



GREATER SCIOTO VALLEY EMMAUS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

FROM THE CHAIR

BY LANA MCGRATH

Prayers you all are enjoying these milder days of Fall....we all know what's coming, right?!
That's right....the GSVE's Men's Walk #44 is next week!!!

So once again it's all hands on deck!! There are opportunities to serve in the kitchen, housekeeping, the Prayer Vigil...so hop online to gsve.org. At the top of the page click "Volunteer" and buttons to all those things are there for you to sign up. You can also reach out to Karen Edmonson (Kitchen) or Jeff Brammer (Housekeeping).

Please, please be sure to sign up for the prayer vigil! Prayer is the foundation for all that occurs not only in preparation for the weekend but throughout the weekend. It's a wonderful way to support the team and pilgrims.

And don't forget those special Emmaus times throughout the weekend!

It's not too late to sponsor a pilgrim for this Walk. There is a Sponsorship tab on the website. You can register both you and your pilgrim from there. Please be sure you, or a co-sponsor, can fulfill the sponsor's obligations. If you have any questions please contact Dave Strickland, Jamie Rout or myself. We'll help get you set up!

The Board has been working diligently to keep GSVE alive and moving forward. It may seem like you're seeing the same names on the Board and Teams, and you are. 😊

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We need leadership to step forward and help us continue to grow our community and give direction. If you are interested in serving on the board or a committee of the board (Kitchen, Team Selection, Housekeeping, Agape, Outreach, etc.) please contact any board member. Feel free to ask questions, etc. Board members are asked to serve a 3-year term with one-third of the board members rotating out each year. Please prayerfully consider where the Lord may be leading you to commit to serve and let us know!

I would also ask that you be in prayer specifically for Emmaus Ministries worldwide. While a few communities are coming back fairly strong there are many like ours who are trying to recover from the covid shut-down. And many that decided not to at all. My Emmaus walk, like many of you, was life-changing. I believe it to be the most ecumenical and scripturally based ministry in which I have been blessed to be involved.

Thank you all for your continued prayers and support!

FROM THE BOARD...



BY BILL LEE

It was February 2008, although cold and snowy outside it was hot and arid inside! The weekend started with, my sponsor picking me up at home and driving a long half mile to the starting point of my walk to Emmaus. Followed by many smiles and a small sampling of food it was a very welcoming experience and tons of people there to send all of us pilgrims off, little did I know, this was going to be an unforgettable weekend. It was a time that I look back on still to this day after 15 years. A cornerstone in my journey to say the least!

Since my experience in 2008, some 15 years ago, there have been opportunities to serve and so I did! I was fortunate to have served on a handful of teams with the GSVE and countless SOC teams. The team building process was amazing as you continue to meet new folks who shared their special moments of their walk or flight. Serving on a team allows for “anticipation” of what is going to happen next and see how Pilgrims and/or Caterpillars experience for the first time.

Being an Emmaus Board member since January of this year has brought new insights on the GSVE. This has been a new experience so far to see how tasks are implemented GVSE, to keep teams and walks on schedule, Kitchen help, seeing the website go through positive updates, filling applications online etc. are just some of the many updates that launched this year.

In part, serving on the board allows for new understanding and more importantly serving outside of my local church activities that bring new ideas of how to serve. One verse that comes to mind is James 2:17 (NIV) – “Faith without works is dead.” Serving in other areas outside of a local church allows for new understanding and ideas and solidifies my faith through service.

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

BY DAVE BURRISS

John 10:11-18

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

For this reason, the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.” John 10:11-18

“The good shepherd”, what a comforting image that portrays. God loves us unconditionally. He loves us not because it is his job, but because we are his children.

I cannot help but think about the love God has for me and the love that God has for you. I think it could be compared to the love for children and grandchildren. This love exists no matter the challenges that are presented or the daily tasks to be accomplished. I love Veronica and she loves me not because we are married, but because we have a deep meaningful relationship. This is the kind of relationship God wants with us. The image of the shepherd caring for the flock is the image of a love God caring for his creation. This gives me hope for each day!

Just as Jesus ran to his flock when the wolf came, we, as brothers and sisters in Christ run to each other and we are confident in the one who looks out for us and is always willing to come running to protect us.

God also spoke of loving people that are ‘not of our fold’. We are taught to love God and to love our neighbor. This is the hard part. I love my family and my church family, but can I always love my neighbor?

As Christians, we are called to evangelize and spread the Gospel. What could be a better way to do so than to love others? We are reminded that the love of God is eternal. We are called to love others as he loves us. God loves all of his sheep.

Blessings, Pastor Dave

Volunteer to help at a Gathering

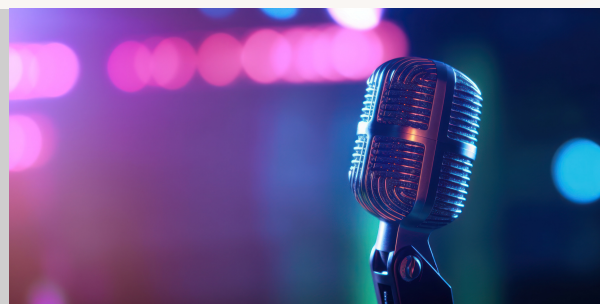
Lead Worship

email: Music@gave.org

or

Share your 4th Day Story

email: Info@gsve.org



UPCOMING EVENTS '23



2023 WALKS

Oct 12-15 Men's Walk #44
Lay Director - Jamie Rout

OCTOBER GATHERING

Oct 19, 2023
Welcome Men's Walk #44



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.

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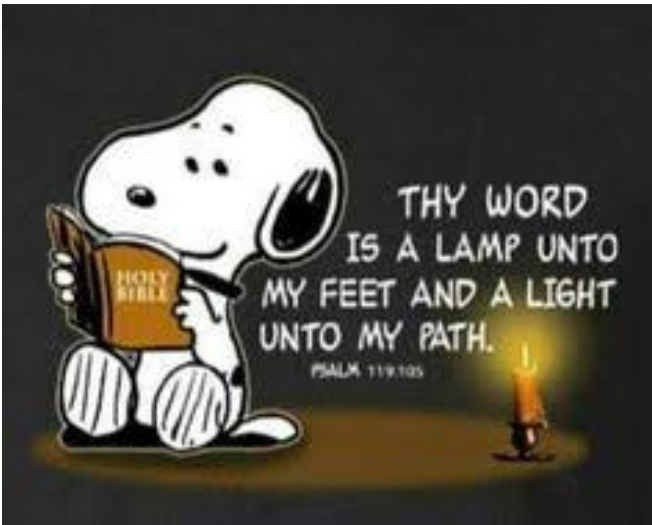
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WE NEED LOTS OF HELP FROM THE COMMUNITY DURING THE WALK WEEKENDS. VOLUNTEERING IS THE MOST IMPORTANT WAY FOR THE BOARD TO SEE WHO IS INTERESTED IN SERVING ON A TEAM IN THE FUTURE! GO TO GSVE.ORG TO SIGN UP

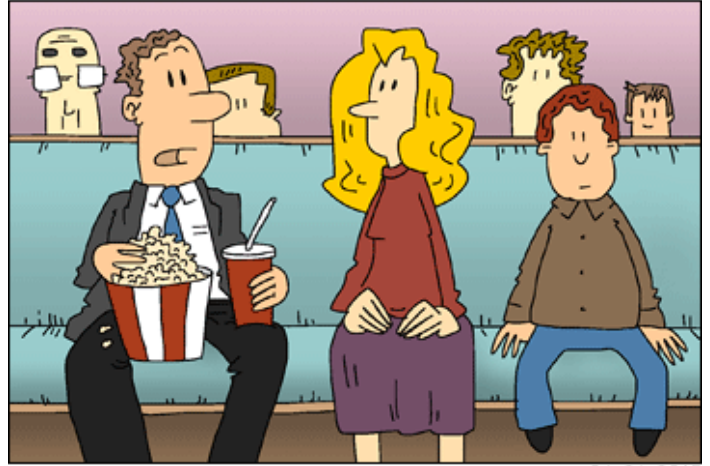


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