

September 2016

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Upcoming Gatherings:

SATURDAY Oct 8 @
Orion UMC,
3 p.m. Reunion
4: 30 p.m. Sponsorship
Training
5 p.m. Freewill Dinner
6 p.m. Worship

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 123:
Nov 10-13th
Camp Milan

Boy's Flight 124:
Nov 17-20th
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

Hello to Quad Cities Emmaus community. I pray you have been able to see and feel God's blessings in your Fourth Days and that we have been able to set aside our humanness so we may give God thanks and praise.

With Walks #109 and #110 fast approaching, please keep the Weekend Lay Directors Randy Shipman and Darcie Sutton and their respected teams in your prayers. Speaking of prayers, we need yours for the 72 hour prayer vigil. Please go to our website, <http://qcemmaus.org>, Click on the 72 hour prayer vigil, find an open spot and fill these before the weekends even start.

We still have room for more pilgrims for each of the weekends. Please contact Becky Layman at boblayman@gmail.com or 309-502-9508

The Calling and Communications Committee has been very diligent in reaching out to the community. Nathan Skjerseth, is leading this committee and I feel it is very important to mention and recognize these members for the work that they are doing in reaching out to Community. The members are: Sherri Stafford, Dave Cline, Carol Collister, Travis Noyd, Chad Butterfield & Sandee Luster. Dave Cline agreed to take over for Kathy Cline as her schedule was too busy this summer. If you are interested in being a part of this committee please contact Nathan at skjerseth@icloud.com

We're finding out that a large number of you are looking to have contacts done through text messaging. Please know that we are working diligently on this with the organization that handles our database. We are trying to find a cost-effective way to utilize text messaging.

Another area the board is working on is Evangelism and Outreach. This is being headed by Kathy Ramp. Kathy has been identifying key leadership in different churches to help facilitate training in sponsorship to see that we have full weekends. If you are interested in helping Kathy please contact her at kdramp@mchsi.com

The last item I want to talk about is our Team Selection Committee. This is being headed up by Carl Loweth. The members of this committee have agreed to a one year term and helps with identifying community members for future teams. I give a big thank you to these committee members for their commitment and service to this task. The list is compiled and given to future Weekend Lay Directors to assist with team recruitment. If you're interested in having your name added to this list to serve on a future team in any capacity please contact Carl at carl.loweth@gmail.com

Praise God! I give you thanks for your generosity! We have received enough money through gifts and memorials to purchase a much-needed laptop computer.

I look forward in seeing all of you in the up-and-coming weekend activities.

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Richard Willard Community Lay Leader, Walk #13



Community Spiritual Director

BIBLE TRIVIA

Hate stirs up strife, but what does love cover? (Look in Proverbs 10:12)

What does the name Abraham mean? (Look in Genesis 17:5)

Upcoming Fall 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.

Dear friends of the Quad Cities Emmaus Community,

In my morning quiet time / Bible study time, I am currently working my way through the Psalms. This time through, I am slowing down more than (I believe) ever before to really attempt to plumb the depths. I am using one of my study Bibles, [which I highly recommend] to read all the footnotes, and even the references. It certainly takes a lot longer than to just sit down and read through 2 or 3 Psalms a day! But, as you might expect, I am getting a LOT more out of my study time, than when I used to just sit and read, and not dig deep.

Investing some real time 'digging' is something that I have wanted to do for quite a while. Do we not all want to go deep into God's Word, and pull out the deepest meanings we can find? There's an old 'preacher's saying' that goes back centuries. It goes like this: "The Bible is like a stream of running water in which a lamb may walk, ... and an elephant swim." Meaning, as I understand it, that a person can lightly pass through, or can choose to go 'deep,' because there's plenty of room.

So: if I may be so bold: how is your quiet time going? Did you start off, right after your Walk to Emmaus going deep, and investing a goodly amount of time, reading, studying, growing? If so, did you enjoy that time? And, how are you doing now, after a while? Good habits can be difficult to maintain. Bad habits, all too easy to slip into. I read up on a few studies, of how long it takes to form a new habit. It varies widely, with each individual, but the folks I read shared their opinions that it can be as little as 18 days, or up to 254 days to form and keep a new habit! Bottom line: it just takes intentionality and focus.

Sometimes it can help to have a friend to be accountable to. That's one of the many reasons Walk to Emmaus encourages reunion groups. I am overweight, so for me, exercise is an important thing. I wear my pedometer every day as a 'tracking buddy.' It is a means of numbering my steps, and as a reminder of how I am doing, day by day, and week by week. On days where I find I need to sit at the computer for a number of hours, glancing at the information on my little pedometer {Fitbit} screen, reminds me, I need to just get up and move every hour or two.

Will you allow me to be your 'reminder'? May I be, through the words of this article, a reminder to each of us to keep track of how we are doing, in our personal time of study of The Word? [OK, and maybe some exercise?] My desire is not to cajole, or attempt to embarrass, but it is to encourage each of us {including myself} to reflect on what we are currently doing, in all the aspects of our lives, and reflect if the status quo is really where we want to be. If I'm not where I would like to be, what can, what will I do to get there?

Back to my opening thought, regarding slowing down, and / or going 'deeper' with reference to your / my daily time in the Word; My wish for each of us, as we begin to transition into fall, is that we each might take just a moment, and reflect where we are, and compare it to where we would like to be.

I am reminded of a song by Mercy Me, that is currently getting some 'air time, that came off their April 2014 C.D. "Welcome to the New." The song is called "Dear Younger Me." One of the lines, about a minute 'in' is: "Do I give some speech on how to get the most out of your life, or do I go deep and try to change the choices that you'll make, 'cause they're the choices that made me."

We've all made choices in the past, which had consequences. But, one of the wonderful things about the Christian life, is, there is always the opportunity / the possibility of making positive changes. [2 Corinthians 5:17] As the Apostle Paul, who likes to use athletic analogies, as well as clothing metaphors, says, in Colossians 3:12, "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." {N.I.V.}

What do you / do I need to do? We need to: "Seek first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you, as well." {Matt. 6:33}

Going forward in this faith-journey, doing my best to 'monitor' my journey, along with you.
~Pastor Steve Hartman

A Word From A Chrysalis Board Member

Hello Emmaus Community,

My name is Courtney Emerick and I am 20 years old and I am on the board for the Chrysalis Community. I am a part of the HOOTS/RUSH Committee along with helping in team selection. My original flight was #115 and I have been apart of 3 other flights. I also help in the kitchen on boys flights and some Emmaus Walks as well. My home church is Grace United Methodist Church in Geneseo, Illinois and I am heavily involved there as well. All I can say is, "God Is Good all the time!"

God Bless,
Courtney Emerick
Flight #115

Mark Your Calendars: Upcoming Gathering Information

OCTOBER: Saturday, October 8th @ Orion UMC, 3PM Reunion Meeting, 4:30 Sponsorship Training 5 PM Freewill Dinner, 6 PM Worship

Interested in Serving on an Emmaus Team?

Spring teams for 2017 are forming. If you are interested in serving on a team please contact **Carl Loweth** carl.loweth@gmail.com.

Fall Christian Reading Recommendations

Radical by David Platt, **Uninvited: Living Loved When You Feel Less Than, Left Out, and Lonely** by Lisa TerKerst, **The 5 Love Languages: The Secret to Love that Lasts** by Gary Chapman, **The More of Less: Finding the Life You Want Under Everything You Own** by Joshua Becker, **One Nation—What We Can All Do To Save America's Future**, by Dr. Ben Carson M.D.

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