

# WILMINGTON EMMAUS

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**All Emmaus walks and gatherings are held at the United Methodist Church  
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## Community Chairperson Mary Brunner

I don't know if any of you have or have had pets. We had a Cairn Terrier years ago named Muffin. Muffin was six weeks old when we got her and she looked like a little rat. She grew up to be a wonderful dog and an even better companion. She sat with us, slept with us, listened to us, and walked with us. And yes, sometimes she even ate with us. She was so good that we did not need a leash when we went on walks. Muffin would stay right by our side. It broke our hearts, when at the age of sixteen, we had to put her to sleep. We felt we not only lost a wonderful pet but also a wonderful companion. She was the epitome of the old saying, "Dog is man's best friend." I swore that we would never have another pet.

When our oldest daughter Julie joined the army, she

had to decide what to do with her 2-year-old mutt named Morgan. We received a call asking if "Grandma and Grandpa" would mind baby-sitting for the next four years. How could we say no? Morgan has become one of our companions in life. As with Muffin, she sits, sleeps, listens, and walks with us. And yes, even sometimes eats with us. In her own way, Morgan also talks to us. Since Julie re-enlisted, we know we will have Morgan for another three years. We know that some day, Morgan will also leave us.

We also have a friend and companion who is always there for us. And he has promised that he will never leave us. That is, of course, if we choose to have Jesus as our friend and companion and invite him into our hearts. He is there for us, to sit with us, listen to us, talk with us, and walk with us

each and every day of our lives.

I couldn't help but think of the song, "In the Garden" as I was writing this article. The chorus says the words that describe our friend and companion. "And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own; and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known."

I hope and pray that you will always know that He is our constant companion and that He will never leave us alone.

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Mary Brunner



## Trivia:

What species of animal spoke to Balaam?

A. A Donkey (Numbers 22:22-35)

Whose hair grew like feathers, and nails like bird claws?

What was the occupation of Cornelius?

A. Centurion (Acts 10:1)

Who at first refused to let Jesus wash his feet?

## Darrell's Musings

I thought this month instead of the usual Spiritual Director's Musing, I would share with you two powerful hymns that have been written by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette who is a pastor at Limestone Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, Delaware as a prayer for the people of the area devastated by Katrina.

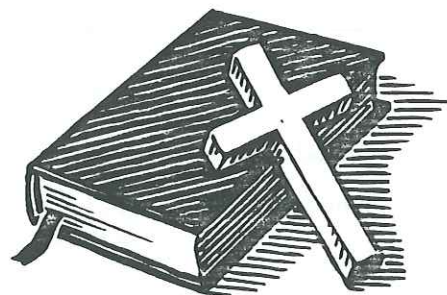
The most effective and powerful way to experience these poems is to sing the Hymntune to yourself (or aloud if no one is around) using the words of the poem.

### God of Creation

**Tune:** *Herzliebster Jesu* 11.11.11.5 (*Ah, Holy Jesus*); Johann Cruger, 1640  
 God of creation, We have seen the horror —  
 Great devastation, Overwhelming sorrow!  
 Hear now your people — Homes and loved ones taken-  
 Feeling forsaken.  
 Christ of compassion, You who calmed the rough sea —  
 Hurricane crashing, We prayed for your mercy!  
 Comfort your people! Hold them close, now giving  
 Hope for their living.  
 Give to your children Food to end their hunger,  
 Clean water's blessing, News of those they long for!  
 And by your Spirit, Use our gifts and labors  
 To help our neighbors.  
 Biblical references: Genesis 1, Psalm 13, Matthew 8:23-27, 25:31-46; Luke 10:25-37  
 Carolyn Winfrey Gillette and Bruce Gillette are pastors at Limestone Presbyterian Church, 3201 Limestone Road, Wilmington, Delaware

*God, We've Known Such Grief and Anger*  
**Tune:** Babilone 8.7.8.7 D ("There's a Wilderness in God's Mercy")  
 God, we've known such grief and anger  
 As we've heard your people cry.  
 We have asked you, "How much longer?"  
 We have sadly wondered, "Why?"  
 In this world of so much suffering,  
 May we hear your word anew:  
 "I will never leave you orphaned;  
 I will not abandon you."  
 By your grace comes resurrection;  
 By your love, you cast out fear.  
 You give strength and sure direction  
 As we seek to serve you here.  
 You give comfort to the grieving.  
 And you bless the ones who mourn.  
 May we trust in you, believing  
 Out of chaos, hope is born.

Hope is ours for, God, you love us!  
 You have claimed us by your grace.  
 And through Jesus, you have called us  
 To bring hope to every place.  
 In each rescue worker's caring,  
 In each faithful volunteer,  
 In each Christian's love and sharing,  
 God, we glimpse your kingdom here.





## Pilgrims for Men's Walk #42

FIRST	LAST	CITY	SPONSOR
Andy	Avery	Wilmington	Nicol Avery
Matt	Bennie	West Chester	Cliff Klutts
Mark	Billeter	Jamestown	Dave & Linda Billeter
Jesse	Blevins	Mt. Oran	Al & Sue Hamann
Michael	Cook	Blanchester	Stephanie Jordan
Rickey	Garrison	Hillsboro	Lowell & Carolyn Chambers
Tom	Golden	Wilmington	Phil & Yvonne Brewer
Kevin	Honnold	Frankfort	Alan McKenzie
Jason	Kinsley	Washington Ct. Hs.	Brandy Bennett
Kirk	Knoblauch	Wilmington	Don Huff
Jim	McDonel	Lebanon	Cliff Klutts
Glen	Miller	Winchester	John Waugh
Warren	Owens	Mt. Sterling	Fred & Janet Osborne
Darren	Parker	Midland	Jesse Smith
Daniel	Porter	Williamsburg	Leslie & Teresa Pelfrey
Gary	Reese	Bluffton	Phil & Yvonne Brewer
John	Rose	Clarksville	Calvin Martin
Rob	Scott	Bloomingsburg	Martha Scott
David	Seigla	Georgetown	Sam Jimison
Gar	Seigla	Georgetown	Stacy Seigla
Dirk	Shaffer	Newtonsville	Larry Roberts
Roger	Shelton Jr.	Blanchester	Chet Adkins
Rodney	Spiller	Georgetown	Joyce Kattine
Dustin	Wolf	Lebanon	Dan George
Ken	Yochum	Hillsboro	John Waugh
Wyatt	Wessels	Fairborn	Mandel Montgomery

## Team for Walk #42

NAME	POSITION	TALK
Ron Dowler	LD	Perseverance
Cliff Klutts	ALD	Body of Christ
Steve Preston	ALD	Growth Through Study
Phil Brewer	ALD	Priorities
Kent Holland	Music	
Chuck Tabor	SD	Means of Grace
Ken Woleb	ASD	Sanctifying Grace
Jim Overstake	TL	Christian Action
Bob Erwin	TL	Life in Piety
Todd Cloud	TL	Discipleship
Jim Blair	TL	Changing Our World
Larry Roberts	TL	Priesthood of All Believers
Randy Riley	TL	Fourth Day
Adam Tissandier	ATL	
Bill Michael	ATL	
Rod Bryant	ATL	
Bob Brown	ATL	
Eric Rhoads	ATL	
Eric France	ATL	
Fred Osborne	BR	

### OTHER CLERGY

NAME	TALK
Calvin Martin	Justifying Grace
John Waugh	Prevenient Grace
Bill Biza	Obstacles to Grace



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Gatherings are held  
on the second Tuesday of each month  
Board meeting – 6:00  
Gathering – 7:00  
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When attending a gathering or closing,  
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During the fellowship time

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Chrysalis Hoot is held every  
third Monday of every month  
at the Grace Methodist  
Church in Washington C.H. It  
starts at 7pm. Come and be a  
part of the Chrysalis Commu-  
nity.

Agape—If you are sponsoring  
a pilgrim, please get your  
letters out to people early.

Name Badges Are  
Important!

Don't forget to wear your  
name badge to all Emmaus  
events. This includes working  
in the kitchen, scrubbing  
bathrooms, gatherings, can-  
dlelight s, and closings.

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"Sunday school I like. Monday through  
Friday school I could do without."