

# EMMAUS

## NEWSLETTER

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### Greater Dayton Walk to Emmaus

May  
2006



The month of May signifies the start of the spring growing season. The rains may come, but we are rewarded with the sweet smells of plants blooming and the sight of things coming alive with color. May is also a month that has two holidays in it. Memorial Day is celebrated on the last Monday of May in honor of all of the members of the Armed Services that gave their lives protecting us and our way of life. The government even gives us the day off of work so we can honor these brave service men and women.

The other holiday is Mothers Day. Everyone has a Mother, even Jesus. Mary cared for Him and nurtured Him during His early years, just like any other Mother would do. Mothers Day is the day when we take time to thank her for all that she has done for us, and continues to do for us, even though we may be grown. Mothers often toil long and hard to make sure their children have what they need and are brought up the right way. Mother's Day is celebrated on May 14<sup>th</sup> this year. However, the government does not give us time off to honor our Mothers as it does to honor our fallen service men and women. We must fit it in as best we can. It seems a lot of people just don't understand the importance of a Mother. They usually end up visiting their Mother on "Her" day, giving her flowers or other gifts, and maybe even taking her out to dinner. Unfortunately these actions are fitted into their already crowded schedule, and they really don't get the time to give "Mom" the attention she deserves. To top it off, she probably won't even mention that she would like more of your time. This is the way Mothers are. This year, why not make a conscious effort to spend some time with the one person that carried you and bore you into this life. Really thank her for all that she has done for you, and let her know how much of a blessing she has been to you in your life as you thank God for her presence. You only get one Mother.

De Colores, John Wissinger



She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her.

PROVERBS 31: 26-28

#### HOW TO FIND US!

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#### UPCOMING WALKS

##### Christ UMC 2006

Women's Walk #67, June 8-11  
Men's Walk #40, July 13-16  
Women's Walk #68, August 17-20

#### GATHERINGS & BOARD MEETING

Normandy UMC 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon 7:15  
Dayton Board 4<sup>th</sup> Tues 7:00

#### CANDLELIGHT AND CLOSING

Candlelight 8:30 PM Saturday  
Closing 4:30 PM Sunday

#### TRAINING & ORIENTATION

##### SPONSORSHIP TRAINING

This is an open invitation for all to come to this 45 minute training session before Gathering.

Date: May 8, 2006

Place: Normandy UMC, Room #214

Time: 6:30 PM

Come and learn the best methods put forth by the National Emmaus Board.

##### SHARE GROUP ORIENTATION

For new members of the community to get connected to a share group.

Date: May 8, 2006

Place: Normandy UMC, Chapel

Time: 6:30 PM

# Seeds & Needs



Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. 2 Corinthians 9:10

## AGAPE

I know on Walk weekends it is so exciting, particularly when we know a pilgrim on the Walk, to get them a special gift to commemorate the occasion. However, Pilgrim Sunday packets are only so big and there is a lot of information that needs to go into those packets. Please do not bring gifts for Pilgrims to go into the Sunday packets. Instead, please give gifts to them after closing or at a more convenient time.

Also, if you donate Agape for the weekend, please stop in the agape room before or after candlelight to check for leftovers. Also agape containing anything edible will not be kept longer than the walk weekend.

Thanks! Linda Stout, Agape Chair

## GOOD SHEPHERD

Please mark your calendars for the share group orientation which precedes the May 8th Gathering at 6:30 in the Chapel at Normandy. It is so vital to bring new members of our Community to this meeting, because it is, without doubt, the very most efficient way to find and join a Share Group. These groups are the backbone of Emmaus, and are so important for staying connected to all of us in fellowship, and more importantly, to Christ Jesus. The networking there is a wonderful chance to find time, place and other seekers!

Also, if you have a share group that has room for additional members, please e-mail/write me with times and places. This would be a great help! **Joyce Zimmann, Good Shepherd**

## SUPPLY

We need a small group of folks to help take inventory for kitchen/supply. If you can help make this load lighter, please contact Karen Roush Cell: 937-307-1899 / e-mail: [kjroush06@aol.com](mailto:kjroush06@aol.com)

## H O U S I N G

Thanks to all for supporting our community Housing requirements. We still need 8-10 people (male or female) for the Wednesday evening shift (6-7:30PM). This is the "set-up" shift and if we get a good group of workers it should last no longer than 7:30PM. Please sign up in the lobby next Gathering. For information, call Bill Bromley at 427-1421, or email [wbrom3737@aol.com](mailto:wbrom3737@aol.com).

God Bless! Bill Bromley, Housing Chair

## W O R S H I P

In Emmaus—Crosses are our prayer tools: During each weekend, prayer is an important part of the weekend experience. As community and as sponsors, we pray at sponsor's hour and continuously pray from afar for 72 hours straight. We pray before and after each meal. More intensely we pray before and after each talk in the Chapel. As tables, we pray as brothers and sisters during our special prayer time as the weekend unfolds. One of the most important tools we are given to use during times of prayer is the prayer cross. Worship needs your help. We started with six very special crosses laser etched with "Prayer Servants" and other crosses that are plain yet just as important to the Emmaus experience. Today, we only have one "Prayer Servants" cross remaining, and we continue to misplace or lose our other smaller crosses, which have dwindled in number. I am asking each of you who have been on a walk this past year to check your belongings and if you find you have inadvertently kept these crosses, please return them so that others can use these very important tools during the Walk weekends. Thank you, Jeff Dondero - Worship

## REGISTRAR

Just a quick reminder to everyone that we only have one more Men's Walk scheduled for 2006. July 13-16, 2006 at CUMC. If you know of any man you would like to share in this wonderful Emmaus Walk experience, please get their applications in as soon as possible. We will be sending out invitations soon.

Thank you! YBIC, Don Adams, Men's Registrar

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### For Community Members Near Otterbein:

A daytime Emmaus Gathering has begun at Otterbein-Lebanon Retirement Living Community. If you work evenings and can't attend your community Gathering, you are cordially invited (and welcome) to attend this one.

The Gathering convenes at 3:00 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month and follows the normal Gathering agenda with music, prayer, praise and worship, the Lord's Supper and fellowship time with light refreshments.

This Gathering is open to all, not just Emmaus alumnae, so feel free to drop in and worship with us. You'll feel welcome – we guarantee it!

Otterbein is located on State Route 741 approximately 5 miles south of Springboro or if you come via I-75, use the SR 63 exit, go east approx two miles to intersection of 63 and 741. Turn north (left) about ½ mile. Enter at the large sign and park in the lot to your right. The Chapel is straight through the main entrance doors.

Questions? Call the Otterbein Church office at (513) 933-4032.

### COMMUNITY NOTE:

Candlelight and Closing are intended for graduates of Emmaus Walks and Chrysalis Flights (and similar functions) ONLY.

Please, do not bring other family members to these events.

Guests are more than welcome to attend monthly Gatherings.

Also, we are guests at Normandy Church and they are gracious to allow us the use of their facilities. Please do not bring any food or drink into the sanctuary during our functions (Gathering, Candlelight and Closing). Thank You!

**Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.**  
**Proverbs 31:30**



## A Reflection of the Resurrection

The definition of the word "resurrection" has great meaning for those who have experienced the salvation that it brings. Resurrection can be defined as having returned to life or the state of one who has returned to life, the act of bringing back into use, revival from inactivity and disuse, and in the case of Jesus Christ, rising from the dead. Without resurrection there is no redemption. Without resurrection there can be no Christianity.

Recently, at Kairos weekend, one of the questions posed to the residents at closing was "What was your spiritual condition before coming to Kairos?" The answers varied but the common theme was the belief that one was "lost", "without hope," "without a future or a reason to live," "shame," "unloved," "forgotten," "alone," and "afraid." Sound familiar? It certainly does to me because my own spiritual condition before coming to Christ was very much the same. Because of Easter, because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ we have been given a new life. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says this "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ he is a new creation; the old has gone and the new has come!" Watching the dramatic changes in the men at that Kairos weekend is a witness to the power that is in the death and resurrection of Christ and that we are a new creation in Christ. When a person finally understands that the solution to the sadness, shame, loneliness, lack of love and hope is found in Jesus Christ, astonishing changes will happen. God's love is powerful. His love is so powerful that He sacrificed His son and paid the price for all our sin. The interesting thing is that despite the radical changes that occur through salvation we remain who we are. We have the same history, appearance, memory, interests, and skills. God does not scrap His original creation and start over. Instead, He will take His fallen, corrupted children and restore, refresh, and renew us. The old is transformed. We are given new life. We are given a life that has purpose and meaning. All of us have been offered this solution from our previous "spiritual condition." When we accept this solution we experience the new life that is only possible through the death and resurrection of Christ.

In "He Chose the Nails" Max Lucado says "When Jesus died, so did your sin. When He rose, so did your hope. Why did He do it? The face in your mirror. With scarred hands He offered forgiveness. Through the torn skin He offered acceptance. He took the path to bring us home. As you feel the timber of the cross, trace the braid of the crown, and finger the point of the spike – pause and listen. Perchance you will here Him whisper: "I did it just for you."



# His Word in My Heart

I have hidden your word in my heart that  
I might not sin against you.

Psalm 119:11

Memorizing God's word is life changing! Know Him better by memorizing His word. Last month we completed Psalm 1. The next few months, we will be learning 1 Corinthians 13.

May—WEEK 2

1 Cor 13:1

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.

May—WEEK 3

1 Cor 13:2

If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

May—WEEK 4

1 Cor 13:3

If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.

May—WEEK 5

1 Cor 13:4

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

June—WEEK 1

1 Cor 13:5

It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.



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life to the  
body, but  
envy rots the  
bones.**

**Proverbs 14:30**

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