

EMMAUS COMMUNITY NEWS

Dear Ones,

Thanksgiving is a gift. What I mean is, thanks giving is a gift. Some people are much better at it than others. When is the last time you said “thank-you” for an action someone did for you, especially if you thought the other person was supposed to do it anyway?

As we enter this busy holiday season, it is so easy to get caught up in the “stuff” we have to do that we don’t even enjoy the journey to the destination. And then, once the events are over, we get active trying to put our lives back to “normal” (whatever that is), and we may or may not take the time to really thank all the people that showed us kindness during the season. We aren’t alone. Forgetting to be grateful occurred in Jesus’ day too.

In Luke 17:11-19, we read how Jesus healed ten lepers. They met Jesus as he was going into a village, stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!” Yet, after the cleansing, only one returned to thank Jesus, and he was an outsider, a Samaritan.

Why did only one cleansed leper return to thank Jesus? Perhaps as “insiders” we take people for granted. An unknown author suggests the following nine reasons why the nine lepers did not return to thank Jesus:

- One waited to see if the cure was real.
- One waited to see if it would last.
- One said he would see Jesus later.
- One decided that he had never had leprosy.
- One said he would have gotten well anyway.
- One gave the glory to the priests.
- One said, "O, well, Jesus didn't really do anything."
- One said, "Any rabbi could have done it."
- One said, "I was already much improved."



Which excuse do you use? How easily we rationalize!

Not only do we need to thank Jesus for all He does for us, but we need to thank each other too. Let’s take advantage of this new season, and let’s be the one to extend gratitude and thanks giving for all the tiny gifts we receive each day, even from the folks we don’t know. And let’s be sure we give an extra measure of appreciation to those we know best, and those we call family.

Thanks giving truly is a gift! In the love of Christ this holiday season,
Stephanie Tunison, Assistant Spiritual Director



Please note that we have enclosed an envelope for consideration of an annual gift to Emmaus.

As always, first priority is to your own home church. But we do ask you prayerfully consider a donation of any amount to help offset increasing costs of Emmaus walks.

Thank you!

Make checks payable to the
Greater Cincinnati Emmaus Community.

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Greater Cincinnati Emmaus Community Outreach

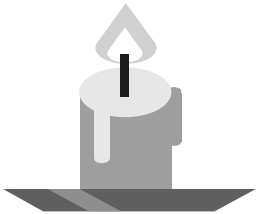
DID YOU KNOW that the Outreach Committee has given Emmaus presentations to many churches in the Greater Cincinnati area...and can do the same for your church? We can come and talk about Emmaus, show our community's video if desired, hand out brochures, etc. While there is a "standard" message, it can 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, Gatherings, newsletters, and certain other announcements. If you are not already receiving these notices, and would like to, please send a request to EmmausNews@fuse.net and you will have your email address 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 – 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. Beginning in January, 2008, the new Outreach Chair will be Ev Gillming, 513-831-4540, or Elvalee@fuse.net



A NEW Look!

There is a new "look" to the Candlelight. After dealing with candles that didn't work at times, leaked fuel on floor, seats, and hands, caused storage problems, in general were somewhat dangerous, and having to deal with lighters, the Board has gone to a safer alternative—a battery-operated candle. Thank you to several people who stepped up with donations to make this possible!

Emmaus Sponsorship Training at your Church!

Sponsorship training is available to bring to your church.

Perhaps you have a group that would prefer having a sponsorship presentation at your location and at your convenience.

To schedule, just call Kathleen Bauer at 513-479-0061.

Don't Hide It Under a Basket!

"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit." 1 Cor. 12:4 NIV

Perhaps Paul wasn't talking about singers, musicians, signers, or clowns, but we are! The Emmaus community is blessed with all kinds of gifted and talented people who serve the Lord, their local churches, and the Emmaus community.

Our community continues to grow and it is time for the leadership team to update its list.

If you sing, play an instrument, clown, or know sign language, please email Bob Jewett, leadership chair, your name and phone number—even if you have served in the past. This will give us an up-to-date, complete list!

Bob's email: bobjewett1@aol.com

"No one, when he has lit a lamp, puts it in a secret place or under a basket, but on a lampstand, that those who come in may see the light." Luke 11:33 NKJ

FROM THE GOOD SHEPHERDS—

We are compiling a list of share groups! Please let us know! And, if you are willing to accept new members, let us know that, too!.

Please send the following information to:

Rongoenssystems@fuse.net or rlg134@one.net.

Contact Name

Telephone

What part of town you meet

Meeting time

Mens/Womens Share Group



DeColores, Ron & Donna Goens

New Pilgrim Costs in 2008

The cost for a pilgrim to attend the spirit-filled three-day Walk to Emmaus experience will be \$100, effective 1/1/08.

A \$25 deposit (non-refundable) needs to accompany the pilgrim registration form, and the remaining \$75 paid at Thursday night registration. This is due to ongoing food and supply cost increases. There has not been an increase in over ten years. The pilgrim fee is still less than many other communities. The Emmaus board will make all attempts in being good stewards in keeping the cost for pilgrims reasonable. Donations to the Greater Cincinnati Emmaus Community for scholarships are graciously accepted.

Sponsoring a Pilgrim?

Please send the applications directly to the Registrars:

Men's Registrar:

Chris Khwaja
1437 Miami Lake Dr.
Loveland, Ohio 45140
513-697-9578

Women's Registrar

Vicki Ouellette
4140 Mt. Carmel Tobasco Rd. #5C
Cincinnati, OH 45255
513-688-7338

CHRYSALIS NEWS

Girls' Flights and Young Womens' Journeys:

January 19-21, 2008

July 11-13, 2008

Boys' Flights and Young Mens' Journeys:

February 16-18, 2008

July 25-27, 2008

The Flights/Journeys are held at
Milford First United Methodist Church
541 Main Street
Milford, OH 45150



Applications for the weekends can be found on our website at CincinnatiChrysalis.com. You will also find the job boards and prayer vigil charts on the website also. **Please come out to support our youth and young adults.**

Board Position Available:

A Treasurer is needed at this time. Should you have any questions regarding this position or are interested in serving on the Board in the future, please contact Julie Merritt at 513-831-5315 or Brian Furnish at 513-265-1002.

Our Outreach Coordinators, Rick and Angel Nelson would like to come share with your youth groups what a Chrysalis Weekend is all about. They can be reached at 513-553-2985

Fly With Christ!

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

CALENDAR

Upcoming Emmaus Walks

Board Meeting: Thursday, Nov. 29, 6:30 p.m.

Gathering: Wednesday, Dec. 5, 7:30 p.m.

Board Retreat: Saturday, Jan. 5, 9:00 a.m.

Gathering: Wednesday, Jan. 9, 7:30 p.m.

Gathering: Wednesday, Feb. 13, 7:30 p.m.

2008 Walks to Emmaus

Men's Walk #82: Jan. 10-13

Women's Walk #98: Feb. 7-10

Men's Walk #83: May 15-18

Women's Walk #99: June 19-22

Men's Walk #84: Oct. 16-19

Women's Walk #100: Nov. 13-16



ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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