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JACKSON AREA EMMAUS NEWSLETTER

Greetings Emmaus Community!

What a blessing to have the opportunity to serve as the Lay Director for the upcoming September Women's Walk! It is so exciting to see how the Lord is working to put together His team. Our first team meeting took place on July 13th and, just as the two disciples walked and talked with Jesus on the road to Emmaus, we experienced his love and guidance as he began preparing our hearts and minds to serve the pilgrims he is choosing to attend. Our meeting was full of Jesus encounters as we joined together to answer His call to serve with agape love.

I would like to invite you to join with us in prayer and be open to the Lord's leading if there is someone, He is prompting you to sponsor for the Walk. We currently have two pilgrims registered and, God willing, we are planning to fill the conference room to capacity! So - invite, invite, invite!

Now is the time to mark your calendar! The Women's Walk #62 will be held the weekend of September 12-15 at the Jackson First United Methodist Church. There are so many ways to serve during the weekend and it would be such a blessing to see your glowing faces during the Candlelight Service on Saturday night. Pray for us as we continue to prepare and bond as a team and also pray for the pilgrims. We can't wait to see how the Lord will touch the lives of those who are serving and those who are being served.

De Colores! Kelly Hatler Lay Director, Women's Walk #62



E-Mail Prayer Chain Available

If you have a prayer concern, send it to Jackson.emmaus.prayerchain@gmail.com

If you wish to join the Emmaus Prayer Warrior Team, let us know and we will add you to our group.

Don and Jo Jensen

Data Manager

Hello, my name is Heather Williams; I took in my walk in 2017 and sat at the table of Martha.

I hold the Emmaus Board position of Data Manager. I became a board member in January 2019. There are two parts to my position; I enter all of the pilgrim applications into an Emmaus database and second keep the Emmaus ipage updated. I do well at the data entry, but I am still learning how to update and manage an ipage.

I married my high school sweet heart. We have 4 children, 2 girls and 2 boys. Surprisingly we only have 2 cats and a dog since I am a Licensed Veterinary Technician. I currently work at Kibby Park A. H. but my heart is in shelter medicine and trying to reduce the stray cat population in Jackson County.

My favorite things to do are spending time with my family. We are very active in the summertime riding peddle bikes, dirt bikes, swimming, playing Pokémon, watching movies, tending to the garden, and making jam. I also love serving. We serve as a family year-round at Rivertree Community C. We participate in Special events at Sandstone Congregational Church and love serving during the Emmaus walks. The diversity in the people and spiritual leaders helps me grow closer to Christ. Each day and each event is an opportunity to reach out to others and share God's love.

The Jackson Area Emmaus Community gives me another spiritual family to connect and grow with. We are a group of people praying for the community with the same heart and goals. The Emmaus Community doesn't replace your home church or 4th day group. They simply add prayer, encouragement, love, fellowship, worship and communion into my journey. I admire each one of the members and their faith.

I recommend becoming a pilgrim and attending a walk or serving with the Emmaus community in any way you can. There is endless work and satisfaction in God's glory.

Blessings, Heather M. Williams



2020 Men's Walk - April 16th to 19th Concord UMC 2020 Women's Walk – Date TBD Concord UMC

Asst. Community Lay Director

Being Jackson Area Emmaus, Assistant Community Lay Director (ACLD) is a new position for me. I have been secretary on the board since January 2014 and took my walk in October of 1995. I am working on getting my bearings, trying to make sure that I am serving our Lord and Savior and the community to the best of my ability.

As ACLD, one of my responsibilities is to lead and work with the Team Selection Committee. The Team Selection Committee is responsible of putting lists together of qualified Emmaus Community members for the different conference room positions including Lay Director (LD), Assistant Lay Directors (ALD), Table Leaders (TL) and Assistant Table Leaders (ATL).

Every time a community member serves, the lists are updated. It is from those lists that eligible community members are considered for the different positions. Lists are put together for each position and presented to the board for their approval. Once approved by the board, as ACLD, I start contacting approved names for our next Team Lay Director. Once we have a Lay Director, they are given the list of approved names for ALD's, TL's and ATL's. Once the Lay Director has his/her team, the Team Selection Committee meets again with the LD to assign talks as lead by the Holy Spirit.

If you are interested in being part of the Team Selection Committee, please email me at <u>spicerdebbie@hotmail.com</u>.

Deb Spicer



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EMMAUS BOARD MEETINGS

The Emmaus Board meets the 4th Tuesday of the month. We would love to have you join us!

Brookside UMC, Vandercook at 6:30 p.m.

Prayer Vigil Coordinator



Hi!!! My name is Karen Mink and I am the Prayer Board Vigil Coordinator for all the Men and Women walks. My job is to see that our Prayer Board is full for each walk. There are one-hour time slots on the board with a total of 72 slots to be filled. There can be two names to each time slot for a total of as many as 144!!!! You may also take as many time slots as you want. During your time slot you will be praying for each pilgrim and all the team members. Usually a week before the walk there will be a message put out on the Emmaus Facebook page with the names of all the pilgrim's and team member's names on the walk that you pray for.

I will have the book for sign up at the Emmaus picnic in August for the women's walk which is in September!!!!! You can also sign up during my announcements that will start on our Emmaus Facebook page about 2weeks before the walk.

It doesn't matter where you do your prayer time, it can be at home or work or on a walk outdoors or even in the Emmaus prayer room where the Walk is taking place!!!!!! Whatever works best for you......

We also have lifers, that means you can pick a time slot and that time slot is yours for every

walk!!!!! You won't have to keep signing up each time!!!!! And if You forget I put out several reminders about your times several days up to the time of the walk, so you will not forget!!!!!

So, won't you please consider taking a time slot for the upcoming women's walk??? Please think about it and pray about it...... And also think about taking a time slot and being on the Prayer Board for future walks!!!!!!

Blessings and DeColores Prayer Board Vigil Coordinator







