

# Emmaus Community News

## Women's Walk #91 NOVEMBER 17-20, 2005

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 10-28-05)

*"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." Ephesians 4:2-3 NIV*

PILGRIM	CHURCH	SPONSOR
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Beverly Hubbard	Vineyard East Side	Claudia Mattingly-Sims
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Carol Wong	Shiloh UMC	Kathy Lowry & Diane Meyer

### TEAM ROSTER:

Patsy Andow-Plum, ALD ..... 4th Day  
Karen Billings, Music  
Chris Brown, TL ..... Life of Piety  
Rev. Jill Crosswell, ASD ... Sanctifying  
Grace

Mindy Dawson, ATL  
Jewell DeBord, ATL  
Debbie Desgrange, TL Body of Christ  
Linda Evans, ALD Growth Thru Study  
Renee Fisher, Music  
Diane Floyd, TL Changing Our World  
Rev. Suzanne Fontaine ..... Justifying  
Grace  
Margy Harrell, TL ..... Discipleship  
Leslie Jewett, TL ..... Priesthood of All  
Believers

LuAnn Kanavy, ATL  
Bonnie Knab, ATL  
Rev. Jonathan Kollman .....  
Prevenient Grace  
Julie Merritt, LD ..... Perseverance  
Susan Munn, TL ..... Christian Action  
Elaine Parulis Wright, ATL  
Donna Payne, ALD ..... Priorities  
Rev. Joe Payne ..... Obstacles to Grace  
Cathy Rosenbaum, ATL  
Jill Sloneker, Bd. Rep  
Rev. Dave Weaver, SD .....  
Means of Grace

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**Gathering Spotlight**  
Saturday, December 3 • 7:30pm • Erie Building

**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

Hi Friends,

I want to invite you to a "fellowship meal" before each monthly gathering. The Emmaus board has decided we need to be in table fellowship more often and they will provide the pizza beginning at 6pm. This is an excellent way to come and be with friends—before we go worship together at 7:30pm. You will have time to eat or even slip away at 6:30pm for sponsors training, and still make the monthly gathering. All you need to bring is a simple dessert to share with the community. We will meet in the lower level dining area of the Erie building for our monthly "fellowship meal."

I want to invite you to the communion table meal as a means of

grace and fellowship of the Holy Spirit. We commune a bunch here in Emmaus and I hope we never ever take this holy meal for granted. It is a meal that we celebrate with God and the presence of the risen Christ. Through this meal we are spiritually fed—forgiven and freed. It's a gift of grace.

I invite you to come to the table this month as pilgrims hungry for God's mercy and grace. Come searching and seeking more of God's redeeming love that gives you new life or will sustain you on this journey of faith. Come in remembrance of the host, Jesus Christ, who calls us to this table of transformation each and every time we gather.

I invite you to celebrate this month in "The Great Thanksgiving" or

"Eucharist" or the "Lord's Supper." May we be ever so grateful and thankful for the bounty of rich blessings we each have received from God. Please come and "dine on divine grace" and in the sweet fellowship of the Holy Spirit this month. Come and worship and "give thanks" to God as an Emmaus community this holiday season. There is nothing better than being with family or friends at the communion table.

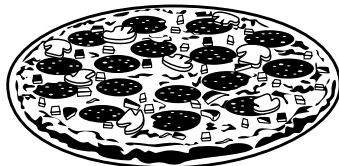
Happy Thanksgiving  
*Dave Weaver*  
Spiritual Director

## Bethel Gathering – November 11

Bethel United Methodist Church is offering a special gathering for area Emmaus members and friends on Friday, November 11, at 7 pm. An invitation is also extended to anyone who is interested in finding out more about the Walk to Emmaus. The evening will include worship, prayer, and a presentation from Bill Lindenschmidt of the Greater Cincinnati Emmaus Community, followed by a time of fellowship. The church is located at 402 West Plane Street (St. Rt. 125), Bethel, Ohio. For further information, call Pastor Steve Fultz at the church - 734-7201, Ext. 27, or at home - 553-4949.

## 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!



## Music at Gatherings

You may have noticed at recent gatherings that we have been led by praise teams from various churches in the area. If you are interested in having the praise band/worship team from your church participate, please contact Carol or Phil DeGreg at 598-6345 or by e-mail at [cdegreg@zoomtown.com](mailto:cdegreg@zoomtown.com). Or come talk with us at the social hour prior to the gathering. We still include some of the "Top 15 Cincinnati Community" songs at each gathering and are continually trying to improve the sound system. New microphones and lights have been purchased as well as a new keyboard. DeColores!

## Thoughts from your Lay Director

2005 is drawing to a close and I am told that this will be the final article that you will have to endure from your humble lay director. To those of you who are English majors or writers by trade, keep the applause to a minimum. Yes, relief is on the way in January. I have never been provided with an "article outline" like a talk outline; so I have been unable to plagiarize. Yes, my dear brothers and sisters, these thoughts have been my own. So what should I write about?

Well, I figured that this is my last one, I 'm not on a salary; I can't really be fired; so here goes!

I love movie lines. I want to share with all of you (or at least those of you who are still reading this), some of the most meaningful lines from movies that either I have used or wanted to use or have been used on me during this past year. No names will be given as to reveal the speaker's identity. I also will not give the movie title, some you will know and some you won't.

It would seem that early on in my new role as community lay director I heard a lot of "what we have here is a failure to communicate." "As time goes by" I could sometimes here someone muttering, "frankly, my dear..." or even "ignore the man behind the curtain!" Sometimes during the process for choosing Lay Directors, I would think, "make them an

offer they can't refuse." Fortunately, I never once heard someone yell "STELLA!!" but I could swear I did hear "if he only had a brain."

Occasionally, on some of my late night drives home from an Emmaus meeting, I would look over at the passenger seat and say to my imaginary companion, "I don't think we're in Kansas anymore." At other times, during my tenure, I would sometimes think, "we've got trouble, right here in River City" "et cetera, et cetera, et cetera." As I became more comfortable in my role (actually, it is just a role) I found that there really is "no place like home." At various moments during this past year, when I found that the Erie Building looked more familiar than my own home, I discovered that "love means never having to say your sorry" is a lie!

I could go on and on with this, but I hope that you get the point by now. I know that this is not very spiritual; but you still have the Spiritual Director's letter for that. I want to thank each and every one of you for the opportunity to have been your servant for this year. Let me leave you with this thought, "Here's lookin' at you kid!"

That's All Folks,

*Bill Schmidt*

### **SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION FOR A PILGRIM?**

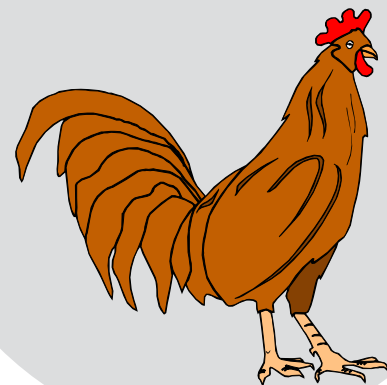
#### **Women's applications should be sent to:**

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

**Agape Ideas  
Check out the  
website:  
[singstherooster.com](http://singstherooster.com)**



## 2005 Board of Directors *Worshipfully Working Together*

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## CALENDAR

### Upcoming Emmaus Walks

#### Women's Walk #91

**November 17-20, 2005**

- Candlelight 11/19, 8:30, Sanctuary
- Closing 11/20, 4:30, Sanctuary

Gathering: Saturday, Nov. 5, 7:30

Board Meeting: Tues, Nov. 8, 7:00

Gathering: Saturday, Dec. 3, 7:30

Board Meeting: Tues, Dec 6, 7:00

#### 2006 Walks to Emmaus

Men's Walk #76: January 19-22

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!



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