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CALENDAR

Upcoming Emmaus Walks

Men's Walk #63 October 18-21

- Candlelight, 10/20/01, 8:30 pm- Sanctuary
- Closing, 10/21/01, 4:30 p.m. - Refectory

Women's Walk #78 Nov. 15-18

Men's Walk #64 Jan. 17-20

Women's Walk #79 Feb. 14-17

Other Community Events

Gathering: Wed: Oct. 3 -- 7:30 pm

Bd. Meeting: TBA -- 7 pm

Gathering: Wed: Nov. 7 -- 7:30 pm

Bd. Meeting: Nov. 13 -- 7 pm

Gathering: Wed: Dec. 5 -- 7:30 pm

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

Emmaus Community News

Men's Walk #63:

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 9/24/01)

Luke 22:27c NIV "But I am among you as one who serves."

<u>PILGRIM</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
James Appling	New Prospect Baptist	Charles Anderson
John Bauer	Bethel UMC	Don Mundy
Mark Bruggeman	St. Anthony's Catholic	Bill Birmingham
Don Clark	Westwood UMC	Tim Peter
Chris Jordan	Norwood Church of Christ	Michael Jordan
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Steve Marcy		Randy Wilhelm
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Dick Schofield	New Grace Baptist	Larry Bates
Howard Sloneker III	Northminster Presbyterian	Jill Sloneker
Chris Tippens	Springdale Nazarene	Jim Tippens
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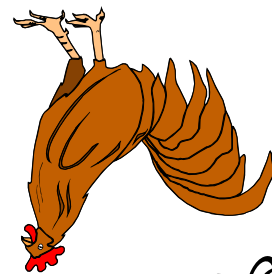
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Tim Benjamin	Justifying Grace
Brian Bertke, TL	4th Day
Rich Bethart, TL	Life in Piety
Jim Bowling, ATL	
Red Brown, Prayer Servant	
Jim Clark	Prevenient Grace
David Colaw, Music	
Jim Corbett, ATL	
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SPONSORS: Remember 4th Day books are available for purchase (\$5). They are a great gift for a Pilgrim's Fourth Day!



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October 2001

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Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church

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The Emmaus Community offers its prayers and heartfelt thoughts to the families and friends of the victims in the September 11 terrorist attack. God Bless America!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW

**November 7, 2001 @ 7:30pm
Hyde Park Community UMC**

The November gathering will be full of worship and praise! Please mark your calendars now so we can "fill the church" and sing praises to God. Spread the word and bring a friend!

To anyone who would like to be a part of a one-time Emmaus choir for this gathering, please e-mail Michael Kuremsky at mkuremsky@cinci.rr.com. All are welcome - let us make a joyful noise to the Lord! It should be great fun!

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Spiritual Director's Message

Hello Friends,

Hopefully everyone had a great summer off with family or friends. We all need some personal time of respite and relaxation to be renewed. I trust you are ready and willing to begin full swing in service to Christ. Remember Christ is counting on you!

This brings me to share some thoughts on service. I don't know about your parish or congregation but here at HPCUMC we have started our new year with Christian education classes and special programs or activities. We even had a Ministry Fair that highlighted our varied ministries. The Walk to Emmaus booth was just one of the booths. However, I think it is one that is very integral in forming or shaping us into becoming true servants.

Let me list some of the many ways I see this servant attitude lived out in Emmaus. Persons serve:

- ◆ With humility and gratitude
- ◆ With submission to the Holy Spirit
- ◆ As instruments or vessels of God's grace
- ◆ With love, patience, kindness, gentleness, and self-control
- ◆ With openness and respect

Thoughts from your Lay Director

HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT YOU KNOW?

I have a simple, short and sweet challenge this month – one that has been on my heart personally during the summer months. How do you know that you know? That is – when it comes to our faith in Christianity, can we defend it? Have we examined and studied so we have a grounded confidence in what we know and believe in our hearts to be truth!?

This summer I was challenged in my own church to really come to grips with this. I was intrigued and convicted and I began to read and study more intently. We learn on the Emmaus Walk as to the power and importance of Growth through Study. This was an area that helped me to grow in my

faith and beliefs. I, like many, sometimes struggle with doubts, and this adventure into what my pastor calls “apologetics” has really opened my eyes wider and given my faith a stronger foundation. I have experienced God in significant ways, such as on the Emmaus Walk, but I was ready to really look at Christianity with my mind and reason. I have learned much more about the history of the time of Jesus and what substantive facts and evidence exists for the Holy Scriptures' accuracy and infallibility, for the resurrection and more.

If you haven't delved into this area of our faith before, I hope this might whet your appetite to study a new area. A very insightful book I read was Lee Stroebel's *The Case for Christ* and I recommend it highly. Stroebel takes a courtroom approach

to examine the compelling evidence for the truth of Christianity. Another inspirational read was *Letters from a Skeptic* by Dr. Gregory Boyd and Edward Boyd. This book contains true life letters between a Christian son and his non-believing father about the Christian faith, addressing many of the issues common among skeptics of Christianity. Both of these books are written in an easy-to-read-and-understand style.

If this area is not where God is calling you to study right now, may we all honor our Lord by finding where He is leading us to grow closer to Him in the area of study. After all, it is one important “leg of the stool” of God's grace.

Blessed be the name of the Lord,

Michael Kuremsky

IMPORTANT UPDATE ON EMMAUS NEWSLETTER- Please Read!!

An important function of the Emmaus Board is to be good stewards of our finances. After a thorough review of our current financial situation, along with prayerful consideration, we have determined that we need to make a change so we can continue to operate “in the black” (as we have been for many years).

In addition to lowering the expenses to conduct the Emmaus weekends and administer the community overall, we identified two potential options to make the necessary financial changes to remain “in the black:” 1) increase the cost of the Emmaus weekend for pilgrims and team members (currently \$90); or 2) begin to charge a small annual fee to community members for the newsletter. The costs associated with the newsletter is our single biggest expense outside the weekend costs.

The Emmaus Board unanimously agreed to do whatever we could to avoid increasing the cost of the weekend for pilgrim and team members. Thus, we did agree to institute a small annual “subscription” fee for the Emmaus newsletter, beginning in 2002. The fee will be \$5.

What does this mean for you? During the months of October and November, we will be providing an envelope in the newsletter (it is enclosed here!) to be used for you to submit your payment for the 2002 newsletter (6 editions). We ask all those interested in continuing to receive the newsletter to please respond as soon as possible. As of January 2002, our mailing list will include only those have submitted their payment. We will conduct this process annually. We will provide complimentary newsletters to new pilgrims each year until the fee is once again due.

The Emmaus Board has made this decision after prayerful consideration and believe it represents good stewardship. We ask the community to accept the change in spirit of Christian charity. And, we also hope that you will continue to stay connected to the Cincinnati Emmaus community by subscribing to our newsletter now and in the future.

Christ calls us to be His followers, both as servants and leaders. The Emmaus ministry strength, I believe, is the servant heart and commitment of persons like you. Individuals who are willing to sacrifice in acts of service so others may know the love of Christ. It is my hope that we as the Emmaus community follow the example Jesus lived. Luke 22:27 “But I among you as one who serves.”

In closing, Christ calls us to serve. As much as we need servants in Emmaus, remember Emmaus is more about active discipleship in your local congregation or parish. Where is the Holy Spirit nudging you to serve in the church or community? You are a very special instrument and witness of Christ's love and renewal of His church as the body of Christ. Go therefore, and serve the One who calls you.

Christ is counting on you,
Blessings, Dave Weaver

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For a color brochure with the complete itinerary and your reservation form contact any of these Cruise Organizers & Hosts:

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Rev. Stephanie Tunison
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Rev. Kevin Patton &
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A Call to Serve: The Emmaus Board

Behind the scenes of the Emmaus Walks and the Monthly Gatherings is a Board of Directors who keep Emmaus “in operation.” The Board meets monthly (Tuesday evening of the week following the Gathering) for worship, communion, and a two-hour meeting. Each position on the Board is very important and requires a two-year commitment to serve. Below is a brief description of each Board position that will be available for next year. Please prayerfully consider becoming a part of this working Emmaus Board.

Leadership Chair: This is a job for a former lay director of a Walk, guiding the leadership committee to identify future lay directors and recommending members of our community for team service and progressive servanthood (ALDs, LOGs, etc.)

Good Shepherds: A two-person team – Good Shepherds provide encouragement to new pilgrims to become members of a share group. They assist new pilgrims and community members who are seeking share groups.

Logistics: Coordinates all logistical matters for Emmaus Walks, events, and meetings held at HPCUMC. They are the liaison between HPCUMC staff and Emmaus personnel on Building logistic matters.

Newsletter Co-chair: works with the “chief” editor to compile, print and distribute the newsletter. This person becomes the “chief” editor during the second year of the commitment (2003).

Outreach: Coordinate efforts of groups or individuals who speak in the community on behalf of Emmaus; attend Christian group meetings and activities as requested to educate and explain Emmaus.

Prayer Servant: monitor the Emmaus Prayer Board and be available for prayer at meetings.

Registrar and Sponsorship Coordinator for Men's Walks: a two-person committee. The Registrar takes all applications for new pilgrims, develops the list of pilgrims for each Walk and registers them on Thursday night. The Sponsorship Coordinator works with the sponsors of the pilgrims to ensure sponsor duties are fulfilled.

Secretary: Keeps minutes of all board meetings, especially recording decisions made by the Board, which affect policy.

Supplies: Purchase supplies needed for Walks and make them available to the teams.

Worship: A two-person team — Plan with the community lay director the music for each monthly gathering as well as the music for Candlelight services. May also provide communion elements for board meetings and gatherings.

Again, prayerfully consider whether you are being called to fill one of these positions. Remember, each position is a 2-year commitment and requires meeting monthly. Please contact me to let me know of your interest or if you have any questions.

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