

# GREATER SCIOTO VALLEY EMMAUS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

## FROM THE CHAIR

WRITTEN BY JERRY KUNZ

Greetings from Greater Scioto Valley Emmaus!

The last 2.5 years have been a spiritual winter for many of us as the COVID 19 pandemic drastically changed our lives, personally, professionally, spiritually. We isolated ourselves from even our closest relatives and avoided church and spiritual gatherings. This drastically affected the Greater Scioto Valley Emmaus Community and the Ministry itself. We lost loved ones, brothers and sisters in Christ, board members, clergy. The pandemic threatened to wipe out the ministry altogether. Through it all, the Greater Scioto Valley Emmaus Board of Directors faithfully met and planned for the day that this would all be over. We had a few hopes in 2021 that this nightmare would be over and that we could pick up where we left off. And then "Delta Variant" came along. And just as Delta was fizzling out, we were all introduced to "Omicron", the most contagious strain of them all! We had a few small gatherings but each one was threatened with another "variant". We prayed; we vaccinated; we isolated; we waited. But now, 2022 is shaping up to be a much better year. The board has that we will be able to hold 2 walks this Fall. Yes, we are preparing the fields! We have reserved dates with Trinity UMC for walks in September and November! And we are re-forming teams (resurrecting the 2020 teams who were finishing their preparations for walks as the pandemic hit), reviewing materials, updating the weekend format to adjust to changes made to the facility at Trinity UMC, all with the intention of having 2 great walks this fall! I am so grateful for the hard work and dedication of the board members!

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Over the next few months, we will be "showcasing" these members, asking each one to prepare a brief summary of their role on the Board of Directors for the newsletter in order to help you understand what we, the board, do to keep this ministry running.

Service on the board is voluntary; none of us get paid for the duties we perform. We do this out of the love we have for Jesus Christ and for the impact that this ministry had on each of our lives. My hope is that you may feel called to get more involved with this ministry and maybe even serve on the board in the future.

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# FROM THE BOARD...

WRITTEN BY DAVE STRICKLAND

Greetings from your GSVE men's Registrar. I couldn't be more excited about my position and the fact that soon I will be very busy. With Walks scheduled for this coming fall, I can't wait to be making those phone calls to prospective pilgrims. What are all the responsibilities of a registrar one may ask...? Maybe you wouldn't ask but I'm going to tell you anyway. It's all about communication.... First, as I said, I call all the applicants, get to know them a little and record some personal information. After gathering the details, I must maintain a database all applicants and pertinent information. Beginning a month or so out from the walk I begin to reach out to the prospective pilgrims and confirm personal information and establish a point of contact for them. As information is gathered about any special needs the pilgrims might have, that information is then communicated to Walk LD and respective committees - kitchen, house keeping etc...



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The information is constantly being updated right up to the day the walk begins. It's a fair amount of work but I really enjoy the phone calls and establishing that initial relationship. Sometimes I might have to spend a little time putting them at ease about weekend...this is rewarding work! All work related to GSVE is rewarding work. Whether it's helping an Emmaus Walk Weekend come together or sponsoring a pilgrim. Giving the unconditional (Agape) love that Jesus gives us back to the pilgrims and the community is what makes Emmaus work. Please reach out to me personally if you are contemplating helping in some way but just aren't sure. There are a lot of ways a person can give back.

Decolores.

Dave Strickland GSVE Walk 13, Table of Paul

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Many have asked what it takes to serve on a Live-in team for the walk weekends. Emmaus is structured on a “progressive service” model. After you attend a walk to Emmaus, you are invited back to serve. It is an open invitation. The board decides who is asked to be on teams based on your level of involvement. If you come back and serve in the kitchen, serve on the housekeeping crew, speak at Fourth Day events like monthly Gatherings, offer to serve on a board committee, we keep track of it. The more you show your willingness to serve, the more likely you will be selected for a live in team. And the more you serve, the higher up the ladder you proceed. Live-in teams are made up of all levels of experience. Most first timers will be assigned as an assistant table leader. The second time you serve, you will likely be asked to be a table leader and asked to give a talk. You will serve as a Table Leader for a couple of Walks before you will be asked to serve as an Assistant Lay Director, or ALD. Once you have served as an ALD a couple of times, you will be eligible to be called as a Walk Lay Director. Once you have served as a Lay Director, you’re done! We put you out to pasture. Well, not exactly. There are still so many ways to serve. Each walk has at least 2 Logistics members who are responsible for setting up and tearing down the rooms we use for each of the special ceremonies, keeping the coffee, drinks and snacks fully stocked, etc. these are usually fairly experienced members as there is a lot of behind the scenes work to be done. There are also opportunities to serve on the music team or the tech team. And when you’ve experienced it all, you can have my job as the community Lay Director or the Chair of the Board of Directors! All of this to say that WE NEED YOUR HELP! If you feel led to serve in this ministry, please contact any of the Board members listed in this newsletter and let them know you want to help! It is such a blessing to serve you all and I thank God for the opportunity to be here.

Decolores!

Jerry Kunz  
Community Lay Director

*"I believe that one reason why the church of God at this present moment has so little influence over the world is because the world has so much influence over the church."*

*-Charles Spurgeon*

## UPCOMING EVENTS '22

Aug 18 - GSVE Board Meeting 5:30 pm Trinity UMC  
GATHERING 7:00 pm Trinity UMC

Sept 1 - SPECIAL BOARD MEETING 5:30 PM Trinity  
for final Walk preparations

### **Sept 15-18 - Women's Walk**

Sept 22 - GSVE GATHERING 7:00 pm Trinity UMC

Oct 20 - GSVE Board Meeting 5:30 pm Trinity UMC  
GATHERING 7:00 pm Trinity UMC

### **Nov 10-13 - Men's Walk**

Nov17 - GSVE Board Meeting 5:30 pm Trinity UMC  
GATHERING 7:00 pm Trinity UMC

## FALL 2022 WALKS

**September 15-18, 2022 Women's Walk**

**November 10-13, 2022 Men's Walk**

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