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## Blessed are the Peacemakers

by Kathy Hull, Community Lay Director



My Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Peace to you from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Matthew 5:9 “blessed are the peacemakers” is certainly a scripture that this world is in desperate need of hearing. With the recent presidential campaign and subsequent election, I believe it has become painfully obvious that we live in a deeply flawed and fallen world. I am sure it’s been true to some point in history, but I don’t remember an election that has been more divisive than the 2016 election. It amazes me that the number of people that can’t have opposing opinions and still be friends, or at times even be civil!

I am not here to tell you who won or lost was the correct or worthy candidate, I am however here to encourage you to think about Matthew 5:9 and to really pray on its message. Here’s my take – and you are welcome to disagree with me. We are called as Christians to live peacefully with others. I don’t think we are meant to be silent doormats but bold hearers and doers of God’s Word. We aren’t called to tell others they’re wrong by rioting, burning flags, calling names, posting anonymous or malicious social media posts, throwing eggs, smashing property, etc. We ARE however called to be advocates of peace and to continually pray for God’s will (not my will) to be done.

I don’t get to pick who is worthy of God’s love and mercy and neither do you. I don’t get to pick who is worthy of forgiveness - that’s way above my job description! My job is to pray, pray and when that’s done, pray some more. No matter who is in the Oval Office, God is on the throne and He is IN CHARGE!

The state of this world tells me there are still ample numbers of people who need to strengthen their relationship with Jesus. That means the work of the Walk to Emmaus isn’t complete. Do you remember how close you felt to Jesus on your weekend? Do you remember that overwhelming feeling of love

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## Ministry in a High Tech World

by Bob Greene, Community Spiritual Director



Somewhere I have heard the phrase, “Find a need, meet a need.” In our modern environment there are programs and people willing to feed the hungry. We work hard meeting the needs of those who are food insecure. We live in a country governed by rules and not by the whim of a dictator. As a result we have physical safety. I have heard it said that there are over 94 million people out of work, yet they seem to eat and have a roof over their heads. What needs do people have? There is a need for belonging and a sense of importance on Maslow’s hierarchy of needs. What need can we as Emmaus pilgrims meet? How about providing love and belonging to those who are out of work? Love and

belonging can be provided by a reunion group. Since reunion groups are open they are the logical place where people can meet Christ through your encouragement and testimony. John Wesley used small groups to bring people to Christ. Face-to-face time is more powerful than seeing people in masse. Love and belonging happen much easier in circles compared to rows.

The cost for loving a person into the Kingdom of God is expensive because we must give one of our most precious items, our time. The place for meeting is usually easier to find than the time. Sacrificial love empowers others to open their hearts to God’s presence. Face to face interaction replaces superficial relationships. The reunion group becomes the place for real relationships and sense of belonging. We can meet a need by bringing people into a relationship. First, a relationship with us in a loving group, and then with the ultimate relationship with Jesus Christ.

### Thank You!

*I want to take a moment to thank some very special people that will be leaving the CIE board this year. Betty Thorpe, Decatur, and has served most recently as the kitchen and manuals chair. Joann Woolums, Clinton, has done the thankless task of board secretary. Sue Althiser, Ipava, has served as the prayer coordinator. Each of these people has been integral to the CIE board. They have served behind the scenes, prayed, given of their time and talents, and I am truly blessed to call them friend.*

*Another board member stepping down this year is Robert Greene, who has served as the Community Spiritual Director. This role is responsible for finding the weekend SDs, providing training for them, and also filling in any time someone cannot fulfill their role. John Cross has graciously agreed to co-fill this role with Marcia Forman.*

*Membership on the Emmaus board is a commitment. I thank each person above who has served, those who are presently serving, and those who will be new to the board in 2017.*

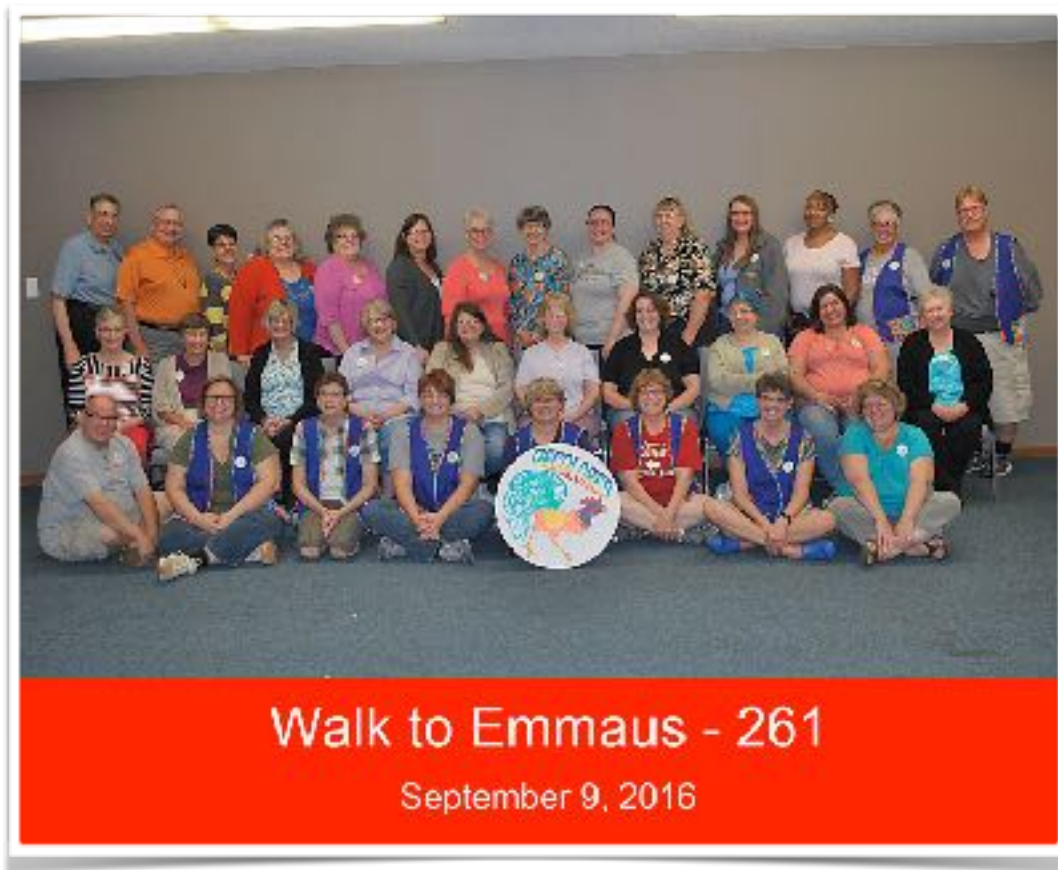
*1 Corinthians tells us, “There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.” We are thankful for those who shared their gifts of time and talent with the CIE board.*

- Kathy Hull

### Peacemakers (Continued)

and grace? Do you know someone who could benefit from a closer relationship with Jesus (pretty sure that’s most of us.) What’s stopping you from inviting them? If they say no, ask them again in a few months (or days or weeks.) Pray to have God show you who you should be sponsoring. It might not be who you have in mind. Ask God to send His Holy Spirit to intervene and show you His desires.

Again, pray. Pray for the nation, your community, your workplace, your pastor. Pray for the President (current and future) - even if they aren’t your choice of president. Pray for the ministry of the WTE. Pray for the lay directors and teams of the upcoming weekends. Remember 1 Thessalonians 5:17. It’s a lot more productive than posting something on Facebook.



**Row 1:** Ron Little, Amy Kurfman, Kay Weaver, Melissa Brookens, Kelly Lascelles, Mary Frederick, Pat Theobald, Heather Groves **Row 2:** BARBARA BRUCE, Joan Pool, Gayle Dees, RUTH ANN BALL, SARAH SEAGO, NINA L. DROLLINGER, Charla J. Wrenn, CARLA SHADLEY, JAMIE MITCHELL, JOYCE KELLE **Row 3:** Gary Sheets, Bruce Swartz, Jenny Fox, Jackie Mills, Jean E. Huddleston, Lisa Bowen, Joy Bonczek, Gayle Zuehls, SARAH WARREN, Carolyn Turner, Linda Cox, Anita Thornton, Marti Sprecher, John Cross **Missing from Photo:** DESIREE INGRAM

**Central Illinois Walk to Emmaus, Camp Warren, Decatur**

Men's Walk #262, Feb. 23-26, 2017, Randy Cox, Lay Director

Women's Walk #263, March 9-11, 2017, Carolyn Young, Lay Director

**Great River Emmaus, Quincy University Retreat Center**

Men's Walk #13, Jan. 26-29, 2017

Women's Walk #14, Feb. 16-19, 2017

Men's Walk #15, July 27-30, 2017

Women's Walk #16, Aug. 10-13, 2017

**Illinois Heartland Emmaus, Spalding Renewal Center, Peoria**

Men's Walk #89, May 4-7, 2017

Women's Walk #90, June 1-4, 2017

*Sponsor's Hour Thursday 8:00 p.m.*

*Apostolic Hour Saturday 8:30 p.m.*

*Closing Sunday 5:00 p.m.*



## Central Illinois Walk to Emmaus

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Springfield, IL 62791-3244

October, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

2016 is quickly coming to an end! Central Illinois Emmaus has had a blessed year - holding two weekends in February/March and a ladies' weekend in September. Unfortunately, the August men's weekend was cancelled due to too few candidates. Two walks are planned this coming winter. Walk #262 will be held February 23-26, 2017, with Randy Cox serving as the Lay Director. Walk #263 will be March 9-12, 2017, and Carolyn Young will be the Lay Director. Please pray about sponsoring someone for the upcoming walks. We need to assure we have enough pilgrims before the prep weekend, so no more walks are cancelled. We also would invite your prayers for both walks. The Emmaus movement needs your continued support.

We also need your involvement with the board. Please pray about serving on the board. We need you!

Our annual year-end fundraising letter and ballot for the Class of 2019 are included this year in this newsletter - no additional mailing will be sent.

**Election:** We need at least five at-large members for the Board of Directors Class of 2019, and four people have agreed to serve: David Woodside (2nd term), Kathy Hull (2nd term), Alex Leonard, and Gail Farris. At least one more member is needed. Please feel free to submit a write-in candidate using the form on the next page. Board members should have team experience and ideally be a past Lay Director or Assistant Lay Director. The 2019 class will begin serving in January, 2017, and conclude their service in December, 2019. Those who wish to do so may run again for another three-year term. If you have a write-in candidate to nominate, please talk with them first about their willingness to be on the board.

**Fundraising:** Each year, a fund drive is conducted to keep the costs of the walks reasonable to both the candidates and pilgrims. The registration is \$125 for CIE walks. We believe this rate will cover the cost for the 2017 walks. Of course we have other expenses that are not covered by walk fees. Your generosity in helping us fund the day-to-day needs of CIE is most appreciated. The board works hard to control costs. To make a year-end gift, please send your gift or pledge to CIE, PO Box 13244, Springfield, IL 62791-3244.

Thank you to each person who has contributed to the ministry of Central Illinois Walk to Emmaus by either volunteering, praying, or supporting us financially. You are an invaluable part of this ministry. Blessings to you and yours during the upcoming holiday season.

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Kathy Hull  
CIE Community Lay Director

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ." Philippians 4:4-7

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**Ballot for CIE Board of Directors Class of 2019**

**Vote for four:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Dave Woodside**    \_\_\_\_\_ **Kathy Hull**    \_\_\_\_\_ **Alex Leonard**    \_\_\_\_\_ **Gail Farris**

**I wish to nominate \_\_\_\_\_ to serve on the CIE Board of Directors, as an at-large member, Class of 2019. I have checked with my nominee and he or she is willing to serve.**

**Print and mail this form to CIE, PO Box 13244, Springfield, IL 62791-3244; or email your votes to CIEcontactlist@gmail.com no later than Dec. 16, 2016.**





EMMAUS WALK TO EMMAUS REGISTRATION FORM - PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY AND LEGIBLY

Deposit Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: \_\_\_\_\_

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Circle Below Where Applicable

**TO BE COMPLETED BY SPONSOR:**

(duplicate this form as needed)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Home

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone or Cell: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Name and denomination of church you are now attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you attend regularly? Yes No

When did you make your Cursillo/Emmaus/ Chrysalis Walk? \_\_\_\_\_

Where? \_\_\_\_\_ Cursillo/ Emmaus/ Chrysalis Walk Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you now in a weekly Reunion Group? Yes No

Are you praying and sacrificing for your candidate? Yes No

How long have you known your candidate? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you feel that this person would be a good candidate? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Does the candidate have the physical and mental health needed for a Emmaus Walk? Yes No

Is your candidate under any temporary emotional strain which might indicate their weekend should be postponed?

Yes No

If your candidate is married do they both plan on attending the Walk to Emmaus? Yes No

If not why? Medical: Yes No Other: Yes No

Explain \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Are

Are you willing to Attend Sponsor's Hour? Yes No

Epistolic Hour? Yes No The Closing? Yes No

Will you assist your candidate to get into a weekly Reunion Group? Yes No

Are you aware of the importance of minimal contact with the candidate during the weekend, especially if the

candidate is your spouse? Yes No

Does your candidate need a scholarship from the Central Illinois Emmaus community? Yes No

Remember husband and wife applications should be submitted at the same time. Any exceptions will be at the

discretion of the Spiritual Director and Executive Committee.

Sponsor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Candidate Signature \_\_\_\_\_



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Circle the Walk you would like to attend:

**2016 Walk Dates**

Walk #260 Men's-August 25-26, 2016

Walk #261 Women's-September 8-11, 2016

Other Walk? \_\_\_\_\_ What? \_\_\_\_\_

**Circle Bold Answers Below Where Applicable**

Current Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name Preferred on Tag: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Age: \_\_\_\_\_

**Single**      **Divorced**      **Widowed**      **Separated**  
 If Married, Spouse's name \_\_\_\_\_ Will They go on a Emmaus Walk?      **Yes**      **No**

Has Spouse ever attended:      **Emmaus**      **Chrysalis**      **Ceruleo**

Emergency Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Church now attending \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In what religious or community organizations are you active \_\_\_\_\_

Has the Walk to Emmaus been explained to you?      **Yes**      **No**

Have weekly reunions and other Emmaus follow-up meetings been explained?      **Yes**      **No**

Are you on a special diet?      **Yes**      **No**      If so, what? \_\_\_\_\_

Special Medication?      **Yes**      **No**      If so what? \_\_\_\_\_

If more space for medications is needed please attach list of Medications to Application.

Do you have any health problem or physical handicap which may effect your participation on an Emmaus Weekend?      **Yes**      **No**

If yes please specify \_\_\_\_\_

State briefly why you wish to be involved in an Emmaus Community and what you expect from it?

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

All of the above information is necessary for your proper placement in a Walk to Emmaus. Please fill in all the blanks. Please enclose a pre-registration deposit of \$50.00. This deposit is not refundable. A \$75.00 donation or registration (\$125 total) is suggested to partially offset the expenses of the weekend.

Make your check payable to: **Central Illinois Emmaus Community**

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