

# Emmaus Community News

## Men's Walk #76 JANUARY 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 12-20-05)

*... and what does the Lord require of you?  
To act justly and to love mercy  
and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8 (NIV)*

PILGRIM	CHURCH	SPONSOR
David Bode	Forest Chapel UMC	Jack DeBord/Skip Blair
Tom Burns	Northminster Presbyterian	Cheryl Bond
Jeff Cook	Hyde Park Comm UMC	Amy Cook
Don Dunton	Milford First UMC	Karen Brady
Matt Franckhauser	Eastside Christian	Jon Houchin
Jack Hoffman	Forest Chapel UMC	Ginny Hoffman
Jonathan Ireton	Brush Creek Christian	Kimberly Ireton / Ennes Ireton
Bob Jocis	Grace Comm Church	Bruce Harris
John Nibert	Ashton Baptist Church	Richard Lemons
Bill Steinbrueck	Abiding Christ Lutheran	Chris Brown
Keith Stewart	Tri County Vineyard	Debbie Stewart
Daniel Thiel	Bright Christian	Amy Cook
Denny Valerius	St. Paul United Church of Christ	Carol Valerius

### TEAM ROSTER:

- Tim Brown, ATL
- Doug Chalker, Music
- Doug Damron ..... Justifying Grace
- Steve Ferguson, TL ..... Christian Action
- Mark Fightmaster, TL ..... Changing Our World
- Dave Focke, ATL
- Rex Gordon, ALD ..... Priesthood
- Jerry Greenwald, ATL
- Rick Heflin, TL ..... Body of Christ
- Jarrett Hicks, ATL
- Ennes Ireton, TL ..... Discipleship
- Bob Jewett, LD ..... Perseverance
- Lisa Kerwin ..... Obstacles to Grace
- Bill Knorr, ALD ..... Priority
- Jeff Linne, ALD ..... Fourth Day
- Gary Loomans, Music
- Steve Marcy, Bd Rep
- Calvin Martin ..... Prevenient Grace
- Den Rebennack ..... Sanctifying Grace
- TJ Spencer, TL ..... Study
- George Thompson, TL ..... Piety
- Jim Tons, ATL
- Dave Weaver, SD ..... Means of Grace
- Greg Wells, ATL

### Logistics Coordinator:

David & Ann Frye  
(513) 575-1538

## 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

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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

Happy New Year Friends,

Before I get started with my New Year thoughts for the Emmaus Community for 2006, I need to share some reflections from the past year.

This community has truly been a blessing the last year. The support that each of you gave to this ministry was overwhelming. The six weekends were possible because of the spirit of hospitality and servanthood that you modeled as the Body of Christ. The board, the lay directors, the teams, the clergy, and background servants all humbly gave of their time, energy and gifts to touch the lives of pilgrims. Whatever role you played this past year hear these words, "well done my good and faithful servant."

*"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see everything has become new!"*

*"Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus."*

Let's all praise God for the changed or transformed lives experienced through Emmaus this past year. It's my hope your faith has been formed in new ways serving in Emmaus, and being a leader in your own church or parish. God has walked with you throughout the year—praise God!

The apostle Paul offers us these words of encouragement as we move forward faithfully into the New Year 2006. I believe God is always doing a new thing with those God has called to serve in Emmaus. There will be a new board, new lay directors, new teams, new clergy, and new pilgrims to continue this ministry. I am excited of how God will use us in a powerful new way!

Pray for the community and the board — be present at monthly gatherings, candlelights, and closings — and practice hospitality by serving behind the scenes or on teams. Keep the fire of your faith alive by being actively involved in a sharing group, and stay connected to the community. We need your support in 2006!

May the Holy Spirit guide and sustain us to this "heavenly call" of re-presenting Christ to all the pilgrims. I hope we will once again receive all the grace we need to share the love of Christ as a faith community. I trust you

will be blessed in your servanthood. God entrusts us with this awesome responsibility. God will equip and empower us to be in ministry in this New Year. May the unity of the spirit walk with us throughout the New Year! Christ is counting on you—What is your response?

In Christ's Service,  
*Dave Weaver*  
Spiritual Director

### A New Year's Prayer

*Dear Lord, please give me -  
A few friends who understand  
me and yet remain my  
friends;  
A work to do which has real  
value, without which the  
world would feel the poorer;  
A mind unafraid to travel, even  
though the trail be not  
blazed;  
An understanding heart;  
A sense of humor;  
Time for quiet, silent medita-  
tion;  
A feeling of the presence of God;  
And the patience to wait for the  
coming of these things,  
with the wisdom to know them  
when they come.*

-- W.R. Hunt

## Thoughts from your Lay Director

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we invite the Holy Spirit to reign over the Board of Directors and this Greater Cincinnati Emmaus Community for the upcoming year, I would like to issue to each one of you a charge. The Charge I have been given is for Peace and Unity to Reign over this Community of Believers. For us to begin this New Year in the Spirit of Cooperation and Charity and to make sure that God remains in his Honored Seat as head of this Board, Community and our individual lives.

In the Spirit of Cooperation and Charity, we are looking for people who are willing to serve. We are looking for people who would like to be in the Chapel praying, or serve as Log/BAK. These roles are outside the regular team formation but are still vital to the Community. We are looking for people who will be in the Chapel for a day or to cover a weekend in progress. They can even blanket the team and pilgrims while in formation but remain outside the team, so I would reason that we are all Prayer Servants, incognito! We are looking for people who would like to serve as Log/BAK for a day or for a weekend in progress. Please contact Dave and Anne Frye (513)-575-1538 if you feel led by the Holy Spirit to fulfill one of these roles on one of the upcoming walks.

We believe as a Board that if we all work together, we can first of all fulfill the commission that has been asked of us by the Almighty God and if we are yielding to his most precious Holy Spirit, that our Community will thrive as a beautiful example of Christ's Love and Sacrifice. The focus of this year is to tune in the Holy Spirit, to catch the spark to set this Community on Fire for Christ and to make sure His Word is at the forefront of our endeavors. I am excited about how the Lord will reveal himself to each of us in the upcoming year!

Your Sister in Christ!

*Debbie Skidmore*

## NEWSLETTER NOTE

In trying to keep newsletter costs down, we now offer the newsletter electronically. If you would like to receive the newsletter (or at least notification of its availability on the webpage) via email, please contact Lori Markovic by email: [Lmarkovic7@goodnews.net](mailto:Lmarkovic7@goodnews.net).

Let us know about address and email changes, too!

**Remember:** Send in your newsletter subscription fee for 2006!!!

## Social Hour before Gatherings!

Join us for a time of food, fun & fellowship! We will be gathering around 6 p.m. before every gathering in the dining area downstairs. If you would like to attend an agape workshop or sponsor training at 6:30, take your pizza with you! Either way, come join us and get to know more of the body of your Emmaus community!



## PRAYER CENTRAL

George Thompson, our resident Emmaus Prayer Warrior and communicator of prayer requests, recently had a computer crash. If you feel led to join in intercessory prayer for our Emmaus brothers and sisters, please e-mail George at [george@safeplaceformen.org](mailto:george@safeplaceformen.org)



### Greater Cincinnati Walk to Emmaus 2006 Application to Serve on a Weekend

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

My Original Walk Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Walk #: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

I have **NOT** worked in an Emmaus Team before

Date of last team worked: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Number of teams worked: \_\_\_\_\_

I have served as (check all that apply):

Table Leader  Asst. Table Leader  Music

Background Support  Clergy  ALD

List talk(s) given: \_\_\_\_\_

List special talents (music, computer, etc) \_\_\_\_\_

Special needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you in a reunion or accountability group?  Yes  No

Indicate Weekend Preferences. Place an X in the appropriate block(s).

Weekend	Dates	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice	3 <sup>rd</sup> Choice	No Preference
Men's # 76	19-22 Jan '06				
Women's # 92	16-19 Feb '06				
Men's # 77	18-21 May '06				
Women's # 93	15-18 Jun '06				
Men's # 78	19-22 Oct '06				
Women's # 94	16-19 Nov '06				

Please send completed application to:

Emmaus Leadership Chair  
c/o Hyde Park Community UMC  
1345 Grace Ave.  
Cincinnati, OH 45208

## 2006 Board of Directors *Worshipfully Working Together*

Spiritual Director .....	Dave Weaver .....	979-8184
Assistant Spiritual Director .....	Stephanie Tunison .....	861-8483
Lay Director Chair .....	Debbie Skidmore .....	724-3204
Vice Chair/Leadership .....	Art Harmon .....	860-0601
Lay Director Emeritus .....	Bill Schmidt .....	941-4804
Secretary .....	Kathleen Bauer .....	271-2618
Treasurer .....	Glenn Larson .....	697-8876
Agape .....	Christine Brown .....	403-8306
Candlelight .....	Dawn Bethart .....	755-1505
Chrysalis Rep .....	Peggy Bosse .....	688-7880
Community Education Training ....	Candy Day .....	965-9114
Good Shepherd .....	Steve Marcy .....	310-7899
Logistics Coordinators .....	David & Ann Frye .....	575-1538
Registrar-Men .....	Sandy Nickolin .....	841-1645
Registrar-Women .....	Howard and Jill Sloneker .....	336-6878
Newsletter .....	Lori Markovic .....	528-0217
Outreach .....	Bill Lindenschmidt .....	671-7059
Social .....	Bob Evans .....	583-5052
Web Master .....	Alan Greber .....	563-1695
Worship .....	Phil and Carol DeGreg .....	598-6345

## CALENDAR

### Upcoming Emmaus Walks

#### Men's Walk #76

**January 19-22, 2006**

- Candlelight 1/21, 8:30, Sanctuary
- Closing 1/22, 4:30, Sanctuary

Gathering: Saturday, Jan. 7, 7:30

Gathering: Saturday, Feb. 4, 7:30

Board Meeting: Tues, Feb. 7, 7:00

#### 2006 Walks to Emmaus

Women's Walk #92: February 16-19

Men's Walk #77: May 18-21

Women's Walk #93: June 15-18

***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](http://www.cincinnatiemmaus.org)

Christ is Counting on You!



ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church  
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