



"I am the vine;  
you are the branches."  
John 15-5a

# Grapevine

Spring 2010

Quad Cities Emmaus Community

Community Lay Director

## Upcoming Dates

Men's Spring Walk  
#83  
April 15-18 2010

Women's Spring  
Walk #84  
April 22-25, 2010

Men's Fall Walk # 85  
Sept 16-19, 2010

Women's Fall Walk  
#86  
Sept 23-26, 2010

Don't forget that pilgrims need to be registered at least 2 weeks before the walk date. It's never too early to send the application. Get an app online at:

[www.qcemmaus.org](http://www.qcemmaus.org)

Greetings from your Community Lay Director:

My name is Bill Jarrett and I was elected to the Emmaus Board of Directors in December and was elected as Community Lay Director in January. Thanks to Carol Schipper for the great job she has done over the past year. This is my second time serving on the Board as Community Lay Director. Thanks for the vote of confidence that you have in me to do a good job. So if you have any complaints, suggestions, or questions please let me know.

We had a Team Training event on Feb. 6. I would like to thank all who attended and were involved in the planning in any way. And a big Thank You to Asbury UMC for letting us use their facilities. We had a great time and a great meal.

Have you ever wondered what you could do with the free time that you have? Or wanted to volunteer to do something for the Emmaus community but didn't know how or who to contact. Well here is your chance. The Board of Directors is looking for someone to help update our database. All you need is a computer and a little bit of training. If this is something that you would consider doing please let me or one of the Board members know. Also consider volunteering to help set up the conference room, or help in the kitchen, or even participate in gut bucket. There are many opportunities to volunteer. Just let someone on the Board know.

The next set of walks are right around the corner, men's April 15- 18 and women's April 22- 25, and the teams will be meeting soon. So keep Tom, and Jana and their teams in your prayers. Also ask God who He wants you to sponsor.

God Bless, Bill Jarrett

## Something New.

The Emmaus Board has been working for months to improve the database of contact information that is kept to reach people to be on team and to send out news and information about the community. This information comes from your original walk application and is updated each time you serve on team. It can also be updated if we get returned mail from the post office with corrections. The database in the past has been maintained on the personal computers of board members and it is passed from one board member to the next as the board changes each year. Over a period of time with different people entering data in different ways and information not getting from one person to another the database has become inaccurate. So here is the good news, we now have the database online it can be updated by multiple people and does not have to move from member to member. The status right now is the new website is up and running but there is still a lot of updating that needs to be done. In moving the data some information did not move and the new database has additional information that was not in the old database. We have a need to have volunteers to help update information and verify information in the database. The new database will also keep a list of churches, pastoral staff and other church info which the old database did not keep. continued on page 2

## Community Spiritual Director

Although I was born and raised in southeastern New York State I have lived and served in Illinois for the past 19 years. I moved here to become the Christian Education/Program Director for the Dwight United Methodist Church. Following God's leading and my heart I began the steps toward ordained ministry a few years later. During that time I met and married my husband, Doug Rettig, who is also an ordained United Methodist pastor. His two children are grown and married, each with two children of their own. Also, I recently became a great-aunt to my niece Jen & her husband's son, Evan, who I hope to meet for the first time this summer when we travel to the east coast for his 2nd birthday party!

I was ordained a Deacon in 1999 and became an Elder in full connection in 2006. I have been privileged to pastor the Viola/Preemption UMC since August, 2007. I am particularly drawn to ministries of Christian identity formation, preaching and Christian counseling. I am honored and humbled to be invited to serve as Spiritual Director for the QCEC and ask for your prayers for support and guidance as I seek to fulfill this opportunity to minister alongside all of you.

Peace & Joy in Christ,  
Rev. Cindy Rettig  
(aka Pastor Cindy, or just "PC")

## Something New - continued from front page

A person to contact and update the church contact info is also a need. Another advantage is that the community members can now log on to the website and update your own address and contact information. The new website is: <http://qcec.inetmember.com> the username is the email address that we have in the database for you. If you have changed email address since the last time it was updated with Emmaus it will be the one on record with Emmaus. Your default password is qcecqcec. When you log on you can change the password to one you like. If a husband and wife only have one email address the login will log you in to the one alphabetically first in the database. To log on the second person we will have to create a log in for them. If you have trouble accessing the new site email [elmoore@mchsi.com](mailto:elmoore@mchsi.com) and I will assist you in logging on. The second goal the board has been trying to accomplish is to improve communication of events and contact information for team selection. We are aiming for 4 paper newsletters and maybe some postcards each year and email as needed. Here is the issue, we would like to only send a postcard or paper news letter to people that do not have email. Each mailing of postcards and news letters cost roughly 400 dollars. Even with only 4 mailing a year it runs around 1,600 dollars. We believe that getting information out to the community is important it is also important to be responsible in spending the funds and keep the weekend costs down. If you are receiving a paper copy of this news letter and also an email copy please let me know and I will remove you from the paper copy list. If you have an email address and don't get emails from Emmaus then let me know and I will add you to the email list and remove you from the paper mailing. Also if you are receiving electronic or paper copy and no longer wish to receive news from Quad Cities Emmaus I will remove you from all mail lists. For questions, problems, to volunteer to help update information or to have changes made send me an email and I will help you out.

[elmoore@mchsi.com](mailto:elmoore@mchsi.com) Eric Moore

## Upcoming gatherings for 2010

**March 13th** @ Preemption UMC along with Chrysalis candlelight.

April no gathering because of walks

**May 15th** @ TBA

**June 19th** @ TBA

Gatherings are like the old days. Potluck at 6 pm followed by worship at 7PM Bring a dish to share and table service, Drinks will be provided.

**From Carol**

**Dear Quad Cities Emmaus Community,**

**I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support and prayers during the past year as my being your Community Lay Director. I struggled with taking the position. Long before the board chose their President, God put a friend beside me and she said to me "Are you ready to be our next CLD?" I flatly said no. I should have known better. Through the ensuing months God laid on my heart several times that I needed to do that, but each time I said no. While this was all going on I was in the BSF study of Moses. Well, one night after many of wrestling with God, God woke me up again, and kinda slapped me on the face and said "I took care of Moses; I made a Great leader out of him.....don't you think I can do the same for you. Well....after that, what could I say. I thought, of course you can God, I know you can, and from that point on it became an obedience issue. Little did I know or anticipate what I would have to deal with in the coming year. But I can say that though it was difficult at times.....God was always there for me...putting people by my side that I needed or answering prayers....and I feel very strongly that Prayer was a Big Key. So to make a long story short, I feel blessed to have served this Community in this capacity. It is exciting to see what the Lord does with you. I remember when I was first on the steering committee for this community.....I felt so inadequate....I felt that way many times through the years....but as God equipped me to do different jobs, in different capacities....I grew and grew and I am still growing. Amazing what you can do when you let God do it. So I hope that you do the same in the situations that God puts you in. Never say never....because with God ALL things are possible. Step out of those comfort zones and be blessed.**

**I can proudly say that I am passing my duties on to Bill Jarrett who is very experienced and grounded in the Lord so please pray for him and the Board. Pray for persons you can sponsor. Mark your calendars now to come out for the weekends.....bring your Pilgrims to get them involved in helping in the kitchen, helping with gut bucket----ya know no talent required for that one----bring them to Candlelight and closing and make sure they are in a reunion group. If you like working with youth....give your name to the Chrysalis Board members---Dave House would love to have you. There is a place for you.....we need the new pilgrims to get involved and continue to make this community grow in numbers and closer to God.**

**Carol Schipper  
Past Community Lay Director**

Greeting Emmaus community,

This is a request (or maybe plea for help) for the upcoming Girls Chrysalis Flight #95. It is proceeding as currently planned and will be held March 11-14 at Camp Milan. Butterflies are needed so if you know someone who is interested please get your application sent in and better yet, call Pam Hoogerwerf at 944-6346 to let her know you have sent in an application. Please keep the team, the weekend, and the butterflies in prayer.

Needs for the weekend:

**Kitchen Coordinator-** Dave House has currently taken the position by default. If you can do it, Dave would gladly step back and provide assistance

**Kitchen help- Agape Snacks**

For both of the above needs, contact Dave at:

Home 309-372-8445

Work 309-782-6467

Cell 309-737-8642

The Anointing will be at Preemption UMC at 7:00p.m. on March 9<sup>th</sup>. The Candlelight and Apostolic Hour will be March 13<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the Emmaus Gathering. Please see the Emmaus web site for more information <http://www.qcemmaus.org/Gatherings.htm> Please come and especially provide letters!

Chrysalis could use a boost on this one.

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## **Newsletter editor needed.**

If you have worked with desktop publishing and would enjoy sharing your time and talent with the Emmaus community you are are needed. You will be a part of the board's continued commitment to get news out in a timely manor. As those of you getting the paper copy will see that I have missed the deadline of getting this out before the March gathering. Emmaus needs someone with time and talent to take over putting together the newsletter that can track deadlines and contact members to get articles and information for the newsletter. The newsletter will be published 4 times a year and other mailing may be done on an as need basis. If you are interested in filling this need or getting more information contact Bill Jarrett at 309 537 3244 or email [bnljarrett@frontiernet.net](mailto:bnljarrett@frontiernet.net)