



EMMAUS

Why Did We Do That?

Many of you may be wondering why we have dedicated an entire issue our community newsletter to the Chrysalis Community. The reason is very simple. Our Emmaus and Chrysalis Communities must work together for our mutual benefit. The members of our Chrysalis community are the future leaders of our churches, communities and families. Many may be the future leaders of the Northern Lights Emmaus Community.

Just as Paul helped to train Timothy we are called to be supportive of the Chrysalis Community. Listed below are some ways that each of us can become part of the Chrysalis team:

Pray-We need to lift the Chrysalis Board and all who are a part of that community up in prayer. We need to pray that God will work in the lives of young people and to help equip them to share the good news of Jesus with others.

Sponsorship-We need to encourage the young people in our families and churches to go on a flight. The Chrysalis Community affords students the opportunity to develop their leadership skills in a very non-threatening way. A Chrysalis Flight allows students to meet and develop friendships with other Christians.

Give- We need to give to our Chrysalis Community. We need to volunteer. Why not work a flight, prepare food for a hoot (A Chrysalis Gathering) or flight, make or contribute agape and attend candlelight. Chrysalis also needs our financial support. Many of you may remember the beginnings of the Northern Lights Emmaus Community and some of the financial needs we had in the beginning. The Chrysalis Community has many of those same needs. The end of the year is approaching and many of us make year end charitable gifts. I would encourage you to consider a tax-deductible financial gift to the Chrysalis community.

I am so glad that our Community has a Chrysalis Community. I have been privileged to work on a Chrysalis flight and have seen first hand the impact the flight has had on young people. The Chrysalis Community is working hard to become a self-sufficient part of our community and I think we should do all we can to support them.

Melinda Hannah, NL Emmaus Community Lay Director

VISIONS

A word from the Lay Directors of Northern Lights

CHRYSALIS

Why do we now have the title as The Northern Lights Emmaus /Chrysalis Community? Well it all started back in Oct 1998 with a group of people from our own Emmaus Community that had a vision for the youth of the Northern Lights Community. They wanted to bring the youth closer in their walk with Christ. It was discovered that there was a part of the Emmaus movement that was designed for youth, ages 15 to 18 years old, known as Chrysalis.

Why the name Chrysalis? The butterfly, an ancient Christian symbol of Christ's death and resurrection, provides the central metaphor of the Chrysalis weekend. The life cycle of the butterfly marvelously illustrates the journey of spiritual growth into which Chrysalis invites young people. Beginning life as a caterpillar, the butterfly undergoes an amazing transformation during the chrysalis stage, dying to its old self so that it can become what it is meant to be. Similarly, the process of transformation in Christ involves dying with Christ to the old self through faith in God's accepting love, rising with Christ to a new self motivated by hope in God's promise, and going forth with Christ as the church to joyfully share God's ministry of reconciliation and love with an alienated world. The Chrysalis event helps young people begin to understand and experience what Paul meant when he wrote, "If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!"

Chrysalis is a youth version of an Emmaus Walk. It is a 72-hour "short course" in Christianity with 15 talks. The talks are given by Youth, by Adults, and by Clergy. A Chrysalis Flight is very high energy. Remember you are dealing with young people.

Since 1998 we have had 6 girl's flights and 4 boy's flights. After many long years, in March of this year we were finally able to hold an election and became an Official board. We have been working with the Emmaus board to bring both communities closer together. The Chrysalis board is a separate board of directors from the Emmaus board, for obvious reasons. The next set of flights is scheduled for the following dates; Girl's Flight #7 is January 15-17, 2005 (Martin Luther King) weekend. The Boy's Flight #5 is February 19-21 (President's Day) weekend. Both Flights go from Saturday through Monday, with candle light on Sunday night. I pray that as a body of Christ this Emmaus Community will support the up coming flights and this Chrysalis Community.

In Christ Love,

Herb Doerflein, Chrysalis Community Lay Director

Chrysalis Community Spiritual Director

Brothers and Sisters
of the Northern Lights Community,

I want to start off by offering my most heartfelt thanks to the Northern Lights Emmaus and Chrysalis communities for your strong support of Northern Lights Chrysalis. As many of you know, Chrysalis is for youth ages 15-18, and it mirrors the Walk to Emmaus weekend. I encourage each of you to be in prayer about sponsoring youth from your church who may be ready to experience a Chrysalis weekend. I'm sure we can all remember when we first heard about Emmaus or Chrysalis. For many of us, skeptical isn't strong enough a word to describe how we felt. For many youth who hear about Chrysalis, it can sound a little strange and even a bit scary. I encourage you to answer any questions they may have, and I especially encourage you to talk with their parents if they have not attended the Walk to Emmaus. Though Chrysalis, just like Emmaus, is full of "surprises," do not be afraid to talk openly about any part of the weekend. The more comfortable they are about attending the weekend, the more open they will be to the Spirit moving in them during the flight. Most of all though, **PRAY** about sponsoring a youth for a Chrysalis flight. Let God be the one sponsoring the youth through you. Many times I get questions about whether or not a youth is ready to go on a flight. My best advice is to pray about it and let God reveal that answer to us.

Though we may have been skeptical at first, for many of us, our Emmaus or Chrysalis experience was one that we will never forget. Again, thank you for your support of the Chrysalis Community. Without it, we would not be able to offer the quality experiences that make Chrysalis what it is. If you have any questions, or if there is anything we can do to help you in the process of sponsorship, please do not hesitate to contact any of the board members.

Fly with Christ,
Benji Sayre
Chrysalis Community Spiritual Director

Chrysalis Community Youth Assistant Lay Director

When was your first flight? How are those friends from your table doing? Have you been able to connect with a share group? When was the last time you made time to attend a Hoot or Emmaus Gathering? Has the fire in your heart that was started on your Chrysalis Flight burned down to just a small glow? In your daily life, do you always make time to stay in contact with Christ? For most of us, life is, in one word, filled. A lot of us are either in college or preparing to take that step in our lives, and with that, comes big reports to write, tests to take, and homework to stay on top of.

High school and college are two of the most important times in our lives, because it's where we learn what we're going to need for the rest of our lives. There have been many times in my life when, as soon as I get out of bed, I realize that I've got a full day: classes, work, meetings, practice, etc. When I have those stressful days (more often than not) I can feel God is beside me saying, "Andy, you've not talked to me today. Let me carry those books for you and let me be with you as you drive to all of your meetings." He's there, but we need to make the time to talk with Him, and give Him all of our problems.

Have you taken advantage of your notes from those 15 talks you sat through, and tried to find a share group that you can truly connect with? Have you given God the time He deserves, or has your daily life been an obstacle to your faith? I am honored to be this community's Youth ALD, and will be praying for everyone as you make these life-altering decisions for your future. Together, we'll be able to help each other out, but only if we can come together as the body of Christ, and rekindle the fire of God's love in our hearts. So, the next time you hear of an Emmaus Gathering (2nd Friday of every month, unless it's not) or Hoot, put it on your calendar and try your hardest not to miss it. When two or more are gathered in His name, God blesses that meeting place and lets the Spirit flow throughout it. May God continue to bless all of you, and, as always, fly with Christ!

Your Community Youth Assistant Lay Director,
Andy Garitson
N. L. Boy's Flight #1
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Candlelight

Sunday,
January 16
8:00 p.m.
Closing
Monday,
January 17
at 4:00 p.m.



Northern Lights Chrysalis Girls Flight # 7

January 15-17, 2005

Monroe United Methodist Church, Monroe, Ohio

Team List

Lay Director		Spiritual Director	
BECKY CONING		PAM KIMMEL	
Assistant Lay Directors		Assistant Spiritual Directors	
LISA JAMES		DAN JOHNSON	
TERESA MAHER		JENNIFER BAILEY	
Assistant Youth Lay Director		BENJI SAYRE	
SARAH DOERFLEIN		TBD	
Table Leader	Assistant Table Leader	Music	
DIANNE JOHNSON	ASHLEY DUNYAK Youth	MISTY BRIDGES	
BETH CONING	ASHLEY Youth	JAN RICKARD	
BETSY WILMETTI	COURTNEY MATEY Youth	BRITTANI MAHER Youth	
SUSIE HARRIS	EMILY Youth		
DEB TAYLOR	WENDY Youth	Prayer	
	CHRISTY Youth	LYNN MCCOLLUM	
		SARAH Youth	
Kitchen		Agape	
ANDREA BRAFFORD	BARB SCHNECKER	Logistics	
LESLYE HARRIS	PAM CRABTREE	BEV ZEHNER	
BECKY SAVAGE	LISA MARTIN	LAURIE STEELE	
BARB COLTHAR	ERIN EICHENLAUB Youth	REBECCA Youth	
DANIELLE COMBS Youth	JENNY Youth	SARAH Youth	
KARA Youth	BRANDY Youth	JACQUE Youth	
MARISSA Youth		BRYANNA Youth	
		Board Representative	
		KAREN DOERFLEIN	

The team for the Girls Chrysalis flight #7 is busily preparing for the flight. We are praying daily for the young ladies that God is preparing to come on this flight.

The date of the Girls Flight is Jan 15-17 2005. Girls who are ages 15-18 are welcome to attend this 3 day experience. Please encourage the young girls that you know to complete an application as soon as possible so that we can pray for them by name.

Looking forward to the upcoming weekend,
Becky Coning



How can you stay up to date on the Caterpillars attending the Northern Lights Chrysalis Girls and Boys Flights? Go to www.northernlightsemmaus.org. The web site will be updated regularly with the names of Caterpillars and Team members.

Northern Lights Chrysalis Boys Flight # 5

February 19-21, 2005

Monroe United Methodist Church, Monroe, Ohio

Team List

Lay Director		Spiritual Director	
Kevin Savage		Benji Sayre	
Assistant Lay Directors		Assistant Spiritual Directors	
Herb Doerflein		Dan Broaddrick	
Tim Coning		Jeff Raker	
Assistant Youth Lay Director		Dan Johnson	
Andy			
Table Leader	Assistant Table Leader	Music	
Jim Shepherd		Dave Edwards	
Rick Taylor		Kevin McGinn	
		Brent - Youth	
Kitchen	Agape	Logistics	
Frank Steele	Mike Harris	Greg Armour	
Jon -Youth	Todd Bridges	Rocky Bridges	
		Dean -Youth	
Prayer		Board Representative	
		Larry Kimmel	



Candlelight

Sunday,
February 20
8:00 p.m.
Closing
Monday,
February 21
at 4:00 p.m.

Final team selection is underway for Boys' Flight #5. This flight, originally scheduled for January 2004, is scheduled for Presidents' Day weekend, February 19-21, 2005. Many of the original team members will be working this re-scheduled flight, along with the newly-selected team members. We are excited to be back in the planning and preparation stages for this flight, and we are confident that God has great things in store for both caterpillars and team members alike. Team meeting dates are scheduled for December 11, 2004, and January 15 and 29, and February 12, 2005. The December and January team meetings are scheduled for the youth trailers at Cornerstone Church, and the February meeting will be at the Monroe UMC as a pre-flight walk-through. At the time of this writing, there are five confirmed caterpillars for this flight, so please be in prayer about young men who are ready and interested in being a part of this flight.

Fly with Christ!

Kevin Savage Lay Director Boys' Flight #5

ATTENTION: All Next Steps Groups

If you belong to a Next Steps Group or Chrysalis Share Group please –mail me or call me and let me know so I can pass this information on to the Butterflies on the upcoming flights. My e-mail address is HKDOERF@goodnews.net and phone number is 513-481-0845.

If you would like to start a new group all you really need is the information from your Next Steps card you received on your flight. Most groups meet each week for an hour to encourage and pray for each other.

Next Steps groups can be coed or same gender. Youth who have not experienced a Chrysalis flight are welcome to be a part of these groups.

If I can help you in forming a new group or in any other way, please contact me!

God Bless your Next Steps!!

Karen Doerflein



AGAPE ABOUND

Remember back to your own Emmaus Walk or Chrysalis Flight. Many of us experienced for the first time the true blessing of agape love. Sometime in the form of agape gifts or personalized letters as well as agape letters from other communities, we were able to feel the awesome love of Christ. How amazing it was to see letters from half way around the world and knowing that other communities were praying for you.

We have been very blessed with the outpouring of agape letters from other communities for our upcoming flights. I have emailed all the community with an email address, sending them our agape letter. They in turn have been sending theirs to us. So far we have received 36 agape letters from twenty states and four countries.

If you plan to support our upcoming flights with agape gifts or agape letters, please bring them to Christ United Methodist Church, Monroe, 206 East Ave, Monroe, OH 45050 the weekend of our flights. If you can't make it to Monroe, feel free to mail your agape letters to Northern Lights Chrysalis, PO Box 1634, West Chester, OH 45071.



The first annual "Showcase of Stars" is now history. The music festival raised over \$1,000 for the Emmaus/Chrysalis Scholarship funds. The board would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to all who attended, worked behind the scenes and especially those who provided the evenings entertainment.

Flight, Walk, Caterpillar, Pilgrim

What's the difference?

There are many similarities between the Walk to Emmaus Weekend and the Chrysalis Weekend. However, there are also a lot of differences.

Both weekends are 3 days filled with surprises. Several of the things that they share in common are: 15 talks, table assignments, communion, group prayer time, posters (and poster parties), personal reflection time, and, of course, plenty of food.

Some of the differences are as follows. For an Emmaus weekend, the participants are pilgrims on a pilgrimage. For a Chrysalis flight, the participants start out on day 1 as a caterpillar, change to a chrysalis on day 2 and then fly as butterflies on the 3rd day. The pilgrims are there for 3 full days (72 hours). Caterpillars only spend two nights. Although the team arrives the first evening, the caterpillars do not arrive until the next morning. Follow up groups for the Emmaus weekend are called "share groups". For the Chrysalis weekend they are called "reunion groups". After the weekend, the pilgrims face their "fourth days", while butterflies face their "next steps".

These are just a few of the differences between the 2 different types of weekends. While there are many differences as well as many similarities between the 2, there is one main thing that the 2 weekends

share. That is, they both are designed to show the participants the unconditional love of Christ Jesus.

Fly With Christ,
Lisa James





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Dates to Remember	
Girl's Flight #7	1/15-17
Boy's Flight #5	2/19-21
Women's Walk #23	4/7-10
Men's Walk #19	3/10-13
Gathering at Cornerstone	1/14 7 p.m.
Gathering at Cornerstone	2/11 7 p.m.