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CALENDAR

Upcoming Emmaus Walks

Women’s Walk #78 Nov. 15-18

- Candlelight, 11/17/01, 8:30 pm - Sanctuary

- Closing, 11/18/01, 4:30 p.m. - Refectory

Men’s Walk #64 Jan. 17-20

Women’s Walk #79 Feb. 14-17

Men’s Walk #65 May 16-19

Women’s Walk #80 June 20-23

Other Community Events

Gathering: Wed: Nov. 7 -- 7:30 pm

Bd. Meeting: Nov. 13 -- 7 pm

Gathering: Wed: Dec. 5 -- 7:30 pm

Gathering: Wed: Jan 2 -- 7:30 pm

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

Emmaus Community News

Women’s Walk #78:

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 10/25/01)

Matthew 25:40 NIV “The King will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.’”

PILGRIM	CHURCH	SPONSOR
Vicki Abend	Mt. Washington Presbyterian	Sandy Fox
Carolyn Abney	Megan Rimroth
Diane Arel	1st Presbyterian Hamilton	Marilyn Rueger
Cathy Baaten	1st Presbyterian Hamilton	Christine Baaten
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Vickie Brewer	Calvary Chapel	Joan Brewer
Julie Bauer	John Bauer
Darlene Branham	New Prospect Baptist	Annis Anderson
Vicky Chieco	Love & Faith Fellowship	Lee Gelter
Faith Crane	Westwood UMC
Sandy Daniel	New Life Baptist	Linda Bailey
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Doris Emmert	1st Presbyterian Hamilton	Carol Barnes
Fran Frazee	Bethel Baptist	Carolyn Welsh
Sarah Forney	Williamsburg UMC	Debbie Skidmore
Heather Gates	Vineyard	Lisa Smith
Marcia Grimmer	Westwood UMC	Kelly Johnson
Jackie Havenstein	Montgomery Comm. Baptist	Ron Havenstein
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Gina Ishteni	Norwood Church of Christ	Michael Jordan
Darlene Jordan	Norwood Church of Christ	Michael Jordan
Gretchen Lefferson	Williamsburg UMC	Candy Bainum
Becky Lockwood	Madeira Silverwood Presbyterian	Beth Lockwood
Ruth Lung	St. Ann’s Church	Mary Hanawalt
Jane Martin	Calvary Chapel	Rose Keilholz
Sherry Mitchell	N. Hills Christian Church	Carole Crebs
Lillian Mullins	West End Comm.	Ray Smith
Bonnie Phillips	St. Paul UMC	Alice Neely
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Dottie Tholke	Westwood UMC	Belinda Paisley
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Mary Willman	1st Presbyterian Harrison	Carol Barnes
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Emmaus

GATHERING SPOTLIGHT

Wednesday, December 5, 7:30 p.m. • Hyde Park Comm. UMC
“A Christmas Caroling”

Join us for an hour of singing your favorite Christmas carols! Also, plan to bring your favorite Christmas snack to share because after the service we will have fellowship time to chat with old friends and make new friends! Hope to see you there!

Wednesday, November 7, 7:30 p.m. • Hyde Park Comm. UMC

“Worship and Praise” – This gathering will host a one-time Emmaus choir.

Let us make a joyful noise to the Lord!

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Spiritual Director's Message

HAPPY THANKSGIVING MY PILGRIM FRIENDS

We are on a spiritual path of pilgrimage with God. Faith seeking and searching for newer understanding of Jesus Christ is our journey. The mystery of the Holy Spirit feeds, sustains, or nourishes our souls in the adventure of our individual and communal experiences as pilgrims or disciples.

It is my hope you find this season of your life filled with the bounty of God's love and grace. We have reason to give God praise and thanks because of grateful hearts to the Holy One who redeems us, just like the pilgrim people of Israel. For generations people of faith have glorified the Lord with a spirit of thanksgiving in their hearts.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Psalms 100

As we read and reflect on these words is our response one of praise and thanksgiving? What is it you need to "give thanks" for on your spiritual pilgrimage this season? Are you grateful to the Lord?

"Give thanks" with a grateful heart,

"Give thanks" to the Holy One;

"Give thanks" because he's given Jesus Christ, his son

"Give Thanks!"

As we gather at our tables let us remember the Holy One who dines with us. It is in "remembrance of him" that we are once again filled with grace to continue the pilgrimage with praise and thanksgiving. Richest blessings as we "give thanks" as faithful friends and pilgrims.

Happy and Holy Thanksgiving,

Dave Weaver

NEWSLETTER: THIS COULD BE YOUR LAST!!
Don't Delay-Send in your Subscription Today!

An important function of the Emmaus Board is to be good stewards of our finances. After a thorough review of our current financial situation, along with prayerful consideration, we have determined that we need to make a change so we can continue to operate "in the black" (as we have been for many years).

In addition to lowering the expenses to conduct the Emmaus weekends and administer the community overall, we identified two potential options to make the necessary financial changes to remain "in the black:" 1) increase the cost of the Emmaus weekend for pilgrims and team members (currently \$90); or 2) begin to charge small annual fee to community members for the newsletter. The costs associated with the newsletter is our single biggest expense outside the weekend costs.

The Emmaus Board unanimously agreed to do whatever we could to avoid increasing the cost of the weekend for pilgrim and team members. Thus, we did agree to institute a small annual "subscription" fee for the Emmaus newsletter, beginning in 2002. The fee will be \$5.

What does this mean for you? During the months of October and November, we will be providing an envelope in the newsletter (it is enclosed here!) to be used for you to submit your payment for the 2002 newsletter (6 editions). We ask all those interested in continuing to receive the newsletter to please respond as soon as possible. As of January 2002, our mailing list will include only those who have submitted their payment. We will conduct this process annually. We will provide complimentary newsletters to new pilgrims each year until the fee is once again due.

The Emmaus Board has made this decision after prayerful consideration and believe it represents good stewardship. We ask the community to accept the change in spirit of Christian charity. And, we also hope that you will continue to stay connected to the Cincinnati Emmaus community by subscribing to our newsletter now and in the future.

Thoughts from your Lay Director

SERVING GOD THROUGH EMMAUS IS PURE DELIGHT

I wanted to take the opportunity in the last newsletter of 2001 to express my gratitude to the Emmaus community and Board for the tremendous and affirming support I received this year while serving as the community lay director (LD). I know of no other ministry for which I have more passion than this one. I am humbled and deeply grateful to have had the opportunity to help do God's work in this Emmaus role.

God has blessed me richly through this position. I have had a first hand glimpse at how powerful God continues to move at each and every one of our weekends. One of the biggest blessings as LD is the need to be at all the Closings and to hear the heartfelt testimonies of renewal and

changed lives that the pilgrims share. My faith has been enriched and strengthened as I have worked closely with many Emmaus folks who have hearts of gold for the Lord and desire to please Him and do His will. I have seen the leading of the Holy Spirit, and I have tried to be faithful in following His nudgings, as I planned and conducted our monthly worship and praise gatherings. Sometimes it seemed my own desires for Emmaus would surface, but God would soon remind me Who was at the center...and in prayer and in seeking forgiveness, He would correct the path. All praise and honor to Him – the Lord of ALL!

It is with joy and thanksgiving that God is raising up our new lay director for 2002. Shirley Lowe is now a dear friend who has served side-by-side with me this year, always affirming me and focusing on serving God and the community. We will all be blessed as she takes on the responsibility for leading the Board and the monthly gatherings starting in

January. We are all in for a treat. She is loving, kind, humble and a wonderful leader. The Lord has chosen a true servant.

I would also like to ask the community to continue to support and pray for our Spiritual Director – Dave Weaver. Dave is an incredible gift to our community and such a strong supporter of this ministry. Let's lift him up and offer thanks for his service as well.

It has become tradition to end our gatherings, closings, meetings, etc. with the familiar chant "God is Good...All the Time." I do believe that embodies my experience as LD for the Cincinnati Emmaus community this year. "All the Time...God is Good." I pray for God's blessings to be showered on all of you.

I sign off with a devoted thank you to my Lord, Savior and Friend – Jesus Christ. Blessed is his name!

Michael Kuremsky

Community Lay Director

Outreach

Would you like your church to be more involved in the Emmaus experience? One way of doing this would be to schedule an Emmaus guest speaker to speak at your church. Recently, John Welsh was invited to be a part of the Sunday morning worship service and spoke at Bethel Baptist Church to introduce and speak on Emmaus. As a result, several members of Bethel Baptist, including the minister and his wife, are interested in going on the walk. This is part of the outreach ministry for our community. If you would like John to visit your church, receive more information or just have a question, please e-mail John at jw1333@aol.com.

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John & Carolyn Welsh
Outreach

Cuban Initiative

Several years ago the Walk to Emmaus was introduced to Cuba. It has been said by a prominent church leader in Cuba that this was "the best gift America could give to the church in Cuba." It continues to be the best gift as the Fourth Day Emmaus Community in Havana prepares for Walk #4 which will be held during the first two weekends in November.

Please be in prayer for our Christian brothers and sisters in Cuba as well as the Emmaus Community in Havana. You might consider sending a check for \$10 or \$20 to help fund this Walk and future Walks. Write in the Memo section "Cuban Emmaus." And finally, consider sending an agape letter from your church or small group. Please make this in letter form as it can be difficult to transport to Cuba. Send these to the address below. Many people doing a little CAN make a difference!

DeColores!

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