

Emmaus Community News

Women's Walk #76 FEBRUARY 16-19, 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 1-20-05)

"Be still and know that I am God..." Psalm 46:10

<u>PILGRIM</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
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Jamie Voss	Crossroads	Lucas Seltzer
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- Joann Ashley, ATL
- Bonita Barnes, TL Body of Christ
- Susan Bennet, ALD Life of Piety
- Dawn Bethart, Music
- Karen Bottoms, ATL
- Suzanne Bowman, BR
- Bruce Crane, Clergy ... Obstacles to Grace
- Bonnie Crook, ATL
- Mary Ann Crowley, ALD Priority
- Carol DeGreg, TL ... Changing Our World
- Ev Gillming, ALD Fourth Day
- Christina Guggenberger, TL Priesthood of All Believers

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- Lisa Linne, LD Perseverance
- Lisa Lockwood, TL Christian Action
- Jenny Loomans, Music
- Sally Mingus, ATL
- Kathy Nye, ATL
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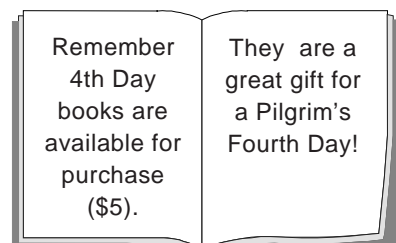
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SPONSORS!



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

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

Spiritual Director's Message

GOT FRUIT?



Dear Ones,

Who is your spiritual guide, mentor, or friend? Who helps to grow you up in the faith? Someone inspires you. Someone has been there for you. What qualities and traits do they exhibit? What fruit do you see in their lives?

As Christians we are called to grow and mature in our Christian walk. We are not to remain stagnant. Unless we have a lot of discipline it is a hard road to go alone. We need each other, to inspire each other, encourage each other, edify each other, and exhort each other. Who is there for you? If you don't have that person or persons in your life, I suggest you seek them out. God wants you to grow in the faith, so that YOU may become that spiritual guide to those younger in their faith journey. And you need to be grounded.

Have you read the bible? I mean really read the bible? Cover to cover? And pause for understanding and reflection. Years ago? Do it again.

Are you concerned about an area of social injustice or a cause where your skills, talent, or influence could be used? Look around, find that niche and become the hands and feet of Christ. Get involved.

Are you living a life of devotion to God? Would your family, friends, neighbors, or co-workers be aware of it?

I know I'm asking a lot of questions. But only you have to answer them. Soo...

Who are you there for? Who are you inspiring to be involved in study, action, and/or piety? Maybe you believe you're still on a learning curve. Continue to make yourself ready. Then be available. He will nudge you. We are all on a journey and none of us have arrived.

Dear Ones, the Lord has called us. As baptized believers He has called all of us into ministry. Be aware of your gifts and talents. Don't shy away from them or think you are being lofty by recognizing them. Embrace them! For the Lord will call upon you to use them for others. There is great joy being used by Him, to inspire, encourage, edify, and/or exhort each other. Soo...

What do you need to do? What do you need to change? It's the beginning of a new year and a great time to start. What are you waiting for? Got fruit? Let others see it just as you have seen it, and benefited from it, in others. God bless you in this year.

Yours in Christ,
Stephanie Tunison
Assistant Spiritual Director

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 and let me know where you are willing to serve or if you have questions about serving in Emmaus!

Colleague in Christ,
Dave Weaver
Spiritual Director
Greater Cincinnati Emmaus

Upcoming Chrysalis Events:

◆ Young Men's Flight #26

February 18-20, 2006

◆ Hoot at Milford First UMC

March 4, 2006 from 5-7 p.m.

◆ Chrysalis leads worship for Emmaus gathering

March 4, 2006 7:30 p.m.



Want to get on the Chrysalis e-mail list? Need an application? Want to serve? Have any other questions relating to Chrysalis? Please contact Kathi at kathibaker@yahoo.com.

Thoughts from your Lay Director

Dear Community,

I would like to share with you this month about self-renewal. I was so blessed by the men of Greater Cincinnati Walk to Emmaus "Spirit of 76" and their openness to share. I was listening to the testimonies that were given and remembering my original walk. What an awesome time that was and how refreshed I felt. I found myself reflecting on the hurriedness of the Holidays and wishing I had spent more time just dwelling on the significance of them. This time of year is a time for the renewing of faith, for purifying our hearts.

Jesus would spend his time in intense prayer and fasting when he felt he needed a renewing of the Spirit. I love the fact that Jesus was human. Jesus also needed his disciples, men that believed in him and with whom he could just be himself. I liken this to share groups. Our share group partners are our partners on this road to Emmaus. Can you imagine how the disciples felt when Jesus broke the bread and revealed himself to them?

I sometimes reflect on how it must have felt to actually walk with Jesus. How did it feel to be in his arms? When I need his touch, I close my eyes and I imagine myself as a little girl - I crawl up into his lap and feel his arms wrap around me. I feel his robe on my face and concentrate on how safe I feel. If you have not been that child in the lap of Jesus, or if it's been a while, just close your eyes and see him smiling at you, and bidding you to come. Just Come!

Your sister in Christ!

Debbie Skidmore

NEWSLETTER NOTE

In trying to keep newsletter costs down, we now offer the newsletter electronically. If you would like to receive the newsletter (or at least notification of its availability on the webpage) please sign-up on the website or contact Lori Markovic by email: Lmarkovic7@goodnews.net.

Let us know about address and email changes, too!

Remember: Send in your newsletter subscription fee for 2006!!!

Gathering News

If you have attended a Gathering in the past several months, you may have noticed different folks leading the music. One of the goals of the worship leaders is to involve a variety of musicians who have attended a walk. If you have a choir, small group or praise band that is interested in either leading or providing special music for a Gathering, please contact Carol and Phil DeGreg at cdegreg@zoomtown.com or 598-6345. Remember visitors are welcome at the Gatherings and we encourage you to bring guests and to share what God is doing in the Greater Cincinnati Emmaus community. DeColores!

Candlelight

"The purpose of Candlelight is to move the pilgrims to a deeper realization of God's love and to demonstrate the support of a Christian Community for their life as faithful followers of Jesus Christ. Candlelight prepares the way for the time of personal prayer and recommitment that follows upon the Emmaus community's departure."

There are several ways the community serves in this endeavor.

1. We take the time to show up and be a supportive Christian Community.
2. We join in a time of worship, celebrating the love Christ has so lavishly poured on us. In this time of worship we sing, have a meditation from the word of God, celebrate Holy Communion.
3. We light the candles and give the aisle to sponsors and family.
4. We usher the pilgrims into the sanctuary with singing.
5. We keep the aisle open so the pilgrims vision is love, filling the sanctuary, seeing Jesus in the faces of the people, and the presence of a heavenly host with the communion of saints.
6. We then allow the pilgrims to sing all the way through, "Let Your Light Shine" before we join in.
7. We sing our way out, starting from the back.
8. Extinguish our candles and put them in the boxes
7. We quietly depart
8. Go directly to our cars
9. Continue to hold the Walk in our prayers

What an awesome time together as the body of Christ!

NEW TO CANDLELIGHT

The song we sing as the pilgrims enter has changed a little. We now sing the prayer song, "Jesus, Jesus" in a round. It's actually the second verse of Love, Love, Love. We did it for the first time at the January candlelight it sounded lovely. A few little instrumentals to work out and we'll have it.

The Worship and Candlelight committees are working on music songbooks which will be used at Gatherings, Candlelight and Walks. All the songs we sing (for the most part) will then come from that collection.

May we continue to let our light shine before others so they will know our God of love's in the Cincinnati area and the world.

DeColores, -Dawn Bethart

2006 Board of Directors *Worshipfully Working Together*

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CALENDAR

Upcoming Emmaus Walks

Women's Walk #92

February 16-19, 2006

- Candlelight 2/18, 8:30, Sanctuary
- Closing 2/19, 4:30, Sanctuary

Gathering: Saturday, Feb. 4, 7:30
 Board Meeting: Tues, Feb. 14, 7:00
 Gathering: Saturday, March 4, 7:30
 Board Meeting: Tues. March 14, 7:00
 Gathering: Saturday, April 1, 7:30
 Board Meeting: Tues., April 11, 7:00
 Gathering: Saturday, May 6, 7:30

2006 Walks to Emmaus

Men's Walk #77: May 18-21
 Women's Walk #93: June 15-18
 Men's Walk #78: Oct. 19-21
 Women's Walk: Nov. 16-19

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

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