

GREATER CINCINNATI EMMAUS & CHRYSALIS COMMUNITY NEWS

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" 2 Cor. 5:17

Letter from the Emmaus Community Spiritual Director -

Dear Ones,

With the advent of the New Year, your leadership team will be looking for a new Community Spiritual Director (CSD). I have been filling this position after Rev. Dave Weaver transitioned from being a full-time pastor at Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church (HPCUMC) to part-time with the HPCUMC and a new appointment as pastor at Nast Trinity United Methodist Church downtown. I had the pleasure of serving as the Assistant Spiritual Director alongside Dave for five years, so it was natural for me to help out in this transition. I will continue as CSD until June 2009. At that time, I trust we will have a new CSD. I'll decide about returning to the Assistant CSD position as things unfold.

Since the beginning of the Walk to Emmaus at Hyde Park, one of the pastors at HPCUMC has been the CSD. This provided a lot of continuity. With changing times though, Hyde Park no longer sees the need to have a paid staff member take on this role. This action actually affords us the opportunity to follow the model of the Upper Room, our governing body. It suggests that the CSD be rotated with volunteer clergy. This also means that our community will have to become its own nonprofit entity and secure insurance that up until this time was covered by Hyde Park. Hyde Park is very committed to Emmaus and welcomes us using their facilities. They are pleased that this vital ministry has touched so many lives over so many years. We are grateful for their continued support and hospitality.

As we start 2009 with a new Community Lay Director and a new year for our Emmaus board, your prayers are needed. Your participation in our community is desired. If you have-

n't been with us for awhile, please come again. If you've been coming, please bring a friend. Over the years we have made changes from "the way it used be" to accommodate the Upper Room. We see the wisdom and reasoning for many of the changes, even when we aren't thrilled with them. And we also see the need to fulfill and maintain many of our own traditions. LOG's are back as are Prayer Servants, though they may be lived out a little differently than before. We are also enhancing our database so we may be faithful to progressive leadership and servanthood. We want new faces serving in all positions. So if you haven't been asked to fulfill a role you would like to participate in, let a board member know.

Dear Ones, let's walk together on this road to Emmaus so we may meet Emmanuel, God with us. For HE truly IS with us. May our eyes be opened to His very presence with us. May we follow Him with joy and thanksgiving. And may we have our best year, collectively and individually, as we strive to live as disciples of Jesus Christ, our Lord, and our Savior.

In the Love of Christ,
Stephanie Tunison
Community Spiritual Director

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

Cheryl Pogue
703 Miami View
Loveland, OH
45140
513-697-1124

Treasurer's Report:

A snapshot of our financial status for 2008:

Income (Pilgrim/team fees, love offerings)	\$26,984
Expenses	\$23,924

God blesses Emmaus with generous community members who made love offerings of \$9,157, representing 34% of our annual income amount. As you can see, without your heartfelt giving, Emmaus could not operate.



Please prayerfully consider a year-end love offering. We expect our expenses to increase next year as a result of picking up some added expenses (insurance, accounting fees, etc.) that were historically covered by HPCUMC. As always, gifts to Emmaus should come second to your own church tithes.

Emmaus Lay Director's Letter to the Community -

Dear Community,

Hello, my name is Bob Jewett. I have been given the opportunity to serve you as your Community Lay Director in 2009. Each new year brings new beginnings but also new challenges. It also means some changes. Not changes just for the sake of change, but in an attempt to better serve the Emmaus Community.

- * We will be holding only four walks in 2009. This is an attempt to consolidate our schedule so that we may avoid the pain of cancelling a walk like we had to do in 2008.
- * We will hold the Gathering on the first Thursday of the month. (Except in January when it will be January 8th, because of the New Years Day holiday.) The hope is that more people will be able to attend the Gatherings on this new night.
- * The plan is to hold a few Gatherings away from Hyde Park. This is an attempt to take the Gathering to a couple local churches to help get the word out about Emmaus.

Of course there will be challenges facing us:

- * Just communicating the changes, will be a challenge.
- * Recruiting pilgrims to fill the walks.

There will be other challenges that we don't know about yet. But God has blessed our Community for so many years and as long as we keep calling on the Holy Spirit to guide us, may Emmaus be like Abraham – blessed to be a blessing.

Thank you for all your support. DeColores,
Bob Jewett

A NOTE FROM THE EMMAUS OUTREACH CHAIRPERSON

The three-day Walk to Emmaus experience is designed to call forth and renew discipleship and equip Christians of all denominations to make Christianity a lifestyle, not just a Sunday experience; a life that is governed every day with Christian values and a personal relationship with Christ. And though, everyone's experience of the Walk is different, most folks leave the weekend with a renewed zeal for the Lord and a closer relationship with Christ. Many go back to their home churches and get more involved serving the Lord.

Did your Walk to Emmaus make a difference in your life? Would you like to see revival in your church? If you would like to spark the fire of revival in your church you might consider organizing an Emmaus Information event. Talk to your pastor and see if this would be possible. As Outreach chairperson on the Board of Directors, I am available to present a program at your church that describes the Walk to Emmaus. The program can be tailored to fit your time schedule. Please contact me at 513-831-4540 if you are interested.

DeColores,
Ev Gillming
Outreach Chairperson



WINTER FLIGHTS

Young Women's	Jan. 17-19
Young Men's	Feb. 14-16

Milford First United Methodist Church
541 Main Street, Milford, OH 45150



HOOT!

Friday, January 2
Milford First UMC
7:00 p.m.

Top Ten Agape List

10. It is a special gift of love to the pilgrims.
9. It comes in many forms.
8. Letters to pilgrims and team (they need uplifting also).
7. It only take 60 pieces for table agape (Friday, Saturday , and Sunday meals).
6. Bed agape is really nice, 60 pieces for team and pilgrims.
5. Praying for the pilgrims and team is agape.
4. Signing up to serve on the "Job Boards" at gatherings or on line is agape.
3. Praying in the Prayer Chapel during the walk is agape.
2. Agape shouldn't end after your pilgrim walk.
1. Remember the greatest agape - Jesus died for you and me because he loves us!!!

As a community, we send agape to other Emmaus, Chrysalis, and Kairos communities, and we receive agape from those communities (remember the wall of agape during your pilgrim walk?)

Please spend time in prayer - the Lord will guide your agape (gift of love) to the men and women who attend this wonderful experience, "The Walk to Emmaus."

DeColores,
Sandy Nickolin
Agape Chair

Changes in Gatherings in 2009

In an effort to improve attendance at Gatherings, the Board is implementing some changes. The Gatherings in 2009 will be held on **Thursday** nights instead of Wednesdays. It will normally be the first Thursday of the month, but since the first Thursday of January is a holiday, this move to Thursday will start with **January 8**. The Gatherings will be at the **Grace building in the Little Theater**. Wouldn't it be great if we would fill the Little Theater to capacity and have to move back to the Sanctuary?!

Later in the year, a few of the Gatherings may be held at other churches in the area. Plans are not yet complete, but it is hoped that first Thursdays and some alternate locations might make the Gatherings more convenient for our community.

DeColores,
Bob Jewett,

Application to Serve on a Live-In Team

Men's ___ --- Women's ___

Name _____ Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Phone: _____

Email _____

Original Walk Date _____ Walk # _____ Place _____

Your Church Name _____

Have you served on an Emmaus Team before? ___ Yes ___ No If yes, where? _____

Date of last Team you have served _____ How many Teams have you have served on? _____

I have previously served as (check all that apply):

___ Table Leader ___ Assistant Table Leader ___ Music ___ Background Support (Logistics) ___ Assistant Lay Director ___ Clergy

I have given the following talks (check all that apply):

___ Priorities ___ Priesthood ___ Piety ___ Growth Through Study ___ Christian Action ___ Discipleship
___ Changing Our World ___ Body of Christ ___ Perseverance ___ Fourth Day ___ Grace Talks (Clergy)

List special talents (music, computer, etc.) _____

Are you in a reunion/share/accountability group? ___ Yes ___ No

Signature _____ Date _____

Send completed Application to: Emmaus Leadership Chair / HPCUMC / 1345 Grace Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45208

2009 Board of Directors Worshipfully Working Together

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2009 CALENDAR

Upcoming Emmaus Walks

- Men's Walk #84, Feb. 19-22
- Women's Walk #101, March 19-22
- Men's Walk #85, Oct. 15-18
- Women's Walk #102, Nov. 12-15

- Gathering, Thursday, Jan. 8, 7:30 p.m.
- Board Meeting: Saturday, Jan. 10, 9 a.m.
- Gathering: Thursday, February 5, 7:30 p.m.
- Gathering: Thursday, March 5, 7:30 p.m.

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

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

Christ is Counting On You!



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