

mmaus Community

Limestone-Ohio Valley Emmaus Community

Summer Issue

L.OV.E. COMMUNITY NEWS

August, 2009



Luke 24:15

Upcoming Events:

- Picnic Aug 25Gathering Sept 22
- Men's Walk 9/3-6
- Women's Walk 10/1-4

IMPORTANT NOTE:
All Community
Gatherings are held at
7:00 p.m. at
Washington United
Methodist Church

If possible, please bring a snack to share!

Let us not
Become
weary in
doing Good,
for at the
Proper time
we will
reap a
Harvest
if
we Do Not
give up.

Galatians 6:9

Annual Picnic



Bring the Family!

Date: Tuesday - August 25, 2009

Time: 6:00 pm - EAT!

7:00-ish - Worship Service in the Tabernacle

Meats, buns, and drinks provided

Please bring your favorite potluck dish or dessert to share

- Oh, and an extra lawn chair if you have it

A great evening of food, fellowship, music, worship and praise is planned. You won't want to miss this opportunity to catch up with old friends and make a few new ones! Hope to see you there!





OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Folks, an exciting evening of praise will occur on August 25th at Ruggles Retreat Center! Following our picnic, we will have a time of praise, worship and Holy Communion in the outdoor sanctuary and we need your help.

I'm asking <u>all</u> musicians and praise leaders to participate in this time of sharing – this is no time to be shy or wait for someone else to volunteer! I will have copies of the music with guitar chords available. If you play an instrument, plan to bring it.

It's also important for me to know if you'll be singing or playing an instrument (and what kind of instrument). So, email me at jogger2doc@windstream.net – before your forget! - and let's plan to raise the rafters in joyous music and praise to our Lord on the 25th! See you then!

DeColores! Phil Brown Music Coordinator



From our LAY DIRECTOR...

Blessings on each of you!

I pray that all of you have had a wonderful summer. This has certainly been a busy and productive time for many in our Community with youth camps, vacations, Vacation Bible schools, etc.

Several of us were able to serve in the kitchen on Girls' Chrysalis Flight #25. There were 23 lovely little ladies attending, for a life-changing experience. Praise God! But on a sad note, Boys' Flight #25 had to be cancelled the weekend of July 18th. They had only four applications. Several men from Love Community were part of the team. I am sure this was a disappointment to them as well as for the four young men who had hoped to attend the Flight.

I am looking forward to our Love Community Picnic this month on the 25th. Meat and drinks will be furnished by the Love Community Board. Bring your favorite covered dish or dessert. Bring your families and we encourage you to bring your future Pilgrims.

Please keep our future Pilgrims uppermost in our minds. God Bless each of you. Always remembering we are God's servants.

Decolores!

George Smith, Community Lay Director

From the Good Shepherd

Have you ever had that special friend, one you could tell your deepest and darkest secrets to? He or she was the one person you knew would die rather than reveal anything you discussed with them. I sure did and Rich and I are still talking about things today.

Now Rich and I attended high school together so, needless to say, we have been sharing things for many years. Let's see, I think I can remember graduating somewhere around 1963.

Anyway, you can rediscover that feeling of trust and safety by joining or starting a Share Group. Your level of trust may not blossom all at once but if you are faithful and attend your group's get-togethers, it will just happen. Give it a try - you might discover you like it.

DeColores! Tom Tavis, Good Shepherd



Have you heard about



How many of you remember your Emmaus weekend? How many have begged, pleaded, and prayed for friends or family to go enjoy the

experience? Did you know that you can sponsor your teenage friends and family on a Chrysalis weekend and allow them to enjoy a similar experience?

Chrysalis is a three-day weekend for teenagers in high school or who have recently graduated that allows them to see the love of Christ in a way they have never seen before.

Southern Ohio Chrysalis has been involved in Flights (the Chrysalis version of a Walk) for over twelve years. The Flights are held at Cornerstone United Methodist Church in Portsmouth, Ohio. The team, like Emmaus, is made up of people who have participated in previous Emmaus Walks or Chrysalis Flights. The Flights begin on Saturday morning and end on Monday afternoon (during school holiday weekends). The next Girls' Flight is scheduled for January 16-18, 2010. The next Boys' Flight is scheduled for February 13-15, 2010.

Like Emmaus these weekends require lots of effort from the Emmaus Community. There are positions on prayer charts, kitchen staffs, cleaning crews, and teams that all need willing vessels. If you would like additional information, the website is www.sochrysalis.com or you can contact me directly at jking@water1.org

DeColores! Jonathan King

Blessings & Opportunities!

Well, here we are again with two exciting Walks coming our way. With that are plenty of opportunities to serve God, our Pilgrims, and our Emmaus family. We still need volunteers for clean ups, both before and after the walks. If you haven't already had the pleasure of seeing it, we now have a sign-up sheet for those particular tasks in various areas out at Ruggles.

Prayer vigil posters will be circulated for both the Women's and Men's Walks. And please don't forget to look at our kitchen sign-up sheet. We need lots of helpers to make those meals great. After all, food is partly what we are known for.

Last, but surely not least, if you haven't already filled in a volunteer sheet, please do so. It is such a great resource for future teams, music, agape, and speakers. My Mom and Dad used to say that giving back to the community was a way of giving thanks for your blessings. Thanks to all of you for sharing.



DeColores!

Tim and Sally Teegarden, Volunteer Chaircouple

Kitchens & Cookbooks



Dear Community,

Time is fast approaching for the Fall

Walks – the Men's Walk is scheduled for September 3-6. By the time you receive this issue it will be determined as to whether it is a "go". We're praying it is, but we want God's will to be done in any case. (Editor's note: Yes! Enough Pilgrims were signed up by the deadline for the Walk to take place!)

Sign-up sheets were at the July Gathering and will be at the August picnic at Ruggles. Please consider helping in the kitchen - it is a great way to serve and often the first step toward a Team Member experience. If you can peel a vegetable, OR wash a dish, OR pour coffee, OR mop a floor, OR scoop and serve food onto a plate for a hungry Pilgrim, OR carry out garbage, OR cook, then you are very much needed.

My three-year term is coming to a close this year - it's been a great opportunity and a blessing for me to meet so many new faces and make new friendships. Prayerfully consider helping out in the kitchen one day - you will be surprised by the blessings!

DeColores! Kay Grooms, Kitchen Coordinator

Sharing the L.O.V.E. thru Sponsorship

Dear Emmaus Community, thank you to all of you who turned in your Pilgrim applications in time so that we could go forward with the Men's Walk! I am glad that we're able to have the Men's Walk and I encourage you to keep inviting women to go on the Women's Walk in October.

We need to be constantly thinking of people and seeking them out to go on this Emmaus journey. If we don't the Walks won't be able to happen. God is depending on each one of us to be obedient. We all have a unique life and unique connection with others. Someone may respond to your invitation to go on the Walk just because of their relationship with you, when they have refused other peoples' invitations in the past.

If the application fee is an issue, don't let that hinder you. Come and talk to me and we can work together to take care of it. Sponsoring a Pilgrim is a joyful experience - try it!

Michael Starkey Sponsorship Chair & Men's Walk #18 Lay Director

From the Ol' Reverend ...

Is there anybody out there who has never been in trouble? You all can skip to the next article or go eat a bologna sandwich then. The rest of us may want to consider this question I ran across recently. Have you ever wondered, "What did I do to deserve this?" Or, "Why did God allow this to happen to me?"



A little boy is telling his Grandma how everything is going wrong. There's trouble at school, and family problems, and on and on. Meanwhile, Grandma is baking a cake. She asks her grandson if he would like a snack, which, of course, he does.

"How about a couple raw eggs?" "Gross, Grandma!" "Would you like some flour then? Or maybe baking soda?" "Grandma, those are all yucky!"

To which Grandma replies, "Yes, all those things seem bad all by themselves. But when they are put together in the right way, they make a wonderfully delicious cake! God works the same way. Many times we wonder why He would let us go through such bad and difficult times. But God knows that when He puts these things all in His order, they always work for good! We just have to trust Him and, eventually, they will all make something wonderful!"

When one takes their cross and follows Jesus, all of life is a piece of cake. God is crazy about you! He sends you flowers every spring and a sunrise every morning. Whenever you want to talk, He'll listen. He can live anywhere in the universe, and He chose your heart.

Jim Finch Community Spiritual Director

MEET the TEAMS & DILGRIMS!

Community, meet your Teams and Pilgrims for the upcoming Fall Walks! Cut out the lists and put them where you will see them often as a reminder to be in prayer for God's plan for each Pilgrim, Team Member and all the Families involved. Pray for the Sponsors, for the campground and for how God would ask <u>you</u> to serve, as well.

MEN'S WALK #18 TEAM

Spiritual Director- Mike Starkey
Asst. SD- Phil Bradley
Lay Director - Michael Starkey

Asst. LD - Barry Rodbell

Dave Lewis Dell Click

Table Leader - Bill Perry

Dan Reed Tim Ratcliff Charles Kemp David Reveal

Asst. TL - Jeremy Rutledge

Joe Robinson Steve Richards Steve Waterfield

Jim DeAtley

Board Rep - Alan Leonard LOGS - Jeff King

Robert Brookover

Kyle Purdy

Prayer Servants- Mike Burke

Rick Satterfield

Music - Phil Brown

Tim Naylor

WOMEN'S WALK #19 TEAM

Spiritual Director - Mike Starkey - Means of Grace Asst. SD - Bill Henry - Sanctifying Grace

Lay Director - Elise Starkey - Perseverance
Asst. LD - Sally Teegarden - Discipleship

Bren FrodgeDenise BurkePriority

Table Leader - Liz Reed - Grow Thru Study

Lisa Leonard
 Life of Piety

- Linda Ratcliff - Priesthood of All Believers

- Judy Robinson
- Linda Naylor
- Body of Christ
- Kathy Bisotti
- Changing Our World

Asst. TL - Andrea Wilkerson

Gail ErhardtJoan GarrettKristine Brookover

Kristine BrookoverShirley Miller

Nancy MooreJutta King

LOG - Jutta King - Becca Bisotti

- Stephanie Edgington

Tech LOG - Cyndi Frodge Prayer Servant - Janice Edingfield

- Bonnie Oney

Music - Tami Conrad

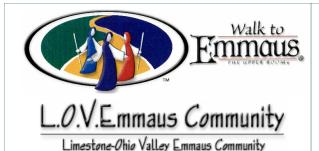
- Rose Wells

PILGRIMS for FALL WALKS

This is a list of the Pilgrims for the Men's & Women's Walks <u>at the time we went to press.</u> Please contact the Registrar if, as a sponsor, you know of someone on this list who is not planning to attend.

MEN: Carl ?, John Burke, Brandon Doss, Jeremiah Durbin, Richard Engle, Al Gille, Mike Griffith, Phillip Hogg, Sid Johnston, Doug Keith, Tim Kragler, Neal Liming, Jeff Neitzel, David Nichols, Chris Reed, Bob Rickey, Adam Sparks

WOMEN: Renee Boyd, Terry Barger, Nikki Chandler, Katie Doyle, Jenny Eakins, Margo Hamm, Wilma Hawkins, Pauline Linne, Allison McElroy, Jackie Miller, Brianna Moore, Evelyn Polley, Vicki Stout, Kathryn Thompson, Lisa Tussey





Upcoming Walk Dates Announced!

Men #18: 9/3 – 6, 2009

Women #19: 10/1 – 4, 2009



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