

Emmaus Community News

Men's Walk #75 OCTOBER 20-23, 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 9-28-05)

*"Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;"*
Isaiah 43:18-19a (NRSV)

<u>Pilgrim</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Tom Burns	Northminster Presybterian	Cheryl Bond
Keith Conover	Emmanuel UMC	Bill Maskiell
Ron Kirkman	Church of God, Central Pkwy	Hilda Faulkner
Michael Menefield	Trinity AME	Merchel Menefield
Woody Pemberton Jr	St. Johns Westminster	Jill Croswell
Todd Rivers	Frist Presbyterian Harrison	Bob Moul
Lucas Seitzer	Crossroads Community	Bill Malarick
Aaron Shafto	Vineyard	David Shafto
Dan Sharp	New Hope Christian Church	Jim Downing
Jeff Sindiong	Frist Presbyterian Harrison	Mindy Dawson
David Troller	Armstrong Chapel UMC	Susan Troller

TEAM ROSTER:

- Rich Bethart, ALD Fourth Day
- Chaz Charney, ATL
- Doug Damron Justifying Grace
- Bob Evans, PS
- Frank Evans, ASD Obstacles to Grace
- Rick Goff, ALD Study
- John Groth, ALD Priority
- Art Harmon, TL Christian Action
- John Houchin, MUSIC
- Chris Huser, TL Discipleship
- Bob Jewett, PS
- Cathy Johns Prevenient Grace
- Joe Johnson, ATL
- Bill Lindenschmidt, LD Perseverance
- Robert Lomax, MUSIC
- Ray Ouellette, TL Piety
- Brian Pickens, TL Body of Christ
- Howard Sloneker, Bd Rep
- Aaron Smith, MUSIC
- Wes Souders, TL Changing Our World
- Dick Taulbee, ATL
- George Thompson, ATL
- Stephanie Tunison, SD
- Means of Grace
- Greg Van Dierendonck, ATL
- Dave Weaver Sanctifying Grace
- Darrell Wilson, ATL
- Paul Wykoff, TL Priesthood

Logistics Coordinator:

Jack & Ev Gillming
(513) 831-4540

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Gathering Spotlight

Saturday, November 5 • 7:30pm
Erie Building

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

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

Dear Ones,

How is your soul? Is it well with your soul?

Bishop Judy Craig of the West Ohio Conference United Methodist Church used to ask that question when talking with you. It makes you stop and think. It's not the same question as "How are you?"

How IS your soul? Really!?

I never cease to marvel at how God works. As we have gone through the tragedy of our Southern neighbors, we may wonder where God is in all of it.

As I read scripture, I keep finding references about how the nation of Israel recounted all the times God was present for them, and got them through the tough times. How important it is to remember His presence with us.

As I was praying, I felt led to a book I enjoy from time to time, "Then Sings My Soul" by Robert J. Morgan. It's a book of 150 Hymns and the stories about how they were written.

The story I read talked about a wealthy attorney, Horatio G. Spafford,

a man heavily invested in real estate during the time of the Chicago fire of 1871 that leveled the city. He nearly lost everything. In that same year his son, age four, died of scarlet fever. Deciding not to become defeated, he helped rebuild the city and provided housing for those he could, since nearly 100,000 people were left homeless. Sound familiar?

Two years later, he wanted to vacation in Europe with his wife and four daughters. He booked passage on a ship for all of them. When the time came to depart, he had to stay in New York City for business. He sent his wife and children on ahead, saying he would take the next available ship and meet them.

While at sea, the ship they were on was struck by another vessel goring a hole in the side. 226 people perished. When he received the cabled message from his wife that she survived alone, he booked passage on the next ship to meet her.

When the ship moved over the waters where his four daughters lost their lives, the captain pointed it out to him.

Upset, Horatio returned to his cabin. Unable to sleep, he said to himself, "It is well, the will of God be done."

Years later those words inspired him to write, "It is Well with My Soul." At the risk of breaking a copy write law, I want to share the first verse with you.

"When peace like a river, Attendeth my way, When sorrows, Like sea billows roll; Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say, "It is well, It is well, with my soul."

Our cities have faced tragedies before. We have cared for those in need and rebuilt our neighborhoods. Like the Israelites we can remember those times when the Lord has seen us through difficulties. And we stand in the midst of it all, and say, "It is well, it is well with my soul!"

What ever your lot, how is your soul? Is it well with your soul?

Love in our precious Lord,

Stephanie Tunison
Assistant Spiritual Director
S2knee@aol.com

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

It took over 250 "behind the scenes" people to put on ***YOUR*** Emmaus Weekend. Would you like to give back some of that agape love that helped move you to a closer relationship with Jesus Christ?

There is a new opportunity to volunteer as a ***Prayer Servant***. This is different from the 72-hour Prayer Vigil where you have the convenience of praying at home, at work, or wherever is best for you. A ***Prayer Servant*** spends one or more hour in the Prayer Chapel (Room #34 on lower level). Perhaps if you are volunteering in another capacity, you might consider spending an extra hour or so in the Prayer Chapel.

There are sign up boards at the Gatherings, Candlelights, and Closings. If you are unable to attend these events but would still like to give back by volunteering, please contact me at 513-831-4540 or elvalee@fuse.net. We need you!



Thoughts from your Lay Director

The older I get, the more I become aware of my limitations. I just finished another home project that I now know needs to be done by a professional. A lot of things in my life are like that. I would guess that there are things in your life like that too. Sometimes Emmaus is like that. I think that it is a good thing that our Emmaus community does not have to hire everything out to professionals. Instead we rely on you and me to see what our talents are; we ask God to lead us or show us what we can do.

The walk to Emmaus is designed to lift up leaders and send them back to their church home, renewed and energized to build and work in their faith communities to glorify Christ in whatever way they can. Many times this becomes a catch-22. On one hand we say go back and labor in the fields you came from; and on the other hand, we in Emmaus, find ourselves short on hands and feet to support our fields.

We still have Men's Walk #75 in October and Women's Walk #91 in November for 2005 and then guess what! We begin January and February 2006 with 2 more walks. Dear brothers and sisters, we need your help! The job boards are empty; the prayer vigil isn't being filled. We need help in background support. We need agape for the pilgrims and teams. Each of you know the hundreds of things that need to be done to make each walk a success. At the beginning of the year I asked that each of you "Pray as if everything depended on Christ and work as if everything depended on you" I am still asking that of each of you.

I know you are out there. I see you at candlelight, and God bless you for that.

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!

I would ask that each of you take a moment and ask God, "Is there something I can do for the pilgrims in October or November?" Please come and serve with us.

Our community has been blessed by many different disciples, each of you know what your strengths are please come and work with us to make the burden lighter for all.

Now that this year is coming to a close, I also want to invite you to pray about another area of service in our Emmaus community. I know that there are many out there that say, "I could do that" well, here's your chance. Each year there are openings on the Emmaus Board and this year is no exception. Maybe God is leading you in that direction. If He is, give one of us on the board a call. We will make sure that our Leadership Chairperson, Debbie Skidmore, is given your name. Better yet call Debbie directly and let her know that you are willing to serve.

DeColores,
Bill Schmidt



Greater Cincinnati Walk To Emmaus **Application to Serve on a Weekend**

Name: _____

Phone: () _____ E-Mail: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

My Original Walk Date: ____/____/____ City: _____ Walk #: _____

Church Affiliation: _____

I have NOT worked in an Emmaus Team before

Date of last team worked: ____/____/____ Number of teams worked: _____

I have served as (check all that apply):

Table Leader Asst. Table Leader Music

Background Support Clergy ALD

List talk(s) given: _____

List special talents (music, computer, etc) _____

Special needs: _____

Are you in a reunion or accountability group? Yes No

Indicate Weekend Preferences. Place an X in the appropriate block(s).

Weekend	Dates	1 st Choice	2 nd Choice	3 rd Choice	No Preference
Men's # 74	19-22 May '05				
Women's # 90	16-19 Jun '05				
Men's # 75	20-23 Oct '05				
Women's # 91	17-20 Nov '05				
Men's # 76	19-22 Jan '06				
Women's # 92	16-19 Feb '06				

Please send completed application to:
Ms. Debbie Skidmore
Emmaus Leadership Chair
3665 Bootjack Corner
Williamsburg, OH 45176

2005 Board of Directors *Worshipfully Working Together*

Spiritual Director	Dave Weaver	979-8184
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Logistics Coordinators	Jack & Ev Gillming	831-4540
Registrar-Men	Sandy Nickolin	841-1645
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Newsletter	Lori Markovic	528-0217
Outreach	Bill Lindenschmidt	671-7059
Social	Bob Evans	583-5052
Web Master	Alan Greber	563-1695
Worship	Phil and Carol DeGreg	598-6345

CALENDAR

Upcoming Emmaus Walks

Men's Walk #75

October 20-23, 2005

- Candlelight 10/22, 8:30, Sanctuary
- Closing 10/23, 4:30, Sanctuary

Gathering: Saturday, Oct. 1, 7:30
 Board Meeting: Tues, Oct. 11, 7:00
 Gathering: Saturday, Nov. 5, 7:30
 Board Meeting: Tues, Nov. 8, 7:00

2005 Walks to Emmaus

Women's Walk #91:
 November 17-20, 2005
 Men's Walk #76: January
 Women's Walk #92: February

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!



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