



GREATER SCIOTO VALLEY EMMAUS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

FROM THE CHAIR

WRITTEN BY JERRY KUNZ

Greetings from Greater Scioto Valley Emmaus!

What a busy year this has been! We have made it through 2022 and the REBOOT of our 3 day weekend events! We had 2 successful walks this fall, Women's Walk #59 in September and Men's Walk #43 in November. We welcomed 27 new members to the Greater Scioto Valley Emmaus Community with these 2 walks! When COVID 19 hit in early 2020, we were in the final preparation for our Spring Walks.

So, the last time that we hosted a walk was actually in the fall of 2019! Many things had changed and we were concerned that we may never start up again! But, with the diligence of the GSVE Board, walk lay directors and teams, we came back strong this fall and impacted the lives of not only the 27 new members, but countless people in THEIR spheres of influence. All that I can say is, "God is so GOOD!"

I want to personally express gratitude to the Board Members who stuck it out through 2020 and 2021 while we prepared for restarting. Many of these had agreed to serve extended terms as there was very little business happening. Now that we are gathering and holding walks again, it was time to elect new members. We conducted our first "online" voting for the new board members and offered paper ballots on the GSVE.org website and at the December Gathering, held Thursday December 15, 2022. I am happy to announce the winners of the election who will be serving 2-3 year terms, starting January, 2023.

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

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We had a lot of people who were willing to offer their time to serve on the board, which is awesome to see.

This is proof that this ministry still means a lot to many people! And to see the turnout for serving in the kitchen (our biggest need during walk weekends), Babe Chicks, Babe Roosters, Hallelujah Choir and housekeeping was a heartwarming experience to me personally. This IS a great cloud of witnesses truly fulfilling the mission to be the Hands and Feet of Jesus in this world.

The end of this year also brings the end of my time as the Community Lay Director. The Board will elect a new CLD in January who will take the reins and keep us moving forward. It has been an honor serving in this capacity and I thank God for the opportunity to serve.

Jerry Kunz

GSVE Men's Walk 27, Table of Peter

FROM THE BOARD...

WRITTEN BY JEFF BRAMMER

My name is Jeff Brammer, Greater Scioto Valley Men's walk to Emmaus # 16 , Table of Peter.

I currently serve on our local Emmaus board, My role is called the Good Shepherd.

My primary responsibility is to promote the importance of share groups, and to help point people in the right direction, to get involved in a share group. The group I'm in, has been meeting every Tuesday, for going on 10 years. I cannot express enough how much I look forward to our weekly meetings, and I know all my brothers in Christ, in this group, feel the same. Over the course of time, we have bonded very very close to each other. When one is struggling, we lift each other up, through prayer, accountability, and most of all, genuine love. We share our joys and concerns, and Join hands in a circle, and talk to our savior through prayer. We have recently started a study in the book of Romans, wow! God is breaking down walls, you can feel the Holy Spirit move about the room. Of course, when we meet, we eat!



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As the Good Shepherd, I have a list of current share groups in our area. If you are in a Share Group, please send me the information, and include how many are in your group. I am here to help point people in the right direction, to either joining a share group, or starting one of their own. As we go through our fourth days, we need each other, and being involved in a shared group is an amazing way to lean on the body of Christ, and good times, and bad.

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Jeff Brammer

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

FROM THE COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

WRITTEN BY CAROL DAVIS

One of my favorite stories is about a missionary teaching in Africa. Leading up to Christmas, he shared with his African students how Christians, as an expression of their joy, give each other presents on Christ's birthday. On Christmas morning, one young student brought the missionary a seashell of great beauty. When asked where he had discovered such an extraordinary shell, the young man said he had walked many miles to a certain bay, the only spot where such shells could be found. "It's a beautiful shell, but I hate that you had to travel so far to get it for me," the teacher exclaimed. The young man answered with a smile on his face, "The long walk is part of the gift."

That story comes to mind as I think of what it takes for someone to give a gift to me or to someone else. I'm reminded of the effort that the giver expended in order to give that gift... the thought and planning, the physical effort and cost, and in remembering that, the gift becomes precious. On Christmas, we Christians celebrate the gift of the baby Jesus lying in the manger and are filled with such love and joy...and yet, that most precious gift cannot be fully appreciated until we consider Jesus' long walk to the cross and come face to face with the cost of that gift and bow in humble adoration and submission. May you have the gift of faith and the peace of His great love this Christmas and always.

Thank you for allowing me to fill the role of the Community Spiritual Director the last few months. I have been blessed.

Pastor Carol Davis

"The true celebration of Christmas is when we ponder afresh the grace of God who became human, entered history through a virgin's womb, and brought redemption to the world."

— David Jeremiah

UPCOMING EVENTS '23

Jan 14-16 - Southern Ohio Chrysalis Girls Flight

Cornerstone UMC Portsmouth Ohio

Jan 19 - GSVE Board Meeting 5:30 pm

GATHERING/POTLUCK DINNER

7:00 pm Trinity UMC

Feb 18-20 - Southern Ohio Chrysalis Boys Flight -

Cornerstone UMC Portsmouth Ohio

Feb 16 - GSVE Board Meeting 5:30 pm

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7:00 pm Trinity UMC

Mar 16- GSVE Board Meeting 5:30 pm

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7:00 pm Trinity UMC

SPRING 2023 WALKS

April 13-16 Women's Walk #60

Lay Director - TBA

May 4-7 Men's Walk #44

LD- Jamie Rout



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2023 GSVE BOARD

The results of the 2022 election have been finalized
and the new members are listed here

DAVID NORTH
JEFF BRAMMER
LANA MCGRATH
KAREN EDMONSON
SUE KELLY
JOHN MANASCO
BILL LEE
JASON MOODY

Clergy
DAVE BURRIS
MARK GRAY

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JUST FOR LAUGHS...

Jamie and Michele Rout shared a "new version" of the 12 Days of Christmas at the December Gathering.

Presenting the 12 Days of Emmaus Christmas:

On the first Day of Christmas, Emmaus gave to me.....An Elevated A1c
On the second Day of Christmas, Emmaus gave to me.....2 Cinnamon Rolls
On the third Day of Christmas, Emmaus gave to me.....3 Giant Meals
On the fourth Day of Christmas, Emmaus gave to me.....4 Days of Grace
On the fifth Day of Christmas, Emmaus gave to me.....5 TALKS A DAY
On the sixth Day of Christmas, Emmaus gave to me.....6 Table Leaders
On the seventh Day of Christmas, Emmaus gave to me.....7 Babe Chicks Swimming
On the eighth Day of Christmas, Emmaus gave to me.....8 Babe Roosters Scratching
On the ninth Day of Christmas, Emmaus gave to me.....9 Hillbillies Jammin'
On the tenth Day of Christmas, Emmaus gave to me.....10 Nuns a Singing
On the eleventh Day of Christmas, Emmaus gave to me.....11 Weeks of Planning
On the twelfth Day of Christmas, Emmaus gave to me.....12 Sponsors Praying,



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