

Greater Cincinnati Emmaus and Chrysalis Community News

"As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them."
Luke 24:15

A Message from the Community Lay Director

De Colores Community!

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve Christ and the Greater Cincinnati Emmaus and Chrysalis Community in 2015 as the Lay Director of the community. I want to thank Ev Gillming who led the community last year. I am appreciative of her past leadership. She administered her position with wisdom and a spirit of grace.

In contemplating a leadership plan for 2015, I was struck by two things: a statement by Ev in reflecting on her Emmaus experience; and the leadership training that several of us on the board attended in Louisville a few months ago. First, Ev said, in paraphrase, "I had been a Christian for a long time before my Emmaus Walk, but on my Walk I learned how to become a disciple." At the leadership training, it reinforced the idea that we are not just a retreat ministry community, we are a *4th day* community.

The practical purpose of an Emmaus weekend for a believer is to model a life of perseverance. From the time we sit down at a table with brothers/sisters, to the final talk, we are modeling the group reunion or accountability groups to the pilgrims. For this reason, we want to pay special attention to the formation of reunion groups and encourage

the formation of them. In fact, the Upper Room recommends that each team member be part of a reunion/share/accountability group. This year, we will be paying special attention to team formation, progressive servanthood and rebuilding the volunteer service for the weekends, all to prepare us as believers and a community committed to glorify Christ.

As we renew our commitment to this ministry, let me ask you to reflect on your weekend. Do you remember the nightly prayer services, communion, the agape letters and the countless other ways that Christ was revealed to you? Have you embraced Prayer, Study and Action? Have you embraced a reunion group?

Finally, I close this in asking the two final questions to you again: What did this weekend mean to you; and What are you going to do about it?

DE COLORES!

Jeff Markovic



Men's Walk # 95

February , 2015

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. Pray also for the team members who will be the hands and feet of Jesus for these pilgrims and for each other.

PILGRIM	CHURCH NAME	SPONSOR	TEAM ROSTER		
Gerry Albright	none	Debbie Albright	NAME	POSITION	TALK
Dennis Anderson	Church of the Savior UMC	Les Sper	Stan Pritchard	LD	Perseverance
Mitch Cooke	Church of the Savior UMC	David Tennant	Rod Fightmaster	SD	Means of Grace
Chris Emmons	Shiloh UMC	Rick Baltzersen	Scott Russ	ASD	Sanctifying Grace
Jerry Ernst	New Beeginnings Church of Belfast	Chris Nickell	David Tennant	ASD	Obstacles to Grace
Russell Garrison	Hyde Park Cmmunity UMC	Dave Weaver	Dave Weaver	ASD	Justifying Grace
Tom Green	Cheviot UMC	Henry Arnold	Doug Sonneberg	ASD	Prevenient Grace
Cecil Greene	Emmanuel UMC	Russ Bowman	John Groth	BR	
Joe Grosse	Cheviot UMC	Kevin Davis	Dave Focke	ALD	Christian Action
Zachary Hadden	The Bridge	Thomas Howard	Tom Koch	ALD	Fourth Day
Ben Harrison	Crossroads	Chuck Crellin/Ron Woyan	Ron Gorley	ALD	Priority
George Hart	Christ Community Church	Ev Gillming	John Moseley	TL	Discipleship
Tommy Lefker	Williamsburg UMC	Jim Taylor	Matt Metsker	TL	Life of Piety
Nick Leimberger	Taylor's Chapel UMC	Janet King/Cyndel Smith	Steve Brown	TL	Body of Christ
Zack Marcum	Ambassador's Pointe	Rick Dostal/Tom Koch	Bill Fisher	TL	Changing our World
Eric Mathis	Christ Church Cathedral	Christie Fox	Art Harmon	TL	Grow through Study
Rick Meier	Springdale Nazarene	Linda St. Myers		TL	
Stacey Messerschmidt	Rivers Crossing	Brad Derflinger	Don Jewett	ATL	
Richard Phair	New Beginnings	Diana Willey	Burt Huber	ATL	
Rusty Phelps	Crossroads	Mike Gutbier	John Clark	ATL	
William Schnure	Epiphany UMC	Deb/Stan Pritchard	Mark Woodward	ATL	
David Schram	Ambassadors Pointe	Rick Dostal/Tom Koch	Jim Connell	ATL	
John Schraut	Mt. Moriah UMC	Kim Schraut		ATL	
Curtis Sparks	Mt. Moriah UMC	Jennie Heflin	John Bennet	Music	
Mike Vanderwoude	Armstrong Chapel UMC	Pierre Paroz	Rick Shilling	Music	Priesthood of Believers
Michael Wedig	Shiloh UMC	Marjean Wedig/Barb Rebenek	John Chase	Log	
Gary Wedig	Shiloh UMC	Marjean Wedig/Barb Rebenek	Greg VanDerendonk	Log	
Joe Wedig	Shiloh UMC	Marjean Wedig/Barb Rebenek	Tom King	Log	
Chuck Brandt	Hyde Park Community UMC	Rudy Heath	Les Sper	PS	
			Bob Evans	PS	

This list is accurate as of the date of publication to the website. Log onto www.cincinnatiemmaus.org for any updates between publication and the start date of the Walk.

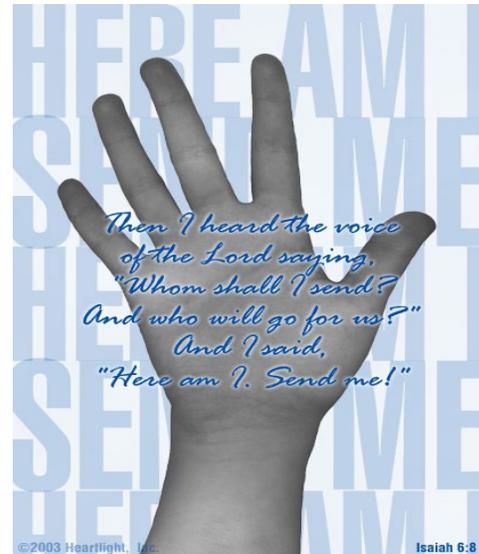


Job Board/Prayer Vigil

As most of you know, it takes many more people than the team members to provide to the pilgrims the blessings God intends for them. If you would like to help make the next walk, Women's walk # 114 "the best Walk ever," just visit the website at www.cincinnatiemmaus.org, then go to the 'Community' tab of the home page. From the drop down menu, click on 'Job/Prayer Boards.' Find the slot(s) you are called to fill by clicking on a "+" symbol to see what the needs are (indicated by the word "Available"). Click on the area(s) of service you can do, then fill in the requested information.

Go to the web site now! Remember:

Christ is counting on YOU!



AGAPE  **AGAPE**  **AGAPE**

HELP WANTED: MAKERS AND SHARERS OF TABLE AGAPE FOR MEN'S WALK #96

Remember how special it felt to receive all the little trinkets of agape at mealtime and bedtime? Let's make sure that the men of Walk #96 feel God's love through an ABUNDANCE of agape! Let's see what great agape makers we have out there in the community!

If you need ideas, just Google "101 Agape Ideas" and you will get links to other Emmaus communities that have shared some of their creativity. Or, you can contact our Agape chairperson, Linda St. Myers, at 513-874-0514 or lstmayers@cinci.rr.com. And remember that agape is meant to be anonymous. Please do not include individual names on the items. Group names are okay (e.g., ABC Share Group or XYZ Circle).

Linda is also compiling a list of those who make agape, so if you could let her know what you made and brought to a walk, she would greatly appreciate it.



You can find us on Facebook! Look for us under Greater Cincinnati Emmaus Community and Greater Cincinnati Chrysalis. It's a great way to get the latest news and stay in touch with your community!

Want to be on a Live-in Team?

Riddle – when does 4200 equal 20? The answer is.....it doesn't. There are approximately 4,200 names in our Greater Cincinnati Emmaus database from which prospective team members are chosen. For each Walk, we need 20 live-in team members, one of which is clergy. Selecting those prospective members is a very difficult task. True, the database does make it easier, but if folks don't update their information, we simply won't know who is interested and involved.

If you would like to be considered for a Team, there are three distinct ways to increase your chances of being called, keeping in mind the 4200 to 20 rule:

1. **Update your database info** if you have not already done so. You can do this by going to <http://gce.inetmember.com> . Log in using your email address, entering password of gcegece, then check your info. You will be required to change your password after you login. Note: if your email address is not on file, send notice to Lori Markovic at lmarkovic7@gmail.com and she will send you details.
2. **Sign up to help with Walk job boards and prayer boards.** These signups are checked before final team prospects are chosen. Attend Gatherings, Candlelights, and Closings. And sponsor Pilgrims. The more you are involved, the more Leadership knows you are active.
3. **Fill out an application to serve on a team.** You can find this on our community website - http://www.cincinnatiemmaus.org/pdfs/application_to_serve.pdf. You may also sign up on the lists available at monthly Gatherings.

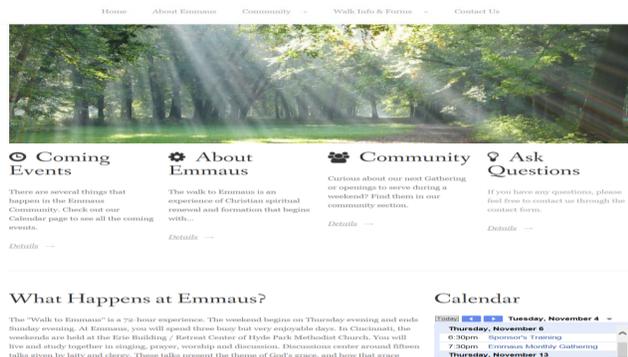
Again, just because you have completed the 'tasks' shown above, it doesn't mean that you will be contacted to serve on a live-in team. With four Walks a year, that is only 80 team members needed out of a pool of 4200 potential servants. It is important, though, to let the community leadership know that you are interested in serving. If we don't know you are interested, chances are very good you won't be selected. But even if you aren't contacted right away to serve on a team, do consider serving in a behind-the-scenes role. As you know, it takes over 200 people to make each Walk "the best one ever," so we need YOU and your willingness to serve as you were served when you were a pilgrim.



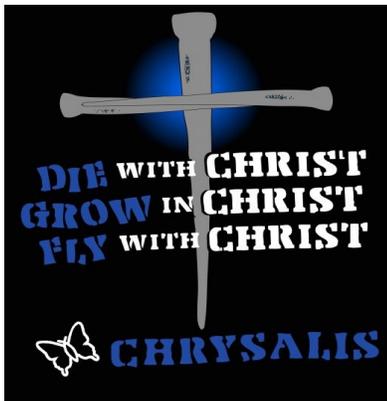
IT OUT!

We recently launched a new website. It has a fresh, modern look. The address is still the same, but the "home" has been remodeled. Visit the new site at www.cincinnatiemmaus.org

To the right is a snapshot of what you will see there.



Chrysalis News and Notes



"Chrysalis" is the name chosen for the youth and young adult version of The Walk to Emmaus, its parent movement, because it symbolizes the spiritual growth that is essential between adolescence and adulthood. That growth is as crucial for youth as the cocoon is for the caterpillar. It is that precious time of nurturing a person's faith for discipleship. Get more info at

<http://www.cincinnati-chrysalis.com/>

Upcoming Chrysalis Flights:

- Young Men's #43, Feb 14-16, 2015
- Young Women's #47, June 26-28, 2015
- Young Men's #44, July 24-26, 2015

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

Give a young person the gift of "flying with Christ" on a Chrysalis flight. Be a sponsor!

And Just a Few Friendly Reminders.....



The Walk to Emmaus is considered to be a cloistered environment for the pilgrims. We ask that no one take photographs or make audio or video recordings of any weekend event, including but not limited to Candlelight and Closing. This is in accordance with policy established by the Upper Room. Please respect the privacy of the pilgrims during these special moments of the Walk.



If you have never served on a weekend live-in team or if it's been a while and you want to serve in this capacity, submit an application. Just go to our website, http://www.cincinnatiemmaus.org/pdfs/application_to_serve.pdf, print the application and send it in as indicated at the bottom of the form.



Training to be an Emmaus sponsor is easier than ever! Before you sponsor someone for a Walk, contact Janet Steele, Education and Sponsor Training, through email (jms@iac.net) or phone (513-560-4912). You'll receive by email a packet of information to review; after reading it, contact Janet to go over the finer points of good and wise sponsorship. Training can also be



We are still accepting donations of new or gently used books for the agape book table. Bring them to any gathering or candlelight or contact Linda St. Myers at lstmyers@cinci.rr.com or 513-874-0514 to make other pick up or drop off arrangements.



Community volunteers for Friday breakfast and Friday lunch are asked to park on the side streets surrounding the church. The church's preschool is in session on Fridays during Walk weekends, and the church has asked that we leave the parking lot for parents and school staff. The lot will continue to be available for parking during Candlelight and Closing.

CHILDCARE

Childcare is available for Candlelight, Closing and Gathering events. The cost is \$5.00 per child per event. Make reservations at least 48 hours before the event.

Cancellations must be made no less than 24 hours before the event. For reservations, contact Rebecca Homan at 513-979-8193 or by email at rhoman@hpcumc.org.

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 is due at the time of the event.

Hey Sponsors! It's Never Too Early!

The dates for the next men's and women's walks for 2015 are listed on page 6. Next year seems like a long way off, but it will be here before we know it.

If you are praying about inviting someone to attend a Walk, now is the time to plant the seed. Don't wait until just a few weeks before the Walk date to issue the invitation. Many prospective pilgrims need time to prepare and to coordinate such things as time off work, childcare, appointments, and so forth. They don't need to feel locked in simply because they submit an application early and pay the \$25 deposit. If something comes up, we can hold the deposit for a future Walk.



2015 Board of Directors <i>Worshipfully Working Together</i>		
Position	Name	Phone
Agape	Linda St. Myers	513-874-0514
Chrysalis Lay Director	Andy Dodds	513-708-4961
Community LD	Jeff Markovic	513-260-4783
Community LD Emeritus	Ev Gillming	513-831-4540
Community SD	Rod Fightmaster	513-508-4147 cell
Community ASD	Bob Clo	419-270-1604 cell
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Outreach	Chris Khwaja	513-304-8201 cell
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Social	Bev Haun	513-581-5380 cell
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Women's Registrar	Peggy Hughes	513-479-1362
Women's Registrar	Sandy Hauser	513-941-8060
Worship	Todd Whitman	513-439-4394
Worship	Kimberly Heileman	513-349-4612
Hyde Park CMUC Liaison	Sharon Michaelson	513-761-5571

2015 CALENDAR

Upcoming Emmaus Walks

Men's Walk # 96, Feb 19-22, 2015
 Women's Walk #114, Mar 19-22, 2015
 Women's Walk #115, Aug 13-16, 2015

Candlelight, February 21, 8:30pm
 Closing, February 22, 4:00pm
 Board Meeting, Monday, February 9, 6:30pm
 Gathering, March 5, 7:30pm
 Board Meeting, Monday, March 9, 6:30pm
 Gathering, April 2, 7:30pm

All Emmaus events take place at
 Hyde Park Community UMC
 1345 Grace Avenue
 Cincinnati, OH

Sponsor training before Gatherings—6:30 in the parlor

Please make childcare arrangements before attending
 Candlelight and Closing. It is inappropriate for
 children to be present at these services. See page 4 for
 details on using our coordinated childcare.

Christ is Counting On You!



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