



# GREATER SCIOTO VALLEY EMMAUS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

## FROM THE CHAIR

WRITTEN BY LANA MCGRATH

Welcome Spring!! Well, sort of. Hopefully we're turning a corner in seasons and coming into one of my favorite seasons! I love the warmer temperatures and longer daylight hours. New routines of being outside, whether it's going for a walk or taking care of the yard, come with the changing of the seasons. We are hoping that as you come into the new routines of spring and summer you will make being a part of the Greater Scioto Valley Emmaus and Southern Ohio Chrysalis community a priority. We sure are missing a LOT of you, and we NEED you. We will be voting as a community on adopting the GSVE By-Laws. The Board has approved the revisions but the Community must vote on adopting them. There aren't any major changes but as we continue to move forward we want to make sure we follow what we have promised.

Additionally, we simply need participation in the community. We pretty much have a full board at the moment but many of us are "old-timers", as in we have served on the board previously. The time is quickly approaching to begin thinking about potential board members for the next election. We are working diligently to operate according to our by-laws and the covenant of Emmaus. Leadership should continue to cycle with "experienced" members remaining to serve in the community.

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We are encouraging each of you to reach out to those with whom you have shared the Emmaus experience, whether it was on your Walk or serving on a team. Get together and come together to Gathering. We are in team-building mode right now for the fall walks, but we have to have community support.

As you make your spring and summer plans, be sure to include Gatherings and small groups on your calendar. Getting together to share and worship is always such a blessing!

See you May 18 th !

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Lana McGrath

GSVE Community Lay Director

# FROM THE BOARD...

WRITTEN BY JERRY KUNZ, LEADERSHIP

CHECK OUT THE NEW AND IMPROVED [GSVE.ORG](https://www.gsve.org) WEB SITE!

We have a few announcements from the Board relating to the updates to the GSVE.org website. We continue to build the platform to allow us more accessibility! As you can see from the delivery of the newsletter, this, too, is an upgrade. As a board, we are always mindful of our stewardship of the funds given to us through donations, offerings at Gatherings, and proceeds from the Walks. We continue to explore the most inexpensive ways to "do business" in the new digital world. As it turns out, email platforms are asking for more and more while giving less and less for free. We are already paying GoDaddy.com for our website hosting so paying for another program to do mass mailings was not ideal. We previously used a free platform from Mailchimp until that company changed the "free accounts" making it impossible for us to use without paying a monthly fee. We hope that this new delivery system will still allow us to track bad emails, etc. If you are reading this newsletter but did not get an email pointing you here, please use the GSVE.org webpage - NEWSLETTERS to enter a new, valid email address and we will put you on the list.

As mentioned last newsletter, 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 in a special meeting on March 23 to review a draft or the proposed changes. A final proposal was presented to the Board in April and was approved by the Board. 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.



So, if you want to vote on the Bylaws, you will need to be present at the May 18, 2023 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, 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. Or, you can use the online donation located at the bottom of the GSVE.org Homepage**

Looking forward to seeing you at the May Gathering!

**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!***

# FROM THE COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

WRITTEN BY DAVE BURRISS

May Newsletter

The Blessing prayer of St. Patrick.

I as talked with my church secretary Tammie about the newsletter for our church she was offering St. Patrick's Blessing pray, I told her this is one of my would tell you a little about St. Patrick and this prayer for the thought of the month.

In 433 A.D., history tells us that St. Patrick was praying for God's divine ministry in Ireland while facing powerful enemies. He wrote this prayer which is still widely known and recited today. God hearing Patrick's prayer, soon opened the door for him to share Christ with the Irish King Laoghaire and his subjects and allowed him to be a part of bringing them out of spiritual power of Jesus Christ. St. Patrick was a man who knew much about darkness, territory. He had spent years in slavery after being kidnapped by pirates at age 16. And it was in those years that he later tells how he learned about the Mighty power of God's Presence and prayer.

The life of St. Patrick is such an example to us still today, especially with this virus and now that we are starting to come back into the light of the public. But also this prayer reminds us as brothers and sisters in Christ we live in the light of God, even in the darkness. God can't help but to come to our aid. God can't help but to bless us and wrap his loving arms around us. Because He's a good and loving God. And nothing escapes God's notice. He watches over all of us, and we can trust that our lives and circumstances are held securely in the Lord's hands.

The verse this month is:

"The Lord God is our protector and glorious king. He blesses us with kindness and honor. The Lord freely gives every good thing to those who do what is right." Psalm. 84:11 (ESV)

We need every day to thankful for what the Lord gives freely:

God's Presence, that is always with us.

God's Word reminds us repeatedly, that you are always with us.

God that goes before us covering and protecting us.

The gift of your Spirit, that lives within us, bringing life and peace.

And thanking God daily for his grace and favor, and our Lord Jesus Christ that is seeing us through this dark time and will be there in the middle of every circumstances of our lives.

Blessings

Pastor Dave

*"The time has come to turn to God and reassert our trust in Him for the healing of America – our country is in need of and ready for a spiritual renewal."*

— Ronald Reagan

## UPCOMING EVENTS '23

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

**\*\*COMMUNITY TO VOTE ON BYLAWS UPDATE\*\***

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

Jul 20- 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**

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

# 2023 GSVE BOARD

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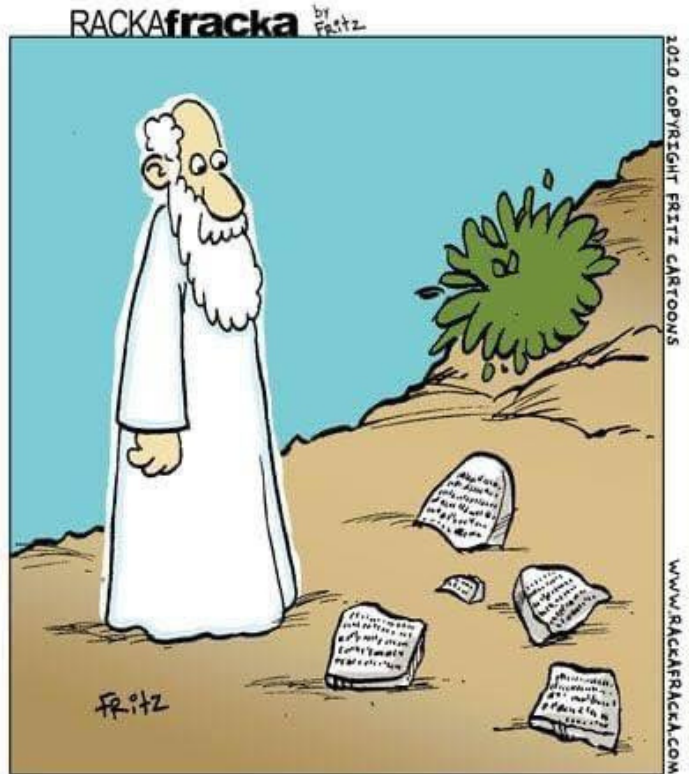
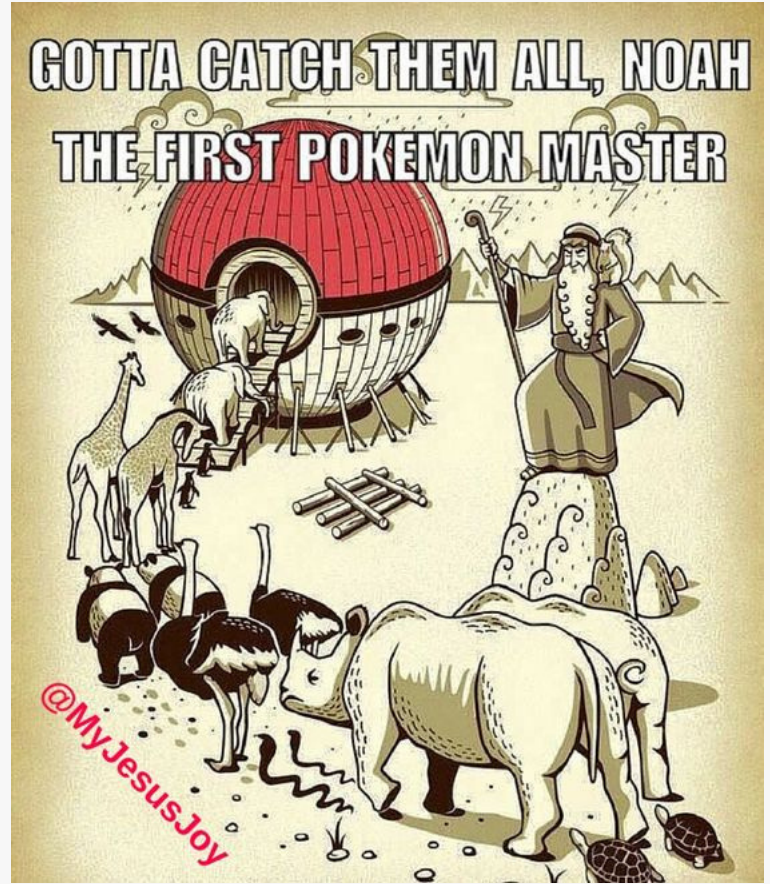
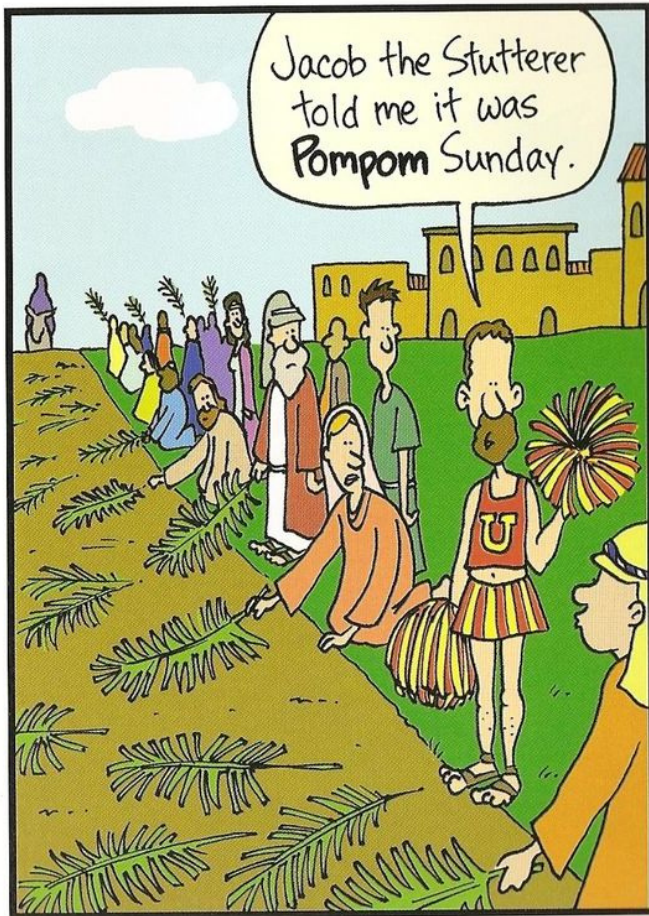
Chrysalis Representatives - Kris Liles, Rochelle Barney

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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