

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

END OF SUMMER GATHERING

Our last gathering of the summer will once more be "on the road." This off-site Emmaus Gathering will again be on the west side of town and will be held Thursday evening Sept 3, 2009 at 7:30 PM at Shiloh United Methodist Church, 580 Anderson Ferry Rd. Cincinnati 45238 This is the same location of our May Gathering and directions to the church can be found on page 2.

The evening promises to be Spirit filled and Spirit led. There will be praise songs and special music as well as a wonderful leadership talk by Bill Schmidt, a former Community Lay Director. It promises to be a joyous time of fellowship and worship and we will celebrate Holy Communion together. As usual, there will be sponsor's training at 6:30. This is a great opportunity to invite someone you know who has not been attending the Gatherings or bring a potential pilgrim. One does not have to have participated in a Walk in order to attend a Gathering.

If you have questions please contact Bob Jewett at 513-896-7305.

Childcare is available with advance notice. Please contact Howard Sloneker at 513-313-0275 or Howard@dmlive.com as soon as possible. Reservations must be made at least 24 hours beforehand.



Chrysalis is extremely excited that we had our first summer flights in over 2 years! We praise God for being able to welcome 22 new young women and men into our community.

Chrysalis would like to thank Pastor Kim Pope Seiberling for over three years of tremendous service as our Community Spiritual Director, and we welcome Pastor Brian Cordell as our new Community Spiritual Director.

Our next Chrysalis flights will be the Young Women's on January 16-18 with Nora Loper serving as the Lay Director, and the Young Men's on February 13-15 with Steve Rahm serving as the Lay Director.

Looking For a Few Good People

The Worship Team for Emmaus would like to recruit people to assist in worship planning and assisting with audio/visual for gatherings. If you have experience with running sound, PowerPoint or laptop/projectors (especially), please email Jeff Markovic at jmarkovic7@gmail.com.

Sponsoring a Pilgrim?

Please send the applications directly to the Registrars:

Men
Chris Khwaja
437 Miami Lake Dr.
Loveland, Ohio
45140
513-697-9578

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

Emmaus Lay Director's Letter to the Community -

Dear Emmaus Community,

The September 3rd Gathering will be at the Shiloh UMC, 580 Anderson Ferry Road, Cincinnati, 45238. This will be our second trip to Shiloh this summer. This has been a summer when we have tried to take the Gatherings out to the people. Why are we doing this? By taking the Gathering out to the community, we are hoping to reach Emmaus folks that have not been attending Gatherings lately. We also hope to reach out to potential Emmaus pilgrims. Please remember that one does not need to have attended a Walk to attend a Gathering.

So this is my appeal to you the Greater Cincinnati Emmaus community:

Make an effort to invite an Emmaus brother or sister who hasn't attended a Gathering in a while.

Make an effort to invite someone who you have been thinking about sponsoring. Give them the opportunity to see our community singing, worshiping, and having fellowship.

In October, our Gathering will return to Hyde Park as we prepare for a Men's Walk in October and a Women's Walk in November. There is still space on these walks for pilgrims, but remember the February and March Walks were filled, so don't wait too long to invite your pilgrim.

Let us remember the Emmaus road story of the two pilgrims that first Easter, who didn't realize it right away, but they encountered the risen Christ as they walked to Emmaus. Their eyes were opened when they broke bread together and had that fellowship with Jesus. As we sing, worship, take communion, and have fellowship at the Gathering, may our eyes be opened once again to the love of the risen Christ.

DeColores,
Bob Jewett

Directions to Shiloh UMC

580 Anderson Ferry Rd.
Cincinnati 45238

In order to get to Delhi you will need to get to River Road (US 50 W).

FROM I-75 S.

Exit at FREEMAN AVE., go through one light and look for an exit on the right for RIVER RD.

FROM I-71 S.

Get in second from left lane, go through the tunnel. On the other side, get in the far left lane, take exit on the left, River Rd./Linn St.

FROM COLUMBIA PKWY.

Take exit on the right, I-75/I-71, near downtown. Go straight onto Ft. Washington Way. Get in the far left lane, take left-hand exit, River Rd./Linn St.

FROM KENTUCKY

I-71-75 N. across Brent Spence bridge, get in second from left lane, marked River Rd, 50-W. It's the second exit in Ohio, past 5th St.

EVERYBODY

Once you're on River Rd, follow for a couple miles till Fairbanks Rd. There's a stoplight and a large park (Boldface Park) with a pool house that looks like an old castle. Go up the hill, it turns into Delhi Pike. Stay on it through a business district and turn right on Anderson Ferry Rd. There's a Walgreen's on the left, BP station on the right. The first light is Foley Rd, Shiloh is right there on the corner. Turn right on Foley to access the main parking lot.

Letter from the Emmaus Community Spiritual Director -

Dear Ones,

Is it well with your soul?

Sit a moment and reflect on the question.

The question is not; Are you happy? Are you ok? Are you well? Are you stress free? It's, "Is it well with your soul?"

Are you at peace with God? Are you at peace with yourself, or with your family, coworkers or neighbors? If not, what do you need to change in your life?

If you look at your key ring, do you own all that is represented there or does it own you?

Questions like this bring me back to the first talk on the Emmaus weekend, Priorities. How are you doing with your checkbook? What does your calendar look like?

When are you taking time to listen to God? And just BE with God?

Are you able to stop or slow down all the DOING? Are you able to just BE you? Do you like being alone with you?

At the beginning of this new school season, it is a good time to ask yourself a few questions in the quiet of your prayer closet.

In Mathew 21: 37-40, Jesus is asked what is the greatest commandment in the Law. He states: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all you mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." If we work on nothing else this year, this would be a good place to rest, study and pray.

I know I'm asking a lot of questions, but we must slow down enough to not only ask them, but to truly answer them. Sometimes I gloss over them because I might not want to hear the answer. Sometimes I want to be satisfied with my answer, and not God's answer. Am I REALLY loving Him with ALL my heart, with all my sole and with all of my mind? If I was, what would be different in my life? Each of us must answer it for ourselves.

So my prayer for you, all of you, is to take time. Sit with your Lord and Savior. Love Him. Truly Love HIM. And then ask yourself, "Is it well with my soul?"

In the love of Christ,
Stephanie Tunison, Spiritual Director

Now Is The Time

With the Fall Walks fast approaching (Men - Oct. 15-18 & Women - Nov. 12-15), now is the time to send in those applications! We will begin inviting Pilgrims in September (for Men) and October (for Women).

How the application process works: Pilgrims are invited in the order in which their applications are accepted. Notice that we didn't say "received" but rather "accepted". That's 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 & 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 or this newsletter for more information on Sponsor Training *or* contact Kathleen Bauer, kitsybooboo@yahoo.com).

When do we stop accepting applications?: When we reach our number limit (30 Pilgrims/Walk) or deadline (10 days prior to the Walk).

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the aforementioned application requirements, do not hesitate to call us (Chris Khwaja, Men's Registrar, 304-8201 or Cheri Pogue, Women's Registrar, 518-2175). We love to talk about Emmaus and will answer any questions - no matter how simple!

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2009 CALENDAR

Men's Walk #85, Oct. 15-18
 Women's Walk #102, Nov. 12-15

Gathering: Thursday, Sept 3, 7:30 p.m.
 Board Meeting, Monday, Sept 28, 6:30 p.m.
 Gathering: Thursday, Oct 1, 7:30 p.m.
 @ Hyde Park
 Board Meeting, Monday, Nov 2, 6:30 p.m.
 Gathering: Thursday, Nov. 5, 7:30 p.m.
 @ Hyde Park

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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