

FROM YOUR SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

This is really a letter to all of the clergy who get the Newsletter, but some of it also applies to all of the members of the community as well. In thinking back to 1991, when I went as a pilgrim on QCEC Walk #1, there has not been a year when I have not served on an Emmaus team since then. During that time I served in every capacity one could serve as a Lay Person, and then beginning in 1998 I have served as a Clergy member of teams. There were many occasions along the way when I felt like I had done enough, or needed time off, or was too busy to make the commitment to team training and a weekend.

After I became Clergy, the feelings were even stronger. I had a congregation that I had to take care of. I just couldn't give time to Emmaus. And as a United Methodist Pastor, I could hide when I moved to a new church. Luckily I didn't follow my own advice, and I have served yearly as a Clergy member since I became a Clergy person.

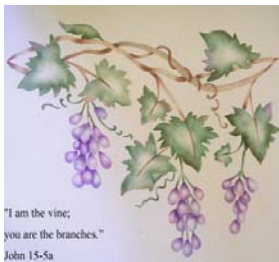
Brothers and Sisters of the Clergy, I know all of the demands on your time—I had them too—but I also know the needs of the Emmaus Program to have good quality clergy persons guiding the faith work of the Weekends. And yes, it is a commitment, but one which has a payoff much higher than the payout. You do make a difference in lives when you serve.

Our community currently has inadequate records of clergy who have and/or are willing to serve on a team. I am beginning to work on that deficiency, and will shortly be sending a letter to all of the clergy I have listed to encourage their participation. But you can get ahead of the game by sending me an E-mail at revrho@mchsi.com to let me know that you would be willing to serve. The more of us who are willing, the less demanding on your time it will be. It takes forty clergy to put on two Emmaus Weekends and two Chrysalis Flights each year. If there are more Clergy than that out there, it would mean even less of our time. Please consider sending me that E-mail.

And to the Lay people who feel much the same way, or who have always had an urge to serve but have never been asked, or who have served some time ago, rested and are now ready to do it again. Send your E-mail to our Lay Director, carolschipper@tkqc.com who will see that you get on that list to serve.

Emmaus needs as many hands and hearts as it can muster. Please consider helping.

Realf Otteson



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May 2009

Quad Cities Walk to Emmaus Community

From the Community Lay Director Carol Schipper

Dear Emmaus Community,

Praise God!!!! What an awesome God we have. We have just completed another successful set of walks where Christ has been honored, glorified and praised. Where prayers were answered, hearts dedicated and rededicated to Christ and spirits lifted and renewed. WOW. God has been busy. Thank you to all who helped make the weekends a success. It takes many different hands and feet to accomplish this...THANK YOU for your devotion and time. It is greatly appreciated—without it there would be no walks.

So now we move on to the next Gathering which will be Saturday May 16 at St. Johns United Methodist Church in Davenport. There will be a follow up meeting at 4:30. This is where Pilgrims share about their 4thdays, where

pilgrims form reunion groups, or join existing groups. THIS IS IMPORTANT! "The Group Reunion itself is one of the chief values of the Emmaus Movement—on of the greatest treasures the Walk to Emmaus contains. It is a way of persevering in the life of grace so that those things that are valuable to you during the weekend will not be lost when you return to your life in the world." It is a great accountability group, and a great place to grow your faith and action as well as encourages others in your group to do the same. At 6pm we will have a worship service with two 4th day talks, great music, encouragement, and a time to share communion. Please come to Praise and Worship our wonderful Lord.

Another Praise the Lord, is that the Holy Spirit prompted several persons to join our

QC board. In fact I think we may have a couple waiting in the wings for next year. Thank you for stepping up to the plate and to help make this a vibrant community. Please keep the board in your prayers. Prayer DOES make a difference.

Begin to pray for Pat Troup and Connie Dixon as they begin to put together the teams God has picked for Walks #81 and #82. Pray for the Chrysalis board and the teams that are forming for their July weekend and remember to go to their weekend activities and provide them with love and agape.

In His Service,
Carol Schipper, CLD



**Follow-up Meet-
ing**

**Saturday May 16 @
4:30 p.m.**

**St. John's United
Methodist Church**

Brady St.

Davenport, IA

Useful links
The Upper Room Emmaus site
www.upperroom.org/emmaus/

The Upper Rooms Chrysalis site
www.upperroom.org/chrysalis/

**“REUNION GROUP”
INFORMATION**

We are trying to gather information on existing Reunion Groups or Accountability Groups in our QC Emmaus Community. If you belong to a group please contact Joyce Frankfother and let her know the place, day and time.

Thanks

Chrysalis Dates for 2009

**July 9-12, 2009:
Girls' Flight #93**

July 16-19, 2009: Boys' Flight #94

November 5-8, 2009: Girls' Flight #95

November 12-15, 2009: Boys' Flight #96

ATTENTION! WEEKEND COST INCREASE.

Due to increasing costs we too must raise the cost of a Chrysalis Weekend. Starting in 2008 the cost for Caterpillars and team members will now be \$85.00. Get registration forms at:

<http://www.qcchrysalis.com/>

Gathering:

**May 16th at St.
John's United Meth-
odist Church @ 6:00
p.m.**

**Fellowship to fol-
low – bring a fin-
ger food to share,
beverages provided.**

*****Gatherings are
not limited to just
Emmaus community
members. Feel free
to bring friends
and family to share
the joy of the Com-
munity!!!**

QC Emmaus Calendar for 2009

All gatherings are @ 6:00pm worship, followed by fellowship and snacks unless otherwise noted.

Please bring a dessert, snack or finger food, drinks and table service will be provided.

May 16, 2009 - St. John's United Methodist Church Davenport, IA

June 20, 2009 - Location still needed

July 18, 2009 - Preemption Gathering & Boys Chrysalis candlelight

Aug 15, 2009 - Illinois City United Methodist Church, Illinois City

September no gathering because of walk weekends

Men's Walk #81 September 17th - 20th

Women's Walk #82 September 24th - 27th

October 17, 2009 - Clinton United Methodist Church, Clinton IA

November 14, 2009 - Preemption United Methodist Church, Gathering & Boys Chrysalis candlelight (NOTE 2nd Saturday to coincide with Chrysalis)

December no Gathering

Men's Walk #79 Candidates

- Mike Bickle
- Jeff Bixby
- Paul Hevland
- Daryl Holmes
- Ky Lambin
- Tom Howard
- Don Muller Jr.
- Chris Rogers
- Harold Scherer
- Larry Smith Jr.
- Ron Toewe
- Michael Williams
- Josh Wright

Women's Walk #80 Candidates

- Jodelle Eddington
- Rachel Girotti
- Suzanne Herum
- Jennifer Howard
- Kay Howard
- Karlene Kurtz
- Tami Hevland
- Jamie Lambin
- Laura Levien
- Nadine Liby
- Kris McMillan
- Janice Pohl
- Teresa Sutton
- Rosannah Winter
- Joanna Wright
- Linda Zippe

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- 6.

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- 5.
- 6.

John 15:5-8 NIV

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. 8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

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QC Walk to Emmaus

Poems written by Paul Hevland! Pilgrim from Walk #79

JOURNEY

Let your journey now begin.
Down on ragged knees again.
Asking Jesus' eternal forgiveness.
Free of sorrows, worries and stress.

Give all to Jesus, yes, give all.
He'll accept it large or small.
Remove it from your troubled heart,
To bless you with a brand new start.

He'll grace bestow upon your head,
To remove years of doubt and dread,
Jesus will lighten your burden whole;
For the world to see the new you glow.

Take upon you the armor of the Lord.
The Bible in hand, the Holy Word.
Blessings and love in you restored;
Become Jesus' standard and sword.

EMMAUS

During the Emmaus Walk we are subject
To look inside, within; to introspect.
Receiving Christian camaraderie;
A special love that's brotherly.

We come together upon this journey.
A heartfelt study for you and me.
We worship, and pray, and contemplate
How to know how to enter Heaven's Gate.

Our experiences are shared.
Our walk with God repaired.
To fully give ourselves to the Lord.
And fully understand His Word.