

**Elizabethtown Emmaus  
Newsletter  
October 2003**

**De Colores,**

**From the Chairperson**

A question was raised in my reunion group this week: "Does God still perform miracles today?" Immediately the group responded in affirmation and as each individual shared his story about God working miracles in their lives or the lives of others the meaning behind "De Colores" rang in my head. Each of us saw God working supernaturally in the world in a variety of different ways. The many colors of God's glory were testified to in all its diverse splendor.

One of God's miracles that the group testified to was the miracle of how God can radically change people. As each of us looked around the table we saw the evidence of that miracle. For many of us there had been an "old" and now there was now a "new" and the change could only be explained by a supernatural event, God breaking through the "natural" world, touching us with His grace and changing us forever.

October is an awesome time as the community comes together over four consecutive weekends to bear witness to God breaking through the world as we have known it. He touches the lives of the caterpillars of Chrysalis and the pilgrims of the Walks to Emmaus and many see God's love for them for the first time.

The Lord works through so many on these weekends. We watch in awe as the caterpillars and pilgrims come hesitantly and are transformed by His Spirit over the weekends. For many the acts of Christian love shown by the team and the community are truly where they see Jesus for the first time in their lives. Please plan on being part

of that experience through your presence, through your service and through your prayers.

Mitzi Lynch, Scott Turner, Jim Murray, Wanda Jean Elliott and Angela Brown, the Chrysalis and Walk Lay Directors, are in the midst of team formations as this is written. Please pray for the team members and all the members of the community who have been chosen by God to act as servants over these weekends. Pray that God's will be done in all their acts of service.

Please pray for the caterpillars and the pilgrims. They will be coming to the campground in anticipation, with excitement and with unease. Pray that God give them peace from all distractions as they begin their journey and walk with God on the weekend.

Pray that that all have good health and strength. Pray for a hedge of protection around all the activities of the weekend and thank God for all the blessings He has given us.

Your brother in Christ,

Ron Smith, Walk # 67, Table of John

**Being Servants**

"He who ...conceives trouble gives birth to disillusionment..."

I will give thanks to the Lord because of his righteousness and will sing praise to the name of the Lord Most High." Psalm 7:14b, 17

It is important to remember that God uses Chrysalis and the Walk to Emmaus; we are not to use them for our own purposes. We are to be His servants. If you are working on a team, being a servant means that you approach the weekend with a servant's heart. It means that you put away your expectations and submit to leadership with a joyful heart.

If you are a sponsor, being a servant means putting your candidate's family first in priority for the weekend. Focus on showing them agape love

and provide your candidate the assurance that their family's needs will be met in their absence.

If you are a member of the community, being a servant means you leave your agendas at the door. The weekend is for the candidates, it's not all about "me" and what "I want"; it's all about Jesus and what God wants.

If you come out to the campground to serve a meal, being a servant means you serve the meal as directed by the dining room coordinator, you stay to clean up and to reset the dining room. And it means you don't come expecting to eat.

My prayer is that as Chrysalis and the Walks draw near, that each of us will prepare our hearts in service to the Lord, that we will ask God that His will, not ours, be done and that we ask that we be seen as the ultimate servant, our Lord Jesus Christ, by the caterpillars and pilgrims with which we have been entrusted.

**Agape for Chrysalis and the Walk to Emmaus**

Agape is just one of the ways that we can show God's love on the weekends. Please provide 150 pieces of Chrysalis Agape and 100 pieces of Agape for the Emmaus weekends.

Of extreme importance is Snack Agape for Chrysalis, teenagers are like the old game "Hungry, Hungry Hippos", they just keep on eating. Get snack agape to the Campground by 9:00am of the first day and keep it coming until the Agape team cries "Enough!"

## **Volunteer for Spring Emmaus, Chrysalis and REC walks!**

If you are interested in working on an Emmaus, Chrysalis or REC team you must fill out and send in a volunteer sheet. For the Emmaus Walks the volunteer sheets are held for three years. If you have not filled out a volunteer sheet within the last couple of years, you need to send in a new sheet. All the volunteer forms are available at the web site at [www.ETownEmmaus.org](http://www.ETownEmmaus.org) – just click on the “forms” link and print the form on your printer.

## **EMMAUS CALENDAR**

October 4 @ 7:00 p.m. Gathering – CHUMC

October 4 @ 9:00 a.m. Chrysalis 32 Sendoff – Campground

October 5 @ 8:00 p.m. Chrysalis 32 Candlelight – MUMC

October 6 @ 5:00 p.m. Chrysalis Closing – Grace Heartland

October 9 @ 7:00 p.m. Walk #87 Sendoff – Campground

October 11 @ 8:00 p.m. Walk #87 Candlelight – MUMC

October 12 @ 5:00 p.m. Walk #87 Closing – Campground

October 16 @ 7:00 p.m. Walk #88 Sendoff – Campground

October 18 @ 8:00 p.m. Walk #88 Candlelight – MUMC

October 19 @ 5:00 p.m. Walk #88 Closing – Campground

October 23 @ 7:00 p.m. Walk #89 Sendoff – Campground

October 25 @ 8:00 p.m. Walk #89 Candlelight – MUMC

October 26 @ 5:00 p.m. Walk #89 Closing – Campground

November 1 @ 7:00 p.m. Gathering – MUMC

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