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

**2010 CALENDAR**

Upcoming Emmaus Walks

- Men's Walk #86, Feb. 18-21
- Women's Walk #103, March 18-21
- Men's Walk #87, Oct. 21-24
- Women's Walk #104, Nov. 18-21

- Gathering, Thursday, Jan. 7, 7:30 p.m.
- Board Retreat: Saturday, Jan. 16, 9 a.m.
- Gathering: Thursday, Feb. 4, 7:30 p.m.
- Board Meeting: Monday, Feb. 22 7:30 p.m.
- Gathering: Thursday, Mar. 4, 7:30 p.m.

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

Christ is Counting On You!



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"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,

Seven years! Wow, I never imagined I would be your Community Assistant Spiritual Director and Spiritual Director. What a gift! How I have grown. Thank you!!!

I have treasured asking the Lord what message He wanted for you whether it was for a Gathering or Candlelight. He never failed me. Sometimes His message came much later in the week than I liked, but it always came. The overall message: His love for YOU!

I cannot describe to you the soaring joy I have experienced as I have served on teams and served each of you. When I have looked into your eyes as you received the communion cup and stated, "The blood of Christ shed for YOU!" in that sacred moment, I experienced the outpouring of His love for you. It was one of those holy moments when you understood just how precious and sacred you really are to Him. Praise God!! Don't forget it!

You have entrusted to me many of your darkest moments, and for that I am thankful. Prayer is a strong antidote for what ails us. Use it often. His ear is always ready to hear your concerns.

On a lighter side, at Candlelights I have delighted sharing with you the humor of the weekend and the fun the women and the men have had. (Yes, I was live-in SD on one men's walk.) Too often as Christians we take life too seriously. Laughter heals the soul. We need more of it.

It's been a blessing to sit on the board and watch how seriously members take their responsibilities. We have worked well together. We have learned to agree to disagree at times. Yet we reach for consensus. During difficult decisions, we pass the cross so each viewpoint is clearly stated and understood. It's not about winning and losing, but seeking God's desire for our community.

I am awed by the love and devotion this community has for God and each other. You pour out agape love for strangers so they may know the love of God as we have known Him. We are not a perfect community, but we are a good community. We are a strong community because of each one, working together as the body of Christ. Even if you have not been present with us for awhile, your prayers have been felt and are valued. I trust you have felt our prayers for you too. And please, come again.

As dear as each of you are to me, you are really God's Dearest Ones. Walk each day in the light of that truth. Follow Him! Study, pray, grow, be His priests and be confident of His unfailing love for YOU!!

De Colores and God bless,  
*Stephanie Tunison*  
 Community Spiritual Director

**Sponsoring a Pilgrim?**

Please send the applications directly to the Registrars:

<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
Chris Khwaja	Cheryl Pogue
1437 Miami Lake Dr.	703 Miami View
Loveland, Ohio	Loveland, OH
45140	45140
513-697-9578	513-697-1124

**CHILD CARE**

The Greater Cincinnati Emmaus Community now has a new Child Care Coordinator. Susan Munn has stepped up and answered the call. As a reminder, child care is available for all Emmaus events – Gatherings, Candlelights, and Closings. All you need to do is call Susan at least 24-hours in advance to arrange child care. The cost is a nominal at \$5 per child per event. This is offered through HPCUMC and all providers are certified. Call Susan at least 24-hours in advance at 513-351-388 or email her at [seekupsusan@yahoo.com](mailto:seekupsusan@yahoo.com).

## Emmaus Lay Director's Letter to the Community -

Dear Emmaus Community,

Thanksgiving has passed, but I'm not finished saying my thanks. As I finish my term as Community Lay Director, I look back on a year of blessings.

The Walks were either full or nearly full, the Gatherings were well attended, the Emmaus community stepped up when there was a need. What a great group of people to be associated with.

We took 3 of our Gatherings on the road this year – visiting Shiloh UMC and Epiphany UMC. This was a definite break in our routine, but we ended up being blessed by it.

We celebrated 100 Women's Walks this year. We heard about a mission trip taking eye glasses to China, by folks inspired to step up to that mission while on their Emmaus Walk. We heard from a Native American. We had inspiring Leadership talks where people shared their faith while dealing with some difficult times. Then at the December Gathering we celebrated – how fitting it was for the year we have had.

As a personal note, I want to say, how much fun I have had this year. It is scary when you first step out as Community Lay Leader, I was afraid I would mess it up, but when I looked into the eyes of the Emmaus Community and saw how supportive they were – I knew they would forgive my mess-ups. (That was your act of agape to me.) Thank you.

Decolores.  
Bob Jewett

### Treasurer's Report—2009

Income (Pilgrim/team fees, love offerings)	\$25,297
Expenses	\$21,014

God continues to bless Emmaus with generous community members who make love offerings that represent approximately a third of our annual income amount. Without your heartfelt giving, Emmaus could not operate.

Enclosed is a donation envelope for consideration of a love offering to Emmaus. As always, first priority is to your own home church. We do ask that you prayerfully consider a gift of any amount to help offset expenses for community. Recently we purchased a laptop computer and projector to assist in smoother technology sailing on weekends and for gatherings. We have also recently subscribed to a web-based database software system to better serve our community (see accompanying article). We realize that in this economy things are tight for many, but any offering of any size is gratefully appreciated.

Make checks payable to: Greater Cincinnati Walk to Emmaus,  
c/o Susan Wisner, Treasurer  
4800 Councilrock Lane,  
Cincinnati, OH 45243

## Consider Sponsoring a Youth

With 2010 around the corner, we ask that you consider sponsoring a young man or woman that you know for one of our upcoming Chrysalis Flights. Anyone in the Emmaus or Chrysalis community may sponsor a youth for a Flight.

The upcoming Flights will take place January 16-18, 2010 for young women and February 13-15, 2010 for young men. Please submit your application to us early for a discount on the application fee.

For more information or application information, please our web site at [www.CincinnatiChrysalis.com](http://www.CincinnatiChrysalis.com) or call Stephanie Harrison at 513-531-4551.

[www.cincinnati-chrysalis.com](http://www.cincinnati-chrysalis.com) - Sign up online for the job boards!



### WINTER FLIGHTS

Young Women's Jan. 16-18  
Young Men's Feb. 13-15

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

## Now Is The Time

With 2010 and the Spring Walks fast approaching (Men - Feb. 18-22 & Women - Mar. 18-21), now is the time to send in those applications!

**How the application process works - Pilgrims are invited in the order in which their applications are accepted. Note that we didn't say "received" but rather "accepted". That is because the date of receipt is only part of the equation. In order to hold a place in line, the application packet must be complete and include the following:**

1. A completed Pilgrim Application,
2. A completed Sponsor Form, and
3. A check for \$25 (or a request for Scholarship).

In addition, the Sponsor must have completed training (check the website for more information on Sponsor Training or contact Kathleen Bauer, kitsyboo-boo@yahoo.com).

We stop accepting applications when the number limit is reached (30 Pilgrims/Walk) or deadline is reached (10 days prior to the Walk).

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the application requirements, do not hesitate to call Chris Khwaja, Men's Registrar, 304-8201 or Cheri Pogue, Women's Registrar, 518-2175

## EMMAUS DATABASE

The Walk to Emmaus continues to grow as a driving force for Christians all over the world. The need for good, clear, consistent and easily accessible records for all of our members is more evident every day. A member from a community in Georgia who works in the technology field has designed an internet-based management database system. This year we elected to subscribe to this database to manage the records of *our* growing community.

It offers a lot of tools to the board and community members from individual member management to team building. It will be rolled out in phases as we all learn to use the system to the fullest. Look for future emails and articles in the newsletters about this great tool to keeping us all up-to-date and connected.

If you are interested in having access to the Emmaus database website, please register your email address with Lori Markovic [lmarkovic7@gmail.com](mailto:lmarkovic7@gmail.com) or with Bill Lindenschmidt [BillLindy@fuse.net](mailto:BillLindy@fuse.net).

### 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