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## CALENDAR

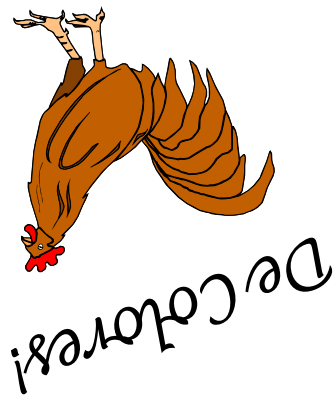
### Upcoming Emmaus Walks

- Men's Walk #62**
- Candlelight, 5/19/01, 8:30 pm- Sanctuary
  - Closing, 5/20/01, 4:30 p.m. - Refectory
- Women's Walk #77 June 14-17**
- Candlelight, 6/16/01, 8:30 pm- Sanctuary
  - Closing, 6/17/01, 4:30 p.m. - Refectory
- Men's Walk #63 October 18-21**
- Women's Walk #78 Nov. 15-18**

### Other Community Events

- Gathering: Wed: May 2 -- 7:30 pm**  
Bd. Meeting: May 8 -- 7 pm
- Gathering: Wed: June 6 -- 7:30 pm**  
Bd. Meeting: June 12 -- 7 pm
- Gathering: Wed: July 11 -- 7:30 pm**  
Bd. Meeting: July 10 -- 7 pm
- Gathering: Wed: Aug. 1 -- 7:30 pm**  
Bd. Meeting: Aug. 7 -- 7 pm

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



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# Emmaus

# Emmaus Community News

## Men's Walk #62:

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 4/26/01)

*1 Thes. 5: 16-18 "Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances..."*

PILGRIM .....	CHURCH .....	SPONSORS .....
Jim Baldwin .....	Milford Vineyard .....	Janet Baldwin
Tim Benjamin .....	Westwood United Methodist .....	Ken Coleman
Rich Berkmyer .....	Mt. Moriah United Methodist .....	Lee Gelter
Jimmy Clark .....	Epiphany United Methodist .....	Randy Wilhelm
Paul DiMario .....	Good Shepherd Lutheran.....	Lisa Kerwin
Danny Fennell .....	Covenant Christian.....	Jim Corbett
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Jon Nugent .....	Montgomery Community Baptist .....	Cindi Nugent
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Bob Pearson .....	Hyde Park Community United Methodist ....	Roger Johannigma
Mark Plunkett .....	First United Methodist-Hamilton.....	John Welsh
David Ralph .....	Springdale Church of the Nazarene .....	Brian Pickens
Craig Rasmussen ..	Montgomery Community Baptist Church .....	Ken Speicher
Dave Robinette .....	Calvary Chapel.....	Gene & Joan Brewer
Rick Santa .....	New Hope Community .....	Sharon Hoefler
Sam Schloemer .....	Bellarmino Chapel .....	Patricia Schloemer
Joe Sena .....	St. Veronica Catholic .....	Lois & Lee Gelter
Dave Smith .....	Clear Mount Community Church .....	Lisa Wilson
Les Sper .....	Church of the Savior .....	Harold Utley
David Surnbrock .....	Our Lady of Victory .....	Ken Coleman
Rob Tompkins .....	First United Methodist-Hamilton ...	John & Carolyn Welsh
Bob Tuffendsam ...	Hyde Park Community United Methodist .....	Janet Mitchell
Joe Vallo .....	Prince of Peace Lutheran .....	Randy Wilhelm
Dan Woods .....	Tylersville Road Christian.....	Lyle Dailey

**GATHERING SPOTLIGHT • July 11 • 6:00pm**  
**JULY GATHERING ~ FAMILY PICNIC • McDonald Park/Madeira**  
*Mark your calendars now - more information will follow.*  
**JUNE 9 GATHERING @ HYDE PARK COMMUNITY UMC**  
**7:30PM**

### TEAM ROSTER:

Charles Anderson, TL .....	Discipleship
Myra Ary .....	Prevenient Grace
Alden "Skip" Blair, ATL	
Charlie Boswell, Prayer	
Bob Buhl, LD .....	Perseverance
Ramon Carlson, Prayer	
Ken Coleman, ATL	
Bob Cooke, ATL	
Ken Crebs, TL .	Changing Your World
Ken Daft, SD .....	Means of Grace
Phil DeGregg, Music	
Mark Fightmaster, ATL	
Rod Fightmaster, LOG	
Suzanne Fountaine..	Sanctifying Grace
Jay George, ALD .....	Body of Christ
Dennis Hamilton, TL .....	Study
Bob Jewett, LOG	
Bill Knorr, TL .....	Priesthood
Randy Marksberry, ATL	
Paul Moon, TL .....	Fourth Day
Brian Pickens, ATL	
Doug Rachford, ALD .....	Priority
Gerrick Reed .....	Justifying Grace
Jackie Robinson, ATL	
Santiago Samms ....	Obstacles to Grace
Bill Schmidt, LOG	
Carl Scott, Music	
Dean Skidmore, TL ...	Christian Action
Roy Smith, ATL	
Tom Tesche, TL .....	Life in Piety
Jesse Wright, TL	

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## Assistant Spiritual Director's Message

A young pastor suddenly found himself quite ill and being rushed to the hospital. At first the doctors thought he had a heart attack. He was in the intensive care unit for six days, "all wired up," as he explained it. Because he improved so quickly, the doctors began to question their diagnosis and decided to do an angiogram. The night before he reported being anxious and restless. He knew the test could show that he needed surgery, or that he was too far gone for surgery, or that he was home free. He put up a big front for his family, the associate pastor who visited, and for a few parishioners who had called. Reality was that he didn't sleep much the night before the test. A nurse came in around 3:00 AM to check on him, and found him awake and tearful. She pulled up a chair to sit alongside the bed, took his hand in hers and said, "Even preachers are human. It's only natural that you're a bit shaken up. Let our God of love see you through. He'll be with you. He loves you." She then picked up the Gideon Bible, turned to the 23rd Psalm and read it aloud. She closed with the Lord's Prayer and a squeeze of the hand before leaving the room. The pastor said he didn't even know her name, though she had ministered to him so powerfully that night. She witnessed to him—nothing stood between them—no barriers—just love and concern. She shared God's love with the pastor. In fact, she was Christ to him, and it made all the difference in the world!

Christ does stand before us on many days and in countless ways. Sometimes our Lord works through the actions of a nurse, a friend, anyone—whether known or unknown. That person becomes a "stranger on the road," sometimes holding a Bible before us to hear God's words of hope and promise. Sometimes Christ is shared with us via a phone call, a letter, or a card. Sometimes we meet the Christ in a loaf of bread, in the sharing of a cup of tea, or on the shoulder of a friend where we are free to cry.

The pastor didn't recognize the presence of the Christ with him until after the nurse had left. The disciples didn't recognize the stranger on the road to Emmaus, who was Jesus, until He broke the bread and vanished from their sight. (Luke 24:13-32)

The road to Emmaus is not a road of the past. It is an everyday road where we realize that someone is still walking alongside us, explaining the Scriptures to us, breaking bread with us and then vanishing from our sight. The road we walk each day is the road to Emmaus. I thank God for the continuous ways the Creator shares with us a presence, a love and a hope as we journey on our roads to Emmaus.

O Lord, open our eyes that we may know your hope and promise to be with us on our journey this day. Amen.

*Linda Oliver*

**WORSHIP/MUSIC TEAM:** The Board is trying to develop a team of musicians/singers that could lead or accompany worship at 2002 Emmaus events. If you feel called and/or have experience, please contact Jeff Markovic at [jmarkovic7@cs.com](mailto:jmarkovic7@cs.com). If you have participated in the past and have a desire to serve for the remainder of this year, also please call Jeff.

**NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION** - In years past, the Board requested that those receiving the newsletter consider paying \$5 to help cover the cost of printing, postage, etc., for the year. Many responded and it definitely helped the Community financially. Therefore, the Board is again asking you to pitch in to cover this expense. Checks may be made payable to the Walk to Emmaus, c/o Hyde Park Community UM Church, 1345 Grace Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45208. Thanks!

**MEMBER DIRECTORIES ARE AVAILABLE!** - Member directories are available at Emmaus Gatherings, Walk registrations, candlelights, and closings for \$5.00 donation. If you find errors or changes that need to be made, please notify Bob or Jackie Jewett via mail at 625 Shultz Drive, Hamilton, OH 45013; or e-mail at [cincinnatiemmaus@aol.com](mailto:cincinnatiemmaus@aol.com).

**SCHOLARSHIPS for Walk Fees are available.** Please keep this in mind if a financial concern may keep someone from "walking." Also, scholarships are available for Team members. Talk to the LD or ALD for more info!

## Thoughts from your Lay Director

### THE FOOT OF THE CROSS IS COMMON GROUND

As I write, my heart is heavy, sorrowful and confused with the recent events and incidents in Over-the-Rhine of this past week. And while we cannot understand why history has been written as it has, leading to the division we have seen first hand in our own city—we can, as Christians, claim truth. Borrowing from my pastor's sermon on Easter Sunday...at the foot of the cross is common ground. God has uniquely fashioned and created each and every one, and we are ALL precious in His sight. The grace and agape love which we celebrate on the Emmaus weekend is extended so faithfully from our Lord to all of His children—

red and yellow, black and white, as our children freely sing. We learn on Emmaus about the Body of Christ—the church, both universal and local. With Christ as our bond, we share the name Christian, regardless of our color, ethnicity, denomination, occupation, income... We are to be a model for the world where we come together in the fellowship of Koinonia, without division, and serve our God and the world as one body. We need to count on each other and the unique gifts each has been given to help Jesus Christ in building the kingdom of God while on this earth. With the world around us often in despair, may the Body of Christ be the servant leaders from which God's light can shine.

Over the past few months, we have asked ourselves within the Emmaus Board if there is more we

should be doing to better serve ALL members of the Body of Christ in Cincinnati. The events of recent days provide only a stronger calling to for our ministry to seriously examine and reflect on this question. We must and do have open doors for any Christian with a desire to grow closer to Christ, but could we be more active to encourage and invite Christians of other colors, ethnicities or denominations than our own to attend an Emmaus walk? We would covet your prayers as we discuss this important issue, but beyond this—let's all individually pray for what God would have as our personal role in the colorful, wonderful Body of Christ, both in relationship to Him and to one another.

Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
*Michael Kuremsky*

## Introducing CincinnatiEmmaus.org

We are pleased to announce the launch of a new and improved website serving the Greater Cincinnati Emmaus community. We dedicate the website to God's glory and pray it will be helpful to community members and prospective pilgrims.

First, we have a new URL that everyone can actually remember!!!! [CincinnatiEmmaus.org](http://CincinnatiEmmaus.org)

*The site offers a variety of services and information, including the following:*

- ◆ Thorough information regarding the Emmaus ministry and mission, including and overview of the weekend to share with prospective pilgrims.
- ◆ The current newsletter for easy reference. You can even subscribe to receive the newsletter via email and help us reduce mailing costs (please sign up at the website).
- ◆ A complete listing of pilgrims for an upcoming walk, posted just prior to the weekend for prayer and agape purposes.

- ◆ A 2-year calendar of walks and gatherings for both Emmaus and Chrysalis.
- ◆ Applications to be printed and completed.
- ◆ A way to contact the Emmaus Board with suggestions or questions.
- ◆ And much more!

Perhaps the most exciting news to share is that the website contains a new interactive Prayer Board. Here community members can enter prayer requests which will then be posted on the site (by name or anonymously) for a period of time. Community members and prayer warriors are encouraged to go to the Prayer Board to read about and pray for concerns within our community.

The Emmaus Board hopes you will find our new website to be uplifting and helpful. With deep gratitude, we thank Kevin Coleman (son of Ken and Joanna Coleman of our community) for completing all of the technical work for the site. He did this with a servant's heart (and fast fingers) and we greatly appreciate his service.

*Please visit [CincinnatiEmmaus.org](http://CincinnatiEmmaus.org) soon!*