

Emmaus Community News

Women's Walk #84

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 10-20-03)

"Rejoice in the Lord always..." Phillipians 4:4-7

<u>PILGRIM</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
Lucretia Bowman	Christ Emmanuel	Angela Allen
Laura Carman	7th Day Adventist 1st	Susan Canfield-Smith
Kimberly Damron	Epiphany UMC	Cheryl Pogue
Mindy Dawson	Harrison 1st Presbyterian	Cathryn Baaten
Polly DeAngelis	Hartzell UMC	Orba Arnold
Jewell DeBord	Forest Chapel UMC	Sue Moran
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Jaelyn Hicks	Church of the Savior	Elizabeth Thornton
Barbara Hoffman	Forest Chapel UMC	Janet Sellers
Andrea Jackson	Bible Chapel of Delhi	Linda Sauer
Nancy Jackson	Westwood UMC	Elizabeth Cunningham
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Sue Watts	Hartzell UMC	Geraldine Coffey
Holly Young	Milford 1st UMC	David & Ann Frye
Barb Zorb	New Life Baptist	Sandy Daniels

TEAM ROSTER:

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 - Dawn Bethart, Music
 - Candy Day, TL Body of Christ
 - Carol Degreg, Music
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 - Jenny Hardy, ATL
 - Jackie Jewett, ALD 4th Day
 - Leslie Jewett, TL Life in Piety
 - Wendy Kuremsky, PS
 - Chris Kwaja, TL Priesthood
 - Rhonda Lachman, TL Christian Action
 - Jerri LeMay, ATL
 - Diane Meyer, TL Discipleship
 - Jocelyn Roper Justifying Grace
 - Kristen Schuler, TL . Changing Our World
 - Linda Truckis, ALD
 - Stephanie Tunison, SD ... Means of Grace
 - Dave Weaver Sanctifying Grace
 - Liza Wilhelm, ATL
 - Laurie Wilson, ATL
 - Pat Wilson, ATL
 - Marge Wright, PS
 - Carolyn Zeigler, Bd. Rep.
- Growth Through Study

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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!

Exciting News!!!
Starting in January,
Gatherings will be held
on Saturday nights at the
Erie Building. See inside
for details.

Spiritual Director's Message

It's Affluenza Season

As we move into the fall, we're reminded it's time for flu shots. Pharmacies and doctors' offices post signs reminding us to sign up for our preemptive vaccine so we don't come down with full blown flu symptoms of sweating, shaking, and aching. But what about our affluenza symptoms? With Christmas around the corner we are already worried about our gift giving and entertainment schedules for this year. How are we going to handle it?

Are we going to sweat for months about having enough money before and after Christmas? Do we shake at the thought of getting the right gift for that hard-to-buy-for relative? Do we feel the heartache of not being able to live up to someone's expectations? Why do we keep doing this!?

Just as we try to protect ourselves from the physical symptoms of the flu, we need to protect ourselves from the emotional and spiritual symptoms of affluenza. Christ is the antidote – the shot in the arm. We need to make an appointment with Him, daily, to keep our focus straight. Christmas isn't about all the stuff. It's about our Lord's birth. Let's get our priorities straight this year and be wise stewards of our time and treasure. Let's beat this affluenza season.

Love in Christ,

Stephanie Tunison
Assistant Spiritual Director

New Gathering Schedule

We know that many of you are involved in church activities on Wednesday evenings and are unable to attend the Emmaus community's monthly gatherings. So it is very exciting that, starting in January 2004, the Gathering will be moved to the *1st SATURDAY* of each month.

It will be held at the **ERIE BUILDING** at 7:30pm.

UPCOMING GATHERING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, November 5, 2003

Hyde Park Comm. UMC 7:30

Wednesday, December 3, 2003

Hyde Park Comm. UMC 7:30

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Saturday, January 3, 2004

7:30PM • Erie Building

Newsletter Subscription Update

Enclosed is a 2004 Newsletter subscription card and envelope. The subscription fee will again be \$5 this year. We are asking each family to pay \$5 to cover the cost of printing and mailing the 2004 newsletters.

You also have an opportunity to add a love offering with your subscription fee. Prayerfully consider if making a donation to the Emmaus Community is what you are being called to do. When you help the Community cover the costs of even the smallest obligations either by donating money, providing dessert for set-up on Thursdays or ice cream for the ice cream party on Saturday, it helps all of us to continue to be good stewards of our resources. We can direct those resources toward the weekends which allows us to reach more people. The Board thanks all who have contributed in many different ways this past year and know that God has blessed us.

God's Blessings to you in 2004!

Thoughts from your Lay Director

One more walk, one more gathering, and the 2003 Emmaus year draws to an end. It's hard to believe that the year is almost over! As I think about this year, I find myself smiling! Smiling for several reasons...

First and most importantly, I smile because we serve a risen Savior! Every time I participate in a walk, I see Jesus Christ in the face of so many people. It's exciting seeing my brothers and sisters serving in so many capacities in the community. Prayer vigils, serving food, agape, team members....over 250 people being Christ's hands and feet for each walk. What a blessing that is!!

I also smile as I see my brothers and sisters grow in their own individual walks with Christ! Listening to pilgrims share what their 3 days have meant to them and what they intend to do with what they have learned. Listening to laity and clergy talks as part of a team. Men and women sharing a part of them-

selves in each talk, being transparent and vulnerable so others can see what Christ has done in their lives. Encouraging others!!

I have smiled so many times this year at how God works, especially in the Emmaus community! There are no coincidences... there are "Godcidences!" God placing a team member or pilgrim at just the right table...an agape letter from someone who needed to tell a pilgrim a special something that allows more healing to happen....a pilgrim leaving a burden at the altar during Dying Moments and finally finding the relationship with Christ he or she has been searching for. Our God is SO alive and full of grace!!!

Think back over your own life during 2003. I pray you are smiling, too! Not every day has been easy....not every decision has been the correct one....none of has been perfect. But each of us is forgiven! Each of us has a

living Savior who loves us unconditionally! Our theme for 2003 was back to the basics! It doesn't get any more basic than those two gifts we have received! Christ's forgiveness....Christ's unconditional love.

Thank you for a wonderful year....for being a part of this unique ministry called the Walk to Emmaus. Thanks for the love and grace each of you has shown me this year. My prayer is that you will focus on 4 small words:

Love God! Love people!

It doesn't get any more basic than that!!

God bless each of you!!! Decolores!!!

George

Scholarships!

Attending the Walk to Emmaus is for so many of us a life-changing event and we want anyone interested in walking closer with Christ and serving in their local church to experience the love and grace a weekend offers. We do NOT want anyone to be unable to attend the walk because it might be a true financial hardship. Thank God that often sponsors, share groups, and churches find the funds to pay a pilgrim or team member's fees when hardships arise.

However, there are times when money cannot be found to cover all or part of the \$90 cost for the Walk! Prayerfully consider making a tax-deductible gift to the community to help build our scholarship fund. There is more and more need each year!

Please feel to call George Thompson @ 513-314-7522 for more information or send your gift to the Emmaus address on the front of your newsletter to George's attention.

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It is very important that your pilgrims fill out their application form completely. All the information on the application form is necessary to provide the best experience possible for pilgrims. An incomplete form causes extra work for the registrars and could cause delays in getting pilgrims registered for an upcoming walk.

Also, please do not let a pilgrim think that he or she is definitely going to be attending an upcoming walk, particularly for the Women's Walks. The Registrar has the responsibility for putting together the pilgrim list on a first come, first served basis. There's **always** a waiting list for the Women's Walk. Let your pilgrim know that they might not be invited to attend the next Walk.

2003 Board of Directors *Worshipfully Working Together*

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CALENDAR

Upcoming Emmaus Walks

Womens Walk #84

November 13-16, 2003

- Candlelight 11/15, 8:30, Sanctuary
- Closing 11/16, 4:30, Sanctuary

Mens Walk #70

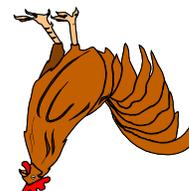
January 22-25, 2004

- Candlelight 1/24, 8:30, Sanctuary
- Closing 1/25, 4:30, Sanctuary

2004 Walks to Emmaus

- Women's Walk #85: February 19-22
 Men's Walk #71: May 20-23
 Women's Walk #86: June 17-20
 Men's Walk #72: October 21-24
 Women's Walk #87: November 18-21

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



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