

Emmaus Community News

Women's Walk #90 JUNE 16-19, 2005

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 5-24-05)

"We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose."
Romans 8:28 NRSV

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- Vernice Appling Sanctifying Grace
- Bonita Barnes, ATL
- Peggy Bosse, LD Perseverance
- Darlene Branham, TL... Changing Our World
- Jim Clark Prevenient Grace
- Joanna Coleman, TL .. Body of Christ
- Linda Cook, ATL
- Candy Day, ALD Priority
- Meg Doerzbacher . Obstacles to Grace
- Gail Geise, Music
- Donna Goens, ATL
- Lonita Hanekamp, Music
- Jaclyn Hicks, ATL
- Rebecca Huesman, TL ... Discipleship
- Nancy Johannigman, TL Life of Piety
- Lucy Kochanski, ATL
- Judy Leidy, TL Grow Thru Study
- Lisa Linne, ALD 4th Day
- Julie Malcolm, ATL
- Lori Markovic, Bd. Rep
- Mitzi Marley, ALD ... Christian Action
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Gathering Spotlight

Saturday, June 4 • 7:30pm

Erie Building

There will be no July Gathering or Board Meeting.

SPONSORS: Remember 4th Day books are available for purchase (\$5). They are a great gift for a Pilgrim's Fourth Day!

Spiritual Director's Message

Hello Emmaus Friends,

Recently the lectionary text was Matthew 28: 18-20:

Jesus said to them, "all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

We all know this as the "Great Commission!" This was Jesus' first command of his disciples after his resurrection, and before his ascension took place. It's our marching orders as disciples or the church. We are called to "make disciples" or be followers of Christ—all he said and all he did—WOW!

Emmaus is a disciple-making ministry—in that it empowers us to claim the authority that we received at our own baptism for the work of the kingdom. The Holy Spirit is the power behind our "words and actions" that can be a catalyst for change or transformation in the world we live.

Our Emmaus commissioning service is a special moment of grace where we make a promise to Christ. The lay director places a cross around our neck and we are yoked in ministry as brothers and sisters in Christ. The lay director says "Christ is Counting on You" and our response is "I am Counting on Christ."

The questions I ask as the Spiritual Director are these:

- ❖ Are your words and actions a witness to Christ?
- ❖ Are there secrets of the soul that need confessed? And healed?
- ❖ Are you really counting on Christ or are you trying to do it all under your own power?

As you pray and ponder on these questions, and others that might surface, remember Jesus said, "I am with you always, until the end of the age." This means Christ's resurrected Spirit is constantly converting our human heart into his heart—a heart that loves! It's a process of transformation!

The Walk to Emmaus is one of those "life changing" experiences that calls us to a deeper level of self-surrender and commitment to Christ. Christ has given us our orders! We've been commissioned to go into the world with his great commandment to "Love your neighbor as yourself," and to let our light shine!

It's my hope that we as the Emmaus community will respond with "love" in our homes, churches, and our work places. It's a pretty simple command to follow, if we trust in the power of Christ that is with us always!!!

Christ is Counting on You,

Dave Weaver

Spiritual Director

There will be no gathering or board meeting in July. However, the community is invited to attend one of the **Hyde Park Community Methodist Church - sponsored Summer Nights** on July 14. This event will be held at the Erie Building under the big tent! Dinner will be served and the cost is \$7. So make reservations by July 7 by calling Pam Johnson at 979-8185 or email to pjohnson@hpcumc.org

Thoughts from your Lay Director

I am becoming just a little concerned. I am hoping that many of you in the community can help me. I have been noticing that many of slots on the job boards, the 72-hour prayer vigil and time slots for the prayer chapel are not always filled. As the Community Lay Director, I have been told that I must fill these times myself if the community does not step up and volunteer. I am not sure that I can do that, what with making agape, going to all those meetings, sending and answering e-mail about Emmaus stuff and just generally looking nice at gatherings and closings, so that others can say, "wow, I want to be like Bill!" (I made that last part up). Actually, it's not just me that has to fill up those slots, it is many other people who are already devoting a huge block of their time to our community. Most of these people,

who's names you would recognize, are already spending more time than they would like at the Erie building, or in front of a computer, or even at the grocery, shopping for Emmaus. The list of tasks for our community is endless, but unfortunately, the list of community members is not.

As I write this, the Men's Walk is about to begin. As you read this, the Women's Walk is just around the corner. The pilgrims need us, the team needs us, background support needs us, and in general the Greater Cincinnati Emmaus Community needs us. Our eyes as a community have already been opened whether it was on Walk # 1 or Walk #101 (another community, maybe). We have seen the risen Lord, now we must be a vessel for Him to use for these new pilgrims.

Emmaus is not about recruitment; it is about building leaders. Each one of us is a leader and we need to set an example.

In my first letter, I mentioned that we need to "Pray as if everything depended on Christ and work as if everything depended on us."

Now is the time for that work part to be implemented, again. I humbly ask each of you to do me a favor. Please do not assume that someone is already doing it, come and do it with us.

Rise-up, dress-up, show-up, set-up, worsh-up (I needed it to rhyme), clean-up, sometimes even cut-up, or I might blow-up and now I will shut-up!

DeColores,
Bill Schmidt

PARKING REQUEST

HPCUMC is asking that we be considerate of our neighbors' driveways when attending Emmaus functions. Please obey the street signage at both the Grace and Erie locations. (No parking, bus stops etc) Park at least three-five feet from either side of a driveway. This allows the neighbors to see clearly as they enter the street. Remember there is additional parking at Clark Montessori at the Erie campus. Your support helps us to be a good neighbor!

Emmaus Community Outreach

Did you know that there are speakers available to come to your church or church groups to talk about the Walk to Emmaus? Also, the Community has just finalized a new video giving a short overview of what Emmaus is all about. This video (DVD or VHS) is available to the community. To arrange for a speaker, or for preliminary information about the video, please contact Bill Lindenschmidt, Outreach chair, at 513-671-7059 or BillLindy@fuse.net.

SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION FOR A PILGRIM?

Women's applications should be sent to:

Women's Registrar/Sponsorship
Jill Sloneker
6533 Heritage Club Dr.
Mason, OH 45040
513-336-6878

Men's applications should be sent to:

Men's Registrar/Sponsorship
Sandy Nickolin
2308 Harper #3
Norwood, OH 45212
513-841-1645

2005 Board of Directors *Worshipfully Working Together*

Spiritual Director	Dave Weaver	979-8184
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CALENDAR

Upcoming Emmaus Walks

Women's Walk #90

June 16-19, 2005

- Candlelight 6/18, 8:30, Sanctuary
- Closing 6/19, 4:30, Sanctuary

Gathering: Saturday, June 4, 7:30
Board Meeting: Tues, June 14, 7:00
Gathering: Saturday, August 6, 7:30

2005 Walks to Emmaus

Men's Walk #75: October 20-23, 2005
Women's Walk #91: November 17-20, 2005

Please make childcare arrangements before attending candlelight and closings. It is inappropriate for children to be present at these services.

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

Christ is Counting on You!



De Colores!

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