

**Cedar Rapids Emmaus Community**

**April-May-June 2009**

**Newsletter**



**PLAN NOW FOR  
UP COMMING FOR  
GATHERINGS**

***Friday, April 24, 2009 - 6:30 PM***

***Mission of Hope***

***1537 1st Ave SE, Cedar Rapids***

*Music, Testimonies, Worship, Refreshments*

***Saturday, May 23, 2009 6:30PM***

***New Creation Church***

***3715 33rd Ave SW, Cedar Rapids***

*Pot-luck Maid-rite, table service, drinks provided*

*Bring a salad or desert to share and a lawn chair*

*Music, Testimonies, Bon-fire*

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*From your Community  
Spiritual Director  
Bev Marshall-Goodell,*



## **Calling All Clergy (and Lay People)**

Although The Walk to Emmaus is primarily lay-driven, the weekend events would not be possible without dedicated clergy who also commit to serve. Five pastors are required for each weekend event, and three additional clergy serve on the Cedar Rapids Emmaus Community Board each year.

The Upper Room requires that each Emmaus Community obtain up-to-date information annually on clergy who are interested in serving on weekend events and on the Board. Maintaining such records can sometimes be a challenge. Many people are dropping their telephone land lines and using their cell phones exclusively. In addition, people frequently change their email providers, and our records quickly become outdated.

Clergy may wish to serve on a weekend spiritual team or on the Emmaus Board, but we are either unaware of their interest, or unable to locate accurate contact information to invite them to participate.

You can help! If you are a clergy person who has an interest in serving in the Cedar Rapids Emmaus Community, please go to the CREC Web Site ([www.cedarrapidsemmaus.org](http://www.cedarrapidsemmaus.org)) and download a "clergy team application" from the "Forms" tab on the main page. The application can be sent to me by email ([bev\\_mgoodell@cedarrapidsemmaus.org](mailto:bev_mgoodell@cedarrapidsemmaus.org)) or US Mail (300 W. Marengo Road, Tiffin, IA 52340).

If you are a lay person, talk with your pastor about becoming involved with CREC. Remember that everyone, both lay and clergy, must participate in an Emmaus, Cursillo or Chrysalis weekend as a pilgrim or caterpillar before they can serve on a weekend leadership team or on the CREC Board. Once a pastor has completed their own weekend, he or she is eligible to serve on the CREC Board or as an Assistant Spiritual Director on a weekend.

Clergy persons who have served on two weekend teams (giving two different clergy talks) and are

ordained to administer Holy Communion (required by The Upper Room) are eligible to serve as a Weekend Spiritual Director.

The Walk to Emmaus movement was designed to develop both lay and clergy leaders for the church. If your pastor (or a clergy colleague) has not participated in an Emmaus weekend, consider sponsoring him or her. If your pastor has participated in an Emmaus weekend, encourage your congregation to permit your pastor to serve on a weekend team or on the CREC Board. The Board meets once a month, and persons are elected to serve a three-year term.

Together we can develop and sustain the leadership we need to continue God's work through the Emmaus movement.

*Bev Marshall-Goodell  
Community Spiritual Director*

## **Team Selection Committee**

If you are called to be on a Team, please prayerfully consider the opportunity, but please return the call promptly. The Lay Director has over 40 calls to make (if everyone says "yes") and can end up having to make more than 350 calls to fill the Team.

***If you eliminate your "land" telephone line and go to cell phone only, please notify Registration and Team Selection of the new number.*** Without this information, it jeopardizes your opportunity to serve on a Team and increases the number of calls a Lay Director has to make to fill a Team.

If you would like to serve on the Team Selection Committee, please call Chuck Heyn at the number below. We have interesting challenges, which God helps us to meet. We appreciate the different views that each member brings to the meetings. We try to fill the teams following progressive servant hood.

If you want to serve on a Team, even if you submitted a "Willing Servant" form, please contact either Julie Copping, 319-364-6467, [copping@riment.com](mailto:copping@riment.com) or Chuck Heyn 319-668-3433, [cdheyn@highlandridge.org](mailto:cdheyn@highlandridge.org) DeColores, Chuck Heyn, Team Selection Chair



**WELCOME  
NEW MEMBERS  
TO THE CREC**

**Men's Walk 138  
Feb 19-22, 2009**

- Keith Bader Dysart
- Brook Broehmler Hampton
- Kevin Callahan West Branch
- Tim Carosone Iowa Falls
- Kirk Dighton Walker
- Chris George Oxford
- Robert Hollenbeck Center Point
- Bob Hill Dysart
- Kurtis Krause Iowa Falls
- Kevin Leveck Albia
- Craig Miller Iowa Falls
- Rich Ripley Cedar Rapids
- Glenn Roemig Shellsburg
- Keith Semler Wellman
- Rick Tresnak Dysart
- Rob Vascik Iowa City

**Women's Walk #139  
Mar 12-15, 2009**

- Dee Behr New Hartford
- Cindy Burns Iowa Falls
- Jackie Callahan West Branch
- Melissa Gross Williamsburg
- Barb Hall Iowa Falls
- Jan Hoover Cedar Falls
- Connie Kempf Victor
- Jill Leveck Albia
- Karen Martin Vinton
- Jodie McDonough Iowa Falls
- Kristin Nalan West Branch
- Rhonda Radosevich Washington
- Anita Randol Wellman
- Virginia Robinson Janesville
- Janet Roemig Shellsburg
- Jackie Tyne Marion
- Shellie Vascik Iowa City
- Pat Wandschneider La Porte City
- Judy Wibholm Williamsburg



**Emmaus Kitchen Functions Well at New Site**

The kitchen crew for walk 138 had the opportunity to be the first to meet the challenge of a new kitchen facility. Their task was made even more difficult since they had to share the kitchen and dining facility with another group who unfortunately had made prior arrangements to use the camp at the same time. Our team did wonders, worked out the schedule with the other group, and provided the pilgrims and team our normal Emmaus meal menu on a timely basis. .

The kitchen team for walk 139 had an easier task since they did not have the competition from another group. Comments from both team leaders indicate the facility provided adequate space for food storage plus working appliances which supported easy meal preparation.

One of the draw backs is the necessity that all kitchen and agape left over items must be removed and stored or distributed following each walk.

Submitted by Chuck Scott

**Wanted**

The where about's of the master book of sheet music. We are hoping it is the loving care of a former music leader and not up the creek without a paddle. If anyone has seen or heard about this missing book please contact Linda Odeen at 319-363-9764 or e-mail me at [lizzyandlucy@aol.com](mailto:lizzyandlucy@aol.com)

Thank you,

Linda Odeen, Music Chairperson



## To my bothers and sisters in Christ, who are the Cedar Rapids Emmaus community:

As I look back on 2008 I am still amazed at everything that happened. The flood of 2008 will be fresh in our memory for many years, as will the loss of Salem UMC, our home since our first walk back in 1987. But I want you to know that the flood is not the biggest memory I will carry from 2008. The memory that shines brightest in my mind is the memory of how you, the Cedar Rapids Emmaus Community, pulled together in support of the three walks that were held at Pictured Rocks UM Camp. As we were planning for these walks, we were dealing with the challenges of a new location, and all the unknowns and inconveniences that come with change. And yes, there was some concern about how the community would respond. I have to tell you that I was thrilled and blessed to see the turnout at sendoff, candlelight and closing. It warms my heart to know that I am part of a caring community and it has been my privilege and pleasure to serve as your Community Lay Director this past year. As we continue to move forward I am confident that the love and support that built this community will continue to nurture and grow within us as individuals and as a community of faith.

*DeColores, Gene Gerber, Prior year CDL*

## Registration.

I look forward to the new site at Camp Io-Dis-Eca! As you may already know, the Women's June walk, walk 140, has been cancelled due to lack of site. I will be contacting those who have indicated this walk as their preference and seeing what we can work out. The March women's walk was full! May the Lord reveal to you those who He would like to see on the upcoming walks.

*Thanks,  
Ellen Johnson, Registration*

## Meet a couple new board members:

Eight years ago, two months after serving as Lay Director, my family and I moved to NE Iowa and unintentionally left the Cedar Rapids Emmaus Community. My name is Chris Deason, Walk 51, and I have failed the Community. I have been called to serve on several Walks over the past few years and have declined for selfish reasons. I have not so much as had my name on a prayer chart. I have lots of excuses, none of them good! I am thankfully for a forgiving God and Community.

2009 will be different. I have accepted the nomination to serve on the Board of Directors and will be responsible for getting the newsletter to you for the remainder of the year. I was shocked at my first board meeting to learn the Community has grown to over 3000 members yet there are openings on the board, teams are not full, agape trickles in, and sadly pilgrim counts are way down.

I am excited about being involved with the Community again and vow to pray daily for the teams and Community and give financially so that others can share similar blessings as the 3000 that came before them have had through the Emmaus experience.

I challenge you to do the same. Together we can change lives through Christ. Pray, but don't wait to be called, contact a board member to be placed on updated lists of those willing to serve. Remember Emmaus in your 4<sup>th</sup> Days. DeColores.

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*My name is Shelley Schultz and for the next 3 years I am your new Agape chair. I have a lot to learn, but I am eager because I love all that Emmaus represents, especially Who.*

*To tell you a little about me, I love animals so I have 2 calico and 2 parakeets and a variety of freshwater fish. I have spent the last 15 months learning how to quilt and it's been a real blessing to have the Lord lay this calling at my door. This past year some friends taught me how to quilt and we made a lot of quilts and gave them all away. I'm never lacking for things to do. I look forward to serving the Emmaus community these next 3 years.*

# FACILITIES FINDINGS:

It's a new year, and we have a new facility! The 2009 Emmaus Walks will take place at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca near Solon. This facility is more user friendly. The February walk was held in the Omega building with meals in the Alpha building. Starting with the March walk the Alpha building will be used. In the Alpha building, everything is in ONE building. Once you're inside, there's no need to go out into the elements. The view is great, and the surroundings are quiet. The accommodations still require the use of bunk beds. When you are on a team, please let the board representative know if you prefer an upper or lower bunk. The sponsors also need to ask the pilgrims their preferences. It is also helpful to know if an outlet will be needed for the weekend. Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca should be a great Emmaus experience for all. May God bless all walks that take place there.

*Kristy Flack*  
Facilities Chair

Please keep the pilgrims and team members of upcoming Walks in your prayers as God calls them. Team and Pilgrim lists are available on the website.

[www.cedarrapidsemmaus.org](http://www.cedarrapidsemmaus.org)

***Have you taken the first step in  
Sponsorship?***

***Do you know what the first step is?***

*Ruth Farmer, Sponsorship Chair*

We first need to pray and commit the process to God. As we spend time in prayer, we need to empty ourselves of "SELF" and be filled with God's instruction, God's timing, and God's person for us to sponsor. This will in turn open our eyes to see God at work and to be able to listen to Him as well as be sensitive to where God wants to renew and revitalize the church. Emmaus should have sponsors committed to recruiting strong church leaders in order to strengthen the local church.

So I ask again - have YOU taken the first step? Do you or others in your reunion group wish to learn more about sponsorship? There is training available! You don't even need to go anywhere for this training other than your reunion group meeting location or your local church. Trainers are available to go to locations that you specify. Feel free to call me (319-643-7377) or email me at [farmdoggie@juno.com](mailto:farmdoggie@juno.com) to set up a time and your desired location to have training. Take that FIRST STEP that God is asking you to do - P R A Y! He will lead you in the next step - Step out in Faith!

***I look forward to hearing from  
many in our Emmaus community!***

## **Weekend Schedule**

### **Call Out & Sponsors' Hour Thursday Night**

Pilgrims should be at church by 7:00 PM

Service Starts 7:30 PM

### **Candlelight Worship Service Saturday Night**

Community Gather 8:00 PM Service  
Starts 8:30 PM

### **Closing Service -- Sunday Night**

Community Gathers 4:00 PM Service  
Starts 4:30 PM

Pilgrims come up 4:30 PM



## Men's Walk 141

October 22-25, 2009

Location: Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca Solon, IA

Lay Director - Steve Deason

Spiritual Director - Roger Henry

Board Rep - Bob Swartzendruber

## Women's Walk 142

November 12-15, 2009

Location: Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca Solon, IA

Lay Director -

Spiritual Director - Annette Kruse

Board Rep - Kristy Flack

## Willing Servants

The CREC Board is not an exclusive club. Therefore, there is no reason for any CREC member to feel left out. You are invited to become a member of any committee that interests you--Agape, Facilities, Gatherings/Group Reunions, Kitchen, Music, or Nominations. There is something for everyone! For more information, contact the Community Lay Director, Dave Young at 319-329-8984 or email at [young.dave@cedarrapidsemmaus.org](mailto:young.dave@cedarrapidsemmaus.org)



**It's time to get your young friends signed up for Flight #33 in the Fall!**

**Flight #33 will be held September 5-7, 2009 in Marshalltown at the United Methodist Church**

**Lay Directors: Rhonda Drahozal & Brandon Pleasant**

**Be sure to pray about those you ask -**

**God will send exactly who should be there!**

***'Grace to you and peace from  
God our Father and the Lord Jesus  
Christ' Phil. 1:2***



This has been the hardest newsletter article for me to write so far. I wanted so much to use words of wisdom and really neat Bible verses to help me ease the point I want to make. God

kept taking me back to a blank page and a deadline coming up too fast to fight Him anymore. What follows are my words with my heart in God's hand.

My heart aches for this Emmaus Community. With over four- thousand people going through a weekend just as I did, it makes me wonder how many hearts did the Holy Spirit really touch?

I'll be the first one to tell you that I fall away, I will not play the high and mighty card. What does bother me is that we don't have parking problems at Call-out, Candlelight and Closing.

We struggle to find a Lay Director and build a team. If it wasn't for the last minute the prayer chart wouldn't get filled.

Where are all these people?

Well, if you put a mirror on top of this page you will be looking at one of the four- thousand.

Does one really make a difference? Read your Bible, it's written all about one that continues to make a difference.

I'm done pondering on what we could be doing, and what we might do different. This year with God the Almighty, we as your Board of Directors are only discussing what we are doing. Please visit the website to find where the next Gathering is going to be. Keep an eye on the mail for your next newsletter. Up-date your Willing Servant form. Email us with a time spot during your Church Service so we can share testimonies of the Emmaus weekend to your congregation. Participate in Sponsor's Training. Pray now so you are ready to say "yes" when God puts your name on a Team list.

Your Emmaus Board is giving all the energy we have to build the Body of Christ through the Emmaus Weekend. No matter how hard we work, it will fail without you.

My prayer is that these words do not offend, but instead might spark a small flame. Small flames that when brought together will glorify our Lord and our Creator.

May God bless us and forever guide us.

*Dave Young, 2009 Community Lay Director*

## 2009 Board of Directors

### **Community Lay Director**

Dave Young 319-366-6195

### **Assistant CLD, Facilities**

Kristy Flack 319-560-4471

### **Prior year CLD**

Gene Gerber 319-373-1527

### **Comm Spiritual Director**

Bev Marshall-Goodell 319-545-4442

### **Spiritual Director**

Richard Pippert 319-646-2734

### **Spiritual Director**

Pat Slater 319-484-2283

### **Agape Chair**

Shelley Schultz 319-362-3778

### **Board Sec/Team Selection**

Chuck Heyn 319-668-3433

### **Facilities Chair**

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### **Gatherings Chair**

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### **Music Chair**

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### **Newsletter Chair**

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### **Registration Chair**

Ellen Johnson 319-396-0895

### **Sponsorship Training**

Judy Beckler 319-545-2374

### **Sponsorship Chair**

Ruth Ann Farmer 319-643-7377

### **Treasurer**

Chuck Scott 319-366-1669

### **Web Team Chair**

Bob Swartzendruber 319-646-2468

## Gatherings

### **Burlington Gathering**

Contact persons: Dick or Rena Hatfield 310-753-2540

### **Crossroads Emmaus Gathering**

Contact: Todd and Cindy Weir at [wehrhm@aol.com](mailto:wehrhm@aol.com)

### **First United Methodist Church Marion, IA**

All gatherings will begin downstairs at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for fellowship, worship, communion, and making of Agape.

Contact : Cheryl Dickerson at [cheryld@fumcmarion.org](mailto:cheryld@fumcmarion.org)

or call 319-395-7747 for information or to confirm meeting dates.

## Reunion Groups

**Ainsworth Reunion Group:** The "Son" Seekers meet on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

in various homes.

For more information, contact Penny McCreedy at [pjmccreedy@iowatelecom.net](mailto:pjmccreedy@iowatelecom.net)

### **Amusing Grace Reunion Group:**

Bethel Presbyterian Church, Waterloo, IA.

No set time. We welcome anyone to come anytime.

For more information or meeting dates.

Contact Steve Keve at 319-266-0634 or email [keve.steve@cedarrapidsemmaus.org](mailto:keve.steve@cedarrapidsemmaus.org).

### **Aplington/Parkersburg:**

Beaver Believers (women) Reunion Group meets in the Pastor's office of First Presbyterian Church, Aplington,

6:45 A.M. on Mondays except Holiday weekends.

Contact is Mary Meyer at [meyerfrm@iowatelecom.net](mailto:meyerfrm@iowatelecom.net).

### **Burning Hearts Reunion Group — Shueyville**

**UMC**— Anyone interested is welcome to join this group. We are planning to meet monthly. For more information and meeting dates, contact Sheryl Gould at [sheryl-gould@faithmail.com](mailto:sheryl-gould@faithmail.com)

### **Reunion in Coralville:**

We meet every other Sunday in Coralville from 2 - 3pm.

Contact Linda Hurst at 319-339-1990 or email at [llhurst@cfaitth.com](mailto:llhurst@cfaitth.com).

### **Grace UMC in Tiffin:**

We meet Mondays at 12:15 p.m. at the church.

Call the church 319-545-2281

to be sure we are meeting.

Contact: Bev Marshall-Goodell at [bev-mgoodell@juno.com](mailto:bev-mgoodell@juno.com).

### **Oelwein Reflection Reunion Group:**

Meets on Mondays at 1:30 p.m. except for the fourth Monday of the month.

Meetings are at Grace UMC in the John Wesley Room upstairs.

For additional information contact: Linda Jensen (319) 283-1748

### **Scenic City of Iowa Falls Reunion group:**

Meets on the second Wednesday of the month at the First United Methodist Church of Iowa Falls at 6:30 p.m.

We meet in the chapel.

Contact Duane Kruckenberg at

[DWKruckenberg@hormel.com](mailto:DWKruckenberg@hormel.com) for more information.

### **Stanwood G.I.V.E.R.S.— God is Visible Emmaus Reunion Stanwood.**

Group meets the third Thursday of each month at Stanwood Union Church at 7:00 p.m. They are willing to accept new members.

Contact is Jo Brown at (563) 942-3327.

**Add your gathering or reunion group's activities to the Cedar Rapids Emmaus Community Calendar on the website at**

[www.cedarrapidsemmaus.org/calendar.shtml](http://www.cedarrapidsemmaus.org/calendar.shtml)

and select <Add Your Event>.