

# Emmaus Community News

## Men's Walk #70

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 12-24-03)

*"Be Strong in the Lord and in his mighty power."  
Ephesians 6:10*

<u>PILGRIM</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
Tom Ballantine .....	Epiphany UMC .....	Scott Khwaje
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### TEAM ROSTER:

- Jennifer Bailey ..... Prevenient Grace
- Bill Bowdle ..... Justifying Grace
- Bruce Crane ..... Obstacles to Grace
- Mike Day, TL ..... Body of Christ
- Mark Fightmaster, TL ..... Study
- Jack Gillming, ALD ..... Priority
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- Jim Harmann, LOG ..... 321-9033
- David Heflin, TL ..... Discipleship
- Bob Jewett, LOG ..... 896-7305
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- Ed Lux, TL ..... Fourth Day
- Bill Malarick, TL ..... Christian Action
- Ed Merritt, ALD ..... Changing Our World
- Ed Mongenas, TL ..... Life in Piety
- K.C. Morckel, ATL
- Steve Moss, LD ..... Perseverance
- Don Mundy, ATL
- Phil Partridge, ATL
- Bill Patterson, SD
- Larry Plum, Prayer
- Bill Schmidt, Board Rep. .... Priesthood
- Ryan Wantz, ATL
- Dave Weaver, SD ..... Means of Grace

## Gathering Reminder

*Remember, the monthly gatherings are now on  
Saturday evenings at the Erie Building.*

**Saturday, February 7, 7:30**  
**Saturday, March 6, 7:30**

## MAKING CONTACT DURING A WALK WEEKEND

**When the church is closed or after receptionist hours** - call 871-1345 (HPCUMC) When prompted to enter a number, hit 8921. This will ring in all the hallways of the Erie Building until someone on the team or staff picks up.

**When the receptionist is on duty at HPCUMC**, call 871-1345. Ask them to connect you to the Erie Building hallway phones at 8921. It will ring in all the Erie Building hallways until someone from the team or staff picks up.

**Remember, this procedure is for emergencies only**, not general information about Emmaus. If you have general questions about Emmaus, call 979-8185 and talk with Pam Johnson, Dave Weaver's assistant. She can answer questions or forward you to the appropriate board member for more information.

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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!**

## Spiritual Director's Message

Happy New Year Emmaus Friends,

Hope everyone had a joyous Advent/Christmas with family, friends, and in your churches or parishes. The birth of Christ catapults us into a New Year as Christian believers. It's my hope that your spiritual journey in 2004 is filled with fresh faith and new discovery of God's goodness and grace. Just like those "wise men" we are constantly seeking and searching in finding the Christ again. May the Holy Spirit guide you in those places of spiritual growth and development as disciples, in serving your Lord in the New Year.

Beyond the local church and your family Emmaus is a wonderful place to serve the Lord. As you begin to make plans in the New Year here are ways you can positively support Emmaus and "rekindle the fire of Christ's love:"

- ◆ *Come to the monthly gatherings for a celebration of worship and fellowship in the Spirit. They will now be held on the 1st Saturday of each month at the Erie building. We will have sign up opportunities to serve, communicate needs to the community, and have thematic lay leadership talks to inspire and challenge growth. A "love offering" will be received to financially support this ministry. Don't forget attending the special candlelights and powerful closings to hear the testimonies of the pilgrims.*
- ◆ *Please prayerfully consider your first role of responsibility before inviting a person to attend the Walk - - "wise sponsorship;" it is key to the effectiveness of Emmaus. Emmaus' primary focus*

is to develop Christian leaders in the church. Be sure the possible pilgrim is already involved or committed at some level in their local church before inviting and not in any personal crisis at present. Then enjoy the fantastic privilege of full sponsorship or shepherding a pilgrim on a Walk experience.

- ◆ *Servanthood in Emmaus comes in many ways or forms: Board position, team, making agape, music, serving meals, set-ups and tear-downs, and prayers. Our focus in serving is to bring pilgrims closer to Christ, and to support the Emmaus board. Remember Christ is Counting on You!*
- ◆ *Let us be grateful to the hospitality of Hyde Park Community UMC, the wonderful facility and support they offer us, as we partner in this ministry called the Walk to Emmaus.*

Lastly, I want everyone to thank those servant leaders who will be leaving the board to new ministry opportunities in their church or communities. I also want us as a community to warmly welcome those coming on the board, and affirm the leadership of the remaining board. *Please pray that the Emmaus board will discern the will of God, and this community, as we faithfully make decisions in the New Year. Your prayer support and encouragement is greatly appreciated and needed.*

Stephanie and I are very excited about what the Spirit of God will do through Emmaus in 2004. Our hope is that all those who come to Emmaus will experience the "love of Christ" in a powerful personal way. We look forward in serving and leading the community this New Year in our times of worship and on the weekends.

In Christ's Service,  
*Dave Weaver*

Spiritual Director Greater Cincinnati Emmaus

## Newsletter Subscription Update

In 2004, the Emmaus community newsletter will be sent to the entire local community mailing list. A subscription is not necessary. However, you also have an opportunity to make a love offering to cover the costs of producing and mailing the newsletter. 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

I am very excited and honored to serve as the Lay Director for the 2004 Emmaus Community. I want to thank all the members of the current Board of Directors of 2003 for their service and dedication. I want to give a special thank you to the members who are going off the board for their wisdom, support, and hours of service to the Emmaus Community. Also, a heartfelt thank you to all the community members who responded by filling in the service charts, and to answering the call when extra help was needed. Their response was "whatever you need." This is an example of being a true servant to others when they need help.

The theme for 2004 is "Prayer and Service." The theme for the January Gathering is Service as described in the scripture 1st Peter 4:11, "If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory."

The goals that I have established for this year are to have increased community participation at the gatherings and the walks, to publish an updated directory, to conduct a fourth day retreat, establish a data base of people who would be suitable to be on the teams based on their service to the community, and to update all manuals.

I am very excited that the gatherings have been moved to the first Saturday of the month to allow more people to attend. Restaurant coupons will also be available to use after the gatherings to allow for the opportunity of increased fellowship.

The Emmaus Board still needs a Chairman of the Social Committee. If you are interested, please do not hesitate to call me at 722-3502, or my cell at 259-4107.

I hope that everyone had a blessed Christmas and will have a safe and enjoyable New Year.

-God bless everyone,  
*Suzanne Bowman*

## Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Agape

Table and pillow agape are wonderful expressions of God's love to the pilgrims and team members on all Emmaus Walks. This is a very meaningful part of the weekend and is extremely important. Remember how special this was on your walk?

**Here are a few hints/reminders to make the "Log's Lives" a little easier:**

### TABLE/BEDTIME AGAPE:

Plan for 36 pilgrims and 25 team members for walks at the Erie building and 48 pilgrims and 29 team members for walks at the Grace building. Please mark all agape with the amount on the box or bag. Do not use Post-It notes as they tend to get lost. This will help the logs determine when it should be distributed.

#### For example:

36 pieces-pilgrims bedtime agape

25 pieces-team bedtime agape

61 pieces table agape

If the agape is something that can get tangled easily, it is better NOT to tie them together. Even though you may have a wonderful system to keep them separate, unless the Logs know the system it makes it harder to distribute.

### PERSONAL AGAPE:

Please be sure that the first and last name is written clearly on all personal agape. Sometimes there are more than one Judy or John on the Walk! Personal agape for team members should be marked either: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, or Pre-Talk.

Please bring all personal agape as early as possible on the weekend. Preferably by Saturday night, but no later than noon on Sunday.

### NEED IDEAS?

I have a list of 100 quick and inexpensive ideas for agape that can easily be made by individuals or groups. Call or email and I will be glad to share it with you. 513-831-4540 or willnean@aol.com

Thank you and as the Spiritual Directors say at candlelight, "Can there be anything better than the Body of Christ loving one another on behalf of the Body of Christ?"

DeColores,  
*Ev Gillming*

## 2004 Board of Directors *Worshipfully Working Together*

Spiritual Director .....	Dave Weaver .....	979-8184
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Web Master .....	Alan Greber .....	563-1695

## CALENDAR

### Upcoming Emmaus Walks

#### Mens Walk #70

**January 22-25, 2004**

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

#### Womens Walk #85

**February 19-22, 2004**

- Candlelight 2/21, 8:30, Sanctuary
- Closing 2/22, 4:30, Sanctuary

#### 2004 Walks to Emmaus

- 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

Gathering: Saturday, February 7, 7:30

Board Meeting: Tues, Feb. 10, 7:00

Gathering: Saturday, March 6, 7:30

For complete Pilgrim Lists, Applications, Emmaus information and links to other communities, log in at [www.cincinnatiemmaus.org](http://www.cincinnatiemmaus.org)



*De Colores!*

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