

Great Smoky Mountain Emmaus and Chrysalis Communities

December 2017 Newsletter



2018 Walk Schedule

Chrysalis & Journey - Feb 17th-19th, 2018

Men's Walk #108 - March 1st-4th, 2018

Women's Walk #109 April 26th-29th, 2018

Community Lay Director

Where are we going to be?

Where have we been? Where are we going? Change is happening. We have had some great and memorable weekends at Central United Methodist Church (Central) in Knoxville. Now, however as the Emmaus and Chrysalis Ministries evolve and our communities change, we find we are needing to evaluate our needs and take those of Central into consideration.

Central has many ministries and groups using their facility, as a result beginning in 2018 they have asked GSMEC and GSMCC to give them 90 days advance notice if we will not be holding a weekend that we have scheduled on their calendar. Since we don't know that far in advance if we will be able to fill the walks and flights.

As you know we held our Fall Men's and Women's Walks at Sevierville First United Methodist Church. They have offered to host our weekends going forward. I feel that God has opened new doors for us in Sevierville and he is

moving us to change where we hold our walks and flights. SFUMC is excited to have us in their facility and welcome our presence.

Therefore, the GSMEC and GSMCC Boards have elected to terminate our Building Use Agreement with Central. The Great Smoky Mountain Emmaus and Chrysalis Communities wish to thank Central United Methodist Church for their graciousness and hospitality in allowing us to hold our Walk and Flight weekends at their facility over the years. There were many times and moments when God, Jesus and The Holy Spirit were present throughout our weekends. Those moments were felt by those who attended the weekends as participants and also by those of us serving on the teams. I for one will always have a special place in my heart for CUMC.

I now look forward to creating new memories and experiences at our new host location, Sevierville First United Methodist Church. Please join me in thanking SFUMC for their gracious offer for a new Home.

DeColores/Fly With Christ

Mike Ooten

Board Of Directors

Passionate About Emmaus and Chrysalis?

We are looking for some passionate GSMEC Community Members to serve on the GSMEC Board of Directors.

Calling all past Walk or Flight Lay Directors & Leadership, past Board Members or anyone else in the community interested in serving. If you are passionate about the Emmaus and Chrysalis ministries and interested in serving on the board of directors please contact me at cld@gsmec.org and let me know before the Gathering on December 16, 2017, when we will elect the board members for 2018.

Mike Ooten

Emmaus/Chrysalis Trainer Needed

Why is it done that way?

When you were on your weekend did everything go smooth and seamlessly flawless? If it hadn't would you have noticed or realized it? Since your weekend how many of you have asked why do we do things the way we do? Have you wondered how we know what to do or how to make a weekend happen?

Well there are guidelines and manuals and schedules and scripts and outlines and... so on. They were developed to guide us and other communities so that what we do here in Knoxville on our weekends looks and sounds like the weekends in other communities across the US and around the world. Well with that around the world thing the sounds may not be the same but the translation will be the same.

We are looking for someone that is knowledgeable about the Walk to Emmaus Ministry to serve as a trainer for the Great Smoky Mountain Communities. You will receive training from the International Emmaus Office using online and other methods of training. There will be Communicators, Trainers and Coaches to help you along the way.

For more information about the new Emmaus Ministries Community Support Structure you can view this video. [Introduction Video](#)

December Gathering

The December gathering will be on December 16th at 6:30pm at Trinity United Methodist Church.

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