

EMMAUS COMMUNITY NEWS

Women's Walk #98 Feb. 7-10

"Each time he said, 'My gracious favor is all you need. My power works best in your weakness.' So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may work through me." 2 Corinthians 12:9 (NLT)

Please remember to keep these sisters 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.

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Lori Markovic	Music.	Life of Piety
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Ann Myers	SD.....	Means of Grace
Jenny Partridge	ALD...	Fourth Day
Angela Powell	ATL	
Cheryl Sallwasser	ATL	
Dena Weatherly	TL.....	Priesthood
Liz Youngs	Music	

Logistics Coordinator:

David & Ann Frye—513-575-1538

"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."
 Hebrews 10:25 NIV

NEXT EMMAUS GATHERING

Wednesday, February 13
 7:30 p.m.

Hyde Park Community UMC—GRACE Bldg.
 1345 Grace Ave.

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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!

GIVE 'EM HEAVEN

Dear Emmaus Community,

Hello to all. My name is Patti Schmidt. I have the distinct honor and privilege of serving as your Community Lay Director for the next year.

My original walk was # 55- many years ago. As I sit here, composing this article, I'm reminiscing a bit about what Emmaus has meant to me. I've received so much agape love over these years- from my original walk, through team experiences and Leadership roles.

Many years ago, actually the first time I gave a talk on an Emmaus Walk, I received an agape note which simply stated- Patti- Give 'em Heaven. These words put everything into perspective for me at that moment. The Holy Spirit calmed my nerves and enabled me to speak in front of a roomful of women-something I was so

incredibly fearful of doing!

I've kept that original piece of agape in my Bible ever since that day. It has been a constant source of encouragement for me. It has become my motto or mission for this next year as your Lay Director.

In fact, I challenge all of us, as an Emmaus Community, to make it our mission as well. What would that look like, for all of us to Give 'Em Heaven? Here's a vision:

- * Gatherings where the pews are filled, demonstrating our love for the Lord and one another-welcoming guests and new pilgrims.
- * Job Boards filled, weeks in advance of the Walks.
- * Prayer Boards filled to capacity and then some.
- * Inviting all those the Lord has placed upon our hearts to attend the Walk to Emmaus.
- * Showering pilgrims with bedtime and mealtime agape.
- * Attending closings to welcome pilgrims to this Community.

The list could go on and on and on...

We have been given so many opportunities to share the love of Christ with one another in this community. Let's rededicate ourselves and Give 'Em Heaven!

DeColores- Patti

CALLING ALL SIGNERS!!!!



We are exploring the possibility of a deaf ministry in the Cincinnati Emmaus Community.

If you have sign language skills and you are interested in being a part of this ministry, please contact
Suzanne Bowman (513-576-0214)
or
Shirley Lowe (513-831-8317)
or
e-mail shirleylowe6@gmail.com.

Sponsoring a Pilgrim?

Please send the applications directly to the Registrars:

Men

Chris Khwaja
1437 Miami Lake Dr.
Loveland, Ohio 45140
513-697-9578

Women

Vicki Ouellette
3939 Wilma Ct. #204
Cincinnati, OH 45245
513-688-7338

Don't miss out!

Sign-up now if you would like to be on the Emmaus email list.
Send an email to
EmmausNews@fuse.net
and request to be added to the list.

(It will NOT be used for anything other than Emmaus notifications.)

Childcare for Candlelight, Closing and Gathering events is available!. It is arranged through the HPCUMC child care staff.



The cost is \$5.00 per child per event. Spots must be reserved at least 24 hours before the event.

For reservations, please contact Howard Sloneker at 513-313-0275 or Howard@dmlive.com.

You will need to provide your name, phone number, name and date of the event you need child care for along with the name and ages of your children. Payment will be due at the time of the event.

FROM THE GOOD SHEPHERDS—

We are attempting to compile a list of share groups that are willing to accept new members. If that is you, please send the following information to:

Rongoenssystems@fuse.net or rlg134@one.net.

Contact Name

Telephone

What part of town you meet

Meeting time

Mens/Womens Share Group

*DeColores,
Ron & Donna Goens*

GIVING RESPONSE

On behalf of the Emmaus board and as the spiritual director of the community....I "**praise God**" for the 2007 year-end giving response of many in this great Emmaus community. We received \$5600. The donations ranged from \$5 to \$500 to \$1000. This was an awesome response to help us with our financial need for 2008. The Emmaus board and I are most appreciative. This will allow us to focus more on the Emmaus ministry in transforming lives for Jesus Christ, the church and our world.

Thanks again for your generous-giving-spirit! May God bless us all, and those men and women who will attend the Walk to Emmaus in 2008! We are making a difference!

*Dave Weaver, Spiritual Director
Greater Cincinnati Emmaus Community*

From the Community Spiritual Director —

Dear Ones,

Originally Lent was the period of prebaptismal preparation, later it became a time of public penance. Now it is a forty-day devotional preparation for Easter based on Jesus' wilderness fast described in Mark 1:13.

Along with a time of devotion, we often think about our sacrifice for Christ in the context of giving something up for Lent. Perhaps we can think about our goal of sacrifice in these terms. We may:

1. Start something
2. Stop something
3. Increase something
4. Decrease something
5. Or do more of the same

Each one of us knows where Christ would like us to change or adjust our behaviors. We know where we can improve upon our relationship with Him. Many folks set a goal and enter this time with confidence of success. Many others don't even start because of a fear of failure. Let's all ponder what we can do and decide to make a goal for Christ this Lenten season. Once you've made a decision, ask yourself, "If a camera could take a picture of my success, what would it show me doing so I know I've accomplished it?"

Then the question becomes, how committed will we be to our goal? Well, we have 5 choices as to our level of commitment.

1. We believe we don't need to do anything.
2. We want the benefit of change, but are unwilling to put into action any steps to change it
3. We'll try to do it. (This really means I'll sort of, kind of, maybe do it if I feel like it.)
4. We'll do our best. (This really means I'll do my best on a good day, and what I can on a bad one.)
5. We'll do anything and everything we can to make it happen.

Be honest. Do you need to tweak the goal so you can make a level 5 commitment? Remember you only have to do it one day at a time and at the end of each day you can assess how well you did, or what got in the way of accomplishing it. What can you do tomorrow to honor Jesus and His sacrifice for us?

As I ponder what my goal is, I realize how hard it is to make a level 5 commitment. I know Jesus wrestled about decisions too. I'm just grateful He figured out that we were a level 5 commitment for His life, or I wouldn't even be thinking about my Lenten sacrifice for Him.

May you be richly blessed as you commit each day of the Lenten Season to Him.

In the Love of Christ,

Stephanie Tumison, Assistant Spiritual Director

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

CALENDAR

Upcoming Emmaus Walks

Women's Walk #98
Feb. 7-10

- Candlelight 2/9, 8:30 p.m.
- Closing 2/10, 4:30 p.m.

Bd. Meeting: Wednesday, March 5, 6:00 p.m.
Gathering: Wednesday, March 5, 7:30 p.m.
 Bd. Meeting: Wednesday, April 2, 6:00 p.m.
Gathering: Wednesday, April 2, 7:30 p.m.
 Bd. Meeting: Wednesday, May 7, 6:00 p.m.
Gathering: Wednesday, May 7, 7:30 p.m.

2008 Walks to Emmaus

Men's Walk #83: May 15-18
 Women's Walk #99: June 19-22
 Men's Walk #84: Oct. 16-19
 Women's Walk #100: Nov. 13-16

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

Christ is Counting On You!



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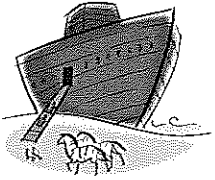
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Whenever I hear the story about Noah and the ark, I am always reminded of God's promise to us that if we remain obedient to Him, He will take care of us throughout the storm and at the end there will be a rainbow. It's a story about hope and promise to new beginnings. As I was watching the movie, *Evan Almighty*, I got a different perspective about the ark. The movie is about Evan, a politician, who wanted to change the world. After moving to Washington D.C., God appeared to him and asked him to build an ark. At first, like Noah, he thought this was crazy. But God explained to Evan that in building the ark, and in changing the world, you have to begin with acts of random kindness (A.R.K.). Isn't this what we are all called to do when we attend a Chrysalis Flight/Journey or an Emmaus Walk? To build our own ark, to change the world around us by acts of random kindness? Think about what you can do, or are currently doing, to change the world around you. Just listen for God's calling, you may be surprised where and how God is calling you to work on your ark. Build your ark with the strength and support of God, and know that when the storms come, He will be there guiding, loving and supporting you in every way.

Fly With Christ!

Julie Merritt

Greater Cincinnati Chrysalis Chairperson

WELCOME!

On behalf of the Chrysalis Board, we welcome 17 new Butterflies to the Chrysalis and Emmaus Communities! New Butterflies include: Ariel B., Courtney C., Amy C., Lauren D., Becca G., Stephanie H., Samantha L., Rachel M., Sarah M., Olivia M., Jill N., Holly R., Veronica R., Stephanie S., Jill S., Hahna T., and Megan W.

THE NEXT HOOT

will be **Saturday, March 1, 2008, 7 p.m.**, at the
Milford First United Methodist Church in the Great Hall.

**SHARE THE EXPERIENCE WITH A FRIEND
SPONSOR THEM ON A CHRYSALIS WEEKEND!**

Upcoming Flights:

Young Men's: February 16-18, 2008 (President's Day Weekend)
Candlelight: February 17 8:30 p.m. Closing: February 18 4:00 p.m.

Summer Flights:

Young Women's: July 11-13, 2008 Young Men's: July 25-27, 2008

Applications are still being accepted for the Young Men's weekend,
as well as the upcoming summer flights.



Please keep the following Lay Director, Spiritual Directors, the team and future Butterflies in your prayers: Frank Pogue, LD; Adam Tissandier, SD; Brian Cordell, ASD; Scott Russ, ASD.

Please support the team and Butterflies for the weekend by signing up on the job boards which can be found online at cincinnati-chrysalis.com. Click on Job Boards or Prayer Boards.

Did you know.....?

Agape is needed for the Young Men's Weekend.
Please send 50 individual
pieces of agape for meals, and bedtime.



Many thanks to the Chrysalis and Emmaus community members who have made a donation for our new Candlelight Candles (battery operated candles). They work great and look just as awesome as the old candles.

Donations are still being accepted either by mail to:
Greater Cincinnati Chrysalis
PO Box 102
Milford, OH 45150
or at the Young Men's Chrysalis Candlelight or Closing.



The Board is looking for youth
and adults who would be
interested in serving as clowns/
mimes or for music.

Please contact Jeff Markovic
@ 260-4783 or by
email: jmarkovic7@gmail.com



VOLUNTEER OPENINGS!



Interested in serving on the Board, or serving on a team?
Please contact Julie Merritt or Brian Furnish.

NEED AN APPLICATION OR INFO ABOUT CHRYSALIS?

Look us up on the web at [CincinnatiChrysalis.com!](http://CincinnatiChrysalis.com)

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