



GREATER SCIOTO VALLEY EMMAUS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

FROM THE CHAIR

WRITTEN BY LANA MCGRATH

Spring Forward!

Ah, the wonderful time changes! Spring forward, fall back...that's how I remember them. But I have to say, I'm not a fan of either. When my children were young it seemed like it took several weeks to get bedtime routine back in order. The older I get the more time it seems to take to get my body to adjust to the changes. At any rate, and whatever the reasons, adjusting ourselves to a new pattern can take some time.

As we re-ignite the Greater Scioto Valley Emmaus community, we all may need to make some adjustments to fuel the flame. The Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis flights have changed countless lives as people have grown closer to Christ or come to know Christ for the first time.

Think back to your own Emmaus or Chrysalis experience. What were some special moments for you? Who played a role in your experience? What special agape comes to mind...something someone gave you, or did for you? The prayer vigil, the people who came to prepare and serve meals and clean the showers and potties?

We have all fallen into new routines coming back from our Covid staycations. We now have the opportunity to re-ignite our Emmaus

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and Chrysalis communities. The first step, adjusting to make it a priority (Talk #1) to get involved.

As we prepare for the upcoming Chrysalis flights in July and Emmaus walks in the fall, what are ways you can participate and share the love of Christ? Begin praying now and reconnecting to our Emmaus and Chrysalis community. Come to Gatherings....every third Thursday (unless it's not). Board meetings are at 5:30 and open to all. Gatherings begin at 7:00 p.m. Bring a favorite food to share.

Check out the Facebook page and website for updates. See you soon!!

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Lana McGrath

GSVE Community Lay Director

Psalm 51:10-12

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence and do not take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with a willing spirit."

FROM THE BOARD...

WRITTEN BY JERRY KUNZ, LEADERSHIP

The new GSVE Board for 2023 has been hard at work since starting their term in January. One of the first orders of business was to discuss the ways in which we can become more "electronic." We have been updating the website, including new ways to sign up to help on the walk weekends. Take a look at the website, GSVE.org to see some of the improvements! If you have not been receiving emails, we may not have your current email address. There is a form on the website to sign up for the newsletter where it will ask you to input your preferred email. In addition, we are testing out an online registration form and will soon be able to accept payment through a secure server. This will allow you to pay for the walk online. A similar option will be available to those serving on the live in team for paying team fees for the weekend.

Next, the board has been working to update the Bylaws and Community Guidelines (formerly know as the Standing Rules). This document really needed to be updated to reflect the current recommendations from the Upper Room Ministries. The board met on in a special meeting on March 23 to review a draft or the proposed changes. A final proposal will be presented to the Board in April and will go out to the community for review and final approval. According to the current Bylaws, any changes to the Bylaws would need to be voted on by the community at the next Gathering where the vote will be conducted.



"When one is Struggling, we lift each other up, through prayer, accountability, and most of all, genuine love."

If you want to vote on the Bylaws, you will need to be present at the Gathering. We anticipate to have this ready for the May Gathering.

The Board has also reviewed the technical equipment, specifically the computers used for the walk weekends.

In 2012 and again in 2014, the Board purchased Mac laptops to be used for presenting the talks and music lyrics on Walk Weekends. We chose to buy Macbooks as they worked best with the software LiveWorship, created and sold by some of our own GSVE Community members! However, this software is outdated and we are told that there are no plans to update or "resurrect" it. So, the board moved in January to purchase ProPresenter instead, used by many churches, as the replacement. However, this software will not run on the older computers. We are now discussing upgrading our computers. Currently, we do not have enough money saved to purchase computers. We are looking for donations to help purchase at least one computer this year with an option to buy another in 2024. ***If you would like to donate to this cause, please contact any of the board members or send a donation check to Treasurer PO BOX 192 Chillicothe OH 45601. Please mark COMPUTER FUND on the check.***

Looking forward to seeing you at the April Gathering!

CHECK OUT THE UPDATED WEBSITE AT GSVE.ORG

where you will find links to sign up for the 72 hour Prayer Vigil, Housekeeping, and Kitchen Help for the upcoming walks, info on future events and a whole lot more!

FROM THE COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

WRITTEN BY DAVE BURRISS

As a pastor, I want to help my congregation, friends and family understand the powerful message and meaning of Easter. To be able to communicate this life changing event—I have needed to understand this incredible reality: Jesus Christ died for my sins, physically rose from the dead, and has given me new life!

Easter Sunday celebrates the physical resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. The events that occurred approximately 2000 years ago in Jerusalem permanently changed the world. Every time we write a date, we are using the resurrection of Jesus Christ as the focal point. More importantly, Christ defeated the enemy, atoned for our sins, and opened the door for us to talk personally to God. I love this day and frankly, celebrate it every day. Easter Sunday reminds me that Jesus really was who he claimed to be . . . God in the flesh. He came to earth to redeem me and change me. I am a child of God.

On the evening before Jesus was crucified, he had a private meeting with his disciples and explained what was going to happen the next day and how his death and resurrection would change everything.

The real meaning of Easter impacted me in ways I can't explain. When I made my decision to serve Jesus, I began experiencing real life. One of the greatest weapons that the enemy uses against us is discouragement. He will continually bombard us and tell us, "Give up. You don't have an abundant life." The enemy created lying. His natural way of communicating is lying. What do we do? Go back to resurrection day, and remind yourself that you have the meaning of life—NEW LIFE through Jesus Christ.

But in having this new life in Christ we were not made to live for ourselves. We were made to live for Jesus Christ. I have known Jesus for decades and have sensed something that I didn't sense before giving my life to Jesus—meaning, contentment and peace. Another truth we discover is that the sense of bondage has dissolved. We are free from the continual bondage of sin. Oh, we have our temptations, and we stumble occasionally, but we're free to live a new life in the freedom of God.

And lastly, there is a new energy that we have as God supplies the energy of Christ. He will give us rest and joy—even when we suffer. Wow, do we need His energy. Remember, the Lord wants you to live and minister in his power—his energy and his peace. Celebrating the resurrection day (Easter) and understanding how we are absolutely changed when we believe that he died, rose physically from the dead and is praying for us right now is something we can remind ourselves daily.

Blessings

Pastor Dave Burriss

“‘He has risen! He is not here.’ That is the epitaph inscribed on Christ's tomb. On other people's graves it is written, 'Here lies so-and-so,' but on Christ's tomb it is recorded, 'He is NOT here!'”
- C.H. Spurgeon

UPCOMING EVENTS '23

April 20 - GSVE Board Meeting 5:30 pm
GATHERING/POTLUCK DINNER
7:00 pm Trinity UMC

May 18 - GSVE Board Meeting 5:30 pm
GATHERING/POTLUCK DINNER
7:00 pm Trinity UMC

Jun 15- GSVE Board Meeting 5:30 pm
GATHERING/POTLUCK DINNER
7:00 pm Trinity UMC

SUMMER CHRYSALIS FLIGHTS

July 8-10 Girls Chrysalis Flight

July 15-17 Boys Chrysalis Flight

2023 WALKS

(The walks previously scheduled for Spring '23 have been postponed until the fall)

Sept 14-17 Women's Walk #60

Lay Director - Michelle Conley

Oct 12-15 Men's Walk #44

LD- Jamie Rout



CHECK OUT THE UPDATED WEBSITE AT [GSVE.ORG](https://www.gsve.org)

Please fill out the form to subscribe so that we can update your contact info

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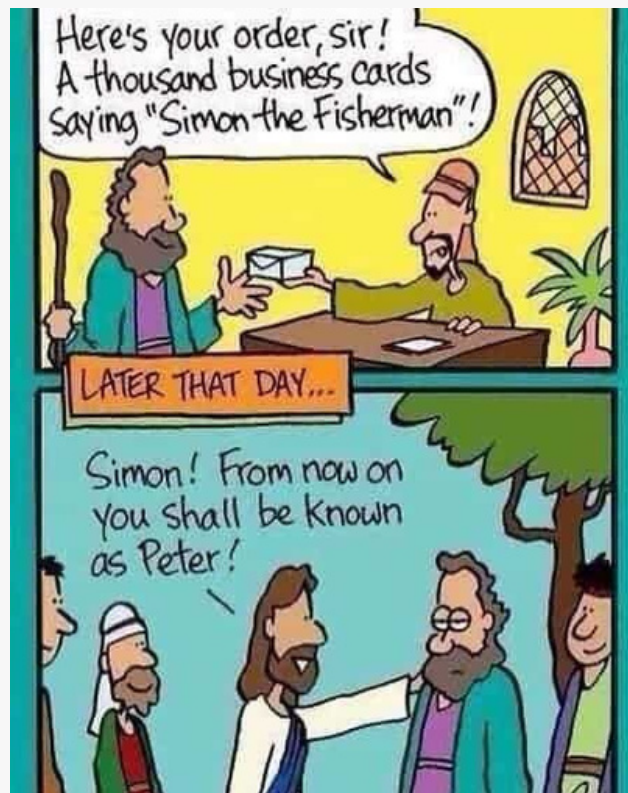
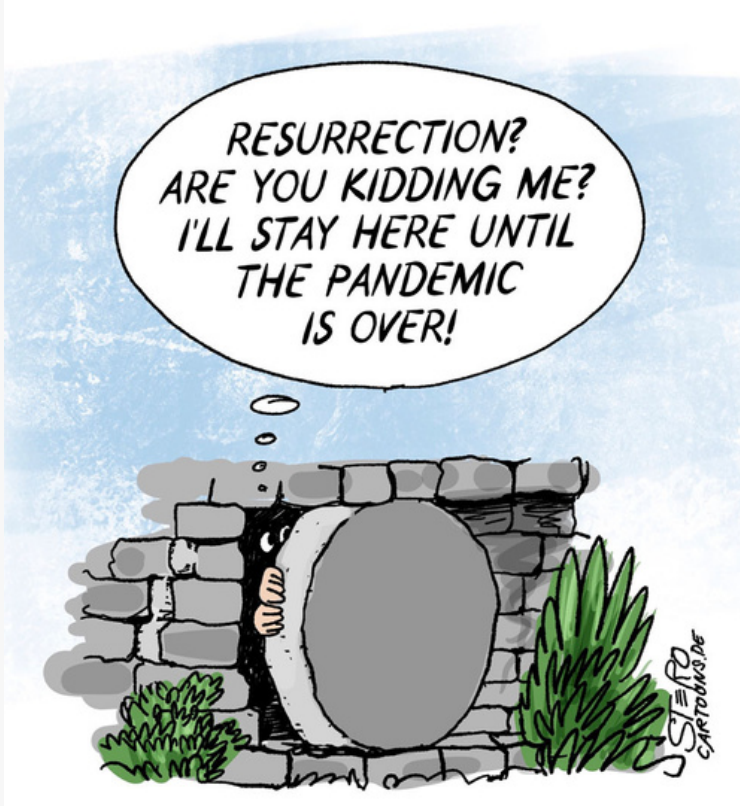
Chrysalis Representatives - Kris Liles, Rochelle Barney

WE NEED LOTS OF HELP FROM THE COMMUNITY DURING
THE WALK WEEKENDS. VOLUNTEERING IS THE MOST
IMPORTANT WAY FOR THE BOARD TO SEE WHO IS
INTERESTED IN SERVING ON A TEAM IN THE FUTURE! GO
TO GSVE.ORG TO SIGN UP



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