



GREATER SCIOTO VALLEY EMMAUS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

FROM THE CHAIR

BY JOE MCQUINIFF

Dear Greater Scioto Valley Emmaus Community, As we enter the month of March, we also find ourselves in the sacred season of Lent – a time of reflection, repentance, and renewal. Lent invites us to slow our pace, examine our hearts, and draw nearer to God as we prepare for the joy of Easter. It reminds us that our Emmaus journey is not just a single weekend, but a daily walk of surrender and transformation. On the road to Emmaus, the disciples recognized Christ in the breaking of the bread.

During this Lenten season, may our eyes also be opened to His presence in both the quiet moments and the challenges of everyday life. Through prayer, sacrifice, study, and acts of love, we grow closer to the One who walks beside us always. This is also an exciting time in the life of our community as we prepare for our upcoming Walks. Please be in prayer for the pilgrims and team members for the Women's Walk, April 23–26, and the Men's Walk, April 30–May 3. Consider how God might be calling you to serve, sponsor, or support these weekends. Your prayers and involvement help make these experiences life-changing for all who attend. I encourage each of you to use this Lenten season intentionally. Reach out to someone who needs encouragement, reconnect with your reunion group, sponsor a pilgrim, or spend extra time in prayer for our community. Small acts of faithfulness can have an eternal impact. The Greater Scioto Valley Emmaus Community is a living witness to God's grace, and each of you is an important part of that story. As we journey through Lent together, may we support one another, strengthen one another, and continue to be Christ's hands and feet in the world. May this season prepare our hearts for the hope and victory that Easter brings.

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FROM THE BOARD...

BY JERRY KUNZ



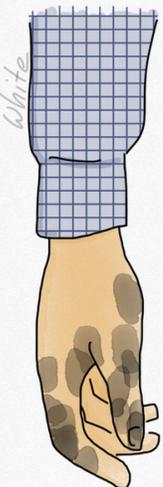
Sponsorship

Greetings! I am writing this month to explain some of the duties and responsibilities of the Sponsorship chairperson for Greater Scioto Valley Emmaus. As the sponsorship chair, I am responsible for contacting sponsors of those pilgrims who have registered for the upcoming walks. Sponsors are already aware of their potential responsibilities when they agree to sponsor a pilgrim. Starting 2-6 months before a walk, sponsors are already praying about who they should sponsor and when is the best time to ask potential pilgrims. From the very beginning, prayer is the focus of an Emmaus Walk weekend. Once an application has been submitted and confirmed by the registrar, my duty is to contact sponsors to give them the full list of duties of a sponsor. I also convey the need to start contacting people about agape. (if you know, you know!) Sponsors are also informed of important times for the different events like send off, candlelight, and closing ceremonies. I would normally like to speak to the sponsor over the phone but also sending all of the information via email is essential to ensuring that sponsors are fully prepared. If you have any questions about sponsoring a pilgrim, please reach out to me. Or, you can email me at sponsorship@gsve.org

Jerry Kunz

GSVE Mens Walk #27, Table of Peter

WISE Thoughts



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Remember our Upcoming events:

Women's Walk #65 is scheduled for April 23-26

Jenny Bennedetti - Lay Director

Men's Walk #48 is scheduled for April 30-May 3

Aaron Grand - Lay Director

Sign up your Pilgrims, find out information for kitchen help, setup, cleanup, Prayer Vigil and more at gsve.org.

Our next gathering is March 19 at First Wesleyan Church 7:30 pm-8:30 pm with GSVE Board meeting to follow

I thank you in advance for every prayer and everything you do to contribute to this ministry.

FROM THE COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

BY JAMIE DARLING

Matthew 4:23-25 NASB 1995
Ministry in Galilee

23 Jesus was going throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people. 24 The news about Him spread throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all who were ill, those suffering with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, paralytics; and He healed them. 25 Large crowds followed Him from Galilee and the Decapolis and Jerusalem and Judea and from beyond the Jordan.

Emmaus Family,

As we have entered the Lenten season, I have myself and with my churches, started exploring the healing ministry of Jesus. In this season many churches will have celebrated Ash Wednesday, and various ceremonies of sacrifice that lead us to the day of celebration on Easter morning. Many traditions will “give up something” for Lent. I want to encourage you in this season to not just “give up something” but to “give in to someone”. That someone is the Triune God who waits and longs to make you whole. Where in your life do you need healing that can come only through the miracle of Jesus’ life, death and resurrection? Where do you need supernatural healing? Where might you need to release a burden at the foot of the cross for your healing? What sin needs confessed? Where is it that God’s sufficient grace needs to overflow in your life? I pray that as you submit yourself in sacrifice to Him this season, God will provide for you what only He can and you will know how long and wide and how deep and high His mighty love is for you. And I pray that you will abide in that love receiving the grace that heals all wounds and covers all sin. In His name, Jesus Christ, I pray, Amen.

Rev. Jamie Darling, M.Ed., M.Div.
GSVE Community Spiritual Director

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Lead Worship

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or

Share your 4th Day Story

email: Info@gsve.org



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CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AT GSVE.ORG

The website has been recently updated and reorganized. Events and walk information are now on the home page, right where you want it.

Check it out and stay in touch and join us as we follow Christ.

UPCOMING EVENTS



2026 SPRING WALKS AT KOINONIA

Women's Walk #65

April. 23rd-26th, 2026

Men's Walk #48

April 30th-May 3rd, 2026

Registration is open **NOW**

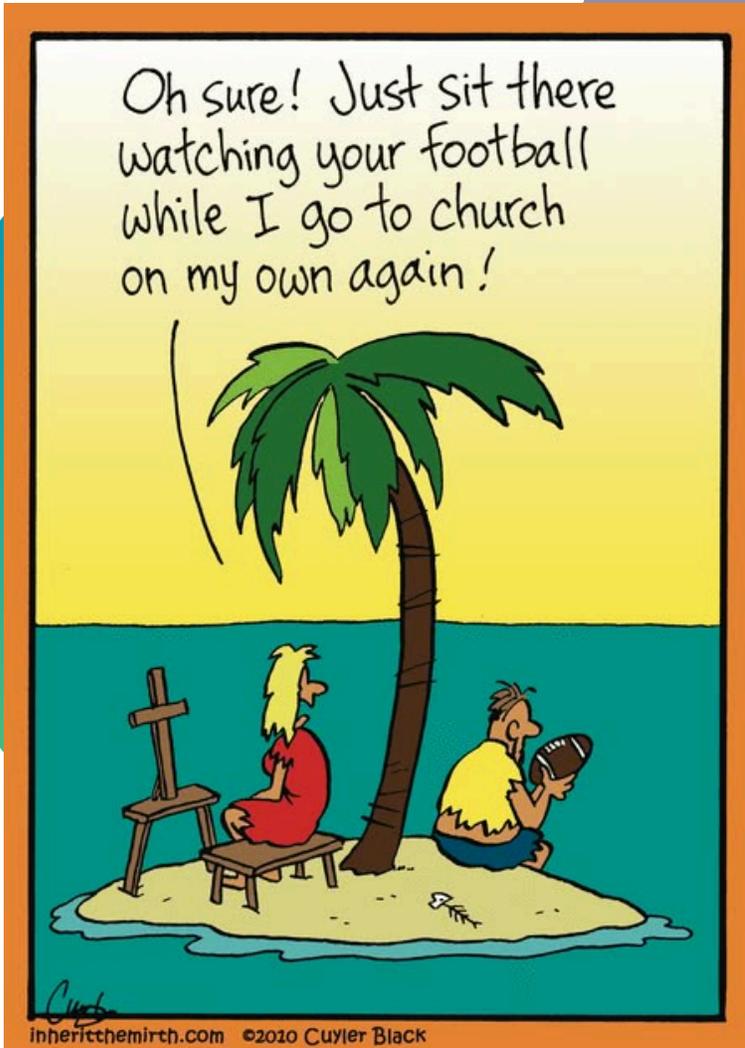
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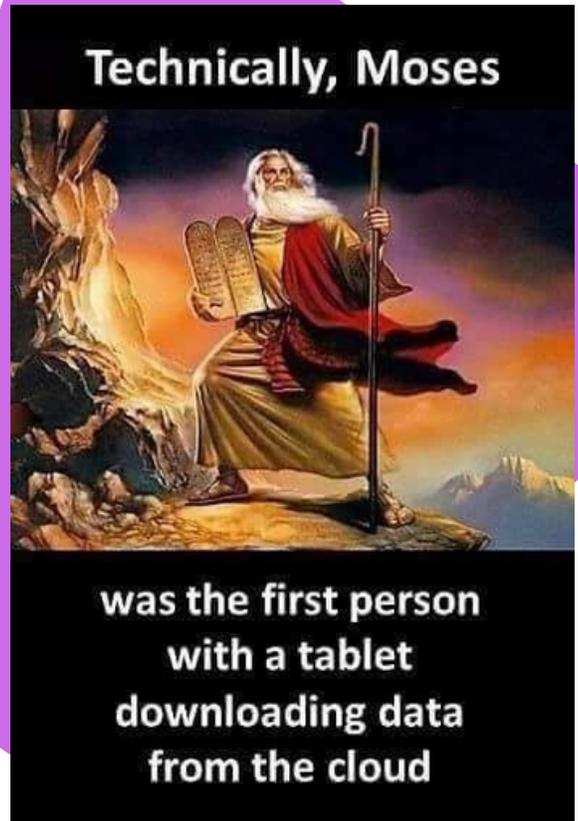
WHO ARE YOU SPONSORING? TIME IS NOW TO BE PRAYING AND TALKING UP YOUR EMMAUS EXPERIENCE WITH THOSE THAT GOD HAS PUT ON YOUR MIND AND IN YOUR PATH. BOTH PILGRIM AND SPONSOR FORMS ARE ONLINE AT GSVE.ORG. WHAT'S KEEPING YOU? GET IT DONE. IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO REGISTER FOR FUTURE WALKS.

Volunteer opportunities for each walk will be available online. Check out GSVE.org

JUST FOR LAUGHS... TECH EDITION



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