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Walk to
Emmaus
THE UPPER ROOM

COMMUNITY CHAIR *from 10 years ago*, JEFF CURRY

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Jesus paid the ultimate price for each of our sins, so that anyone who believes in Him, shall never perish, but have eternal life in His Father's Kingdom!

When we think of the month of June, many of us think it is another February (the month of love), because so many couples show their love for each other by becoming "one" during June. I recently received a copy of an article entitled "Scars", the author is unknown. As I read it, I thought of the love that I have for my family and the Love that Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior had for each of us.

Some years ago, on a hot summer day in south Florida,

a little boy decided to go for a swim in the old swimming hole behind the house. In a hurry to dive into the cool water, he ran out the back door, leaving behind shoes, socks and shirt as he went. He flew into the water, not realizing that as he swam toward the middle of the lake, an alligator was swimming toward the shore.

His mother, in the house and looking out the window, saw the two as they got closer and closer together. In utter fear, she ran toward the water, yelling to her son as loudly as she could. Hearing her voice, the little boy became alarmed and made a U-turn to swim to his mother. It was too late. Just as he reached her, the alligator

reached him. From the dock, the mother grabbed her little boy by the arms just as the alligator snatched his legs. That began an incredible tug-of-war between the two. The alligator was much stronger than the mother, but the mother was much too passionate to let go.

A farmer happened to drive by, heard the screams, raced from the truck, took aim and shot the alligator. Remarkably, after weeks and weeks in the hospital, the little boy survived. His legs were extremely scarred by the vicious attack of the animal. And, on his arms, were deep scratches where his mother's fingernails dug into his flesh in her effort to hang (continued on page 2)

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| SWEET, SWEET AGAPE | Editorial |
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Did you know that the newsletter is copied at three churches in Hillsboro? They are First United Methodist Church, First Presbyterian Church and St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Emmaus provides the paper, but these churches allow us to use their equipment and provide copier toner. We thank them so much!

Did you know that once the newsletters are printed,

they don't fold themselves? Really! Did you know that the address labels don't jump onto the newsletters by themselves either? Yes! Really! And you may have guessed by now that neither do the postage stamps leap from their roll onto the paper! Seriously!

One member of our community, Betty Jo Gee, along with her husband, Jim, provide the "person power" to

fold, tape, attach address labels and stamps, and we are so grateful to them.

Betty Jo tells me that as she addresses each newsletter, she is praying for the person whose label is being attached.

So, dear readers, don't ever think that AGAPE ends when your walk experience ends on that Sunday night!

John Glaze

Please come out to support the Ladies of Women's Walk #92

“They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but did not know that it was Jesus...Jesus said to her, “Mary!”

A sermon on the afterlife in Jesus’ time would have been different from one today. Our understanding of the afterlife has changed a lot in two thousand years. I don’t mean to take away from the poignancy of this moment in John’s Gospel, but perhaps the main reason they were frantic to find Jesus’ body

related to the purity laws of the time.

No matter the reasoning, it still stops my heart when I hear Jesus say “Mary!” It is then that I remember that he is as near as my memory of him.

The theology that has evolved in the wake of Jesus’ death and resurrection fails to move me as much as the social and religious revolution that was his life. If you don’t think it’s revolutionary to talk about the last being first in a world where the richest 1 percent possess more wealth than the combined wealth of the bottom

90 percent, then you better think again.

As we celebrate his resurrection, let’s not forget his life.

*A hymn of glory let us sing;
New songs throughout the world shall ring.*

*Christ, by a road before untrod,
Ascendeth to the throne of God.
Alleluia.*

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COMMUNITY CHAIR

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MAURICE’S MUSINGS

Sum – Sum – Summertime!

Summertime brings a whole set of memories, expectations, and dreams. The mere thought of summer brings to mind visions of carefree days for both young and old alike. The younger set thinks of “freedom” from school. Many of us older folks look forward to time off with our families. Summer is a time when families get together, whether it’s for reunions, or for a vacation, or even a picnic. It’s a time we really enjoy the outdoors with baseball, swimming, camping, gardening, and working in the yard.

With all these extra demands on our time, we can easily schedule too many things in one week. But remember the saying, “Seven days without worship makes one weak.” God gave us the seventh day, as a day of rest and refreshment, and a day to worship

our Creator.

God never goes on vacation. Psalm 121:3-4 tells us:

“He will not let your foot be moved, He who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.” (RSV)

The Creator of the universe deserves to be worshipped and receive our praise, not only part of the year, or once in a while, but every day, and especially on Sundays. Give God a special place in your life, this summer. Don’t put your commitment to God in second place, but in first place. Pledge to set aside time each Sunday to worship God with your church family.

DeColores!

Maurice

onto the son she loved.

The newspaper reporter who interviewed the boy after the trauma asked if he would show him his scars. The boy lifted his pant legs. And then, with obvious pride, he said to the reporter, “But look at my arms, too. I have them because my Mom wouldn’t let go.”

You and I can identify with the little boy. We have scars, too. Oh, not from an alligator, but the scars of a painful past. Some of these scars are unsightly and have caused us deep regret. But some wounds, my friend, are because God has refused to let go. In the midst of your struggle, He’s been there holding on to you. The Scripture teaches that God loves you. You are a child of God. He wants to protect you and provide for you in every way. But sometimes we foolishly wade into dangerous situations, not knowing what lies ahead. The swimming hole of life is filled with peril—and we forget the enemy is waiting to attack. That’s when the tug-of-war begins—and if you have the scars of his love on your arms be very, very grateful. He did not, and will not, ever let go.

Jeff Curry

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PILGRIMS FOR WOMEN'S WALK #92

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| Michelle Carnes | Hillsboro | OH | Jimmy Carnes |
| Sara Carter | Hillsboro | OH | Eric Berchtold |
| Janet Cole | Wilmington | OH | Beverly Sanders |
| Sharon Cornette | Wilmington | OH | Maurice Mitchell |
| Amanda Evans | Jamestown | OH | Keith and Janice Little |
| Maggie Hatfield | Leesburg | OH | Dianna Coffey and Rebecca Haines |
| Cheri Honnerlaw | Wilmington | OH | Patricia Sewell |
| Lisa Kidder | Hillsboro | OH | Cindy Bloom |
| Jill Mahan | Paris | KY | Nancy Ratliff/Mollie Byers |
| Debra Peters | Wilmington | OH | Marsha Tomlin |
| Karen Skinner | Xenia | OH | Keith & Karen Little |
| Dawn Steele | Wilmington | OH | Robin Smalley/Ronald Steele |
| Julie Vanover | Loveland | OH | Verna Schuler |
| Tiffany Wyss | Blanchester | OH | Rebekah King |
| Holly Taylor | Wilmington | OH | Gloria Tissandier/Vanessa Rice |

This is the pilgrim list as of 20 May. If you have a pilgrim for this walk, get that application to the registrar, Toni Jenkins. It would be wise to call her also.

Sponsors: remember your special services: Thursday, Sponsors' Hour in the sanctuary right after the pilgrims go to the conference room. Saturday night—plan to be in the sanctuary no later than 8:30pm. Sunday afternoon—plan to be in the dining room between 4:15 and 4:30.

TEAM for WOMEN'S 92

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| Barb Ross |
| Elaine Cockerill |
| Debbie Lynch |
| Kendra Young |
| Pat Reynolds |
| Sue Hamann |
| Pat Sewell |
| Susan Thompson |
| Jennie Harner |
| Pat Dedrick |
| Maurice Mitchell |
| Rebecca King |
| Diane Holland |
| Ginger Pendell |
| Julie Beis |
| Laura Hannah |
| Debbie Thompson |
| Darla Louderback |
| Linda Johnson |
| Judith Sturgeon |
| Joy Gilmore |
| Dave Hinman |

PRAYER LIST

Prayer was requested for these people at our May Gathering. Please join us in intercession for return to health, overcoming adversities of life, recovery from loss

Sue Brunacini

Dave & Dinah Bond

Children in Special Olympics

Ella Clarke

Kerry Dhakal

David Greene

Chuck Massie

Tim Miller

Ginger Pendell's grandson, Mason

Cliff Purvis

Vicki Salsberry

David

Linda

Clara Sears
 Pastor Dillon Staas
 Randy Sullenberger
 Thompson Family
 Unspoken
 Heather Whiting

O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity. Be present in your goodness with your servants, that their weaknesses may be banished and their strength restored; and that, their health being renewed, they may bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (From The Book of Common Prayer)



We are searching for Pilgrims for the September Men's Walk! Well, not "that" kind of Pilgrims!!! If you need help knowing how to sponsor, call or email the Sponsorship Chair (see list on website).

Wilmington Area Walk to Emmaus

Wilmington United Methodist Church
PO Box 191
Wilmington, OH 45177

We're on the web:
www.wilmingtonemmaus.org

See you at the GATHERING:
June 10
Singing starts at
6:45pm
Wear your nametag!
Bring a snack to share!
WALK REUNION—6PM
Women's #90

A Disciple's Canon

I cannot say **Our**, if my religion has no room for others and their needs.

I cannot say **Father**, if I do not demonstrate this relationship in my daily living.

I cannot say **Who art in Heaven**, if all my interests and pursuits are in earthly things.

I cannot say **Hallowed be thy name**, if I who is called by His name, am not accepting His gift of holiness and righteousness.

I cannot say **Thy Kingdom come**, if I am unwilling to give up my own sovereignty and accept the righteous reign of God.

I cannot say **Thy will be done**, if I am unwilling or resentful of having it in my life.

I cannot say **On earth as it is in heaven**, unless I am truly ready to give myself to His service here and now.

I cannot say **Give us this day our daily bread**, without expending honest effort for it or by ignoring the genuine needs of my fellowmen.

I cannot say **Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us**, if I continue to harbor a grudge against anyone.

I cannot say **Lead us not into temptation**, if I deliberately choose to remain in a situation where I am likely to be tempted.

I cannot say **Deliver us from evil**, if I am not prepared to fight in the spiritual realm with the weapon of prayer.

I cannot say **Thine is the power**, if I fear what my neighbors and friends may say or do.

I cannot say **Thine is the glory**, if I am seeking my own glory first.

I cannot say, **Forever**, if I am too anxious about each day's affairs.

I cannot say **Amen**, unless I honestly say, "Cost what it may, this is my prayer."

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