

# Emmaus Community

## Woman's Walk #76:

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 1/15/01)

*Psalm 46:10 (NKJV) "Be still, and know that I am God; ..."*

PILGRIM	CHURCH	SPONSORS
Lillian Bennington	Felicity UMC	Becky/Glenn Beyer
Amanda Bodenschatz	Christian Fellowship	Claudia Mattingly-Sims
Blanche Bors	Franklin Wesleyan Methodist	Michael Hirsch
Diane Calkins	Westwood UMC	Carol DeGreg
Sherry Bronner	St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran	Judy White
Susan Corbett	Covenant Christian	Tom Tesche
Joyce Cornett	Westwood UMC	Joanna Coleman
Valerie Cunningham	Lincoln Heights M.B.	Mike Griffin
Betty Daniel	Sharonville UMC	Myra Ary
Pam Doyle	The Temple of Praise	Debbie Vanover
Nancy Enghouser	Shiloh UMC	Richard Enghouser
Bobbie Jo Ehlers	The Vineyard	Gina Drosos
Sharon Griffin	Lincoln Heights M.B.	Mike Griffin
Mary Hageman	Gospel of Grace	Scott Hageman
Judy Jackson	Oakley UCC	Melissa Holmes
Hazel Kendle	Armstrong Chapel	Sue Peace
Edna Lindsey	Greater Liberty Baptist	Shelley Lindsey
Vicky Marshall	Faith Evangelical Free	Lisa Smith
Lillian McGoodwin	Union Baptist	Waldine Ziegler
Cindy Miller	Milford Vineyard	Chris Miller
Mona Mullen	Our Lady of Visitation	Melanie Sherron
Marsha Murphy	Mt. Moriah UMC	Sylvia Daniel
Jan Peter	Westwood UMC	Jenny Partridge
Gee Pickens	Sharonville UMC	Myra Ary
Bobbie Proctor	Quail Valley Church	Debbie Vanover
Gabrielle Rand	Hyde Park Community UMC	Lori Rand
Lynne Robinson	Hope Lutheran Church	Peggy Bosse
Pammy Sanker	Church of the Savior UMC	Pat Williams
Theresa Schlake	Hyde Park Bethlehem UMC	Vicki Ouelette
Patricia Schloemer	Bellarmino Chapel	Linda/Jim Young
Karen Schneider	Hope Lutheran Church	Peggy Bosse
June Sheatzley	St. Anthony Catholic	Bill Lindenschmidt
Jill Sloneker	Northminster Presbyterian	Jill Crowell
Kay Spencer	1st Presb Ch of Williamsburg	T.J. Spencer
Sarah Tiltman	Crossroads	Sharon Todd
Deborah Watson	Hope Evangelical Free	Doug Watson
Emmalee Whitaker	Liberty Heights So. Baptist	Lisa Smith
Mary Lynn Woebkenberg	St. Anthony Catholic	Jack Gillming

**Team Roster:**

Candy Bainum, LOG	724-6553
Susan Bennet, TL	Body of Christ
Bill Bowdle	Obstacles of Grace
Pam Bridgeman, LD	Perseverance
Kim Chase, TL	Discipleship
Carole Crebs, Bd. Rep.	
Sylvia Daniel, ATL	
Carol DeGreg, TL	Priesthood
Debbie Desgrange, ATL	
Pam Fehler, ATL	
Suzanne Fontaine	Sanctifying Grace
Rena Haines, ATL	
Adele Hanes, Music	
Donna Honebrink, ATL	
Lola Irvin, ATL	
John Lawrence	Prevenient Grace
Judy Leidy, TL	Christian Action
Lori Markovic, TL	Life in Piety
Mitzi Marley, TL	Changing Our World
Marcia Nichols, TL	
Deanna Reid, Music	
Sandy Ringhand, PS	
Patti Schmidt, ALD	Fourth Day
Laura Skidmore, ATL	
Janet Steele, PS	
Stephanie Tunison, SD	Means of Grace
Dena Weatherly, ALD	Priorities
Dave Weaver,	Justifying Grace
Becky Willis, LOG	489-0944
Susan Wisner, ATL	
Carolyn Zeigler, LOG	221-7015

**CONTENTS**

Spiritual Director's Message	
2	
News Bits	
.....2	
Lay Director's Message	

**SPONSORS: Remember 4th Day books are available for purchase (\$5). They are a great gift for a Pilgrim's Fourth Day!**

**GATHERING SPOTLIGHT at HPCUMC 7:30 PM**  
*Mark your calendars and don't miss the following dates. Praise and worship, special music and shared talents and gifts from the community for upcoming Gatherings!*  
**February 7, 2001 u March 7, 2001 u April 4, 2001**

**CALENDAR**  
**Upcoming Emmaus Walks**  
**Women's Walk #76**  
 • Candlelight, 2/17/01, 8:30 p.m. – Sanctuary  
 • Closing, 2/18/01, 4:30 p.m. – Refectory  
**Men's Walk #62**  
 • Candlelight, 5/19/01, 8:30 pm- Sanctuary  
 • Closing, 5/20/01, 4:30 p.m. - Refectory  
**Women's Walk #77 June 14-17**  
**Men's Walk #63 October 18-21**  
**Women's Walk #78 Nov. 15-18**

**Other Community Events**  
**Gathering: Wed: Feb 7 -- 7:30 pm**  
 Bd. Meeting: Tues, Feb 13 -- 7 pm  
**Gathering: Wed: March 7 -- 7:30 pm**  
 Bd. Meeting: Tues, March 13 -- 7 pm  
**Gathering: Wed: April 4 -- 7:30 pm**  
 Bd. Meeting: April 10 -- 7 pm  
**Gathering: Wed: May 2 -- 7:30 pm**

February  
 March  
 April 2001

**Emmaus**  
 Greater Cincinnati Community  
 Hyde Park Community United Methodist  
 Church  
 1345 Grace Avenue  
 Cincinnati, OH 45208  
 ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**2001 Board of Directors** *Worshipfully Working Together*

Spiritual Director	Dave Weaver	871-1345
Asst. Spiritual	Linda Oliver	585-2265
Lay Leader Chair:	Michael Kuremsky	943-7144
Vice Chair/Leadership:	Shirley Lowe	831-8317
Lay Leader Emeritus:	Joy Hedlesten	561-4181
Secretary:	Tom Tesche	859-341-7502
Treasurer:	Dena Weatherly	513-424-0252
Agape:	Jack & Ev Gillming	831-4540
Chrysalis Representative:	Sharon Hofer	871-1936
Good Shepherds:	(W) Chris Groth	722-3787
	(M) John Groth	722-3787
Logistic Coordinator:	B.J. Viator	232-7667
Newsletter Editor:	Marcus Gardner	616-6926
Newsletter Co-Editor:	Lori Markovic	528-0217
Outreach:	John & Carolyn Welsh	896-6669
Outreach Assistant:	Carolyn Zeigler	221-7015
Prayer Servant:	George Thompson	474-5591
Registrars:	(W) Emily Moss	575-4270
	(M) Jackie Jewett	896-7305
Sponsorship:	(W) Steve Moss	575-4270
	(M) Bob Jewett	896-7305
Social Committee:	Suzanne Bowman	779-9801
Supplies:	Anne Phelps	677-8191
Worship:	Dave Parry	937-432-9173
	Jeff Markovic	528-0217

If you will require child care for Emmaus events, please contact Mischelle in advance!

Non-Profit  
 Organization  
 Permit No. 2331  
 U.S. Postage Paid  
 Cincinnati, OH

# Spiritual Director's Message

Hello Emmaus Friends,

This is what I call the "love month" newsletter. Do you know why? Well, it is because of all those sentimental, mushy greeting card commercials that tug at our heartstrings. They remind us of cupid and romance between persons who love one another. Whether coupled or single we long to be loved. It is a real emotional need deep within our soul.

As I reflected on this, I realized how much the members of the Emmaus community express the love of Christ "one to another." In our shared experiences, in deep worship as a community, we sense the intimate presence of God's love. When we remember the mystery of the communion meal and God's mercy, that is love. We express and feel love during candlelight, in serving, or in the special bonds that form in our share groups. In all the surprises of Emmaus, the Spirit of God's love touches and transforms our hearts and the hearts of others. That love is a gift from God.

**"Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God: everyone who loves is born of God, for God is love."**

**"God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.**

**Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another."**

**"God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them."**

(1 John, chapter 4, selected readings)

In closing, God's love is more than sentimentalism or commercialism. God's love is real. Once we realize the deep love and affection of Christ, we can then share that love. It is in that Spirit I invite you to "love one another."

Do you really know why we love? "We love because God first loved us!"

In Christ's Love,

**Dave Weaver**

Spiritual Director

N E W S B I T S

**Sponsors!** - You are urged to submit applications as soon as possible. New application forms are posted on-line ([www.gb-gm-umc.org/cinciemmaus](http://www.gb-gm-umc.org/cinciemmaus)), pick one up at HPCUMC at Gathering or get in touch with the Registrars (see back of newsletter for names and numbers). Submit applications early so the newsletter can print a complete list of pilgrims. Also, please be sure that you are preparing the pilgrim for the weekend - what to bring, what to wear, that you will provide transportation and that you will be available to help their families if the need arises. All those things will bring your pilgrim comfort while they are on the walk. If you are attending Thursday night dinner, please sign up early. The kitchen at Hyde Park needs to prepare.

**"NEWSLETTER Subscription"** - In years past, the Board requested that those receiving the newsletter consider paying \$5 to help cover the cost of printing, postage, etc., for the year. Many responded and it definitely helped the Community financially. Therefore, the Board is again asking you to pitch in to cover this expense. Checks may be made payable to the Walk to Emmaus, c/o Hyde Park Community UM Church, 1345 Grace Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45208. Thanks!

**MEMBER DIRECTORIES ARE IN!** - New member directories will be available at Emmaus Gatherings, Walk registrations, candlelights, and closings for \$5.00 donation. If you find errors or changes that need to be made, please notify Bob or Jackie Jewett via mail at 625 Shultz Drive, Hamilton, OH 45013; or e-mail at [CinciEmmaus@aol.com](mailto:CinciEmmaus@aol.com).

**NEW APPLICATIONS POSTED!** The new and improved Walk to Emmaus application is now on-line ([www.gb-gm-umc.org/cinciemmaus](http://www.gb-gm-umc.org/cinciemmaus)).

**SCHOLARSHIPS FOR WALK FEES** are available. Please keep this in mind if a financial concern may keep someone from "walking." Also, scholarships are available for Team members. Talk to the LD or ADL for more info!

# Thoughts from your Lay

## The Safe Arms of the Father

I have just had the privilege of serving as the Board Rep on Men's Walk#61. From the moment we began meeting as a team to the Closing testimonies of the pilgrims on Walk #61, I was blessed to be in the loving, supportive company of my Emmaus brothers. We invited the Lord to come amongst us, but He was already there!

At one of the team preparation meetings, the lay director posed the question: "Why is Emmaus such a completely "safe" place...a place where all Christians can come together and open up, not be judged, be bonded together with no fears..." He was contrasting this to experiences he has had in other Christian environments and even his own church. Well, as I have thought and meditated on this question, it has become even more clear that SUCH IS THE POWER OF GOD'S UNCONDITIONAL LOVE.

On each Emmaus weekend, God continues to bless and build this

wonderful and powerful ministry. With the help of willing servants (who are responding to the unconditional love they received on their own Emmaus journey), the Lord pours out His grace, love and forgiveness to each new pilgrim. His unconditional love cleanses, tears down denominational walls, erases doctrinal differences, opens up communication. And the result: tears flow, songs of praise are shouted to the Lord, hugs abound, deep love is expressed between two individuals who days before were nothing more than complete strangers. And it has a snowball effect - at subsequent Emmaus gatherings, Candlelights, share groups, Emmaus team meetings - God remains powerfully present, cups are filled, all are welcome, encouraged and safe.

Emmaus for many is like sitting in the lap of our loving Father, gaining strength and wisdom, sincerely, but fearlessly confessing our sins and releasing our burdens to experience His cleansing and protection, finding peace and joy in the warm embrace of His grace and unconditional love.

He is our safe place, and I believe Emmaus is a safe place because it is a ministry which God uses to clearly and tangibly reveal and present Himself to us.

An Emmaus friend wrote a song lyric that I will always have with me:

**May your arms be my resting place,  
May your light shine upon my face,  
Make my heart become Your dwelling place,  
Abba, Father, God.**

To wrap up, there is one significant "however" in all of this. Emmaus cannot be our earthly destination - it is yet just one part of the Christian journey. The world awaits. As Emmaus helps our cup to overflow, let it be poured out into our churches, our communities, our families. Let us be the ones God uses to create more safe, loving places of His unconditional love.

## Chrysalis Dates

To give the gift of encouragement in their walk with Jesus is the greatest gift of all; a true gift that keeps on giving. Please consider supporting the young people at their upcoming retreats by attending candlelight or closing. For more information, check out the Chrysalis website at [www.gcchrysalic.com](http://www.gcchrysalic.com).

CHRYSALIS BOYS #20	2/17/01 - 2/19/01
BOYS #20 CANDLELIGHT	FEB. 18 @ MILFORD - 8:30 pm
BOYS #20 CLOSING	FEB. 19 @ MILFORD - 6:00 pm
CHRYSALIS HOOT	FEB. 27 @ MILFORD - 7:00 pm
CHRYSALIS HOOT	MARCH 27 @ MILFORD - 7:00 pm
CHRYSALIS HOOT	APRIL 24 @ MILFORD - 7:00 pm
CHRYSALIS HOOT	MAY 22 @ MILFORD - 7:00 pm
CHRYSALIS HOOT	JUNE 26 @ MILFORD - 7:00 pm
CHRYSALIS GIRLS #23	7/20/01 - 7/22/01