

March 2018

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Upcoming Gatherings:
March 10th from 4-6p
Gathering/Rush Bowling
event at Big River Bowling
2902 E Kimberly, Rd
Davenport, Iowa

**April 7 Christ UMC Silvis
for Anointing & Gathering
5pm Dinner; 6pm Service**

Contact Us:
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ATTENTION!

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

Spring 2018 Walks

Men's Walk 115:
April 19—22, 2018
Paul Jaquet—LD
Camp Summit

Women's Walk 116:
April 26—29, 2018
Candy Terrill—LD
Camp Summit

Chrysalis Flights
Girl's Flight 129:
June 21—24, 2018
Camp Milan

Boy's Flight 130:
July 19—22, 2018
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



Greetings from the Community Lay Director

Greetings QC Emmaus friends,

It is my honor to serve Jesus Christ and this Emmaus Community as the new Lay Director. The board members are engaged and devoted to developing disciples through Walk to Emmaus week-ends and 4th day activities. In January, your board met together for a retreat to discern what is working well and where we can focus efforts to enhance our Emmaus community. I want to share with you some of the ideas we have been discussing.

Recruiting Sponsors

Our weekends have not been at capacity and applications are not coming in early. This is something every one of us needs to be praying about. Sponsoring someone for a walk is not only a huge blessing; it is also an expectation that we are inviting others to join us in a deeper relationship with Christ. The new pilgrims are on fire at weekend closing ceremonies! How can we fan those flames and recruit more of our Christian friends while encouraging each other to be sponsors? It often means inviting 5 or 10 people before getting a "yes" but getting a "no" is okay too – at least we've planted a seed.

Increasing Connections & Communication

Our community is a vibrant backbone of discipleship that we can each tap into for encouragement and opportunities for Christian action. There are many ways to connect and share information and we need your help. We plan to continue providing a quarterly newsletter and updates on email and Facebook. We are in the process of researching ways to use Snapchat, Instagram, and Twitter for sending pictures and information to our Emmaus & Chrysalis communities.

Our website is the best place to have information for members and non-members looking for event dates, prayer vigil links, and ways to connect with us. Our current website program does not allow more than 1 person to make updates. We are beginning to research website hosting services to move to a new platform.

If these areas are something you have an interest in, or proficiency with, please email me at sunny-sideup557@gmail.com.

Paul Jaquet and Candy Terrill have worked hard to put together teams for Walks 115 & 116. These teams will be meeting together in March and April. Support these weekends by sponsoring pilgrims and signing up for the prayer vigil!

~**Kathy Ramp** Community Lay Director



Community Spiritual Director

Spring Walk Scriptures

Men's Walk #115

Isiah 40:28-31

"Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and power to the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Women's Walk #116

Galatians 6:9-10

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."

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.

I greet you in the matchless name of Jesus the Christ, the Son of the only God. For my article this month, may I ask you some 'personal' questions? Yes? ... good. ... thanks! These are questions of a spiritual nature, so I hope you will be ready {& willing} to answer each. FIRST:

How is your personal study time going? {*pause for reflection*} A few MONTHS ago I shared my personal study habits in the Grapevine, but wouldn't you agree that all Christians are called to study? As the Apostle Paul said to his apprentice Timothy, show yourself to God "as one approved... rightly explaining the Word of Truth." {2 Timothy 2:15}. Just as growing in God's grace is a life-long process, study is a life-long dimension also. NOT everything I read is the kind of material one reads for Seminary classes, I like a good mystery, and science fiction, and other kinds of materials, interspersed with my 'heavier' reading too. But the question is: do you read things that are of a spiritual 'dimension'?

NEXT: how is your spiritual life, as a whole? Are you currently doing daily [at least regular] devotional time? Do you invest any time at all in reading your Bible, and praying? Even some small devotional such as the Upper Room, is something positive. And, if you actually do look up the "suggested verse" of the day, that is reading the Bible. Speaking of prayer, have you ever read a book on prayer? When you pray, how much time do you spend speaking, and how much time listening?

NEXT: (in this group of questions) Are you a part of any kind of a reunion or accountability, or small group? We all could probably agree that if you can carve out the time to meet with folks on a weekly basis, you will probably get the most out of those relationships, but meet as often as you can, with someone(s). We all know we can't make it alone, so who do you know that could / would walk this faith- journey with you?

FINALLY: The Walk to Emmaus (I believe most people feel) is a one-of-a-kind experience. But that shouldn't rule out doing other spiritual retreats. Have you ever gone on any spiritual retreat besides the Walk to Emmaus? Even just going to a church camp {or some spiritually organized group's facilities} to join with other like-minded Christians, can yield benefits.

NOW: how can any, some, all of these help you to build the ministry at your local church? Please remember, that these walks are for you, but they are also to empower you to serve in your local church. If you are growing in your faith life, there may be someone(s) right around you who could benefit from what you have learned / are learning. Remember, the Christian faith is NOT something we are to 'gain' just for ourselves, it is to be shared with others. So: are you using the gifts and graces you have received to set an example of worship and service to others?

Worship, study, pray, serve. These are things that we want the Walk to Emmaus weekends to produce, as fruit in those who have been participants. Any one of these areas 'calling' to you?

May our gracious God, who gives abundantly above all we could ask or imagine, speak growth to each of our hearts, including mine.

God's richest blessings of this spring time. (March 20th) And, a glorious Easter to you all! See you in the second half of April at the men's & women's weekends! AND: in June & July for the Chrysalis weekends. Please mark your calendars now.

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Pastor Steve Hartman, Community Spiritual Director

Board Member Spotlight—Randy Shipman

Randy Shipman's original Walk was #57 in 2003. He joined in a small group at Community of Joy, which lead to serving on a Chrysalis team the following year. Randy has served on a Chrysalis, Emmaus, Brothers in Blue, CEW/ Kinos team every year since. He has served on the Chrysalis board for 6 years ending in 2013 and is looking forward to serving on the Emmaus board weekend support team. Randy is a graduate of The School for Lay Servants and is an active member at St John's UMC in Davenport. Randy is a Chiropractor of 25 years and his clinic is based on performance based care and how God plays an important role in every patients wellness. He is active in boy scouts enjoys woodworking and DIY projects in his spare time. If you are interested in serving behind the scenes in a supportive role, let him know.



~Welcome Randy!

Camp Summit Work Days

Camp Summit work days start at **8 a.m.**, includes **lunch** (they are for groups to supply lunches as well) and conclude around **4 p.m.** or whenever you need to leave. **Coffee** is provided to start off the work day. Work days contain a large variety of tasks from deep cleaning to skilled carpentry so **there is a job for everyone!** Come fellowship and work and be a part of **giving** kids and teens an **amazing camp experience!**



Upcoming

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14 Steps to Sponsorship ~ What you need to know ...

Need help with sponsoring? Start with the "14 Steps to Sponsorship" guide. You can find that on the main page of our website at www.qcemmaus.org.

Blessings to the Emmaus and Chrysalis Community.



We are praising God for the upcoming Chrysalis Flights in June and July. I'm excited to announce the Lay Directors for the upcoming Flights. Nikki Stuart will lead the girl's team for Flight #129 on June 21-24th. Bill Jarrett will lead the boy's team for Flight #130 on July 19-22nd. We are taking applications now for the upcoming flights, please start praying now about sponsorship. If you need information or details on how to sponsor, please feel free to reach out to me or one of the board members. You can find our numbers listed on the website at www.qcemmaus.org click on the QC Chrysalis link.

The Chrysalis and Emmaus teams have joined efforts for the monthly Gathering and Rush events. Be on the lookout for our upcoming event in March!!

Thank you for your continued support of the Chrysalis Community. Many blessings to each of you!

Kelly Miller Chrysalis Community Lay Director

Emmaus Children Policy: Children and guests are welcome to Emmaus Gatherings except for the Closing ceremony at the end of each Walk weekend, please make child care arrangements for young children. Candlelight ceremonies evenings are intended only for those who have completed an Emmaus, Chrysalis,



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