

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

Men’s Walk #87 - Oct. 21-24, 2010

Please remember to keep these brothers in Christ in your prayers so that their hearts will be prepared and their eyes would be opened to the Lord to work in and through them. Please log onto www.cincinnatiemmaus.org for a complete list of pilgrims for the upcoming Walk.

PILGRIM	CHURCH	SPONSOR
BOB BAUER	Mt. Pisgah UMC	Jeff Markovic
SCOTT COLE	Eastside Christian	Sam Cole & Doug Christopherson
KEVIN CURRY	Global Wineskin Ministries	Sterling Hawks
DENNY FENNEMA	Friendship UMC	Gene Wells
MICHAEL HAIRSTON	Crossroads Presbyterian, Stone Mt., GA	Carolyn Hatcher
RYAN HAMRICK	Lifepoint Vineyard	Jeri Hamrick
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LARRY LEE	Eastside Christian	Roger Volz
CHIP MAHANEY	Anderson Hills UMC	Jeff Cook
SCOTT MCCOLLUM	Clough UMC	David Tennant
PETER MCGROVER	St. Cecilia Catholic	Lucas Seltzer & Bill Malerick
MURPH MURPHY	Eastside Christian	Doug Christopherson
JASON PATTERSON	Seven Hills Church	Mark & Debbie Lamar
KEN PECK	Mt. Washington Presbyterian	David Peck
RANDY PRESTON	Friendship UMC	Gene Wells
DON RAWLINGS	Mason UMC	Terry Stein
JIM WEAVER	Williamsburg UMC	Guy Bainum
MICHAEL WILLIAMS	Shiloh UMC	Roger Metcalfe
RANDY WILSON	Clough UMC	Dave Sutherland
NICHOLAS WRIGHT	Crossroads	Larry Plumb

TEAM ROSTER:

Rick Goff	LD	Perseverance
Means of Grace	SD	Means of Grace
David Tennant	ASD	Sanctifying Grace
Les Sper	BR	
Bill Knorr	ALD	Priority
Steve Ferguson	ALD	Fourth Day
Jay George	ALD	Growth Through Study
Tom Baker	TL	Christian Action
Don Fruethmeyer	TL	Changing Our World
Tom King	TL	Priesthood of all Believers
Mike Day	TL	Life in Piety
Stan Pritchard	TL	Discipleship
Jerry Mursina	ATL	
Steve Grimm	ATL	
Marvin Jones	ATL	
Ray Byers	ATL	
Scott Coleman	ATL	
Dave Weaver	Clergy	Prevenient Grace
Bob Clo	Clergy	Justifying Grace
Elaine Parulis-Wright	Clergy	Obstacles to Grace
David Parry	Music	
John Bennett	Music	Body of Christ
Bill Keyes	LOG	
David Heflin	LOG	

Candlelight

Just a reminder that the procedure relating to candles during Candlelight is for each member of the community to receive a candle from the Team members who will be passing them out as the community returns to their seats after taking communion .

Letter from the Emmaus Community Spiritual Director -

God is Closer Than You Think

One of the great things about going on an Emmaus Walk is the realization that you've really experienced the presence of God during the weekend. It's not unusual to hear people say "I never felt closer to God than I did on my Emmaus weekend" or want to come back and serve on a weekend [look for the job boards at monthly gatherings or sign-up on-line]. Of course, we're all encouraged to join a sharing group and come to Gatherings as a way to stay connected with each other and the Emmaus community, but rarely are those times as powerful as our "original" weekend.

I've been reading John Ortberg's book "*God Is Closer Than You Think*" about how we can grow closer to God in our everyday lives. Because, while mountaintop experiences like the Emmaus Weekend are unforgettable, it's possible to experience God's Spirit and presence in just about everything we do. In fact, Ortberg says "spiritual growth is simply increasing our capacity to experience the presence of God" [*God is Closer Than you Think*, Page 23].

Ortberg refers to one of the great spiritual classics "*Practicing the Presence of God*" by Brother Lawrence, a seventeen century monk who washed pots and pans in a monastery kitchen. The book is a compilation of Brother Lawrence's letters to friends over the years about his deep conviction that prayer is not just about saying prayers but about a way of living where all we do becomes prayer. Brother Lawrence felt his work in the kitchen was in no way less prayer than his hours in the church.

Of course, Brother Lawrence wasn't surrounded by modern-day technology nor did his life run at the hectic pace that many of us experience on a daily basis. But his idea that there can be a sacredness in every moment and that we can discover God in the smallest and most ordinary things is a means of grace that, I believe, can enrich our lives in some powerful ways. If you're not familiar with either of the above books, I recommend them for your reading. Remember what the psalmist said: "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" [Psalm 118:24].

DeColores!

Bob Clo

Assistant Community Spiritual Director



WINTER 2011 FLIGHTS

Young Women's Flight #39 Jan 15-17

Young Men's Flight #35 Feb. 19-21

Milford First United Methodist Church
541 Main Street, Milford, OH 45150

Emmaus Lay Director's Letter to the Community -

Dear Emmaus Community,

I recently spent the weekend at a retreat with the ladies at my home church. It was a beautiful fall day out in the country at a campsite. We were really "roughing" it. We slept on beds, showered, had meals prepared, S'mores by the fire, etc. You get the picture!

The theme was "Being Contagious." Contagious can have a negative connotation when describing a cold or disease but being a Contagious Christian is a positive connotation that describes our call to ministry. It allows us to impact the world, changing it one person at a time.

Throughout the weekend, we were asked to answer 3 questions: **Where am I growing? Where am I stuck? What step am I trusting God with next?**

It occurred to me that as an Emmaus community we could reflect and answer these 3 questions as well.

Where is the Greater Cincinnati Emmaus community growing? We hold 4 walks a year and for the most part they are filled to capacity (30 pilgrims/per weekend) and have enough volunteers to support the walks. We are meeting monthly and having a wonderful time of worship and fellowship.

Where are we stuck? We recently rolled out a database to help the Board, the Team Selection committee, and community stay connected and up-to-date. However, it is slow-going getting everyone on board and updating or confirming their information. We will have better team selection information if the database is up-to-date and used by the community members. Because there are only 4 walks a year, it is important that information is current so that those wanting to serve on a team will be on the list to be asked.

What step are we trusting God with next? I trust that God will continue to bless and equip the community to continue its mission – building leaders in the church for His glory! Also, that He will impress on community members' hearts to serve on the board and support each walk, remembering our own original walk and the impact those volunteers had on us.

I would encourage each of you to consider these 3 questions on a personal level as well and take it back to your share group for accountability and remember, being contagious isn't a bad thing!

DeColores,

Lori Markovic

Community Lay Director

Share the Love

Community involvement is a very important part of each Emmaus Walk. How can each of us share God's love at an Emmaus weekend? Here are some great suggestions:

- ◆ Pray on the weekend - sign up on the prayer board
- ◆ Sign up on the job boards - available at gatherings or on line at www.cincinnatiemmaus.org
- ◆ Support the team and pilgrims with agape at meals or bedtime
- ◆ 55 pieces for table agape – 30 pieces for pilgrim bed agape – 24 pieces for team bed agape
- ◆ Agape for team members should be marked Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Pre-talk
- ◆ Bring agape for pilgrims (with first and last name) as early as possible on the weekend, preferably before Saturday night, and no later than noon on Sunday.

For agape ideas or questions please contact Sandy Nickolin 513-841-1645 or marynickolin@zoomtown.com.

EMMAUS BOARD POSITIONS AVAILABLE

It is that time of year again when some of the members of the board are completing their three-year terms. In 2011, positions available are Men's Registrar, Education, Agape, and Good Shepherd.

In a nut shell :

Agape: Receive all agape requests from other communities/movements and coordinate the filling of those requests. Solicit agape and publicize agape needs from other communities for the Greater Cincinnati weekends.

Education: Educates the community at large on the importance and the responsibility of sponsorship. This is a monthly commitment as Sponsorship training occurs each month prior to the Gathering.

Good Shepherd: Help new Pilgrims and others who are not in Share/Reunion Groups to find or form groups.

Men's Registrar: Receive and process all Pilgrim applications for the Men's weekends. Notify applicants of status of their application. Keep Weekend Lay Director informed of the status of Pilgrim selections. Pass approved list of applicants to the Newsletter Chairperson for distribution to the Community.

Things to consider: It is a 3-year commitment. The board meets approximately 10 times annually, usually the 3rd Monday of the month. It's fun and worthwhile!

Please email Bill Lindenschmidt at BillLindy@fuse.net if you have an interest in serving on the board this next year!



Looking For a Few Good People

The Worship Team for Emmaus would like to recruit people to assist in worship planning and assisting with audio/visual for gatherings. If you have experience with running sound, PowerPoint or laptop/projectors (especially), please email Jeff Markovic at jmarkovic7@gmail.com.



Childcare

Childcare is available for Candlelight, Closing and Gathering events. It is arranged through the HPCUMC childcare staff. The cost is \$5.00 per child per event and spots must be reserved at least 48 hours before the event. Cancellations must be made no less than 24 hours before the event or Emmaus is charged for the service. For reservations, please contact Susan Munn at 513-351-3881 or by email at seekupsusan@yahoo.com.

When making your reservation, you will need to provide your name, phone number, and the name and date of the event for which you need child care. You will also need to provide the names and ages of your children. Payment will be due at the time of the event.

EMMAUS DATABASE

The Walk to Emmaus continues to grow as a driving force for Christians all over the world. The need for good, clear, consistent and easily accessible records for all of our members is more evident every day. A member from a community in Georgia who works in the technology field has designed an internet-based management database system. This year we elected to subscribe to this database to manage the records of *our* growing community.

The database offers many tools to the board and community members from individual member management to team building. But, for this tool to be used to its greatest capacity, we need for the members of the Greater Cincinnati Emmaus community to register and then log-on to the database to check that their information is both correct and complete.

If you are interested in having access to the Emmaus database website, please register your email address with Lori Markovic lmarkovic7@gmail.com or with Bill Lindenschmidt BillLindy@fuse.net.

Are you interested in serving on a team but have not filled out an application or have not completed one in over a year? Below is a form that may be used to indicate your interest to the Emmaus Leadership chair.

Application to Serve on a Live-In Team

Men's ___ --- Women's ___

Name _____ Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Original Walk Date _____ Walk # _____ Place _____

Your Church Name _____

Have you served on an Emmaus Team before? ___Yes ___No If yes, where? _____

Date of last Team you have served _____ How many Teams have you have served on? _____

I have previously served as (check all that apply):

___Table Leader ___Assistant Table Leader ___Music ___Background Support (Logistics) ___Assistant Lay Director ___Clergy

I have given the following talks (check all that apply):

___Priorities ___Priesthood ___Piety ___Growth Through Study ___Christian Action ___Discipleship
___Changing Our World ___Body of Christ ___Perseverance ___Fourth Day ___Grace Talks (Clergy)

List special talents (music, computer, etc.) _____

Are you in a reunion/share/accountability group? ___Yes ___No

Signature _____ Date _____

Send completed Application to: Emmaus Leadership Chair / HPCUMC / 1345 Grace Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45208

2010 Board of Directors *Worshipfully Working Together*

Spiritual Director.....	Jonathan Kollmann	231.4301
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Worship	Jeff Markovic.....	528.0217
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2010-11 CALENDAR

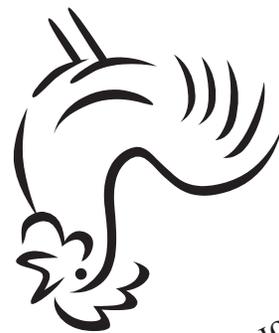
- Men's Walk #87, Oct 21-24
- Women's Walk #104, Nov 18-21
- Men's Walk #88 , Feb 17-20
- Women's Walk #105, May 19-22
- Men's Walk #89, Sep 15-18
- Women's Walk #106, Nov 17-20

- Board Mtg, Monday, Oct 18, 6:30 pm
- Gathering: Thursday, Nov 4, 7:30 pm
- Board Mtg, Monday, Nov 15, 6:30 pm
- Gathering: Thursday, Dec 2, 7:30 pm
- Gathering: Thursday, Jan 6, 7:30 pm
- Gathering: Thursday, Feb 3, 7:30 pm

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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