

WALKING ON

December, 2010

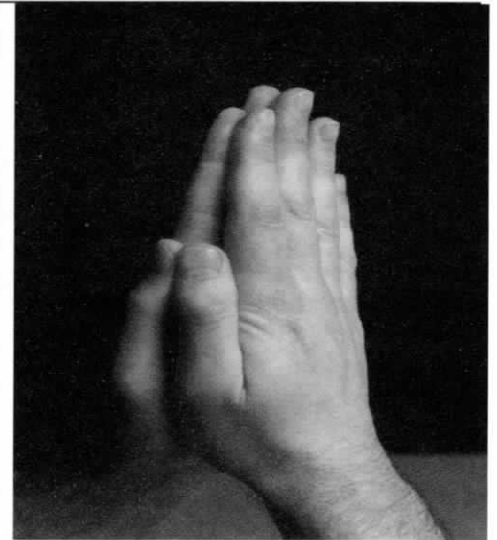
WHY PRAYER?

By Gordon French, Community Lay Leader

"Men always ought to pray and not lose heart." (Luke 18:1)

Prayer . . . it's our communication with God. Prayer is mentioned quite a bit throughout the Walk weekends and we should be in prayer daily. NOW, I am asking you, the CIE community, to pray for the future of the Walk to Emmaus & Chrysalis Flights of Central Illinois. We are struggling with attendance for Walks and Flights and I am asking each and everyone of you to pray, pray, pray. We had to cancel the last two Walks

due to lack of sponsorship. This is what we need prayer for: *SPONSORSHIP*. Cathy Eberly, Nashville's North Central Regional Emmaus Leader, couldn't have said it any better in one of her presentation slides, "A sponsor is one who takes responsibility for another. The suffix '-ship' refers to the skill involved in the activity. Sponsorship is the skill of taking responsibility for another." PLEASE take the responsibility of another and sponsor them. There will be a Sponsorship Workshop starting in the spring of 2011. Plan to attend one of these



free trainings. More to come on that later!

Included in this newsletter are nominations for CIE Board members whose terms will begin in 2011. Pray over them and cast

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HOLIDAY OR HOLY DAY

By Ken Dees, Community Spiritual Director

With all else going on in our lives we are inundated with others try-



ing to set our priorities for us. This past week I happened upon an article written by Rabbi Rami Shapiro. In his article, Rabbi Shapiro seeks to define the word "holy" as having two dimensions. It contains a personal dimension when it arouses in one a state of awe and wonder. A communal dimension occurs when the personal dimension has past.

This second dimension leaves us with a "love from and for all things." It is a call to compassion and justice. It transforms a person's life and (to one degree or another) the lives of all one touches. Therefore, "holy" days spring from those two dimensions in that (by definition) they help people answer a couple of questions common to us all: "Why am I here?" and "How

should I live?"

To the extent that the Advent/Christmas season (the birth of the Christ child) helps you answer those two questions; to that extent it is a holy day. For all the other times, emotions and business of the season, it is just another holiday.

Now, how does one live out the values of a holy day? How does a person - like myself - incorporate the "awe and wonder?"

I believe the single most important skill that Jesus developed was the art of listening; to create a safe space where each of His children might reveal her or his most personal "stuff" without the concern of being judged. Our response (as a little Christ) is to give that gift to others.

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WE NEED YOUR HELP!

FROM THE AGAPE WORKROOM SERVICE TEAM

Since our community moved to Lake Springfield Christian Assembly Campground on Lake Springfield for our Walks, more men and women are required to be God's servants by using their hands and feet.

Below are ways for you to say, "Yes!" to God's calling:

- registration table (two people Thursday night)
- sort agape and mail
- fill agape bags and manila envelopes
- pin agape on banners
- deliver pillow agape
- set up and take down book table
- put in and take out the candle batteries
- lead prayers of the people (two people Saturday night)
- collect offering and deliver elements (four people Saturday night)
- set up and take down tables and chairs numerous times in various rooms as needed

You may want to just spend time enjoying Christian fellowship while making pillow agape and/or writing agape notes. You would need to bring your own agape supplies, however, notepaper is provided. There is always a need for pillow agape and agape notes.

We also want to compile a list of servants who would be willing to be the workroom leaders during our weekends. These people would serve under our direction (Rick and Deb's). There is always a need for two men for the men's walks and/or a couple for the women's walks. Lists of names would be kept for the Lay Directors to choose from if there would be a need. These two servants would be able to stay at the campground and meals would be provided. For the volunteers, these weekends will not be consid-



PRAY (CON'T)

your vote. We are in need of five new board members and only three names were submitted, so there is an option to write in two additional names. Again, pray about it and let us know.

And in a final note: starting in 2011, the DVD that is shown on Thursday night at Walks is new and is now only seven minutes long! In addition, Powerpoint can be used for talks and will be monitored by the Board Advisors! Wow! AMEN? Amen.

Blessings,
Gordon J. French
Community Lay Leader

HOLY DAY (CON'T)

For example, do you know how your mom or dad would want to be remembered? Do you know what his or her core values might be, or have been? How about your spouse? Your child? If (God forbid) this was their last day on earth, how would they most want to be remembered?

This season create a Holy Day. Create a day set apart to listen to a family member or friend.

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Ken Dees
Community Spiritual Director

ered a team service experience.

If God is speaking to you about where to serve, please feel free to contact us, Rick and Deb Willhoit, Background Chairpersons, about opportunities and availabilities to serve at least two weeks prior to any of the future walks in Springfield.

We can be reached at 217-679-0807, or at rdwillhoit@comcast.net.

Thank You! Christ is counting on you!
Rick and Deb Willhoit

Walk #226Q, Quincy University
July 8-11, 2010



On Floor: Dan Curry, Dave Lockhart, Jim Lascelles, Randy Robinson **Row 1** BILL HOYT, Brent Clair, Rebecca Dunger Peak, Clayton Peak, Steven Hollinger, Steve Bunch, Gordon French, Helen McFarland, Robert Woodruff **Row 2** Michael Oberdahlhoff, Jeff Phelps, James Abbott, KEVIN GOTTMAN, BOB WILSON, DAN BRUSH, Kipp Proefrock, Les Althiser, Jimmy Curry **Row 3** KENT WOLBER, Warren Abbot, BRYON HASTING, JERRY DAVIS, Mike Alberts, Glenn Raines, GENE GRAVOT **Row 4** Wayne Myers, Jim Wyatt, Patrick Miller, JOSH BUNCH, BOB MASS, CHARLES JONES, Mark Dickerson

Not pictured: Jeremy Norton

Walk #227Q, Quincy University
August 12-15, 2010



Row 1 KIM BAIR, DEBBIE REED, Danette Phelps, Kathy Hull, Katie Wood, MICHELLE MILLER **Row 2** Mary Etta Fox, Kathy Wyatt, Norma Clair, Jane Coplan, Mark Dickerson, Cheryl Dickerson, Nadine Preston, Patti Bunch, RACHEL ZEIGER, BETH KEITHLEY **Row 3** Mike Wilson, Bob Morwell, JAN BLAKE, SYLVIA WILSON, Nancy Miller, Marsha Lehmkuhl, Heather Davis, Donna Reid, MARY JANE LOTT, SHAYNA FORSHEE, Oliver Taube **Row 4** ANNETTE BAKER, Christy Hillman, TIFFANY WORTH, JULIE BRIDGES, LINDA PFLUM, JANICE SHAW, MARLENE BRUSH, DONETTE DOUGLAS, LINDA GRAVOT, CANDY GRETZ **Row 5** Harla Friesz, GAYLE GOTTMAN, Danielle Bair, FAE JONES, Susan Heikes, Candy Moore, MARY VENVERTLOH, DIKKI ANDREWS, Jodie Hahn, Karma Webel

NOMNATIONS FOR THE CIE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CLASS OF 2013



Steven Hollinger sat at the table of Matthew on Walk #51 in 1990 at the Franciscan Center in Springfield. Being fully retired, Steven has the interest, time and desire to serve on the CIE Board. After twenty years working as a research scientist for the Illinois State Water Survey, Steven retired and earned a Master of Arts in Counseling at Lincoln Christian University in 2009. He served as Lay Director for Walk 226Q in 2010, and is developing a Lay Director training program for CIE. Steven is also helping to establish a Stephen Ministry program at the First Christian Church in Champaign. In that role, he serves as a Stephen Leader and is involved with training Stephen Ministers and oversees the Stephen Ministry program at FCC.

Sharon Oberdahlhoff has participated in almost every Quincy ladies' weekend, serving as a team member and behind the scenes as needed. Sharon is the secretary for the Great Rivers Steering Committee and is also filling a seat on the CIE Board. Sharon has been a member of the Salem Evangelical United Church of Christ for forty-five years and has served on many committees, including Caring and Outreach Ministry, VBS, the main governing board and performs "Bookworm" service in the library. In her community, Sharon has been the PTA President, has chaired school fund drives and has been a Room Mother. She is also a former Scout Leader. Sharon is married to Mike and they have five children. Sharon says she truly enjoys serving on the Board and helping to bring Jesus to other people.

Sharon has worked as an associate at JoAnn Crafts for ten years.

Debbie Sieck made her original walk five years ago, and has tried to participate in Walks every year since. She has been in the Agape Chapel, served as an Assistant Table Leader and has given the Growth through Study Talk. Debbie says that serving has been more powerful than her experience as a Pilgrim. She is a member of the Vermont United Methodist Church in Quincy, serving on the Staff Parish, Youth and Fun and Fellowship Committees and has been UMW President. She has been a youth group leader, Sunday School teacher and has taught Disciple Bible Study for over ten years. Some of her community service includes PTO President, Girl Scout leader, school and hospital volunteer, Meals on Wheels, Army ACS, CPR instructor and American Red Cross volunteer. Why does Debbie want to serve? She quotes Romans 8:38 and adds that she feels Emmaus represents God's human form of love and wants to help in anyway she can.

Debbie, a housewife, is married to Eric; they have five children.

ABOUT VOTING:

A ballot is included with your newsletter. Please vote for three board members, and submit two write-in names if you desire. Please remember to check with your write-in nominee(s) to make sure of their willingness to run.

Ballots need to be returned to CIE no later than Dec. 31, 2010.

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WALK TO EMMAUS
Lake Springfield Christian Assembly
Campground/Quincy University

Sponsor's Hour:
Thursday at 8:00 p.m.
Apostolic Hour:
Saturday at 8:30 p.m.
Closing:
Sunday at 5:00 p.m.

PROMISELAND CHRYSALIS
Green Pastures Christian
Campground, Meredosia

Team Anointing Service:
Sunday at 4:00 p.m.
Sponsor's Hour:
Friday at 11:00 a.m.
Apostolic Hour:
Saturday at 7:30 p.m.
Closing:
Sunday at 4:30 p.m.

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Promiseland Chrysalis Green Pastures, Meredosia

Girl's Flight #45, Feb. 11-13, 2011
Journey #5 (co-ed, 18-24 years old),
Aug. 5-7, 2011
Girl's Flight #46, Nov. 18-20, 2011

**For more information, go to
promiselandchrysalis.com**

Central Illinois Walk to Emmaus Quincy University

Men's Walk #230Q, Jan. 20-23, 2011
Lay Director: Scott Heikes
Board Advisor: Steve Bunch

Women's Walk #231Q, Feb. 17-20, 2011
Lay Director: Norma Clair
Board Advisor: Patti Bunch

Lake Springfield Christian Academy Campground

Men's Walk #232, Feb. 24-27, 2011
Lay Director: Tom Brookens
Board Advisor: Bruce Campbell

Women's Walk #233, March 10-13, 2011
Lay Director: Patty Trone
Board Advisor: Jane DeWitt

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Illinois Heartland Emmaus Spalding Renewal Center, Peoria

Men's Walk #69, Feb. 3-6, 2011
Women's Walk #70, Feb. 10-13, 2011
Men's Walk #71, July 21-24, 2011
Women's Walk #72, Aug. 4-7, 2011

Old School Center, Farmington

Men's Walk #73, Oct. 20-24, 2011
Women's Walk #74, Nov. 3-6, 2011

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ilheartlandemmaus.com**