

Greater Cincinnati Emmaus and Chrysalis Community News

“As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them.”
Luke 24:15

From Our Community Lay Director



July, 2015

There are some big changes coming to our Emmaus community. First, I have to tell you about how Emmaus makes new friends and then forces them to say see you later. I met John Groth here, while serving on teams. For those who know him, he's a big personality: gregarious, quick witted and joyous. We became friends with a common love – Christ and serving in Emmaus. Then it extended to golf, vacations and family. I'm a little sad to say that John, and his wife Connie, are moving to California. That means change for all of us. They will be closer to most of Connie's children and grandchild, and John will be working in the same employer, but out of a different company office. Change sometimes happens fast and July 31 is expected to be their last day here. It also means we need to select a new Lay Director for next year.

SO WHAT CAN I DO? The July 9 picnic may be the last time to see them for a long time. Please join us at New Prospect Baptist Church for the picnic and bring your jokes about John to say hello and goodbye for now to them.

More change. How much can I take? Well this one is minor but could build our community and reintegrate some people that “may be out to pasture.” In the spirit of remaining devoted to progressive servanthood, we are advising Walk Lay Directors to only use past Lay Directors as Prayer Servants and LOG's, or for last minute fill in for team member replacements. In the past, these leaders have sometimes found their way on to teams. This has sometimes taken the place of people progressing to the next position, thereby delaying another team member from moving to the higher position in experience. We will try to make sure that it doesn't happen. **BUT, the new position for those Past Lay Directors allows them to serve on Walks. WE DON'T WANT ANYONE TO BE PUT OUT TO PASTURE. SO I'M CALLING ALL PAST LAY DIRECTORS TO CONTACT ME ABOUT SERVING.**

NEXT, for a long time Emmaus and Chrysalis has been referred to as two communities. We are actually incorporated as a non-profit in one entity, Greater Cincinnati Emmaus and Chrysalis Community, Inc. But we usually think of, or refer to each ministry as a separate community. All year we have talked about integrating both ministries in all the other ways. In the same way, the board has embraced that spirit by agreeing to integrate fully. We are in the process of figuring out what that looks like. Our by-laws need to be amended, which will be communicated to our community at large prior to ratifying it at a future board meeting.

Finally, I would like to invite everyone to Hyde Park for a Fourth Day Retreat and training session. We have planned team training and servanthood orientation for Saturday, August 15. Depending on sign-ups, **WHICH IS YOUR BIG CALL-OUT**, we hope to have Music, Clown, Sponsor, Agape training and share a meal and communion. **BUT** to plan this out, we need **YOUR PARTICIPATION**. Please respond to the emails or notify a board member of your commitment to come so that we can order the correct amount of food and know which breakout session to assign you and know where the community resources can be applied. That's all for now but I hope to see you July 9. Look for notifications on the iPhone and Android app, or through community emails.

De Colores,
Jeff

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It's that Time of Year !! The Emmaus Annual Summer Picnic will be held on Thursday, July 9th at New Prospect Baptist Church, 1580 Summit Rd, Cincinnati, OH.

Join us for some Grillin' -n- Chillin' on the Road !! We will be there from 6pm - 9pm and plan to start eating at 7pm but come when you can.



Would you like to bless someone by serving as a sponsor? The training process to become a sponsor is simple! Training is currently available face to face or over the phone. Be on the lookout for an online training component to be available in the future. If you would like more info, please contact Beth Moore at [513.290.7746](tel:513.290.7746) or emmaus@nevermail.net

It is my pleasure to serve the Emmaus community as the education chair. I am filling in for Janet Steele until she is ready to return. Looking forward to ensuring anyone who wishes to be trained as a sponsor has that opportunity! Hope to hear from you!

Beth Moore
Greater Cincinnati Women's Walk #113
Table of Esther

It has been my honor to serve on the Emmaus Board for the past 18 months. Recently diagnosed with breast cancer, I must step down at this time. Beth Moore has graciously agreed to accept this position and will serve the Emmaus community well. God willing, I will find another way to serve once I recover. Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving you.



De Colores! Janet Steele

CHRYSALIS NEWS



Want to change the life of a teenager? Help them strengthen their relationship with Jesus by sponsoring them on a Chrysalis Flight. Chrysalis is a three day experience with Christ, just like Emmaus but on steroids. Young men and women must be 15 years of age and a sophomore in high school up to 23 years of age. We have 15 talks, games, lots of food, poster parties and of course surprises! If you have been on an Emmaus Walk or a Chrysalis flight you can be a sponsor.

The next flights will be:

Young Women's Flight - Saturday, January 16- Monday, January 18, 2016

Young Men's Flight - Saturday, February, 13 - Monday, February 15, 2016

For more information please contact Synda Bernicke, Community Lay Director for Chrysalis at (513) 314-1274.

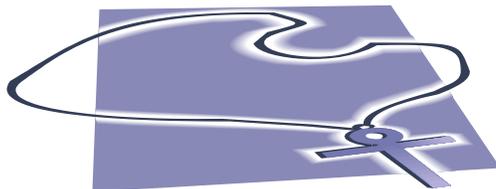
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WALK TO EMMAUS LANYARDS

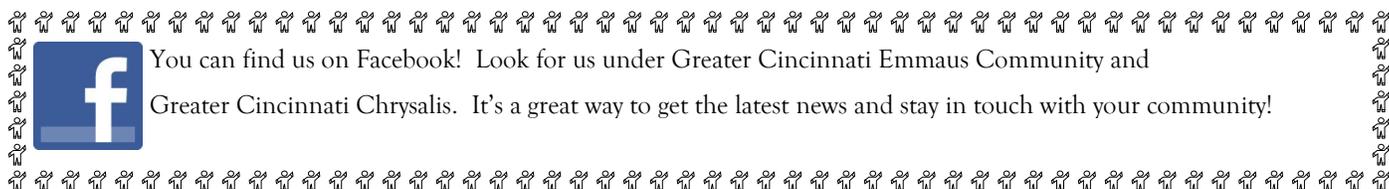
Many thanks to all who have given their time and talent to make the colorful cross lanyards for the walks.

At this time, we currently have enough lanyards for all upcoming walks in 2015.

Sharon Wright, the supplies chair, will let us know when we have a need for more lanyards.



You can find us on Facebook! Look for us under Greater Cincinnati Emmaus Community and Greater Cincinnati Chrysalis. It's a great way to get the latest news and stay in touch with your community!



Want to be on a Live-in Team?

Riddle – when does 4200 equal 20? The answer is.....it doesn't. There are approximately 4,200 names in our Greater Cincinnati Emmaus database from which prospective team members are chosen. For each Walk, we need 20 live-in team members, one of which is clergy. Selecting those prospective members is a very difficult task. True, the database does make it easier, but if folks don't update their information, we simply won't know who is interested and involved.

If you would like to be considered for a Team, there are three distinct ways to increase your chances of being called, keeping in mind the 4200 to 20 rule:

1. **Update your database info** if you have not already done so. You can do this by going to <http://gce.inetmember.com> . Log in using your email address, entering password of gcegece, then check your info. You will be required to change your password after you login. Note: if your email address is not on file, send notice to Lori Markovic at lmarkovic7@gmail.com and she will send you details.
2. **Sign up to help with Walk job boards and prayer boards.** These signups are checked before final team prospects are chosen. Attend Gatherings, Candlelights, and Closings. And sponsor Pilgrims. The more you are involved, the more Leadership knows you are active.
3. **Fill out an application to serve on a team.** You can find this on our community website - http://www.cincinnatiemmaus.org/pdfs/application_to_serve.pdf. You may also sign up on the lists available at monthly Gatherings.

Again, just because you have completed the 'tasks' shown above, it doesn't mean that you will be contacted to serve on a live-in team. With four Walks a year, that is only 80 team members needed out of a pool of 4200 potential servants. It is important, though, to let the community leadership know that you are interested in serving. If we don't know you are interested, chances are very good you won't be selected. But even if you aren't contacted right away to serve on a team, do consider serving in a behind-the-scenes role. As you know, it takes over 200 people to make each Walk "the best one ever," so we need YOU and your willingness to serve as you were served when you were a pilgrim.



TIME FOR TRAINING

Looking back on our own Emmaus weekends, we can all recall the amazing things we experienced: the support of our sponsors to get us there, the music and graces we sang together, the meals we shared, the wonderful agape we received each day, and of course, the clowns.

Wouldn't it be AWESOME to be involved in making another pilgrim's Emmaus experience as impactful as ours? Here is your chance!

On August 15, 2015, we will be having a Training Day Retreat for the community to learn the ins and outs of things like sponsoring, making agape, how the Food/Social people run the kitchens (both Emmaus and Chrysalis). We will have special sessions for people who want to be trained to be a clown/mime, and for those who want to be involved in Music/Worship.

If you are interested in signing up for any/all the trainings, please register at the following site:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/22HJNJH>

Any questions, contact Beth Moore at [513.290.7746](tel:513.290.7746) or emmaus@nevermail.net

HELLO FROM THE AGAPE ROOM!!!!!!

I appreciate all the agape that has been given for team and pilgrims and the sponsors are doing a great job, so keep up the great work! Here are a few reminders: we need 60 pieces for each walk. Please do not put your name on your pieces as this is a gift of unconditional AGAPE LOVE. Churches and Share groups may put their name on what they make. I would like you to put your name on the box, bag, or container so I can start a list of who makes agape. If you would like your extra agape back please also mark this on the outside so I can get it back to you, otherwise the extra will be given to Chrysalis.

Team Agape is given at bedtime each night so please mark on the envelope who and which night you would like it given to them. Our team members really appreciate this little extra agape and also in a card of "Thanks" would be great in their Sunday Packet.

Pilgrims do not get letters until Sunday in their packets. If something comes in for them other than letters marked "Sunday Packet" it will be returned to the sponsor to be given to the pilgrim after the walk.

Again Thank you for sharing your talents of agape made and given during a walk and if you ever need ideas or help please contact me at Lstmyers@cinci.rr.com or 513-874-0514.

DeColores,
Linda St Myers
Agape Chair



Attention Smartphone users:

It is easier than ever before to stay connected to Emmaus/Chrysalis. We have an app for that!

Available for both Iphone and Android, just search Cincinnati Emmaus in the App store/Google Play store. From the app, you can learn about upcoming events, sign up directly on job/prayer boards for the walks/flights, even post request for prayers from the community! Check it out!

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2015 Calendar

Emmaus Picnic: July 9, 2015 6:00-10 pm

Training Day: Aug 15, 2015 8:30am-3:00 pm

Board Meeting, Mon. July 20, 2015 6:30 pm

Monthly Gathering, Aug. 6, 2015 7:30pm

Upcoming Emmaus Walks

Men's Walk # 97, Sept. 17-20, 2015

Women's Walk #115, Oct. 15-18, 2015

All Emmaus events take place at
Hyde Park Community UMC
1345 Grace Avenue
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