

# Messenger

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Wightman UMC

## Emmaus Walk Weekend

### Exemplifying God's Loving Grace

"This is love: not that we loved God, but that he so loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another"(1 John 4:10-11). If we want to be like Jesus, if we want to have a meaningful life, then we need to serve others. One-way service to others is exemplified is by being active participants in the Emmaus community, a community of believers.

Our Emmaus Walk is not perfect, just like no person is perfect, but it helps us and others on our journey with Jesus. It helps us keep our lives in focus. God so freely gives us his grace and love. The Emmaus Walk is a place for us to share God's grace and love with the pilgrims and with each other as we volunteer. The Walk weekend gives us opportunities to exercise patience and to give unconditional love to everyone involved in the Walk weekend. Let us always remember this Walk weekend is about sharing God's grace and not about ourselves or our needs. Our job is to create a loving environment for the pilgrims. Jesus taught his disciples through words, by his example and by giving them work to do. We learn more and are changed more, by getting involved. Let us be the example of God's grace and love freely given.

Jesus calls on each of us to use our skills, our different strengths. There will be many opportunities in the October Walks for each of us to serve. The kitchen is open each day from 6:00 a.m. until at least 6 p.m., set up and take down occur about 9 a.m. the Wednesday before the men's Walk and about 9 a.m. the Monday following the Women's Walk, you can sign up for the Prayer Vigil, donate food for the Snack room, write letters to the pilgrims, come to the opening and closings, and take part in Candlelight service .

Our conference room team has been training for weeks. Where can you serve in this Walk weekend? You do not need to sign up in advance, just come and serve. No experience is needed, volunteers are there to let you know how you can help. There are rooms available if you would like to stay overnight (contact Therry

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May whose email is on the Emmaus of the Midlands web page). We all learn as we work together. The Emmaus Walk is a great place to learn to be like Jesus by serving other people. Hope you can come and serve!

Dates for the Emmaus of the Midlands Walk #50: Men's - Oct. 19-22 Women's - Oct. 26-29

**Dear Emmaus Community,**

**We NEED YOU! God has sent us pilgrims, now we need to respond in love so they may meet Christ on the road to Emmaus. Many of our faithful kitchen volunteers are experiencing serious health issues and will not be able to serve in the kitchen on either walk. Your help will be appreciated and you will be blessed. You will have the opportunity to make new friends. You will have the opportunity to sleep on bunk beds and be silly with the rest of us if you wish. Or you can stay in a private room or just come for a few hours. We have a lot of fun. We're tired at the end of the weekend, but we look forward to the next walk. We pray, eat, laugh, eat, work, eat, hug, pray, eat, sleep, eat, and occasionally cry. It isn't dull. Come join us. DeColores! Ginny Braddock**

Welcome to Fall! We are in our final month preparing for the Men's and Women's Walks in the second half of October. We wanted to make you aware of some changes regarding Candlelight this year. In an effort to make things easier on the pilgrims and for our teams working the walks, we are going to split each Candlelight into two parts with the goal of removing the cost for transportation of the pilgrims/team members by bus and the time it adds to a very full day. Have the Community worship start at 7:30pm at St. John's United Methodist Church in Batesburg, Leesville ([map](#))

We will depart from St. John's at 9:00 pm and head to the auditorium at the D. Moody Gunter Retreat Center in Batesburg, Leesville ([map](#))

Dates for the Candlelight services are:

- Men's Walk – Saturday, October 21, 2017 Women's Walk – Saturday, October 28, 2017

DeColores! [Duane Sirhal](#), Candlelight Chair

Our Walks are just a couple of weeks away! Excitement and anticipation is mounting. We need folks to sign up for the Prayer Vigils that will take place around the clock once the walks start. Please access the Prayer Vigils through the following options...

From our Community Website –

Men's Walk - <http://midlandsemmaus.com/prayer%20vigil%20-%20mens.htm>

Women's Walk - <http://midlandsemmaus.com/prayer%20vigil%20-%20womens.htm>

If there are any challenges accessing, you can also go to the Prayer Vigil lists directly –

Men's Walk – <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d4fa4a72ea02-mens6>

Women's Walk - <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d4fa4a72ea02-womens2>

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Please keep these pilgrims and team members in your prayers during the walks.

Chris Goodman  
Gene Key  
Jeff Murray  
Richard Harker  
Kevin Stroop  
Roger Goupil  
Jason Tisdale  
Jeff McClendon  
Patsy Ackerman  
Madison Butler  
Jody Harvey  
BJ Headland  
Ashley Lucas  
Gail Luckey  
Nancy Peters  
Jean Pratt  
Danielle Wright  
Jim Harvey  
Michael Kinzie  
Robert Vaughn  
Judi Rose  
Gail Hicks  
Tina Hooker  
Mary Frances Thompson  
Anne Prescott  
Jan Smith  
Mary Lynn Medlin  
Brandi Cade  
Heather Nelson  
Christy Bouknight

Bob Martin  
Bill Rose  
Walt Crozier  
Jeff Jones  
Steve Gaither  
Brandon Fulmer  
Dennis Fish  
Doug Meade  
Greg Prewitt  
Sherri Cfarro  
Sandee Greene  
Susan Howell  
Jesse Lee  
Peggy McDonald  
Hughette Peeples  
Sherry Smoak  
Chris Butler  
Matt Goudelock  
Joe Lee  
Carl Robinson, Jr  
Pat Christiansen  
Ellie Brawn  
Kevin Stroop  
Kathryn Scarborough  
Lynn Grimsley  
Debbie Jones  
Sandy Sirhal  
Nora Mahn  
Joey Mendiola  
Bobby Sandifer

George Boyd  
Brian Austin  
Chris Galvin  
Bobby Coker  
John Weathers  
Thad Hinnant  
Hank Edens  
Robert Scarborough  
Kris Kneece  
Becky Cobb  
Felicha Easterling  
June Kinzie  
Laura Kohl  
Jennifer Marett  
Haley O'Donnell  
Cathy Walker  
Travis Faile  
Paul Frey  
Mac MacDonald  
Joe Pratt  
Rebecca Branham  
Bebe Way  
Mary Johnson  
Shay Long  
Edith Kinard  
June Sloop  
Selena Smith  
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We still need a few men. Three have dropped out in the last week. Do you have someone that would like to attend?