

A Word of Grace

The newsletter of Grace Emmaus Community of Kentucky

August 2004

From the Lay Director

Greetings:
I hope this finds you well and with God. I have been reading in Galatians 5:9&10.

“So let us not become tired of doing good; for if we do not give up, the time will come when we will reap the harvest. So then, as often as we have the chance, we should do good to everyone, and especially to those who belong to our family in the faith.”

I can't help but think of my Emmaus family. I ask myself “Is there someone out there that I could be a comforter to, or lend a helping hand to?” Maybe I could just be someone that would sit and listen to one who needed to talk.

Whatever it is I pray that God gives me the ability to realize it and do it.

How about you?

De Colores,
Gary Stephenson
Lay Director

Coming Events

Our fall walks are still in the calendar for the first two weekends in November at 1sts United Methodist Church in Corbin. With those and the included Candlelights coming so closely together, as well as the holidays, there will be no Gatherings in October or November. We will gather in early December. Details will be forthcoming.

In the meantime, we will be gathering Aug. 28 and Sept. 24 in Corbin. The schedule is the same with the steering committee meeting at 5 p.m. and the worship and fellowship beginning at 6 p.m.

There is room on the steering committee for new members. Come early and join us as plans are made for our community to grow.

With summer at or rapidly approaching the end and routines returning, it would be grand to see everyone again at a gathering. Bring something to share, even a story of what God is doing in your world, and a good time will be had by all.

From the Spiritual Director

Dear Emmaus Community,

It is that time of the month again when I as the Spiritual Director speak to you about our community. I want to encourage you this month in the following ways:

- Become more involved at your church. It is important for all of us to be about the business of Kingdom Building and the first step in this is to be more involved in our church. No matter how involved we think we are, we can always become more involved.

- Become involved in a small group experience. This could be your Emmaus Reunion Group or another small group that holds you accountable to the Christian disciplines.

- Get involved with you Emmaus Community. Come to the Gatherings. Join the Steering Committee. Volunteer to serve on the Fall Walks.

Friends these are very important and I encourage you to always strive to do your very best, for God deserves only our very best for him. After all, didn't he give us his very best?

I hope to see you soon at one of our Gatherings. Be sure to see the dates of upcoming Gatherings for there are some calendar changes due to Walks and of course upcoming holidays.

De Colores,
Jim Savage
Spiritual Director

Reunion Groups

Part of surviving the fourth days is being in a reunion group. For me, it's a boost between gatherings, a time to recharge and revive and share of God's doings in our lives, and to be held accountable for our growth as believers.

Four are already meeting:

-Covenant United Methodist Church in Middlesboro on Wednesdays. Contact Gary or Vicki Stephenson at 337-7969

-SWANS, Thursdays in Corbin. Contact Julia Rollins at 523-9481

-The Chinese Reunion Group, alternating Friday noon at Wah Weng in Corbin. contact Fred Petke 528-6818

-London area men's group. Contact Josh Smith at 864-0830.

Is there not a group close to you? Start your own. Are there others? Email your meeting time, location and contact person to the newsletter and it will be shared.

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Steering Committee Members

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