

Dear friends of the Quad Cities Emmaus Community,

In October 2016, I was privileged, for the second year in a row, to be one of the 60+ attendees to the annual International Advisory Council, made up of people from Emmaus Communities all over the world. Each year has been an amazing, and at so MANY times, very joyous celebration of what God is doing through Emmaus Communities in so many countries. Each year Judy and I meet some tremendous people, doing some incredible things.

One of the new things that was emphasized this year was something called "the Gift."

THE GIFT is a love offering <u>for</u> emerging Emmaus communities around the world. The fundraising initiative is led by the International Office of Emmaus in The Upper Room, located in Nashville.

When people or Communities contribute to **The Gift**, we help others respond to their call to Christian leadership. Our financial support assists emerging communities with start -up needs such as leadership training, program resources, and more. {"emerging communities" are those who have shared with the Upper Room that they would like to begin an Emmaus Community, in their area of the world}

Your GIFT Funds at Work: As groups like Boko Haram and ISIS threaten to spread violence across the continent of Africa, church leaders in Central Africa are organizing to form a line of prayer that reaches from the east to the west coast. Nigel Warr, the regional leader of The Walk to Emmaus in Africa explains:

"Church leaders in this region had a vision to develop a barrier to stop ISIS from spreading further south, and they identified The Walk to Emmaus as a leadership development program to create leaders in Central Africa and to encourage people to get more involved and spread the word of Christ in this region."

Donations to "The Gift" provide scholarship funds and help cover travel and lodging expenses for these emerging communities like the one being launched in Kenya this year, 2017.

At the January 2017 Quad Cities Emmaus Board meeting, it was decided that our Community would get involved. We sent a love gift of \$250 to the Upper Room to assist with this effort. If the idea of helping get new international Communities started appeals to your spirit, just send a gift to the Upper Room, in Nashville, and mark your gift as going to The Gift fund.

In 2016 Emmaus Communities gave a total of \$76,261 to "The Gift." And because of the giving, the very first Walk to Emmaus will take place in Kenya. (Men's Walk: April 27th - 30th. Women's: May 4th - 7th.) 57% of the 2016 giving to The Gift was by new givers. And, the leadership of this Walk, #1 & #2, have gone to other COUNTRIES in the past few years to get experience and training, and are now able to begin walks in their own country! Your giving does make a difference.

Until next time, I remain,

Pastor Steve Hartman, A fellow servant of Christ, with you.

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Spring Work/Cleanup Days 2017

March 18 ◆ April 8 ◆

Camp Summit work days start at **8am**, includes lunch (we are looking for groups to supply lunches as well) and conclude around **4pm** or whenever you must leave. **Donuts, fruit and coffee** will also be provided to start off our work day. Work days often contain a large variety of tasks from deep cleaning to skilled carpentry so **there** is a job for everyone. Come **fellowship** with us and be a part of **giving** kids an **amazing camp experience**!

Specific ways you can help:

- · Pressure washing (many areas)
- · Rake leaves
- · Put paddle boats back in the water
- · Shampoo carpets
- · Moving/splitting wood
- · Cutting trees
- · Painting interior/exterior
- · Sealing decks
- · Deep clean the lodge
- Landscaping
- · Stack wood
- · Clear brush
- · Set out picnic tables around camp
- Install interior paneling on concessions building/paint
- Clean, set up and decorate concessions area for summer
- Clean gutters
- Provide lunch or snacks for work crew
- · Etc.

For more information or to sign up:

Kevin (Camp Director)
Office: 309-762-4577
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If there is a job on the list that requires a special tool that you would like to bring, please let us know.

Address: 3321 57th Ave., New Windsor, IL 61465

4 miles south of New Windsor just of 330th St.

If you cannot make one of the scheduled work days but would still like to participate, please let us know and we can arrange another time for you/your group to join us.

We also have a **Thursday Work Crew** who comes each Thursday to help accomplish many projects to help us keep up with the maintenance of the camp. If you are interested, please call the office. A weekly commitment is not required but there is good work and lots of great fellowship going on to make Camp Summit a better facility each week.

We are also seeking groups to regularly help with cleaning the lodge during our busy rental seasons in the spring and fall.

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Mark Your Calendars: Upcoming Gathering Information

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Interested in Serving on an Emmaus Team?

Fall teams for 2017 selection process will begin soon. If you are interested in serving on a team please contact **Carl Loweth** carl.loweth@gmail.com.

Spring Christian Reading Recommendations

Wild at Heart by John Eldredge Her Mother's Hope by Francine Rivers Choosing to See by Beth Chapman Outlive Your Life by Max Luxcado



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