



GREATER SCIOTO VALLEY EMMAUS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

FROM THE CHAIR

WRITTEN BY JERRY KUNZ

Greetings from Greater Scioto Valley Emmaus!

Here we go!! What an exciting time in the life of this ministry! we have been waiting and planning for this month for the past 2.5 years!

The Greater Scioto Emmaus Board is finalizing preparations for the first walk in over 2 years. Women's Walk # 59, lead by Michele Rout, will be a new start for this ministry. During the pandemic, we lost our webpage, email lists, and even pilgrim sleeping rooms! Trinity UMC has made some improvements to the facility and we are excited to be the first major event to use it! The Board sends deep and warm appreciation to Pastor Wes Souders, Office Ministry Coordinator Trish Barber, and Custodian Bill Reed for all of their dedication and support of our ministry! If you see anyone of these church leaders, tell them THANKS!!

As I think about my own Fourth Days, I know that this ministry changes lives! It is the reason that I am so passionate about this ministry. I have made lifelong friends and now have a group of very close friends in my share group. We were recently renamed by another Emmaus sister as the ROMEO Share Group. We usually meet at a restaurant and have a meal together as we share our lives, joys, concerns. She said that we were **Real Old Men Eating Out**, or **ROMEO!**

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Cute, right? But the point to this story is that this small group of men were brought together to strengthen one another through the Emmaus experience. It is the most powerful weapon against the enemy. I admit that I did not initially join a share group and Satan's attacks were more than I could handle. I slipped into sin yet again. I failed again and again and had little support. But when I reviewed the teachings of the Emmaus event, I remembered the importance placed Share Groups. This is one of the key features of the Walk to Emmaus. If you are not involved in a Share Group, I highly encourage you to do so. Jeff Brammer, our Good Shepherd Chair, has a list of existing share groups and info on starting your own!

Jerry Kunz

GSVE Men's Walk 27, Table of Peter

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 BOARD...

WRITTEN BY AMY GRAND

Amy Grand, Greater Scioto Valley Women's Emmaus Walk #50; table of Rebecca. (CLAP!)

Hey! I am your board Team Selection chair. I have been in this position for 1, 2 or 3 years; depending on how you count COVID! It's been a crazy couple of years. BUT! We are coming back! The women's walk is ready and the team is excited! They are just a couple weeks away from "go time". The men are primed to start meetings... again! Remember; they were just about walking into their walk weekend when COVID locked us all down. It's exciting getting teams back together - again!

Some might think that my job is about over - the teams are selected and the walks are gearing up; what's left to do, right? Wait for the next walk?! Well, not quite. We have been working hard to digitize our database. The Emmaus phone book, if you will. Trying to gather addresses and phone numbers; get updated information. We need to make sure the new pilgrims are added to the list, so they can serve on future walks. Do we have your current and correct information? Have you moved since your walk or since you last served? Finally get rid of that land-line? Don't forget to let us know!



"We have been entrusted with good news. THE Good News. We are surrounded by people that need to hear it. Surrounded by those DYING to SEE it!"

We are putting into place processes that give more opportunities to serve - including giving our experienced community member the same opportunities! If you have worked up the ranks, please don't think you're done! I have heard people say "we've been put out the pasture". Well, we're calling you in! If you're willing, you can serve on walks again! Just let us know that you are still interested in serving. We would love to invite you back to the teams. Remember, a lot goes on behind the scenes as well. Team members are not just in the conference room. They make agape, serve meals, clean potty's, offer entertainment, sponsor pilgrims, shine a light at candlelight - *it truly takes a community.*

Do you remember your walk? Remember hearing about the grace offered to us? Remember SEEING the abundance of God's love? Remember seeing the Gospel played out over the weekend? I was reminded this past Sunday at church that we have been entrusted with good news. THE Good News. We are surrounded by people that need to hear it. Surrounded by those DYING to SEE it! Is there a burden in you? Do you have an urgency to tell (or show) what you've been entrusted with?" Walk with us - love like Jesus.

DeColores,
Amy

WE NEED LOTS OF HELP FROM THE COMMUNITY DURING THE WALK WEEKEND. THERE ARE LOTS OF OPEN SLOTS TO VOLUNTEER FOR THE WOMEN'S WALK. 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

Hello there! My name is Carol Davis and I have very recently joined the Greater Scioto Valley Emmaus Board as the Community Spiritual Director, although my involvement with this community goes back much farther. My husband John took his walk first, then encouraged me to go on the next women's walk. I must tell you I was resistant at first. While he was on a spiritual high after his walk, I wasn't sure it was for me. The idea of being cooped up with a bunch of other women for 3 full days just didn't appeal to me. However, my husband wanted this for me, so I relented and went on my weekend walk in July of 1998 and I'm so glad I did! I was in the process of discerning my call into pastoral ministry and I believe God used that time to help me hear His voice and answer His call.

Since that time, I have served on numerous walks, and I have seen God's hand at work meeting people wherever they are in their spiritual journey. Some have needed encouragement for the days ahead and others have needed spiritual healing. Some are blessed by the laughter shared throughout the weekend and others by the sharing and caring for one another. For some, the music speaks to their soul and others gain greater understanding of the things of God through biblical discussions and talks by both lay and clergy. It is always amazing how God works in and through men and women alike during these walks, deepens their faith, and energizes them for work in their home churches and local ministries.

The Community Spiritual Director, as outlined by the Upper Room, serves as the "moral, ethical, theological and spiritual conscience of the Board, the community and the teams." Also, among other things, my role is to assist the Board in identifying, developing and nurturing leaders and work with clergy in the community getting them involved in the life of the Emmaus Community. So, in this regard, if your pastor is interested in being involved, let me know and I will reach out to them. Emmaus is an ecumenical outreach and not limited to any one Christian denomination. If you have any questions around any of this, please just reach out. I'll be glad to chat with you.

Peace and Grace,

Pastor Carol Davis 740-703-5459

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"Unfortunately, preachers who distort God's Word are all too common today. Sometimes this springs from a sincere desire to soften hard hearts, but hearts aren't changed by compromise."

— Alistair Begg

UPCOMING EVENTS '22

Sept 15-18 - Women's Walk #59

Sept 22 - GSVE GATHERING/POTLUCK DINNER
7:00 pm Trinity UMC

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

Nov 10-13 - Men's Walk #43

Nov 17 - GSVE Board Meeting 5:30 pm Trinity UMC
GATHERING/POTLUCK DINNER
7:00 pm Trinity UMC

FALL 2022 WALKS

September 15-18, 2022 Women's Walk #59

November 10-13, 2022 Men's Walk #43



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