

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

Women's Walk #103 Mar. 18-21

But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings of eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:31

Please remember to keep these sisters in Christ in your prayers so that their hearts will be prepared and their eyes would be opened to the Lord to work in and through them. Please log onto www.cincinnatiemmaus.org for a complete list of pilgrims for the upcoming Walk.

<u>Pilgrim</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Rita Basquette	Bridgetown C of C	Anna Murheid/Beth Burg
Nanci Bauer	Mt. Moriah UMC	Chris Bauer
Diane Bertsch	Mt. Moriah UMC	Barb Bradshaw
Regina Bowman	Emmanuel UMC	Russ Bowman
Teresa Brunt	Vineyard Christian Church (KY)	Rev. Robert Ortega/Billie Minnick
Nina Christophersen	Eastside Christian	Douglas Christophersen
Jodi Conover	Emmanuel UMC	Andrea DeRose
Robin Covert	-	Debbie Skidmore
Angie Dodds	Vineyard CC	Andy Dodds
Michele Dotson	Bethel UMC	Cindy Kareth
Becky Fisher	Mt. Moriah UMC	Barb Bradshaw
Beth Fjelstul	Epiphany UMC	Jennifer & Bill Reigle
Sharon Fryant	Mason UMC	Kathy Savage
Carol Gates	Northminster Presbyterian	Becky Tucker
Jan Golan	Northminster Presbyterian	Forrest Cress
Debbie Gueninger	Friendship UMC	Rev. Gene Wells
Josselyn Gulbrandson	Anderson Hills UMC	Amy Cook
Lisa Houlihan	Bethel UMC	Suzi Foster
Cathy Janning	COS	Les Sper
Emily Little	Bethel UMC	Geoffrey & Tami Little
Ginny Lynch	Mt. Moriah UMC	Barb Bradshaw
Kelly Nickel	Miami Whitewater UMC	Mary Barthel
Aliette Sastre	HPCUMC	Diana McHenry
Kim Stein	Mason UMC	Kristen Smith
Nancy Sterrett	Madeira Silverwood Presbyterian	Pam Carroll
Lynnett Stevens	Shiloh UMC	Carol Wong Grimm
Denise Swearingen	Northminster Presbyterian	Patsy Cress
Cindy Vice	Friendship UMC	Rev. Gene Wells
Ruth Watkins	St. Paul UMC	Donald Fruechtemeyer
Georgia Wimberly-Ferguson	Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church	Sharon & Michael Griffin
Denise Wynett	Mt. Moriah UMC	Sue Shilling

TEAM ROSTER:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Talk</u>
Lisa Kerwin	SD	Sanctifying Grace
Ann Myers	SD	Means of Grace
Chris Khwaja	LD	Perseverance
Donna Goens	ALD	Growth thru Study
Diane Meyer	ALD	4th Day
Susan Wisner	ALD	Priority
Cindy Gordon	Bd. Rep	
Dr. Doug Damron	Clergy	Justifying Grace
Rev. Jonathan Kollman	Clergy	Prevenient Grace
Rev. Kim Seiberling	Clergy	Obstacles to Grace
Lisa Dunster	Music	
Jennifer Reigle	Music	Priesthood of Believers
Candy Day	TL	Life in Piety
Judy Leidy	TL	Christian Action
Ev Gillming	TL	Changing Our World
Ronda Steffen	TL	Body in Christ
Lori Upham	TL	Discipleship
Monica Boykin	ATL	
Datha Hewlett	ATL	
Robin Shehan	ATL	
Debbie Stover	ATL	
Dianna Mitts	ATL	
Carolyn Hatcher	LOG	
Kristen Kelly-Murray	LOG	

Childcare

Childcare is available for many Emmaus events and can be arranged through the HPCUMC childcare staff. The cost is \$5.00 per child, per event. Spots must be reserved at least 24 hours before the event. To make childcare reservations, please contact Susan Munn at 513-351-3881 or at seekupsusan@yahoo.com. You will need to provide your name, phone number, name and date of the event you need child care for, along with the name and ages of your children. Payment will be due at the time of the event.

Letter from the Emmaus Community Spiritual Director -

Thrive!

"Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Tiberias. It happened this way: Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" "No," they answered." John 21:1 – 5

What a story! After denying Jesus three times Peter was fully confident that he blew it as an apostle. Notice he tries to make an attempt to go back to his old occupation of being a fisherman rather than a fisher of people. It is not coincidental; Peter's first attempt in his old livelihood was not very profitable. He fished all night with four other disciples of Jesus and they all caught nothing! Zilch! Nada!

I can relate. I remember coming home from my college Chrysalis experience on fire, alive and ready to follow Jesus Christ anywhere! However, the letdown came a few days after my walk. I remember attempting to return to my former way of life; its unhealthy pre-Christian practices and hanging with people I knew had very little faith. Like Peter I almost sank back into my previous life and "safe zone" of familiarity. Do you know who kept me from sliding back into a darker let down and eventually a dissolving faith? It was my sponsor, Kimberly. Soon after my retreat, Kimberly encouraged me to go with her to a Cincinnati Chrysalis picnic/gathering. At this event I was kindled and encouraged once again by the body of Christ! As I reflect, it was a critical moment at the beginning of my faith journey. I could have fallen back and stayed in the familiar comforts of living outside the will of God. But, I thank God for my sponsor, my church and the Chrysalis and Emmaus Communities. They taught me to THRIVE in my fourth days!

It reminds me of what Father Ed Hayes writes in his book *Stranger's Bargain*, "We start out a hero; then slowly after a time settle for an average life and an ordinary dream. The dream dies and with it a sense of being alive, having a purpose, and making a difference. At some point, both the dreamer and the dream are dead."

When we disconnect from being fully present to a life of captivating faith and being kindled in the fire of Christ's love, we settle for familiarity and ultimately DO NOT live out God's dream for our lives! Father Ron Beshara writes in a weekly email I receive, "Familiarity is a sly agent. He won't steal away your life; he'll just make you forget what it means to be alive. With the passing of time familiarity will infiltrate your heart with boredom, and cover your mind with resistance to change..."

Here are a few reminders in light of all the above:

- First, always remember you were created to be ALIVE in Christ and to THRIVE in Christ!
- Secondly, always remember God has a dream and purpose for you!
- Next, if you have sponsored someone be ever so careful to make sure they are staying connected in their church, small group and Emmaus activities.
- Lastly, always remember the rest of the story; Peter was restored by Jesus and became a bold spirit filled apostle! Amen!

Jonathan Kollmann
Spiritual Director



HOOT!

Friday, May 7
Milford First UMC
7:00 p.m.
All are Welcome!

We are pleased to welcome the 35 young women from Flight #37 and the 32 young men from Flight #33 to the Greater Cincinnati Chrysalis Community.

If you a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, mentor, youth leader, neighbor or friend of a young person between the ages of 15-24, we invite you to consider sponsoring someone for a Chrysalis Flight. Anyone in the Emmaus or Chrysalis community can sponsor a youth for a flight.

Upcoming flights for the Cincinnati Community are Flight #38 July 9-11, 2010 for young women and Flight #34 July 23-25, 2010 for young men.

Considering all the negative influences teens and young adults face everyday, this is your chance to positively impact their lives and faith journey. Please prayerfully consider making a difference in a young person's life.

For more information or application information go to Greater Cincinnati Chrysalis Community web site at www.CincinnatiChrysalis.com

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Emmaus Lay Director's Letter to the Community

Dear Community,

First, let me welcome the Men of Walk #86! The testimony you shared at Closing was a blessing to all! May your Fourth day be filled with God's love and grace!

At closing, I shared Romans 12:1 with the Men of Walk #86. "Therefore, I urge you, brothers (*and sisters*), in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship." The second verse goes on to say, "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

We hear in *the Fourth Day* talk that during the three-day weekend we have changed but the world has not. From the *Changing Our World* talk, we are encouraged to anchor ourselves spiritually before we can even look to change the world. It follows that in order to not conform to the world we must spiritually anchor ourselves to Christ. The Emmaus experience and community is a beautiful way of building a network of believers to support and encourage each other in walking with Christ. Small groups hold us accountable in our daily lives and provide a time of prayer and study as a group. The Gathering allows us to come together as one body, worshipping the living God, and renewing our minds and spirits. During the weekend, we act as the hands and feet of Christ, serving the pilgrims and team in many different ways, reflecting God's love.

I encourage you to join or form a share group, attend the monthly Gatherings, and be willing to serve either on a weekend team or in the background. Sign up for prayer support in the 72-hour prayer vigil. Go to cincinnatiemmaus.org for sign up information. As the women are finishing team formation for WW #103 and God is preparing the hearts of the women called to attend, please hold all of them up in prayer. Let us be the Body of Christ, willing to Change Our World beginning with ourself, and in our Fourth Day, seek ways to serve Christ both in our church and our Emmaus community. Serve where God calls you to serve because serving Him is always a blessing!

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Lori Markovic

Community Lay Director

WANT TO SERVE ON AN EMMAUS TEAM?

With fewer Walks per year there are ultimately fewer opportunities available to serve on a live-in Team for Walks. When our new database system is complete and working, team selection will be simpler but until that time, the best way for Leadership to know whom to consider for Team selection is to have a completed Team Application Form from those who are interested. The form can be found on-line at http://cincinnatiemmaus.org/pdfs/application_to_serve.pdf .

Please keep in mind that there is a combination of new and experienced members on each Team and submitting an application does not necessarily mean you will automatically be selected for the next Walks. However, with completed applications at least we know that you are interested and we will have your current contact information. This request applies to new team members as well as those who have already served on previous teams. If you have submitted an application during the last few months there is no need to re-submit.

Please send your completed application to the Leadership Chair, Bill Lindenschmidt, 11840 Neuss Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45246. Or, if you prefer to scan it, you can email it to BillLindy@fuse.net. If you have any questions, please call Bill at 513-671-7059.

Needed!

The Worship team is looking for volunteers for Gathering and Candlelight services. First we need for someone to bring communion bread and grape juice for services. Secondly, while we have one volunteer to run the power point, we would like to have at least one more for backup. If you are interested in being part of music or any of the above, please contact Jeff Markovic at 260-4783 (cell) or at jmarkovic7@gmail.com

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2010 CALENDAR

Upcoming Emmaus Walks

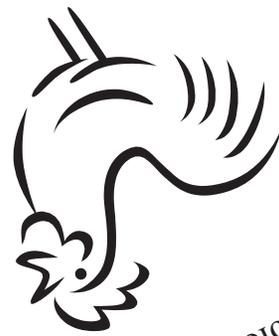
Women's Walk #103, March 18-21
 Men's Walk #87, Oct. 21-24
 Women's Walk #104, Nov. 18-21

Board Meeting: Monday, Mar. 22 6:30 p.m.
 Gathering: Thursday, Apr. 1, 7:30 p.m.
 Board Meeting: Monday, Apr. 19 6:30 p.m.
 Gathering: Thursday, May 6, 7:30 p.m.
 Board Meeting: Monday, May 17 6:30 p.m.
 Gathering: Thursday, June 3, 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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