



GREATER SCIOTO VALLEY EMMAUS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

FROM THE CHAIR

BY GARY JORDAN

Fall is here, storms are also here, praying you have electricity today. Clean up once again, please check on neighbors and the elderly. Cool days and chilly nights, winter is coming soon.

This month is busy, October 3rd - 6th Womens Walk 62. There are opportunities to serve in the kitchen, housekeeping, and the Prayer Vigil.

Please sign up for Prayer Vigil! Prayer is the foundation for all that goes on this weekend, the pilgrims and their families, as well as in preparation for teams and their families. Sign up at gsve.org, click on volunteer at top of the page sign up, Thank you prayer warriors!

There also Men's Walk 46 October 24th - 27th. It's not too late to sponsor a pilgrim for this walk. Once again register online at gsve.org.

The Board Elections are coming up in November, nominees are David Coates, Rusty Stanton, Adam Brown, Jerry Kunz are on Ballot as of now. If you know of someone that feels called to serve, present their names to board as a nominee.

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We need leadership to step up and help us continue to grow our community, if you are interested in serving on the Board or serving on a committee, kitchen, team selection, housekeeping, agape, etc. Feel free to ask questions. Board members serve 3 years. Please prayerfully consider where to commit to serve and let us know! Remember Jesus' words in Matthew 23:11 greatest among you shall be your servant. We have Board meetings every month and everyone is welcome. Our next Gathering is scheduled for November 3rd location to be announced. Check gsve.org to stay informed. We thank you in advance for every prayer, and everything you contribute to this ministry. You are appreciated. Looking forward to seeing you.

Your Community Lay Director, Gary Jordan, may God Bless you and your family in Christ.

FROM THE BOARD...

BY AMY BROWN



Who is ready for everything pumpkin, falling leaves and the smell of bonfires? Here we are in the month of October and the best season of all.....FALL!! I hope everyone had a great Summer and is ready for the Fall season.

My name is Amy Brown, Greater Scioto Valley Women's Walk #54 Table of Ruth. It is a privilege to be on the board responsible for the kitchen committee. It is with great anticipation that we are looking forward to the next ladies and men's walks happening on October 3-6 and October 24-27. We can always use help if you would like to come out to stay for the weekend or just come when you have a little free time. Remember all the great food that was served on your walk and how it was a blessing when others served you as their expression of agape love. Here is your chance to return a little of that agape back to the new pilgrims. I hope to see everyone come out and serve for the upcoming walks. There is always a fun time in the kitchen! Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions.

Amy Brown
Philippians 4:13

FROM THE COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

BY DAVE BURRISS

I love fall, multicolor of leaves dance across the porch and driveway. As their bright green color fades, it seems they fall almost as quickly as they change. We love summer and part of us longs to whisper to the tree “Hold on a little longer. Come on; you got this. Think green!” But graciously the tree listens to its Maker rather than our hopes. In order to flourish in the new season, the tree must let go of its decayed leaves. They have performed well for the term, but their time has drawn to a close.

Autumn is a wonderful time to observe nature. As I watch the swirling leaves stirred by the wind, I am reminded that they display an important lesson for all of us to follow suit in a way. Just as the trees don't stubbornly hold on to their dead leaves, so we shouldn't hold on to any unnecessary weight in our lives. When we long to enter a new season, the old can easily inhibit the new if we allow it.

God's Word reminds us to:
Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:31,32 (NIV)

To get rid of negativity in our lives, we must first identify it. How can we do this?

- » By reading God's Word.
- » By allowing His Spirit to show us the necessary heart changes we need.
- » By being willing to shun practices such as bitterness and anger.
- » By asking God to help us let go of the guilt from the past.

Oh how the Lord longs to empower and strengthen us for the new season ahead! If we're not sure of the issues detaining a kind and compassionate spirit, He will show us when we ask. And if guilt from the past is preventing this beautiful new season, we have His promises like this one to remember:

Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. Isaiah 43:18,19 (NIV)

What are you holding on to that is preventing a freshness to the season ahead? Could it be that the decayed leaves are piling up and your heart needs to discard them for good? If so, why not reach out to the Lord in prayer? He longs to hear from you. Ask Him to shine light on any thoughts, circumstances, habits or other “decayed leaves” you might be clinging to. As you watch the leaves fall this season, our prayer is that you are reminded to let go of anything that would hinder a fresh relationship with God.

Blessings Pastor Dave

Volunteer to help at a Gathering

Lead Worship

email: Music@gsve.org

or

Share your 4th Day Story

email: Info@gsve.org



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CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AT GSVE.ORG

The website has been recently updated and reorganized. Events and walk information are now on the home page, right where you want it.

Check it out and stay in touch and join us as we follow Christ.

UPCOMING EVENTS



2024 FALL WALKS AT KOINONIA

Women's Walk #62

Oct. 3th-6th, 2024

Men's Walk #46

Oct 24th-27th, 2024

Registration is open **NOW**

[GSVE.ORG/Events](https://gsve.org/events)

Greater Scioto Valley
Emmaus

Board Meeting

20 October, 2024
2:30 PM - 4:00 PM
Harvest Center Church
678 Kinnamon Lane
Chillicothe OH 45601

740-883-3885 www.gsve.org

Spring Walks 2025

Women's Walk #63 April 24th-27th

Men's Walk #47 May 15th-16th

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](https://gsve.org). WHAT'S KEEPING YOU? GET IT DONE. IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO REGISTER FOR FUTURE WALKS.

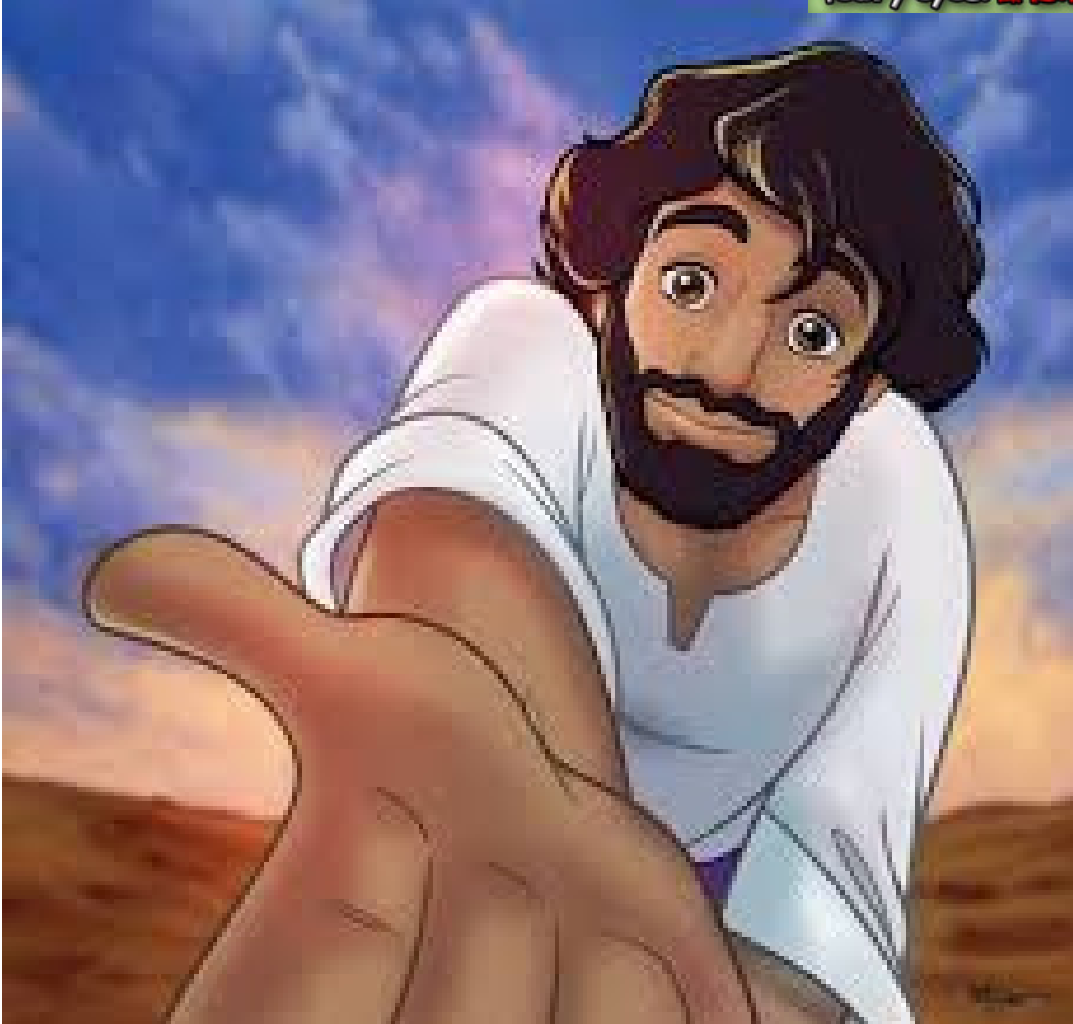
Volunteer opportunities for each walk will be available online. Check out [GSVE.org](https://gsve.org)

JUST FOR LAUGHS...



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VISIT GSVE.ORG to sign up TODAY!

QUESTIONS ???

IS GSVE LEAVING CHILLICOTHE?

No. GSVE is based in and will continue to be focused on the ministry of the Chillicothe and surrounding communities. Holding our Walk Weekends at a nearby facility with cabins and conference accommodations is what we are giving the GSVE community a new experience. Monthly Gatherings will be held at various churches in the Chillicothe area. Let us know if you would like to host a Gathering at your Church.

WHERE ARE THE GSVE WALKS BEING HOSTED?

Koinonia Farms is located east of Laurelville, OH. This beautiful location in the Hocking Hill area is the ministry built by a local Christian family with strong ties to Chillicothe. It was built during the Covid pandemic shutdown and they continue to build new accommodations and features. They want to offer the use of their facilities as a ministry gift to GSVE. They are excited to offer a partnership with us to share the gospel and promote Christian discipleship.

WHY CHANGE VENUES FOR THE WALKS?

There are a number of reasons, the most pressing being that our numbers were declining, both in service and pilgrim participation. We've been given an opportunity to revitalize and grow by pivoting the experience to a camp environment which allows for communion with God's beautiful creation, without distractions from the outside world. Since our announcing a change in venue, we have had an overwhelming positive response to the new experience we will be able to offer.

WHY SO FAR AWAY? I'M CONCERNED ABOUT COMMUNITY SERVING

This venue will come with the need for a commitment to intentional service. There are accommodations for "live-in" logistics and kitchen team. The camp has ample space to house additional servants. We would encourage car-pooling when coming to serve for just a few hours. Both the Love Community and Southern Ohio Emmaus currently hold their walks at camps, and have a wonderful experience.

WHY CHANGE NOW?

The future of GSVE has been prayerfully poured over by many people for a long time, even before Covid brought us to a screeching halt. While some Emmaus and Chrysalis communities are thriving, many, like GSVE, are struggling to recover from such a shutdown. The need for a ministry like ours is evident in those communities that are doing well. In Matthew 9:37-38 Jesus tells the disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." The purpose of Emmaus is to support the spiritual formation of Christians seeking to know and experience God more fully. As laborers we must continue to pray and go into the "harvest" of believers so that they may continue to grow in their faith and walk with the Lord.

WHAT ABOUT GATHERINGS?

Gatherings will be held in churches in the Chillicothe area so that we can reach others with the ministries of Emmaus and Chrysalis. The Board is evaluating elements of Gatherings, such as day of the week and time of day and would love to have input from the community on this topic. Our Gatherings in the park were well attended and we definitely have multiple outdoor resources for better weather. GSVE is an ecumenical organization and we need to show our support in strengthening disciples within all area churches, not just inviting them on the Walks.

We encourage you to send additional questions by email to communityld@gsve.org.