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The purpose of the WALK TO EMMAUS is the renewal of the Church as the body of the risen Christ through the renewal of church members as faithful and committed disciples of Jesus Christ!



Men's Walk #89 May 4-7, 2017
Women's Walk #90 June 1-4, 2017
at Spalding Renewal Center, Peoria
We need at least 10 pilgrims to have the Walks. Pray about who to sponsor.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!



Pilgrims from the November 2016 Walks

John P. Abel	Danielle Jones Koile
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**From the Retiring Community
Spiritual Director:**

A Hymn from Charles Wesley goes like this:

Author of faith, eternal Word,
Whose Spirit breathes the active flame,
Faith, like its finisher and Lord,

Today as yesterday the same.

To thee our humble hearts aspire,
And ask the gift unspeakable:
Increase in us the kindled fire,
(Collection-1781, #92: 1, 2)

We pray at the opening of every Board meeting, and more recently, at nearly every worship opportunity the prayer to the Holy Spirit. We ask the Holy Spirit to come upon us. Why?

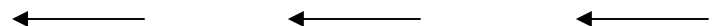
Why do we ask this? Is it just something we do, all too often, out of habit? I hope it is to open ourselves to the Holy Spirit to come fill us with a light to enlighten the world. I hope it is that we are seeking to do God's Will and we can only do that with the influence of the Holy Spirit giving us guidance, and perseverance.

It is my firm belief that God is answering that prayer. We are being given what we need. God is directing us. God is giving us the ability to achieve God's Will. God is standing by us each step we take in completing God's tasks. God is with us in spite of our wayward ways. God does not leave us or forsake us but stands by as we follow our ways rather than ...

Over the past few years we the faithful of Walk to Emmaus in Illinois' Heartland have wondered if perhaps God's Will for our organization was for us to die and something else take our place in the work of developing leaders for the church. This past year has been one of revival and this has given, me at least, hope for our ministry.

My prayer is now, as it was before, "Increase in us the kindled fire." Without our willingness to serve as part of this ministry. Without all of us working together always seeking the Spirit to breathe the active flame in _____ (each of us filling in the blank with our name). Then by what means will this ministry be performed?

Join with me in praying, Lord, what is it You want me to be doing. Listen for the phone to ring. Fill out your service sheets and resubmit them over and over



From the Community Lay Director:

Community Lay Director is a post providing much opportunity to serve. But my time and effort as Community Lay Director will only be fruitful if I can count on your (the community's) time, effort, and prayer. If you see me on your caller ID, please answer. If you see our next weekend lay directors on your caller ID, please answer and say "yes".

By way of introduction, my wife Carrie (of 46 years) and I are members of First United Methodist Church in Peoria. We have two children, Emily and Erik, and four grandchildren all living in the Peoria area. I was reared Methodist and Carrie was reared Episcopalian. We were Episcopalians until the mid-80's, when we joined First in the Lira Galloway era. We both did Cursillo weekends in 1981 and have been active in Emmaus since then. I have served in all the lay offices on Emmaus walks. This includes Lay Director twice.

I look forward to serving the community in the coming year. But I can be effective only with your prayer and help.

De Colores
Art Inman

Note: Diane Pflederer is the Lay Director for the June Women's Walk.

again. When the Lay leader's name is announced, keep that name on your lips in prayer, perhaps even call and see if you might be her/his answered prayer.

Don't pray to the Holy Spirit to "kindle in me" and then reject God's call.

Thank you for the opportunity to have served as your Community Spiritual Director. I continue to covet your prayers and trust to see you serving on Walk to Emmaus weekends and Gatherings.

Rev. Ken Sloan-Couch
Retiring Community Spiritual Director

Women's Walk June 1-4

Diane Pflederer is the Lay Director for the June Women's Walk. If you are interested in serving on this team, contact her:

Phone 309-698-6096
diane.pflederer@gmail.com



**Upcoming Gatherings
(Clip and Save)**

Saturday, January 21, 2017—7 pm
First United Methodist Church
116 NE Perry Ave., Peoria
In the Chapel

Saturday, February 18—7 pm
To be announced

SATURDAY, March 18, 2017
Chillicothe United Methodist Church
1023 Sixth St. — Kathy Close 360-2921

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Any one who would like to host a Gathering (third Saturday of each month) at his/her church, please contact Sharon Bauer, 309-897-7013 or shaba_62@yahoo.com

Help is needed at each Walk. To volunteer to cook and/or serve meals. contact Marvin Ennis epgold2@att.net 309-922-5652

To help with security, agape, 72-hour prayer vigil, setup or cleanup, contact Art Inman, contact info on page 1 You will be blessed for your service.

Sponsor a Pilgrim this year
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2017 Walk to Emmaus Schedule

Illinois Heartland Emmaus
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Spalding Renewal Center, Peoria
Men #89 — May 4-7, 2017
Women #90 — June 1-4, 2017

Men #91 — Nov 2-5, 2017
Women #92 — Nov 16-19, 2017

Central Illinois Emmaus
www.ciemmaus.net

Camp Warren, Decatur
Men #262 — Feb 23-26, 2017
Women #263 — March 9-12, 2017

Men #264 — Aug 24-27, 2017
Women #265 — Sept 7-10, 2017



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