



The Rooster Call



June 2016

Crossroads Emmaus of Eastern Pennsylvania

Crossroads Chrysalis of Eastern Pennsylvania

Welcome from Your Community Lay Director

Jer. 29:11 and 12 says, "For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you." God has really reminded me of these verses in the past couple of weeks. For me, I have had some changes as far as my job that will take me in a new direction. For you, it may be a change in career, a change in address, a change in family make-up, a change in health, etc. When we become disappointed because we think we know how our lives should go, God always knows better! God has a plan, and I believe he reveals it in His time. Our challenge is to allow him to work through us in the midst of those changes! A very dear friend told many years ago, "Disappointment - exchange one letter and it becomes His appointment." May you remember these words as the Lord works in you and you encounter changes in your life!



God is Good!! God has been so good to the Crossroads Walk to Emmaus Community in the past year! We just ended an extremely successful set of spring walks and are looking forward to the 62nd set of walks this fall! The fall teams begin their team meetings in just a few days. I ask that we, as a community, continue to remember to lift them up in prayer as they meet the 3rd Saturday of each month this summer to prepare for the October Walks. It is also never too early to begin thinking about someone to sponsor on the Walk to Emmaus. Who do you know that could use the gift of an Emmaus Weekend? Sponsorship information can be found on the website at:

<http://www.crossroadsemmauspa.org/>

All forms once completed, should be sent to John Keenan, community registrar at 739 Main Street Phoenixville, PA 19460. I hope that all of you will be able to join us this fall at Candlelight, which will be held on Saturday, October 8th for the men and Saturday, October 15th for the women. Both Candlelights will be held at New Hanover United Methodist Church in Gilbertsville, PA. May each of you have a wonderful summer filled with fun, laughter, and fellowship!

De Colores,
Tracy Fasick
Community Lay Director



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PRAY for the Fall Walks:

It seems as though we just finished the Spring Walks, and here we are gearing up for the Fall Walks. Pray for the teams and the pilgrims that we might all be drawn closer to Jesus and gain an even clearer understanding of our ministries. Remember to lift up the Outside Team asking Jesus to bless them with strength and health for all the work they have to do. Pray as well for the facilities - We don't want to hear that fire alarm at 5am again this year!

PRAY for the Holy Spirit to move in the hearts of those called to be Pilgrims - Ask Jesus to put the right people in front of each potential Pilgrim at just the right moment so that the right words of encouragement and support will be spoken and take root.

VOLUNTEER!!!!

Now is the time to volunteer for service on the Spring Teams - so go online and fill out those applications.

If you are interested in serving as a Spiritual Director, email me at the address above and let me know.

See you at Candle light!



Resources

There are ways of staying connected to our Emmaus Community in addition to the Rooster Call and your Gathering. If you are not a member of our Facebook group, please become one. You can do a search for **Crossroads Walk to Emmaus of Eastern PA**. For further detailson Facebook see page 6.

Another great resource is our website: www.crossroadsemmauspa.org.

Here you'll find information about our Emmaus and Chrysalis communities, back copies of recent Rooster Calls, information on our Gatherings and Scholarship funds, downloadable team and pilgrim applications, a calendar of upcoming events, and links to the prayer wheel and website where you can volunteer to serve on upcoming walks.

From the Lay Director of the Men's 61st Walk, April 2016

What an honor it was to serve as lay director on the Men's 61st Walk to Emmaus! Thank you to the Crossroads Board of Directors and Community for your trust and confidence in me! Serving on the Walk to Emmaus is near to my heart, as I know how powerful it is to my faith life; and I want it to be available for others to experience it. So I will admit that offering my time and talents that God has given to me to serve others is also driven because each Walk that I take reveals a different view of my spiritual life in Him. In my relationship with God, He speaks to me through people. His messages to me have been delivered in many different ways, through many different people. On this Walk, I heard God's voice through the pilgrims of the 61st Walk. These pilgrims were open when they shared their testimonies through their conversations at meals and breaks and through their posters and skits. I saw Jesus through new sets of eyes as I had this opportunity as lay director to "focus" on the pilgrims. Honestly, I never understood what this meant and why LD's were to be there only for the pilgrims. After the weekend of the Walk began Thursday evening, it became clear. The team of the 61st Walk was on the same page which is why we have our four training sessions. I had given the attention needed to the men and woman from January to April on those four Saturdays. The team was as prepared as it could be, our three ALD's had all details covered, so my responsibility was only to the future members of our Community. There was nothing more to do but rely on each other as a Team to provide a weekend of worship as we prayed to be tools for God's glory and not speed bumps to Him.

On Saturday morning, I removed myself from the chaos prior to worship and breakfast to escape to the chapel. At that point, the weekend was moving along; but for me, something didn't seem right. The Talks were great, the ALD timekeeper had us ahead of schedule and the table conversations were clicking; but something was out of place to me. This weekend did not have the feel that I had planned for it, that I had prepared the team to have. This is a moment that I will remember because through my rapid-fire thoughts and short, grasping prayers, God reminded me that this was not my weekend to plan. This was a weekend for Jesus to set the theme and dictate how the Walk would be for each person. From that moment on, it was no longer the responsibility of me, a less than qualified lay director, to make this Walk a perfect weekend of worship; but to not be a speed bump, and let His will be done. In retrospect, this was a lesson that I thought I had understood but needed to experience! Praise and Glory to this creative God who reveals himself in amazing and unexpected ways! May you be open to being corrected, willing to obey, and allow yourself to be part of His plan!

De Colores!

Scott Wachter
Men's Lay Director
61st Walk to Emmaus

From the Lay Director of the Women's 61st Walk, April 2016

The 61st Women's Walk— ***bathed in Scripture, covered in prayer, blessed beyond measure.*** 32 Pilgrims and 25 Team Members, all open to hear from God, had a most incredible love filled weekend thanks to God, the Emmaus Community, and their opened eyes and hearts ready to be filled.

Ephesians 3: 16-21 was prayed each team meeting and during the weekend- and verse 20 was proven true. The long line to give the Sunday testimonies touched those who attended closing. The eagerness to share God's blessings from the weekend, combined with the gratefulness for having attended the Walk, revealed just how much the Holy Spirit was moving throughout our experience together.

Bathed in Scripture: On the podium to be said before each talk is a paper that the ALD reads to introduce the speakers. It says that the open Bible represents that all talks are based on Scripture. Not only the talks, but the whole weekend! The pilgrims were greeted with scripture on their bedroom doors, scriptures for their table names, individualized scriptures in their dining hall "name jars", and posters with scriptures in Bethany's lobby. The team each sent her/his favorite scripture home in the Pilgrim's bag on Sunday. God's Word wherever they went.

Covered in prayer: From the Emmaus Community to prayer intercessors from team churches, from Pottstown to Africa, we felt your prayers. The team prayed with and for each other, the Spiritual Directors prayed with and for individuals, outside team members in the chapel during talks, and the tablemates prayed together. The Team Facebook page has invited the Pilgrims to join them in continued prayers for each other.

Blessed beyond measure: Signs and wonders! Tuesday night before we went to camp, there was a double rainbow over Manheim as Russ and I drove through. "Nice start to the weekend," I thought.



In the footwashing bowl on Thursday afternoon there was a reflection of the light that was in the shape of a heart. "Amazing!"

I had hoped that someone would know how to sign our theme song and Jesus, Jesus.... both a team member and a pilgrim were part of signing choirs. "Yep, God is really designing this weekend," Saturday, outside Bethany, we stomped on the bread given away during our Communion of Reconciliation so we wouldn't pick those burdens back up—Sunday, outside Bethany, God's rain had washed all the crumbs away. "Thank you, Father, for this weekend and all it held," At closing....."Overwhelmed, truly grateful and so very, very blessed."

Remember to straighten those crowns, ladies, and welcome to the community!

Cheryl Burke
Women's Lay Director
61st Walk to Emmaus





We like to keep everyone up to date on our progress on starting the Face to Face program. We have started visiting churches trying to identify ones that would be appropriate for the needs of a Face to Face Encounter (a walk for Emmaus). This would mean the church facilities are accessible, there is parking available and rooms with appropriate tables would also be available. It is recommended that the space available would accommodate 20 to 42 pilgrims and the needed staff. So far we have visited churches in the Pottstown and Lansdale areas. There are some that would work for a small group others that would be good for a large or small groups. The days and times of the availability of the facilities is something else to be considered.

We are also going to start to look at churches in the Lebanon to Cornwall area. We need to consider future Encounters also. Someone once said Face to Face is Emmaus on the move, so we want to plan for the program to grow and take the program to other areas in the Crossroads Community.

Now I am going to ask for your input. Do you have a church in your area that possibly would be appropriate for a Face to Face Encounter? Remember the pilgrims on an Encounter are older, 60 years and older, they may have disabilities, and slow moving, but they still love the stories of Jesus and want to learn more about Him. Possibly there are also people who were once active team members who now say they are too old to serve on team. They would be ideal to serve on a Face to Face team. These are all some of our needs.

One additional request from the Face to Face Coaching Team. Please continue to pray for the Face to Face Ministry. Thank you!

Please feel free to contact me (wilsonmom2@msn.com) or another member of the Coaching Team with questions or suggestions.

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Don't forget to friend us on Facebook. This is an excellent way to stay connected and keep up with all the latest news in the Crossroads Walk to Emmaus community. It also allows you to share prayer concerns with over 500 of your Crossroads friends. If you have not friended us yet, search for Crossroads Walk to Emmaus and ask to join. Make certain you are looking at the Pennsylvania group. There is also a New England Crossroads Walk to Emmaus.

You may also ask Nancy Guenther (nanguent@gmail.com) to add you to the group, or

The Crossroads Emmaus/Chrysalis Website can be found at: <http://www.crossroadsemmauspa.org> .

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Future Walks and Flights

<p><u>Emmaus Walk #62</u> October 6-9, 2016 October 13-16, 2016 <u>4th Day Workshop</u> Chiques UMC October 29, 2016</p>	<p><u>Chrysalis Flight # 28</u> G: February 9-12, 2017 B: February 16-19, 2017 <u>Next Steps Rush</u> TBD</p>	<p><u>Emmaus Walk #63</u> April 20-23, 2017 April 27-30, 2017 <u>4th Day Workshop</u> TBD</p>
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Please plan ahead! *Team applications must be submitted 9-12 months prior to the Walk weekend on which you would like to serve. Note that Team Selection is in February or early March for Fall Weekends and in September for Spring Weekends. All applications must be submitted BEFORE Team Selection for your chosen Walk weekend.*