

# EMMAUS COMMUNITY NEWS

## Women's Walk #93 June 15-18, 2006

Below are the names of the team and pilgrims for the next Walk. Please remember to keep these people in your prayers so that their hearts will be prepared for the Lord to work in and through them. (List as of 5/20/06.)

*Luke 1:28 "Greetings, you who are highly favored.  
 The Lord is with you."*

<u>Pilgrim</u>	<u>Home Church</u>	<u>Sponsor(s)</u>
Brandy Attewell .....	Clough Pike Baptist Church .....	Gina Riley & Lori Markovic
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Carla Biddle .....	Montgomery Comm. Baptist .....	LuAnn Kanavy
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Emma Knapke .....		Mary Hanawalt
Jean Laskey .....	Crossroads .....	Joy & Jerry Hedleston
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Julie Valentine .....	Crossroads .....	Joy & Jerry Hedleston
Evelyn Vannoy .....	Williamsburg UMC .....	Tracy Taylor
Barb Vogt .....	Westwood UMC .....	Charlotte Hahn

### TEAM ROSTER:

TL... Kathleen Bauer.....Grow Through Study  
 Music..Linda Brown  
 ALD...JoAnne RouseClark .. Fourth Day  
 Music..Lisa Dunster  
 BR .....Ann Frye  
 ATL...Gayle Glueck  
 ALD...Sharon Hay..... Priority  
 ATL...Jennie Heflin  
 Music..Melissa Holmes  
 ATL... Teresa Hood  
 Clergy.. Rev. Brian King.... Prevenient Grace  
 Clergy.. Rev. Larry Kreps... Obstacles to Grace  
 LD.....Lori Markovic..... Perseverance  
 TL..... Susan Munn..... Body of Christ  
 ALD...Pam Park..... Discipleship  
 TL..... Denise Peters.....Christian Action  
 ATL... Elaine Staples  
 TL..... Janet Steele.....Priesthood  
 Clergy.. Rev. Al Tomer..... Justifying Grace  
 ATL... Mary Tons  
 ATL... Sue Troller  
 TL..... Lucy Trumbull..... Changing Our World  
 SD.....Stephanie Tunison..Means of Grace  
 TL..... Diane Weaver.....Life of Piety  
 ASD... Monta Williams.....Sanctifying Grace

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**SPONSORS:** Remember 4th Day Books are available for purchase (\$5) at Sponsor's Hour. They are a great gift for a Pilgrim's 4th Day!

## A Message from the Community Spiritual Director -

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

How often do we play the "Blame Game?"

We come by it honestly. Adam and Eve gave us the first introduction to it. From Genesis 3:3 we see that when the Lord asked them what happened in the garden, "that their eyes were opened and you will be like God, knowing good and evil," both of them went into the "Blame Game." If you read further down to Genesis 3:12, you will hear Adam say, "The woman who you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate."

When was the last time you got caught playing that game? I got caught last week. I live by myself. My youngest has been out of the house for almost three years. Yet when I couldn't find something that I KNEW should be where I ALWAYS put it, I was convinced my daughter must have come into the house while I was out and moved it. Now, how silly is that!? And that is exactly how I felt when I found what I was looking for and remembered why I moved it and hadn't returned it to its rightful place.

Have you ever played the game at a gas station? Jimmy D. Brown tells the story of being in a hurry to get to the airport but knew he had to stop to get gas or he wouldn't make it to his destination. In a hurry, he got out of the car, put the nozzle into the car and waited for the gas to dispense. When nothing happened, he signaled the girl inside the station to turn on the pump. Well, she kept talking to her



friend. Jimmy tried to get her attention again to no avail. He kept getting angrier with her, because now he was going to be late! She still did not turn on the pump. Finally he looked down at the pump and realized he had not pressed the START button.

Oh, how we feel so idiotic! And we all do it. The question is, when we blame someone else for our own behavior, do we go back to him or her and apologize? In both of my examples, the other people didn't know the ill will brewing in our hearts for their supposed egregious behavior. But how about when we do out and out blame another for what we did or did not do?

Beloved, we need to be so careful about getting irritated and angry with other people, blaming them for our problems. What we are upset about may not be the other person's fault. We need to take responsibility for our own thoughts and actions. We may not understand the entire circumstance. We may not know the other point of view. They may not have even done anything wrong!

As brothers and sisters in Christ, let's be gracious to each other. Let's seek first to understand, then to be understood. Let's get the facts, let's apologize when we offend or jump to conclusions. Let's not jump into the "Blame Game" as Adam and Eve did. And let's make right our relationships through the love of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ,

*Stephanie Tunison*  
Assistant Spiritual Director



## Where're the Pews?

Things might look a little different to you at the Erie Bldg. For instance, the sanctuary no longer has pews. As a press release reported: On May 17, 38 pews were donated to the St. Mary of the Angels Church in New Orleans and should provide for the Church's entire congregation. This Roman Catholic Church, that serves 500 families, suffered serious damage from the Hurricane. Its roof was blown off and over four feet of water flooded the Church, destroying all the pews, electronic equipment and musical instruments. Only the Paschal Candle was left standing. Father Bart referred to these pews and the survival of the Paschal Candle as "God's way of taking care of the people of his congregation."

(For the full press release, please log on to [hpcumc.org](http://hpcumc.org).)

So what does this mean for the community? Another opportunity to show agape love and be the hands and feet of Christ! Chairs may need to be moved in, set up, taken down and returned to storage. As more changes and updates are made to the Erie Bldg., let us serve with love and charity.

Christ is counting on us!

## Sponsoring a Pilgrim?

Please send the applications directly to the Registrars:

### Men

Sandy Nickolin  
2308 Harper #3  
Cincinnati, OH 45212  
513-841-1645

### Women (new address)

Jill Sloneker  
432 Fox Chapel Run  
Maineville, OH 45039  
513-494-1548

### Calling all Clergy!

As the spiritual director of the Greater Cincinnati Emmaus community, I am asking for more clergy support in the Emmaus Community.

#### Here is how you can help in Emmaus!

- ◇ Serve by being a live-in spiritual director on an Emmaus team—a powerful experience!
- ◇ Give one of the grace clergy talks and stay for a meal if you would like!
- ◇ Assist in worship at the gatherings or candlelight services!
- ◇ Sponsor a clergy colleague from your own denomination or outside your denomination to bring greater clergy diversity!
- ◇ Have our board outreach team speak at your church to introduce Emmaus or renew the spirit of Emmaus!

**There can be no Emmaus without sustained or new or renewed clergy support!**

Please respond to the call by reaching me at 979-8184 or email at [dweaver@hpcumc.org](mailto:dweaver@hpcumc.org) and let me know where you are willing to serve or if you have questions about serving in Emmaus!

Colleague in Christ,  
Dave Weaver

### *A Message from the Community Lay Director—*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I have been so blessed by the new Pilgrims from Men's Walk #77 and I feel a sense of urgency for our Community. It seems like we need a rekindling of the FIRE. To rekindle the fire we need to be active. We are all so very busy these days and we are stressed to the max it seems, come back to the fold and find rest in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

In a moment I want you to close your eyes. I want you to remember your Candlelight. Remember the song, "Love, Love, Love, the gospel in one word is love, You're your neighbor as your brother, love, love, love. Jesus, Jesus, can I tell you how I fell, you have given me your spirit, I love you so".....sing this a few times to yourself and close your eyes, remember?? Let us all get together and love these new pilgrims thru this process. Let's serve like Jesus served. He served us with his whole life, and still meets us on the road to Emmaus. Jesus loves you so much, and so do I.

Your Sister in Christ,  
*Debbie*

**DID YOU KNOW** that the Outreach Committee has given Emmaus presentations to many churches in the Greater Cincinnati area...and can do the same for your church? We can come and talk about Emmaus, show our community's video if desired, hand out brochures, etc. While there is a "standard" message, it can be adapted to meet the needs of your church and the desires of the pastoral staff. We have given presentations to as few as six people and as many as 80-plus. We will do our best to conform to the date and time that best fits your church's services, or any scheduled or special gathering that may be planned.

While the purpose of Outreach is to spread the word about the Walk to Emmaus, we are here for you and your local church. We will do whatever we can to help get the word out. And it does not have to just be your church, if you have another group that would like to hear about the Walk to Emmaus, we can talk with them, also.

We also send out email reminders about Walks, Candlelights, and Gatherings and certain other announcements. If you are not already receiving these notices, and would like to, please send a request to [EmmausNews@fuse.net](mailto:EmmausNews@fuse.net) and your email address will be added to the list. We promise you will not be inundated with emails, normally just a couple each month.

Don't forget that the Greater Cincinnati Emmaus video is available for viewing on our website – [www.CincinnatiEmmaus.org](http://www.CincinnatiEmmaus.org) – go to "About Emmaus – Video." This is a great tool to help you talk with others one-on-one and to give them a taste of what an Emmaus weekend is like. Applications for Pilgrims, as well as for Teams are also available on the website. Plus, the website is continually improving and there will be many more features added in the near future. Please check it often for updates.

If you would like to discuss holding a presentation at your church, have any questions, or would like more information, please contact the Outreach Chair – Bill Lindenschmidt – at 513-671-7059 or [BillLindy@fuse.net](mailto:BillLindy@fuse.net).

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## CALENDAR

### Upcoming Emmaus Walks

#### Women's Walk #93 June 15-18, 2006

- Candlelight 6/17, 8:30, Sanctuary
- Closing 6/18, 4:30, Sanctuary

Board Meeting: Saturday, June 3, 5:30

Gathering: Saturday, June 3, 7:30

Board Meeting: Saturday, Aug. 5, 5:30

Gathering: Saturday, Aug. 5, 7:30

#### 2006 Walks to Emmaus

Men's Walk #78: October 19-22

Women's Walk #94: Nov. 16-19

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](http://www.cincinnatiemmaus.org).

Christ is Counting On You!



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