

Community Spiritual Director

Greetings from your Community Spiritual Director! There will be a new CSD next year, but I wanted to share some final thoughts. The last year or so has been difficult for our Community, but things are looking up. The Terraced Hills leaders have been working hard to improve our Community. We would love to have your support! There are many ways to help. God needs us all.

In case you have ever been frustrated with your church, family, Emmaus Community, etc., let me share a poem with you:

**I think that I shall never see, a church that's all it ought to be.
A church whose members never sway, beyond the straight and narrow way
A church that has no empty pews, whose people all pay their dues
A church whose members always sing, and flock to church when bells ring
Such perfect churches there may be, but none of them are known to me!
But still we'll work and pray and plan, to make our own the best we can.**

Msg. Joseph Dooley

Our churches (and our Emmaus Community) aren't perfect because the people in it aren't perfect. Yet, with God's help, we can still do amazing things. So let us continue to work, and PRAY, and plan and God will use us to do something great!

**Blessings and DeColores!
Pastor Leila Blackburn**

When he was at the table with them, he took the bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him. (Luke 24:30-31)

**Community Wide Gathering
Sat. Jan. 1, 2010 – 5:30 p.m.
Creston United Methodist Church**

Light supper will be served by Creston Emmaus

Just come with a joyful, sharing heart

HARVEST REPORT

PUBLICATION OF TERRACED HILLS WALK TO EMMAUS

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DE COLORES EVERYONE! We have been busy trying to update our data base for Terraced Hills Walk to Emmaus. I hope we have found accurate addresses for all of you. If you are currently in a reunion/accountability group and have a monthly gathering, I pray God is blessing you in your efforts. If you are not active in a reunion/accountability group, I pray that you would try to find a few people to start one. The participants do not have to be Emmaus people, just someone who loves the Lord and seeks to grow closer to God. I hope you have fond memories of your walk to Emmaus weekend, and will continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayers. As most of you already know, we have struggled with our last few walks and our communication in the community. Camp Aldergate was sold by the Iowa Annual Conference and we are currently having our walks at the Corning United Methodist Church. There is only room for about 15 pilgrims per walk. We are open to other suggestions for places to hold the walk, if anyone has an idea.

The ballot for the next Emmaus board is enclosed in the newsletter. There are places for two people to vote (husband/wife). Only vote once. Also please fill out the information below to make sure our records are correct. We will be sending out this newsletter for the ballot and we will try to have a quarterly newsletter available on the Terraced Hills Emmaus website www.terracedhillsemmaus.com. God Bless You. Darcy Rubenking

Welcome New Fourth Dayers

Men - #29

Bill Sheeder

Edward Spangenberg

Bill Moore

John Fisher

Women #30

Sara Crook

Peg Myers

Rosemary Els

Terri Knoell

Palma Cramer

Paula Fehring

Lela Schwartz

Helen Conard

Joyce Seyl

Heidi Meek

Eudean Barnes

Janice Mobley

Jeanette Sheeder

Next set of Walks

Men's Walk – June 16 – 19

Chuck Lyles – Lay Director

Women's Walk – June 23 – 26

Sue Warden – Lay Director

Community Lay Director

Praise the Lord, the wait is over! We had two successful Walks in October. A special welcome to the new Fourth Dayers – 4 men and 13 women! It is such a joy and blessing to be working alongside our Lord and to see Him revealed to us in a new way on each set of walks. As our new Fourth Dayers start their journey, let's be encouraging to them and all our community – showing God's love and grace, walking side by side with each other and being the hands and feet of Christ in every opportunity. We are called to be ambassadors in our families, churches and communities. And even though we stumble at times, we can rest assured that his mercies are new each day!

Now looking forward, the next set of Walks are scheduled for June 2011. We need your help with sponsorship and agape servant hood. It takes the whole community to make a successful walk.

DeColores,

Teresa Grimes

Community Lay Director

Please check out the newly updated website. There is a message board to post prayer requests, announcements or communications you want the community to know about.

www.terracedhillemmaus.com

Greetings to the Emmaus Community:

I was privileged to be the Lay Director for the Women's Walk #30. We had 13 pilgrims and a great Emmaus team. We shared our joys, laughter and tears. Through the wonderful team talks we grew closer to our Lord Jesus Christ and to each other. It is amazing to see God working through His people. I welcome all the new fourth dayers and encourage all the fourth dayers to continue your life of service to the Lord. Remember Christ has no hands but yours.

I encourage everyone to become more involved. We are encouraging everyone to be in an accountability /reunion group. It can be a Bible study but also go through your service card. We need others keeping us accountable. It is also important that we meet together regularly – in monthly gatherings. Remember we are a community of believers and we gain more strength in communion with others and our God.

Pray and invite and sponsor others on the next walk. Volunteer your service for the next walk. If you are unable or no longer in the area, we ask for your prayers.

DeColores – Darcy Rubenking
Women's Lay Director - #30

Greetings to the Emmaus Community,

Well it's been a month since the men's walk and I've had time to reflect on the walk and would like to share a few comments with everyone. First of all it truly was a terrific walk. It's no secret we had lots of problems and for the most part we just kind of winged it. I spent a lot of sleepless nights wondering if I was ever going to get a team together, a musician, a cook, agape director, etc., plus we had very few pilgrims and a community that needed healing. When I finally gave up and turned it over to God, great things began to happen. We ended up with a team that was second to none. They gave terrific talks and were great witnesses to the pilgrims. We only had four pilgrims but they were truly blessed. They literally got one on one attention and in return they were strong witnesses to us. I think sometimes we spend too much time worrying about numbers and forget that God will put the pilgrims there that need to be there. All in all it was a great walk. I thank the community for having enough faith in me to give me the honor of representing you as the men's lay director. Hope to see you all at the next walk.

DeColores - Larry Wood
Men's Lay Director – Walk #29