

# EMMAUS COMMUNITY NEWS

## Men's Walk #77 May 18-21, 2006

Below are the names of the team and pilgrims for the next Walk. Please remember to keep these people in your prayers so that their hearts will be prepared for the Lord to work in and through them. (List as of 4/20/06.)

*Psalms 25:7 "Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you are good, O Lord."*

Pilgrim	Church	Sponsor
John Bauer		Kathleen Bauer
Art Braun	Faith Church	B Gerding & G VanDierendonick
Nick Driever	Christian Newlife Fellowship	Dick Vogel
Bob Forsee	Kingsway Fellowship	Paul Wykoff
Dave Heckaman	Milford First UMC	Walt Lowe
Robert Meece	Bethel UMC	Glenn Beyer
Brandon Romick	Crossroads Community	Lucas Seltzer
Jason Scott	First Christian Assembly	Kristin Scott
Larry Valerius	St Bartholomew	Dennis Valerius
Paul Valerius	Unity	JoAnne Rouse-Clark
Todd Zuber	Vineyard Milford	John Theobald

### TEAM ROSTER:

Brian Bertke	TL	Discipleship
Jim Connell		Music
Jill Croswell	Clergy	Justifying Grace
Jack Gillming	LD	Perserverance
Ron Goens	TL	Changing Our World
John Groth	ALD	Fourth Day
Art Harmon	TL	Life in Piety
Doug Heflin		Music
Fred Henschen	SD	Means of Grace
Craig Jones	Clergy	Prevenient Grace
Bill Keyes		ATL
Bill Lindenschmidt		Bd. Rep
Jeff Markovic		Music
Matt Mountain		ATL
David Peck		ATL
Ted Phelps	ALD	Christian Action
Mark Rowland	Clergy	Obstacles to Grace
Paul Russo		ATL
Ken Speicher		ATL
Wes Spencer	TL	Body of Christ
Al Staples		ATL
Steve Theobald	ALD	Priority
B.J. Viator	TL	Grow Through Study
Dick Vogel	TL	Priesthood of All Believers
Gary Wheeler	Clergy	Sanctifying Grace


### Logistics Coordinator:

David & Ann Frye—513-575-1538


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SPONSORS: Remember 4th Day Books are available for purchase (\$5) at Sponsor's Hour. They are a great gift for a Pilgrim's 4th Day!



## Gathering Spotlight



Join us on Saturday, May 6 at 7:30 p.m. as we look at fruits of the spirit, specifically, **gentleness.**

Don't forget— pizza at 6 p.m. and Sponsor's training at 6:30 p.m.!

## *A Message from the Community Spiritual Director -*

Dear Emmaus Community,

I hope you experienced the joy of celebrating the Easter event fresh in your hearts, homes, churches and parishes during Lent. The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ are core beliefs of our faith. We are the modern day disciples or witnesses of the resurrection. The spirit of Christ lives in us, and through us, and we have the awesome privilege of sharing the love of Christ. We are the Easter people who Christ has called to be his servants!!!

As the spiritual director of the Greater Cincinnati Emmaus community there are times I need to communicate a concern, and issue a big challenge to this community. This letter is one I believe is needed and necessary at this time. It's my hope you will receive it with grace, and respond in love through acts of service.

As you know it takes a huge commitment to host an Emmaus Walk. The majority of that commitment needs to be "*behind the scenes or background support.*" We need more "hands and feet" to support this ongoing ministry. The community is an extension of the live-in team for each walk. The team has a role to play for each walk and the community has a very important role to play. There needs to be an "*equal commitment by both*" to have a great walk.

This is my concern---We have not been receiving enough "*behind the scenes or background support*" for recent walks. We need more members of this Emmaus community to support the walks on a regular basis. There are many ways you can serve. Some simple tasks are necessary with little time commitment. Others are very important and need more time commitments. In some cases like table agape--that means pre-walk commitment. In other cases it means financial agape--for Thursday desserts, soft

drinks/candy for the weekend, ice cream social, and Sunday carnations on women's walks.

Lastly, there needs to be more "*community prayer support.*" This can be done by signing up for 30minutes or 1-hour time slots. Come on site for a few hours, a half of a day, or all day, and pray anonymously in the prayer chapel. You can come alone or invite your share group to spend that time in prayer with you on a walk. We need a greater commitment from this community to be intentional in under girding the walks with prayer. It's a privilege to be in prayer for the pilgrims. This task should not be left alone to a few, but for many in the broader ecumenical community.

The challenge is before you as the community. *How will you respond through acts of service and stronger commitment?* You can sign up for the jobs or prayer vigil at gatherings and candlelight's. Soon we hope to have a way to sign up online. If you have questions about jobs, time commitments, costs or any thing, contact [afrye@cinci.rr.com](mailto:afrye@cinci.rr.com) or [dfrye@cinci.rr.com](mailto:dfrye@cinci.rr.com). Anne and David Frye are the Logistic Coordinators for all walks.

I'm challenging you to respond in love to serve "*behind the scenes or as background support*" for future walks. Without this renewed commitment the quality of the walks and the experience for the pilgrims may be less. I have tremendous faith in this loving and caring community. May all your 4<sup>th</sup> days continued be blessed in serving the risen Lord!!! Christ is Counting on You!

In His Service,  
*Dave Weaver*

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## *A Daytime Emmaus Gathering at Otterbein-Lebanon Retirement Living Community*

A daytime Emmaus Gathering has begun at Otterbein-Lebanon Retirement Living Community. If you work evenings and can't attend your community Gathering, you are cordially invited (and welcome) to attend this one.

The Gathering convenes at 3:00 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month and follows the normal Gathering agenda with music, prayer, praise and worship, the Lord's Supper and fellowship time with light refreshments. This Gathering is open to all, not just Emmaus alumni/ae, so feel free to drop in and worship with us. You'll feel welcome – we guarantee it!

Otterbein is located on State Route 741 approximately 5 miles south of Springboro or if you come via I-75, use the SR 63 exit, go east approx two miles to intersection of 63 and 741. Turn north (left) about ½ mile. Enter at the large sign and park in the lot to your right. The Chapel is straight through the main entrance doors.

If you would like to know when the next gathering is, or if you have any questions, please call the Otterbein Church office at (513) 933-4032.

### Calling all Clergy!

As the spiritual director of the Greater Cincinnati Emmaus community, I am asking for more clergy support in the Emmaus Community.

#### Here is how you can help in Emmaus!

- ◇ Serve by being a live-in spiritual director on an Emmaus team—a powerful experience!
- ◇ Give one of the grace clergy talks and stay for a meal if you would like!
- ◇ Assist in worship at the gatherings or candlelight services!
- ◇ Sponsor a clergy colleague from your own denomination or outside your denomination to bring greater clergy diversity!
- ◇ Have our board outreach team speak at your church to introduce Emmaus or renew the spirit of Emmaus!

**There can be no Emmaus without sustained or new or renewed clergy support!**

Please respond to the call by reaching me at 979-8184 or email at [dweaver@hpcumc.org](mailto:dweaver@hpcumc.org) and let me know where you are willing to serve or if you have questions about serving in Emmaus!

Colleague in Christ,  
Dave Weaver

### *A Message from the Community Lay Director—*

Dear Community,

As we approach the Men's Walk #77 in May and the Women's Walk #93 in June, I want you to search your heart for where the Lord is calling you to serve. It takes approximately 250 people to put on a weekend and we need to roll up or sleeves and help make these weekends happen. We are in search of share groups or individuals who will come into the Prayer Chapel and cover the weekend with prayer from inside the walls of the building. We are looking for people to assist in serving meals and especially assisting the BAK's. Allow the Lord to use you as his hands and feet and be his servant. If you could make Table AGAPE or Bed-time AGAPE we need about 60 pieces to cover the walk.

May we serve as Christ served. Focus on Christ. Focus on his blood stained hands.... Focus on his blood stained feet.... Would you have picked up his cross and helped him carry it down the Via Della Rosa, or would you have stood by and watched him struggle? He died to save us all and may we die to serve him! Focus on Jesus and close your eyes for a moment and pray for him to lead you to where it is he would have you serve.

Take a moment now. Be his faithful servant!

Your Sister in Christ,  
*Debbie*

### Welcome to the World Wide Web!!!!

We have been working hard to make our website for the community a useful tool. With the quality of the content on the World Wide Web continually on the decline, what can be done? Our Emmaus Community is striving to provide a place where people can come and get good information as well as be "entertained." Since the Emmaus Video has been added to our site the number of people coming and staying on the site has almost doubled.

[www.cincinnatiemmaus.org](http://www.cincinnatiemmaus.org)

Also, coming soon to the website will be the Prayer Vigil signups.   
We are in process of getting this up and running for those who would like to sign-up online.  
All this being said, if you have not been to the website lately, please take a moment and give it a look.

Blessings, *Aaron Smith*

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**CALENDAR**

Upcoming Emmaus Walks

**Men's Walk #77**  
**May 18-21, 2006**

- Candlelight 5/20, 8:30, Sanctuary
- Closing 5/20, 4:30, Sanctuary

Board Meeting: Saturday, June 3, 5:30  
 Gathering: Saturday, June 3, 7:30  
 Board Meeting: Saturday, Aug. 5, 5:30  
 Gathering: Saturday, Aug. 5, 7:30

**2006 Walks to Emmaus**

Women's Walk #93: June 15-18  
 Men's Walk #78: October 19-22  
 Women's Walk #94: Nov. 16-19

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](http://www.cincinnatiemmaus.org).

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