

# Emmaus Community News

## Gathering Spotlight

**Saturday, April 4, 7:30 • Erie Building**

The scripture for the April Gathering comes from Mark 10:14-16. *"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the Kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it. And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them."*



**The folks from Chrysalis will be our hosts for this Gathering**

Unfortunately, the April Journey for Young Men and Women has been cancelled. There will not be a candlelight service following the April gathering as previously planned.

**Hope to see you there!**

## Upper Room Education Day

The Upper Room is sending their representative, Cathy Eberly, to the Cincinnati Emmaus Community for an Education Day on Saturday, May 8th, 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM, to meet with our community and answer all our questions about Emmaus. She will share with us the basics including; sponsorship do's and don'ts, team formation, roles and responsibilities, types of Agape and the breakdown of each day's theme on the Walk.

To RSVP, there will be sign-up sheets at the April gathering or e-mail Suzzanne Bowman at [SBowDog@msn.com](mailto:SBowDog@msn.com)



**Mark your calendar and plan on joining us!**



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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

*He has risen! Risen indeed!*

Hello Friends,

It's my hope that you have had a wonderful Lenten walk with the Lord this Easter. That walk began as Jesus entered Jerusalem—was falsely accused—then went through the suffering way of the cross to Calvary. But death was not victorious - - - "up from the grave he arose!"

*He has risen! Risen indeed!*

Our walk of faith leads us through the scripture Lenten story again of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. It invites us to remember the passion of his death and the promise of his resurrection. God's only Son gave us eternal life. Our sins were washed away with grace and mercy that we may have this Easter joy in our hearts.

*He has risen! Risen indeed!*

Our Walk to Emmaus in some ways leads us to experience the "Resurrected Spirit" and power of the cross. Our dying moments communion service is an intentional way of naming our sin or separation, feel our own suffering or shame, and surrender it to the cross of Christ. In our dying we are set free and are alive.

*He has risen! Risen indeed!*

Every time we gather as a faith community we celebrate the "broken body and poured out blood" of the cross during Holy Communion. It is there that the presence of the risen Lord gives us new life. We like the disciples who walked before us walk to that table by faith and our lives are transformed. May all your 4<sup>th</sup> days be filled with the "Resurrected Spirit" of Christ in the breaking of the bread and drinking of the cup.

*He has risen! Risen indeed!*

*Happy and Holy Easter  
Dave Weaver*

Read Luke 24:13-35

## Church Bulletin Bloopers

- ◆ "The pastor will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing, 'Break Forth Into Joy.'"
- ◆ "During the absence of our pastor, we enjoyed the rare privilege of hearing a good sermon when J.F. Stubbs supplied our pulpit."
- ◆ "Next Sunday Mrs. Vinson will be soloist for the morning service. The pastor will then speak on 'It's a Terrible Experience.'"
- ◆ "Due to the Rector's illness, Wednesday's healing services will be discontinued until further notice."
- ◆ "Stewardship Offertory: 'Jesus Paid It All'"
- ◆ "The music for today's service was all composed by George Friedrich Handel in celebration of the 300th anniversary of his birth."
- ◆ "Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community."
- ◆ "The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's 'Hamlet' in the church basement on Friday at 7 p.m. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy."
- ◆ "The concert held in Fellowship Hall was a great success. Special thanks are due to the minister's daughter, who labored the whole evening at the piano, which as usual fell upon her."
- ◆ "22 members were present at the church meeting held at the home of Mrs. Marsha Crutchfield last evening. Mrs. Crutchfield and Mrs. Rankin sang a duet, The Lord Knows Why."
- ◆ "A songfest was held at the Methodist church Wednesday."
- ◆ "Today's Sermon: HOW MUCH CAN A MAN DRINK? with hymns from a full choir."
- ◆ "On a church bulletin during the minister's illness: GOD IS GOOD Dr. Hargreaves is better."

From the Humor page at [www.crosswalk.com](http://www.crosswalk.com)

## PARKING NOTICE:

Please do not park cars on the grass areas of property of HPCUMC at Emmaus events. It tears up the lawn. There is parking on the circle, on street, and plenty of additional parking at the Clarke Montessori School next door.

Also, we are receiving love offerings at Candlelights and Gatherings.

## Thoughts from your Lay Director

I want to thank the Praise band from Epiphany for their wonderful music for the March gathering. I could feel the spirit so strong with their singing of Amazing Grace. It was fantastic and brought tears to my eyes. We are trying to include special music from different churches or groups at the gatherings. If your church would like to do special music please contact Carol or Phil DeGreg to be included in the schedule .

I'm sorry to announce that the April Journey for Young Men and Women has been cancelled. There will not be a candlelight service as part of the April gathering. The good news is that it will still be hosted by Chrysalis. Come and support the Chrysalis community and attend the April gathering.

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Don't forget that we will have an all day education opportunity with Cathy Eberly, from the Upper Room on May 8th, 9:00am to

3:30pm, at Erie. Send me an Email or sign the attendance sheets that will be at the next two gatherings so we will know how much food to order.

As Easter approaches we think about how much Jesus LOVED US. If you have seen the *The Passion of the Christ* you have felt the intensity of his love and suffering for each one of us, for the redemption of our sins. I felt speechless after the movie like everyone in the theater. No one was talking. My heart was pounding while he was being scourged and I wanted to scream STOP, ENOUGH SUFFERING! I pray that each of you will be able to slow down enough to see and feel the blessings of grace that we receive everyday .

In Christ  
Love Suzanne

## ReSPONSORbilities

Emmaus is for the development of Christian leaders who desire to strengthen their spiritual lives and who hold positions of responsibility in the church or in the world. Because of this, sponsorship should not be entered into lightly. If you are interested in sponsoring someone for the Walk to Emmaus, first, be in prayer and then, consider everything that goes with it:

### A sponsor is someone who:

- ◆ Determines who, among the *active* members of a church, would be interested in attending a Walk, would benefit from it, and would extend those benefits to the congregation.
- ◆ Explains to a potential pilgrim the purpose and format of the Walk so that he/she can make a more informed decision about attending.
- ◆ Supports the pilgrim *before* the Walk and *afterwards* as the pilgrim integrates the Walk to Emmaus into his/her life.
- ◆ Helps to involve the pilgrim in a 4<sup>th</sup> Day Reunion Group.
- ◆ Takes him/her to a community reunion gathering.
- ◆ Guides him/her in returning to their congregation.
- ◆ Expects to help with the pilgrim's concerns at home, such as child care or church responsibilities.

Excerpted from "Coming Down from the Mountain: Returning to Your Congregation" Available from the Emmaus Library - Upper Rooms Books.

## 2004 Board of Directors *Worshipfully Working Together*

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## CALENDAR Upcoming Emmaus Walks

### Men's Walk #71 May 20-23, 2004

- Candlelight 5/22, 8:30, Sanctuary
- Closing 5/23, 4:30, Sanctuary

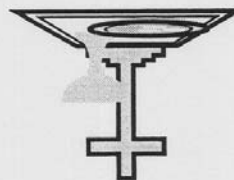
### 2004 Walks to Emmaus

- Women's Walk #86: June 17-20
- Women's Walk #87: Sept. 23-26
- Men's Walk #72: October 21-24
- Women's Walk #88: Nov. 18-21

- Gathering: Saturday, April 3, 7:30
- Board Meeting: Tues, April 6, 7:00
- Gathering: Saturday, May 1, 7:30



For complete Pilgrim Lists, Applications, Emmaus information and links to other communities, log in at [www.cincinnatiemmaus.org](http://www.cincinnatiemmaus.org)



Happy Easter  
Christ is Risen!

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