



mid-ohio valley WALK TO EMMAUS

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July 2016

Grateful hearts, give thanks

This may seem like a topic to discuss at Thanksgiving time, but I have been experiencing thankfulness lately in many ways. My family went on a kayaking trip for a long weekend where there was no cell phone signal. At that point I became thankful for little things such as cell service, while I was also pleasantly grateful for the solitude it offered.

I am forever thankful for my grandfather and all that he taught me before he passed away just a couple weeks ago. He had a full life in his 85 years and I cherish all the time I was able to spend with him in my childhood and prior to his passing. At times like those it puts into perspective what is truly important in our day to day lives.

“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.”

1 Chronicles 16:34

I give thanks for our freedom ... freedom to come and go as we please in such a wonderful country. I am especially thankful for the freedom we have in Jesus Christ. He has allowed us to have all that we do. We may never grasp the depth of His love for us. He taught us how to love one another.

In closing, I am thankful for my Emmaus family. We are His hands and feet on earth. Thank you for showing that agape love as you do. I look forward to seeing everyone at the 25th anniversary celebration on Aug. 28.

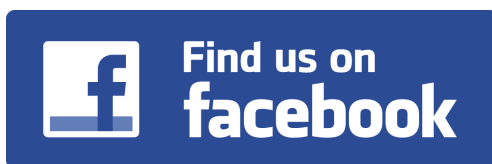
God Bless,

Tommy Summers
Community Lay Director

Men’s Walk
Sept. 29-Oct. 2

Pilgrim and sponsor applications available at
www.midohiovalleyemmaus.org

Women’s Walk
Oct. 6-9



Journey to the Table is a new program of The Upper Room specifically designed for young adults ages 18-35. It allows participants to explore faith through authentic teaching, and fosters open discussion through which participants can build relationships with a community of peers. Journey to the Table seeks to inspire and equip individuals to create spaces of Christian action in their homes, schools, places of work, and communities.

The program, which has been in development over the past two years, officially launched with Journey to the Table #1 July 8-10 in Nashville, Tenn., with 14 participants (“pilgrims” in Emmaus-speak) and a team comprised of 16 men and women from throughout the United States and Puerto Rico.

I had the opportunity to serve on the team as a table leader, and it was a fantastic experience. I returned to the Mid-Ohio Valley inspired and challenged by the people I met, many of whom are living out their faith in extraordinary ways. It’s been two weeks since the event, and I’m still processing what I learned — both from a team member’s perspective as well as someone simply experiencing the program. I’m excited to see how God uses this ministry, and am hopeful that we can explore ways to bring Journey to the Table to the Mid-Ohio Valley.

In Christ,
Jennifer Greene



S. Parkersburg, Waterford share groups?

The Good Shepherd has been contacted by women hoping to find share groups in South Parkersburg and Waterford. If you’re in those areas and would like to start a group, or have an existing group accepting new members, please contact Crysta Bourdon at crystabourdon@yahoo.com.

**No Gathering in July.
Please plan to attend
our 25th Anniversary
Celebration on Aug. 28.
See page 2 for details!**

JOIN US!

Mid-Ohio Valley Emmaus 25th Anniversary Celebration

Picnic-style meal, table service, and beverages provided — simply show up and enjoy the fun of music and fellowship.

Bring your family, your share group, your table group, and the rest of your Emmaus friends!



Bring a chair — and don't forget to wear your nametag!

4-6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 28
Tomlinson Park, Williamstown

(In case of rain, event will be at First United Methodist—Williamstown)

RSVP to Jennifer Greene - jennifergreene09@gmail.com or (304) 588-0944

(RSVPs are just for planning purposes — not set in stone! Let us know if you're interested in attending!)



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