

March 2016

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Upcoming Gatherings:

**SATURDAY March 19,
Silvis UMC, Silvis, IL
6:30 pm. Worship &
Anointing Service
5:00 pm Free Dinner ~
Chrysalis Fund Raiser
good will offering**

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 107:
April 7-10, 2016
Camp Summit

Women's Walk 108:
April 14-17, 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

I am truly blessed by your Board of Directors by their asking me to serve in the role as the community lay director for 2016. Please keep me and your board in your prayers.

I would like to start out by saying thank you to our outgoing board members: Jana Coots, Kyle Gagliardo, Tammy Hevland, Barbara Leonard, Deb Swank and Luanne Wright for their service to our Emmaus community.

Please join me in saying thank you to our incoming board members and for saying yes to God: Kathy Benson, Marla Manthei, Sandy McCready, Kathy Ramp, Rich Smice and Pat Thornton.

A special thank you goes to Nathan Skjerseth for his leadership as Community Lay Director the last two years. He leaves very big shoes to fill! Praise God that Nathan is still remaining on the board for two more years!

Each member was asked to share at the January Retreat Board Meeting their vision and/or goal for our Emmaus Community. The overwhelming response was to have more Pilgrims on the weekends.

We have added two new committees on our board this year. The first committee is Caring and Communications. The purpose of Caring and Communication is to contact our Emmaus membership in order to update their contact information, identify ways they would like to serve the community, and asking how the board can personally pray for them. This committee is being headed up by Nathan Skjerseth. He is recruiting others to assist him in this task. Praise God for those saying yes to God's calling to serve on this committee! Don't be surprised when you receive a phone call. They have several to contact, so your call may be some time in the future. If you would like to serve on this committee please reach out to Nathan at, skjerseth@icloud.com.

Our next committee is Evangelism and Outreach, which was created based on the overwhelming response from the board to have more pilgrims on each weekend. This committee is being headed up by Kathy Ramp. Your Emmaus board feels this is the perfect time to start the Evangelism and Outreach. The Mission of Walk to Emmaus is "Empowering Leaders to be the hands and feet of Christ." Kathy is looking for volunteers to help her with this committee, so if you're interested or may have some ideas please reach out to her at kdramp@mchsi.com. I can assure you the Quad City Emmaus Community (QCEC) has an incredible heart to serve God and its members are in deep personal relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I know God is laying on your hearts and minds with ideas and/or visions for QCEC.

Please keep our up-and-coming teams in your prayers. The weekend lay directors are Dave Ramp Walk #107 and Kelly Miller Walk #108. Their team meetings are underway and the Anointing Service for the teams will be March 19 at our next Gathering to be held at the Silvis United Methodist Church. The March 19 gathering will be a fundraiser for the Chrysalis Community. There will be no need for you to fix a dish! Please mark your calendar and plan to come and enjoy a time of fellowship along with supporting our local Chrysalis Community.

It is my prayer that the Quad City Emmaus Community responds to those God is calling to be a sponsor, so more pilgrims can be "empowered to be the hands and feet of Christ."

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Community Spiritual Director

One Man's Reflection on the Sweep of God's History

For my first and possibly most important order of business for the beginning of 2016, I feel the need to write a personal and Q.C. Emmaus Board thank you to Pastor Roger Perry. For a number of years Roger has been the Quad Cities Community Spiritual Director. I know the Emmaus Board joins me in saying a huge thank you to Roger for his commitment to Emmaus, and for sharing his many abilities with our community. It would be my personal opinion that everything Roger does, he does as unto the Lord Himself. I see him as a workman rightly approved.

Besides considering Roger as a friend and co-laborer for Christ, as fellow Pastors in the U.M.C., I personally have the highest respect for him as a man, and as an example of excellence in Pastoral ministry. I appreciate his example for me as I attempt to fill his shoes.

So, before it gets too 'deep,' just let me simply say: THANK YOU, ROGER! Well done, good and faithful servant. This is (as the banner states) the March issue of the Grapevine. In case you are not aware, we don't put these 'newsletters' out every month, we send them out quarterly. {Mar. / June / Sept. / Dec.}. With that in mind, I would venture a couple of thoughts reflecting back on 2015, and as we have now begun 2016.

In my daily Bible Study, I completed a reading / study of Revelations in January. I then worked my way through the book of Daniel. This time in my reading and studying through these two books, I found a renewed appreciation of, a deepened awareness of the sweep of history that Revelations will be the culmination of. This time through Revelations, this year I became more sensitive than ever before, to the references to Old Testament books, especially Daniel, as the events of John the 'revelator's' experiences and visions were revealed to him.

These prophetic books got me to thinking, of the sweep of history of our Quad Cities {area} Emmaus community. I have received the names of the dear servants of Christ who have been Lay Leaders of these 105 Walks we have been privileged to hold, to date. My earliest recollections are of the privilege of being part of Walk #3. But what really 'hit' me, was the long list of names of those who have answered the call [literally] to serve as our Lay Leaders, clergy, and teams, over these 100+ retreats. Then, add to that list all the members of our community who supported those same 105 walks, and the list is, to me, quite incredible! So many wonderful experiences, and so many lives changed! What a blessing it has been so far. And, unless the Lord comes soon, there are still many more blessings to be shared!

I also thought it might be a good time to share with those of you who are newer to our Community, how the team selection works. The Upper Room organization (out of Nashville, Tenn.) oversees and guides our Community as to how we function. They recommend that each team be made up of [generally]: 1/3 people with quite a bit of team experience; 1/3 people with a little team experience; and: 1/3 people with no team experience.

Since there are over 2,000 of us in this the Quad Cities Community, one of the best ways we get to know each other, is by serving meals, and by doing set-up (before) and tear-down (after) the weekends, and at (monthly-ish) gatherings.

And finally, since the next Grapevine won't be out until June of 2016, let me just remind

BIBLE TRIVIA

Who did Jesus first appear to after his resurrection?

(Look in Mark 16:9)

Who hid two spies but claimed not to know of their whereabouts when asked ?

(Look in Joshua 2:1-5)

Upcoming Spring Walks:

Men's Walk #107

April 7-10, 2016

Lay Director—Dave Ramp

Women's Walk # 108

April 14-17, 2016

Lay Director—Kelly Miller

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.

YOU can sponsor someone who is: **first** a Christian. **Secondly**: the Walk to Emmaus is intended to **strengthen current leaders** in the church. Can you think of someone who is both of those? Then, consider sponsoring them to take a Walk with Christ at Camp Summit! SOON! Information on how to sponsor is on the Community's web site.

Hoping your 2016 is off to a wonderful, Christ-centered start. See you at the next gathering? See you at the April Candlelight's, and closings?? Remember: Christ IS counting on YOU!

Blessings in the name of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ, Pastor Steve Hartman

Gathering...Gathering...Read All About It

I'm happy to report that both January and February's gatherings were a great success. It is wonderful to see many members of the community out supporting the QC Emmaus once a month. Special thanks to Pastor Roger and Pastor Tom for hitting us with the Word!

Up next: We have a couple of great gatherings planned for you in March and April. The March 19th gathering will encompass our anointing service for teams 107 and 108. The March gathering will be held at the Silvis United Methodist Church, located at 1301 2nd Ave, Silvis, IL. You don't want to miss getting a chance to prayer these community members up and get them ready to serve our Lord on their weekends. There will be a Taco Dinner offered by Chrysalises members to raise money for the upcoming weekends. Dinner will start at 6:00, with the anointing service to follow at 7:00.

Our April 30th gathering will be held at Ashbury United Methodist Church, located at 1809 Mississippi Blvd., Bettendorf, IA 52722. We'll start the evening with pot luck at 6:00 with the gathering to follow at 7:00. What a great way to have some good Christian fellowship by breaking bread with a fellow Emmaus member and hearing some good worship and teaching.

We're off to a great start for the year; however, we need your continued support to keep things moving in the right direction. I encourage you to reach out to a friend from the community that you haven't seen in a while and ask them to come with you to the gathering. So don't forget, mark your calendars and give both God and the QC Emmaus one night a week to see your friends at the gathering. DeColores. Charlie Campbell

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Dave Ramp, Walk #107 Lay Director has chosen Hebrews 12:1-3

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart."

As I read this it brings back so many blessed memories of my Walk #13 and every Walk that I have been a part of. I pray that it does the same for you. **Richard Willard** – Walk #13

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CONTINUALLY;
BECAUSE HE IS AT MY
RIGHT HAND,
I SHALL NOT BE MOVED.

— PSALM 16:8 —

— 62V7W 16:8 —

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