

EMMAUS COMMUNITY NEWS

Men's Walk #78 October 19-22, 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 9/20/06.)

Philippians 4:4-9
 "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!..."

<u>Pilgrim</u>	<u>Home Church</u>	<u>Sponsor(s)</u>
John Broughton	Elberon UMC	Kim & Eric Seiberling
Bob Carter	Epiphany UMC	John Young
Dave Conaway	John Wesley UMC	Ike Fears
John Faulkner	North Presbyterian	Hilda Faulkner
Chris Francis	Anderson Hills Christian	Dough Roush
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James Shelton	Elberon UMC	Kim & Eric Seiberling
Dave Soth	Epiphany UMC	Scott & Chris Khwaja
Dan Stover	Anderson Hills UMC	Terry Burns

TEAM ROSTER:

- Charles Anderson.....ALD..... Priesthood
- Dave Delaney Music
- Bob Evans ALDPriority
- Frank Evans ASDObstacles to Grace
- James FicklinATL
- Mark Fightmaster ALD 4th Day
- Rod Fightmaster ASD Prevenient Grace
- Tracy FletcherATL
- Rex Gordon LD Perseverance
- Jerry GreenwaldTL Discipleship
- Art Harmon Bd Rep
- Bob Henry ASD Sanctifying Grace
- John Houchin Music
- Ennes Ireton TL Changing Our World
- Lisa Kerwin ASD Justifying Grace
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- Jeff Markovic TL Life in Piety
- Chris Mosby ATL
- TJ Spencer TL Christian Action
- Les Sper TL Body of Christ
- Anthony Thomas ATL
- David Troller ATL
- Tim Wachenfeld ATL
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A Message from the Community Spiritual Director -

October is pastor appreciation month. I suggest you affirm your pastor or priest with words, cards, a nice dinner, or a small gift. Let them know how much they mean to you, to the congregation, and to the ministry in which they have been called. Clergy are the shepherds who lead the flock, but they are human, and they need to know the congregation really cares about their well being. It's my hope you'll show Christian love and support of your pastor or priest this month.

Since I've been talking about clergy, I thought I'd share some of the Upper Room's thoughts and mine on the role of a spiritual director.

On the Walk to Emmaus, the clergy serve in various aspects of leadership. Whether they are working on the live-in team, giving a talk, or serving as the spiritual director of a community, they are called spiritual directors. They, like the laity, have an important role to play.

The spiritual director (SD) on the Walk to Emmaus provides spiritual leadership by serving as a guide to theological understanding, and traditions of the church. The SD must keep the focus of the experience on the essentials of the faith. All Christians agree on particular aspects of the good news of Jesus Christ:

- Jesus is the Son of God.
- Jesus' death and resurrection give us hope for salvation.

We are called to be disciples of our Lord, Jesus Christ. The SD's role is to allow Emmaus to be a place where Christians from different congregations, denominations (or non), ethnic and racial groups, theological stances, and political alli-

ances to come together in the midst of their diversity, and discover their core unity in Jesus Christ.

The clergy, as ordained and licensed administrators of the sacrament, are called to keep the theological focus on Christ, which is met in the breaking of the bread. The sacrament contains the core of our theology and is at the center of our worship on walks. We meet Christ anew, and experience grace and forgiveness each time we receive the bread and cup--in remembrance of him!

SD's are not only trained in theology, but also in pastoral care or counseling. SD's will honor the worth of the individual and their confidentiality. A good SD practices holy listening, observes the emotional time being spent in counseling, and is totally present to the pilgrim's needs. They make themselves available by allowing the healing presence of Christ to comfort and tenderly touch the pilgrim. SD's have a significant role to play in the Walk to Emmaus.

I've been blessed to use the gifts and graces God has given me to serve as an SD. I personally covet the prayers of this faithful community and for all other clergy who God calls to this ministry known as the Walk to Emmaus. I deeply appreciate the support I've received in living out my call as a pastor in serving Christ as the SD of the community.

I again invite you to tell your pastor or priest how much you appreciate them!

In Christ's love and service,
Pastor Dave Weaver

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A Message from the Community Lay Director

Art Harmon, Greater Cincinnati Walk to Emmaus #46, table of Zechariah. [CLAP!!!!]

Greetings in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

For those of you who do not know, I have been appointed as the Community Lay Director and have been serving in that capacity since August 5, 2006. That is the date that our past Lay Director, Debbie Skidmore was unable to continue in that capacity. Dean Skidmore, Debbie's husband, accepted a job in Mobile, Alabama which required them to move there. As circumstances would have it, they had to report to Mobile almost immediately and therefore she had no choice but to pass leadership on to me as the Chair of the Leadership Committee. I was scheduled to assume the post in January of 2007 but God had other plans. I call for each member of the Emmaus Community to pray for the Skidmores as they start on this new chapter in their lives. Don't worry, Debbie assured us that they will find an Emmaus Community in Mobile or, if there is not one there, start one. Our loss is Mobile's gain.

For those of you who know me, it will come as no surprise that I

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 and let me know where you are willing to serve or if you have questions about serving in Emmaus!

Colleague in Christ,
Dave Weaver
 Spiritual Director
 Greater Cincinnati Emmaus

am completely dedicated to Emmaus. I have served on numerous Walks with many of you. We have served and prayed together, all to the honor and glory of our God. It is in that spirit that I have accepted this position. I had no qualms with accepting the position because I know that we have a strong and spirit-filled board at the helm. In addition, I also have seen the spirit of God that indwells this Community. Sure, we have issues and concerns but through the power of the Holy Spirit we are 'more than conquerors.' I look forward to your support and encouragement as we continue our personal Walks to Emmaus. May the risen Christ join us and walk with us and set our hearts on fire. We have no time to rest, as Christ told his disciples, **"Open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for the harvest."** John 4:35.

As I start on this journey, I must confess that I do have a serious concern. My concern is for the Men's Walk in October. For a while we have had a challenging time getting men for the Walks. The last Walk had only 12 men. One table had only one pilgrim. One of the strengths of Emmaus is in the bonding of Pilgrims at their individual tables. I served on that Walk and I can say that the team did the best it could under the circumstances. However, I think we can all agree that we need to have more men on the Walks. If this trend continues we may have to consider canceling a Walk. It is my sincere desire not to have that happen on my watch. However, it has happened in other Communities and, as we know, it has happened in our local Chrysalis community.

It is difficult to understand how we got into this situation. My fear is that we are buying into several untruths. The first is that there are no men in the fields who would benefit from an Emmaus experience. To accept that as the truth would be to accept the belief that there are no men who have strayed from their commitment to God. We would have to accept that there are no men whose fire for Christ has been doused by life's circumstances. Do we really believe that there are no men who are searching for other men in whom they can share the love of Christ? Maybe we believe the men are out there but that we cannot find them or we are just not able to convince them to come to a weekend. In the true spirit of Emmaus, I believe that God wants us to be his hands and feet and find them. He never asks us to force Him on anyone. He simply wants us to ask. He is more than capable of doing the rest. If we accept the untruths then we are accepting lies straight from the pits of hell. I am convinced the enemy is behind such thoughts. However, I remember someone telling me that 'We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.' To deny this truth is to deny the power of the Holy Spirit. Remember that Christ did not leave us as orphans. He sent the Holy Spirit to empower us. We have the power of the Holy Spirit, we simply need to open our eyes and look. The fields have never been more ripe for the harvest.

Therefore, I challenge each Emmaus member to go into the fields, armed with the power of the Holy Spirit, and seek out men and women, but especially men to go on the Walk. You will probably not have to look any further than your own sphere of influence i.e. your family, your job, and your friends.

I have confidence that the Spirit of God is more than able to show us the way. Count on Christ to empower you with the Holy Spirit. Remember, Christ is counting on you!

DE COLORES!

Art Harmon

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CALENDAR

Upcoming Emmaus Walks

Men's Walk #78
Oct. 19-22, 2006

- Candlelight 10/21, 8:30, Sanctuary
- Closing 10/22, 4:30, Sanctuary

Board Meeting: Saturday, Oct. 7, 5:30
 Gathering: Saturday, Oct. 7, 7:30
 Board Meeting: Saturday, Nov. 4, 5:30
 Gathering: Saturday, Nov. 4, 7:30

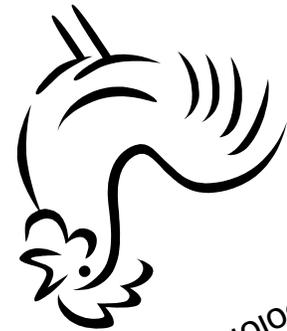
2006 Walks to Emmaus

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.

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