

Emmaus Community News

Men's Walk #74 MAY 19-22, 2005

Below are the names of the team 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. Check the website prior to the walk for a current Pilgrim list.

"Speak Lord, for your servant is listening."
I Samuel 3:9

Emmaus Community Outreach

Did you know that there are speakers available to come to your church or church groups to talk about the Walk to Emmaus? Also, the Community has just finalized a new video giving a short overview of what Emmaus is all about. This video (DVD or VHS) will be made available soon to the community. To arrange for a speaker, or for preliminary information about the video, please contact Bill Lindenschmidt, Outreach chair, at 513-671-7059 or BillLindy@fuse.net.

CALLING ALL TRAINERS!

We are interested in enlarging our Sponsorship Training opportunities by moving our Sponsorship Training out into some of our community churches. This will make participation even easier for members of the Greater Cincinnati Emmaus community. If you are interested in presenting this information in a training setting, please contact Candy Day at zippitydays@daytimeent.com. Please be sure to include your name and daytime and evening phone numbers. Thank you!

Gathering Spotlight

Saturday, May 7 • 7:30pm • Erie Building

The singing group, Legacy, will help lead worship.

SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION FOR A PILGRIM?

Women's applications should be sent to:

Women's Registrar/Sponsorship
Jill Sloneker
6533 Heritage Club Dr.
Mason, OH 45040
513-336-6878

Men's applications should be sent to:

Men's Registrar/Sponsorship
Sandy Nickolin
2308 Harper #3
Norwood, OH 45212
513-841-1645

TEAM ROSTER:

- Herndon Anderson, ASD.. Sanctifying Grace
- Kary Bottoms, ATL
Duncan Cordrey, ATL
Rev. Bruce Crane ... Obstacles to Grace
Forrest Cress, LD Perseverance
Glenn Cress, Music
Jack DeBord, ATL
John Dells, ATL
Steve Ferguson, ATL
Jack Gillming, ALD Fourth Day
Rex Gordon, ALD Priority
Mike Haines, TL Body of Christ
Randy Henn, Music
Jason Heyl, ATL
Bob Jewett, ALD .. Growth Thru Study
Rev. Spence Keech .. Prevenient Grace
Bill Lindenschmidt, Bd. Rep
Bill Malarick, TL Christian Action
Steve Marcy, TL Discipleship
Jeff Markovic, Music
Bill Patterson, SD Means of Grace
Lonnie Peters, TL Changing Our World
Steve Theobald, TL Life of Piety
Rev. Nancy Turner Justifying Grace
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SPONSORS: Remember 4th Day books are available for purchase (\$5). They are a great gift for a Pilgrim's Fourth Day!

Spiritual Director's Message

Dear Ones,

Our Lord is risen!! Are you?

Of course we have not continued our eternal journey as Christ has, but what about our emotional journey? Have we risen emotionally from the dead in this Easter season? Or are we still in the cave?

The plants are pushing their way through the soil. The buds on the trees are blooming. The air is fragrant once again and we know it is spring. Thank goodness.

So often I see devout Christians getting stuck in the dark soil of their minds. For some reason there is emotional pain that just lays dormant year after year and we can't seem to get rid of it. It's as if we remain in the cave

of death never to see the light of day. That is not what our Lord's life, death, and resurrection were about.

What are you holding on to? What secret remains hidden that you just want to forget about and pray no one finds out about it? Name it!

Do you need to ask God for forgiveness? Do you need to seek forgiveness from another? (Where appropriate.) Do you need to forgive yourself? Do it!

Colossians 1:13-14, "For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." That means you and me.

Dear Ones, we are an EASTER people. Come into the light of our Lord!! Push through the dirt and muck

of your hidden shame or guilt. Receive the warmth of our Son's light and be free rising from this emotional death. Let go!

Think about how life will be different as you throw off these emotional grave clothes. Live it!

This spring it's time for the seeds of new life to grow. It is time for the buds of emotional wellness to blossom. It's time to breath in the fragrance of your redemption, and for you to live out the resurrected power of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Our Lord is risen!! Are you?

Love in our Living Christ,

Stephanie Tunison

Assistant Spiritual Director
S2knee@aol.com

Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Agape

Hello from your new Agape Chair!

Table and pillow agape are wonderful expressions of God's love to the pilgrims and team members on all Emmaus Walks. This is a very meaningful part of the weekend and is extremely important. Remember how special this was on your walk?

COME ONE! COME ALL!

We are conducting an Emmaus Agape Workshop at the Erie Building on Saturday, May 14 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. in the Lower Level Dining Room.

We will be learning how to make agape and have an information-gathering time. I also encourage you to bring your own favorites to share with all! Please RSVP to Chris Brown (Groth) at cricket0301@yahoo.com, so we can have a count for materials.

TABLE/BEDTIME AGAPE:

Plan for 36 pilgrims and 22 team members for all walks. Please mark agape with the amount on the box or bag. Do not use Post-It notes as they tend to get lost. This will help background support to determine when it should be distributed.

- 36 pieces-pilgrims bedtime agape
- 22 pieces-team bedtime agape
- 60 pieces table agape

If the agape is something that can get tangled easily, it is better **NOT** to tie them together. Even though you may have a wonderful system to keep them separate, unless the *Background Help* knows the system, it makes it harder to distribute.

PERSONAL AGAPE:

Please be sure that the first *and* last name is written clearly on all personal agape. Sometimes there are more than one Judy or John on the Walk! Personal agape for **team members** should be marked either: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, or Pre-Talk.

PLEASE REMEMBER! NO PERSONAL NAMES ON PILLOW OR TABLE AGAPE for Pilgrims. However, you can share your walk # or share group - Example: "Westwood United Methodist Church, Tuesday Morning Women's Share Group".

NEED IDEAS?

If you are unable to attend the workshop and would like ideas, I have a list of 100 quick and inexpensive ideas for agape that can be made easily by individuals or groups. Email me and I will be glad to share it with you.
cricket0301@yahoo.com

Here are a few to get you started:

1. Seed packages: "Grow in Christ. ""
2. Butterfly anything: "God changes things."
3. Letter openers: "God opens up a whole new world of possibilities. "
4. Thin rainbow ribbon tied to a paper clip and clipped to a card. "Clip this to page 48 in your pilgrim's guide.
5. WWJD bracelets or pins, PUSH bracelets or pins, FROG bracelets or pins or brightly colored nylon bracelets. Tag these with "Adorn yourself for Christ",
6. Bible Bookmark: Cut a strip of plastic canvas 5 squared wide x 25 long. Cut 2 different colored ribbons about 30 inches long and tie them to one end so that there are 4 ribbons about equal length hanging from the plastic canvas. Put a sticker on the plastic canvas that reads:

*Slip me in your Bible's spine
And I will be there for all time
To mark the places that you've been
And help you find them once again.*

Thank you and as the Spiritual Directors say at candlelight, "Can there be anything better than the Body of Christ loving one another on behalf of the Body of Christ?"

Decolores - Christine Brown

Thoughts from your Lay Director

“Life comes at you fast.” We have probably all heard this at one time or another. Shelle is 41 years old and has a brain tumor. She and her husband, Mark, are an inspiration to me and my wife, Patti, and they don’t even know it. We got a call on Easter, that Shelle needed to have surgery, less than a week later, we were on our way at 3:00 a.m. to Chicago to be with Mark and other family members. We are back home now, but as I write this, we don’t know what is next. They didn’t get all of the cancer; we were told that it is stage 3. They will have to do more surgery, this time Shelle needs to remain awake. There is nothing that we can do for them. They are 5 hours away; besides, “life comes at you fast.” When she goes through her next surgery, we will try to be with them again.

Remember the talk about priorities? Shelle and Mark have given me a lesson in priorities but, try as I might, “life comes at you fast” and I sometimes forget just what my priorities are. Shelle and Mark put that back in perspective for me. I just wish that there were an easier way to teach me what my priorities ought to be. Shelle and Mark know what is important to them.

So what does this have to do with our Emmaus Community? In some ways, nothing; and in other ways, everything. We all bring a myriad of emotions, attitudes, experiences, moods and even prejudices with us whenever we come into the Erie Building. Most of us try to put these things on hold for gatherings, meetings or even for the three days of each walk. We do that for a very good reason, we all have problems, they are just different problems. The next time you are at an Emmaus function, whatever it is, when you greet one of your brothers or sisters in Christ, remember that “life comes at them fast” too. We are all in this together. Remembering that at Emmaus is important, but maybe it is more important to see it with the clerk at the grocery or in the drive-thru, at work, our child’s school, the driver of the car that just cut us off, or in our own family. We have hundreds of opportunities each day to see others as Christ sees them, but sometimes it takes a Shelle or Mark in our lives, to remind us that, “life comes at all of us fast”.

So what are we going to do about it? It’s just a thought.

DeColores,
Bill Schmidt

Upcoming Summer Flight’s

**Sponsors get ready!
Chrysalis Flights are
on the horizon!**

**Girl’s #30 • July 8 - 10
Boy’s #26 • July 22 -24**

**Applications available at
www.gcchrysalis.com.**

CHRYSALIS DANCE!!!

WHEN: SAT. JUNE 11, 2005
WHERE: MILFORD FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH IN
THE GREAT HALL
TIME: 7:30-11:00

**COME AND JOIN ALL OF THE PAST
AND MAYBE NEW BUTTERFLIES FOR A
NIGHT OF DANCING, GAMES, FOOD, AND
FUN! BRING A FRIEND TOO!!! IF YOU HAVE
ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT
CHRISTI KIDWELL @ 513.754.0875**

PARKING REQUEST

HPCUMC is asking that we be considerate of our neighbors’ driveways when attending Emmaus functions. Please obey the street signage at both the Grace and Erie locations. (No parking, bus stops etc) Park at least three-five feet from either side of a driveway. This allows the neighbors to see clearly as they enter the street. Remember there is additional parking at Clark Montessori at the Erie campus. Your support helps us to be a good neighbor!

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CALENDAR

Upcoming Emmaus Walks

Men's Walk #74

May 19-22, 2005

- Candlelight 5/21, 8:30, Sanctuary
- Closing 5/22, 4:30, Sanctuary

Gathering: Saturday, May 7, 7:30
 Board Meeting: Tues, May 10, 7:00
 Gathering: Saturday, June 4, 7:30
 Board Meeting: Tues, June 14, 7:00

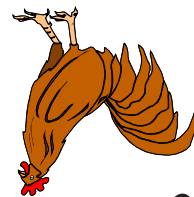
2005 Walks to Emmaus

Women's Walk #90: June 16-19, 2005
 Men's Walk #75: October 20-23, 2005
 Women's Walk #91: November 17-20, 2005

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

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

Christ is Counting on You!



De Colores!

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