

GREATER CINCINNATI EMMAUS & CHRYSALIS COMMUNITY NEWS

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" 2 Cor. 5:17

How Did You Sleep?

If you are like most of us, one of the experiences that you remember from your weekend is the sleeping arrangements. We are blessed that our community has comfortable beds and mattresses to help our pilgrims get the rest they so desperately need on the weekend. Another part of our community, Chrysalis, which is the weekend experience for our youth, is at the point where they need to replace the mattresses used for their weekends. Unlike our accommodations, the mattresses that have been used by Chrysalis for so many years have become discolored and have a noticeable odor of mold and mildew. Just considering the potential health issues, there is little question, these mattresses need to be replaced.

Several months ago, the Chrysalis Board began searching for alternatives. One of the options they received was reduced costs on foam mattresses with special covers that protect them from mold, mildew, bacteria and stains. One of the local retailers, a Christian run and operated business, offered Chrysalis a good deal.

Many of you have already contributed to this cause and your help is greatly appreciated. We would like to have the mattresses to use for the July Flight. The estimated cost to replace over 50 mattresses is about \$6,000 and so far we have received about half of that. We are asking that you help us to meet this need.

Chrysalis, like the Walk to Emmaus, is a powerful experience. It is often a defining point in a young person's life that will begin or enhance their journey with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Please join with us so that the time of rest for our youth during their weekend is comfortable and pleasant.

If you wish to make a donation to assist with this project, please make your check out to Greater Cincinnati Chrysalis Community and mail it to Greater Cincinnati Chrysalis Community, c/o Jeremy Furniss, 6983 Beagle Ct., Fairfield Township, OH 45011 or to Greater Cincinnati Chrysalis Community, P.O. Box 102, Milford, OH 45150.

Thank you for your help. DeColores and Fly with Christ.

It's Official!

The Greater Cincinnati and
Chrysalis Community
is now officially
incorporated.
Our non-profit status
should be official soon.

Childcare

Childcare through the HPCUMC childcare staff is available for many Emmaus events such as Gatherings, Candlelight and Closings but reservations must be made at least 48 hours before the event. The cost is \$5.00 per child, per event.

To make reservations for childcare please contact Susan Munn by phone at 513-351-3881 or by email at seekupsusan@yahoo.com. You will need to provide your name, phone number, name and date of the event you need child care for, along with the name and ages of your children. Payment will be due at the time of the event.

Cancellations must be at least 24 hours in advance.

Letter from the Emmaus Community Spiritual Director -

The Best Walk Ever!

One of the phrases I hear over and over again from team members and pilgrims after Emmaus weekends is: "That was the best walk ever!" Sound familiar? When you think about it, it's amazing that Emmaus weekends are held at different times and places, with different team members, pilgrims, sponsors and people working behind the scenes but the closing testimonies are so similar. "I never felt God's love so powerfully as I did on this weekend" is what is usually heard.

For what it is worth, I have been blessed to hear those words quite often. My original weekend was Greater Cincinnati Men's Walk #22, table of Matthew. I think that was in 1988! Since then, it has been my privilege to serve in a lay capacity when the weekends were held at HPCUMC's building on Grace and Observatory Avenues, then as a clergy member and Community Spiritual Director in the Northwest Ohio Community, and now as Assistant Community Spiritual Director back in Cincinnati. I feel like Rip Van Winkle since the weekends are now held in a former convent but it is wonderful to still hear people say: "Wow, that was best walk ever!"

Why is that so? Sure, our community is blessed with people willing to serve in all sorts of ways. Sure, those people work hard to follow the word and spirit of the Upper Room manual. But the consistent thread that runs through all the weekends, whether Emmaus or Chrysalis or Kairos, is how God continues to work through us, despite our imperfections, and often in ways we are not aware of, to help bring people closer to Christ. That, in turn, brings a vitality and freshness to each weekend that is just awesome.

I have always been moved by Paul's words in 2 Corinthians 5:17: *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he [or she] is a new creation; behold, all things have become new!"* May that newness in all things, through Christ, continue in everything we say and do. In that way, each upcoming weekend will continue to be "the best walk ever." I am grateful to be serving with you.

DeColores!

Bob Clo

Assistant Community Spiritual Director



Be a Chrysalis Sponsor

If you a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, mentor, youth leader, neighbor or friend of a young person between the ages of 15-24, we invite you to consider sponsoring someone for a Chrysalis Flight. Anyone in the Emmaus or Chrysalis community can sponsor a youth for a flight.

Upcoming flights for the Cincinnati Community are Flight #38 July 9-11, 2010 for young women and Flight #34 July 23-25, 2010 for young men.

Considering all the negative influences teens and young adults face everyday, this is your chance to positively impact their lives and faith journey. Please prayerfully consider making a difference in a young person's life.

For more information or application information go to Greater Cincinnati Chrysalis Community web site at www.CincinnatiChrysalis.com



HOOT!

Friday, May 7
Milford First UMC

7:00 p.m.

All are Welcome!

www.cincinnati-chrysalis.com

Emmaus Lay Director's Letter to the Community-

It's Always a Blessing to Serve!

In recent years, the church I attend offers a service project called ShareFest. It is an annual event for Clermont County churches and was created to inspire real hope, offer real help, and to "let your light shine before men that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven," as Jesus encourages in Matthew 5:16. Just like Jeff & I do at ShareFest, many of us have the opportunity to serve and we do so in our communities, either through a community group or through our churches.



Our community's Emmaus walks are in the first and latter parts of the year which leaves many months in between with fewer scheduled events. I thought this gives us a wonderful opportunity to serve our communities as an Emmaus community. I would like to encourage and make available opportunities to serve in our community this summer as share groups and individuals. Not only does it glorify God but it will allow us to fellowship in a common goal of serving others, serving with our old friends and making new friends!

So . . . if you have a heart to serve and are involved with a project or perhaps you have a "pet" service project, I am looking for persons to bring to my attention and to be the "project manager" for these ministry opportunities. Once we have a list, we will advertise to the community and get people signed up to serve. If you have any ideas and/or would like to assist in this effort, please call me or email me: Lmarkovic7@gmail.com and write "Emmaus Service Project" in the Re: line.

It is always a blessing to serve Him!

DeColores,
Lori Markovic
Community Lay Director

What's coming up?

You won't want to miss the next several Gatherings as they will be an opportunity to worship and fellowship with other members of the Emmaus community. There are wonderful programs planned for the next several months.

May 6 — Rick & Marilyn Heflin will share their love story of adoptive son, Alex.

June 3 — A clown theme featuring Ron Wilson who will share his passion for Clown Ministry.

August 5 — Come join in a good old Gospel Sing-along & Ice Cream Social.

September 2 — Hear more about the Chrysalis experience as Chrysalis leads worship.

Needed!

The Worship team is looking for volunteers for Gathering and Candlelight services. First we need for someone to bring communion bread and grape juice for services. Second, while we have one volunteer to run the power point, we would like to have at least one more for backup. If you are interested in being part of music or any of the above, please contact Jeff Markovic at 260-4783 (cell) or at jmarkovic7@gmail.com

Send in the Clowns!

Have you ever wondered who it is behind those clown faces or what it takes to be a clown?

It takes a special person with a heart filled with love. If you meet those requirements and are interested in discovering if you can fill this very special roll then you are invited to attend the June Gathering which will feature Ron Wilson and will share his call and passion for clown ministry.

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2010 CALENDAR

Upcoming Emmaus Walks

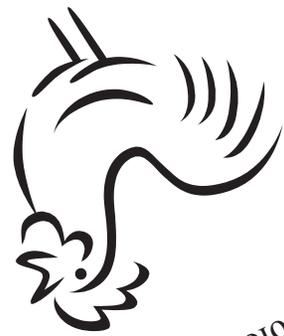
Men's Walk #87, Oct. 21-24
 Women's Walk #104, Nov. 18-21

Gathering: Thursday, May 6, 7:30 p.m.
 Board Meeting: Monday, May 17 6:30 p.m.
 Gathering: Thursday, June 3, 7:30 p.m.
 Board Meeting: Monday, June 21
 July: No Gathering, No Board Mtg.
 Gathering: Thursday, Aug 5, 7:30 p.m.
 Board Meeting: Monday, Aug 16, 6:30 p.m.

Please make childcare arrangements before attending Candlelight and Closing. It is inappropriate for children to be present at these services.

For complete Pilgrim Lists, Applications, Emmaus information and links to other communities, log on at www.cincinnatiemmaus.org.

Christ is Counting On You!



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