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## COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR'S CORNER

"Wait to Worry"

As I'm writing this in early February, the Spring Walks are just a few weeks away. So far we have only a few Pilgrims signed up for Walks 80 and 81, and I'm hearing people already being worried that we may not have enough Pilgrims for these Walks. I'm reminded of a homily I heard at a Gathering a couple of years ago entitled "Wait to Worry". It reminded us that God is in control and that many times we let ourselves get upset that things just aren't going to work out the way we want them to. But when we put our trust in God, most of the time the outcome is much better than we could have imagined. Oftentimes we learn that there was no reason to worry at all, if we will just "wait on the Lord". As we continue to approach the Walks, if each of us will pray before, during, and after we approach a prospective Pilgrim, we just might be surprised at what God will do. By the time you read this, I suspect that the Lord will have answered our concerns and that whatever the outcome, it will be what He intended.

So, I'm going to go ahead and invite everyone to the send offs, the Candlelight services,

and the closings for Walks 80 and 81. I know that God will show up, and if He's there, maybe we should be too! DeColores, Brett

# Food for Thought

# Hidden Blessings:

Several months ago, I told vou about a homeless couple helped me when I had fallen while running. Since that time, I have been looking for this couple so I could thank them and give them a few dollars. Last week I was running on my regular trail and saw the couple. I asked them to walk with me to my car. On the way, we talked to each other as equals. Once again, they blessed me in showing me that people are people no matter what their circumstance. When we go out to help with the poor, we need to make sure that we know that we to could find ourselves in the situation. That we are in no way superior to them. When we approach people with humility, we will be the ones blesses.

DeColores, Lisa Palomaria

AGAPE is the love that is being "the hands & feet of Christ".

Please mark your calendars for the following dates to Praise God through your service once again for G.R.A.C.E. Emmaus Walks #80 & #81. Men's **Agape Dinner is** Saturday, March 4th, 2017; Women's Agape Dinner is Saturday. March 11th, 2017.

We are blessing the **Pilgrims with our gifts** of love & service. However, we all know that we receive so much more.

**DeColores**,

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#### SPONSORSHIP

I would like to ask that someone, in each of the churches within the Grace Emmaus Community, take charge of providing information about our Walks with your congregation. Whether it is placed in your church's calendar, newsletter, Sunday bulletin or website, would you please let your members know: the dates of our Walks, who to speak with to get information as to the nature of the Walks, and the names of 4th Dayers in your church who would be willing to sponsor a pilgrim. Thank you for your attention and help. Hank Resler Sponsorship Chairman

### **72 HOUR PRAYER VIGIL**

Hey, Emmaus Folks! We need each of you to sign up for at least 1 Prayer slot for our Spring Walks! It Easy to do! Go to graceemaus.com and click on the "Prayer

Vigil" box. There you have 2 different links: one for the men's walk # 80 and the other is for the women's wall # 81. You can select any of the 30 minute slots that have a Sign - up next to it. You will receive an email reminder just prior to the walk. Prayer for the pilgrims and team is needed all weekend long. As you know, this is just as important as serving on the team. Please prayerfully consider signing up for as many slots as the Holy Spirit leads you. God bless you for your help.

Decolores **Garry Mount** 

### Upcoming Walks

Men's walk #80 March 2-5, 2017 Women's walk #81 March 9-12. 2017 **Disciple's Crossing** Athens Turn in pilgrim applications now, and Pray, Pray, Pray.

### **REUNION GROUPS**

We are in the process of updating all the reunion groups. We need all information on new and old reunion groups that are having meetings! This way we can help all the 4th dayers stayed connected and possibly start new groups too!!! This is what's needed: Group name, contact, where, when, etc.!!! Please send info to lbrew0366@gmail.com 903-720-1120. Thank you Lisa Brewer **DE Colores** 

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Ginger Brunt	ST
Brett Walker	ST
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Rebecca Shank	СТ
Mary Lewis	СТ
Pam Martin	MT
Sonya Cline	MT
Lindy Lykins	MT
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At this time, I do not have the men's team roster. I will send it out when I receive it.

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The G.R.A.C.E. Emmaus Community wishes to continue to spread the life changing experience that an Emmaus weekend can deliver. Won't you help us by donating funds for scholarships for both Pilgrims and team members, or the general fund of our community? We are asking you to consider donate \$5, \$10, \$25 monthly or whatever amount you would like to set the donation to. This monthly donation will be debited automatically from your bank account on or about the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Thank you for your continued support of our Emmaus community. DeColores

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