



VISIONS

A word from the Lay Director



“Okay, Emmaus Gatherings are nice, but my life is so busy that I hardly have time to do the things that I have to get done!”

“My evenings are filled with some activity that pulls me in one direction or another and to give up my FRIDAY nights is almost unthinkable (well one Friday night a month is still asking a lot)! “

“Yes, my Walk was completely incredible, but that was some time ago and I go to share group meetings occasionally. I would like to work on a walk sometime, but that will require even more of my time. There are plenty of others who go to the Gatherings to keep the Community strong and they really don’t need me.”

Does this sound like a familiar note with you, my brother or sister? While I realize that all of our lives are filled to overflowing

with “things” that we have to do, I can also assure you that attending our Emmaus Gatherings is one “thing” that Karen and I look forward to each month.

Let me share a couple of comments that I have received after recent Gatherings (these are paraphrased as I cannot recall the exact words).

I don’t know why I don’t make it to more of these Gatherings, they are always so uplifting.

What a powerful experience this Gathering has been.

I get more out of our Gatherings than I do from our Sunday morning worship services.

I know what my “closest moment to Christ” is for this week.

I would like to offer a challenge to each of you, our brothers and sisters. Please attend the next Gathering. Be there for Christ; be there for the other members of our Community; be there for yourself. If it has been a while since you have attended a Gathering you just might be amazed at how the evening will draw you back to your original Walk and rekindle the flame of the Holy Spirit within you.

Grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy Your consolations. Through Christ our Lord

De Colores!

*Bill Chambers
Community Lay
Director*

Dates to Remember

Men’s Walk #17	3/11–3/14
Men’s Candlelight	3/13–8:30 p.m.
Men’s Closing	3/14–4:30 p.m.
Women’s Walk #21	3/25–3/28
Women’s Candlelight	3/27–8:30 p.m.
Women’s Closing	3/28–4:30 p.m.
Gathering at Cornerstone	3/19–7 p.m.
Gathering at Cornerstone	4/2–7 p.m.

The walks listed above are being held at Christ UMC in Middletown. All are encouraged to attend the services and show your support for the Emmaus Community.

Boy’s Chrysalis Flight Postponed

The Northern Lights Boy’s Chrysalis Flight scheduled to be held in January was postponed due to the lack of sufficient applications, and will be re-scheduled for this summer. Please encourage boys and girls ages 15 to 18 to complete and send in a Chrysalis application for upcoming flights.

Scholarship Fund

The Northern Lights Emmaus Community is committed that no person should be denied the incredible experience of an Emmaus Walk/Chrysalis Flight due to cost. The Board would like to take this opportunity to remind the community of our scholarship funds. There are both Emmaus and Chrysalis scholarship funds. These funds are designed to help subsidize the cost of a walk/flight for those who could not otherwise attend.

Is there a more loving form of agape for a church, share group, individual or family than to help another Christian take the Emmaus/Chrysalis Journey? What a terrific lesson in

sacrificial giving could be taught to our children, teens and ourselves, as individuals/families forgo luxury items for a month and then donate those monies to the scholarship fund. Share groups who want to support an upcoming walk/flight but never seem to organize and make agape can now share in the act of agape through their donation to the scholarship fund.

Donations can be made the Northern Lights Emmaus Community. Please indicate Emmaus or Chrysalis Scholarship fund on the memo line of your check, in order that the funds can be designated for their intended purpose. Please send your checks to the following address:

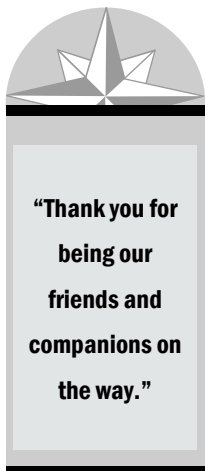


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The Board would like to encourage the entire community to prayerfully consider supporting our scholarship funds.

Melinda Hannah

From your Spiritual Director



This is my second stint as a community Spiritual Director.

In 1990, I held the same position in the Findlay Community. I want you to know what a privilege it is to serve Jesus, you and to serve with you.

You have made these "new kids on the block" feel welcome to your area, community and weekends.

Annette and I enjoy Gatherings so much, we jumped right in to making

ourselves a part of you and your community. You did not allow us to be strangers very long--and we appreciate it!

We have each served on weekends here in Northern Lights, joined you at Candlelights and Closings and worshipped with you. Thank you for being our friends and companions on the Way.

It may seem redundant to say this, but I'll take that chance, I believe in Emmaus, more

accurately, I believe in the Jesus who travels on the Road with us.

My weekend with Him was a tremendous experience and I enjoy live-in team responsibilities even more. I see Him every time I'm re-exposed to the Walk.

DE COLORES and
Press on,

John



The Lord's loving kindnesses indeed never cease, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning. Great is Thy faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:22-23 NASB

Sponsor a Pilgrim!

Depending upon the date you receive this newsletter, it may not be too late to sponsor a pilgrim for the upcoming Men's Spring Walk beginning Thursday, March 11, 2004. What a wonderful way to help men become strong leaders in their home churches! The Women's Walk, beginning

March 25, 2004, has plenty of pilgrim applications to fill the 40 available positions. Begin thinking NOW of a lady that you may want to sponsor for the Women's Fall Walk at Camp Swoneky.

The list of pilgrims for both the Men and Women's Spring Walks will be posted on

the Northern Lights website at <http://www.gbmg-umc.org/nle> beginning March 1, 2004. The list changes daily so be sure to check the website for updated lists.

Bev Hammer

The Emmaus Web Site

Have you ever asked these questions? "What is going on at Northern Lights Emmaus and Chrysalis?" "How many pilgrims or caterpillars are on a walk or flight?" "What night is the gathering?"

All your questions and more can be answered by going to the Northern Lights Emmaus Community Web site www.gbmg-umc.org/nle/. The web site is regularly updated, so it is not a site you only check out once and say "Been there. Done that.". During walk or flight weeks, I will look at the site twice a day to see the update on pilgrims or caterpillars.

What all is on the web site?

The Community web site has many things to assist you in all your Fourth Days, as well as assist you in sponsoring pilgrims and caterpillars. Here is a list...

- A.) What is the Walk to Emmaus?
- B.) The date, time and place of this months gathering, as well as several months in the future.
- C.) The next date and location of the Men's & Women's Walks and Boy's & Girl's Flights.
- D.) As the Walk or Flight approaches the list of team members and a list of pilgrims or caterpillars will be posted. These lists will be updated several times and again the day of arrival.
- E.) Prayer Vigils - There are 72 hour prayer vigils and you can sign up for prayer times. This is not just for those

in Northern Lights Community but for walks and flights all over the world.

F.) A list of the members on the Northern Lights Emmaus Board of Directors, their position, email address (click on the board member's name to send an e-mail) and telephone number are listed for your convenience.

G.) List of currently active Share Groups with time, location and contacts.

H.) Willing servant form to serve on walks or flights can be downloaded

I.) You can download the pilgrim's Emmaus *Request for Reservation* form and the caterpillars *Chrysalis Application* form.

J.) Find connections to one or both of the Emmaus e-mail lists for announcements and prayer request.

K.) Download the current and past Northern Lights *Visions* Newsletter.

L.) Connect to the international Emmaus and Chrysalis web sites. These are great to learn more on how to explain the walks and flights to others.

M.) You can find other communities and their web sites, resources and other important stuff.

Wow! That's a lot of stuff for just one web site. Also, our web master will note "NEW" when he adds anything to our web site, which makes it easy to make a quick check of updates.

We're on the Web!
www.gbmg-umc.org/nle

What about the Non-Computer People?

Maybe you are one of those who do check the Northern Lights Emmaus Community's Web site on a regular basis and knows what is going on in your community, but you just can't get some of the Emmaus members at your church to use it.

Let's face it, there are just some people out there that are not computer people. They don't have one or can't get their kids off it long enough to use it or just don't like it. So why don't you assist them, put the gathering dates and times in your church newsletter or bulletin, remind them of up-coming walks or flights, download the *Emmaus Request for Reservation*, *Chrysalis Application*, *Willing Servant forms* and make copies that members of your church can just pick up.

Don't let someone's lack of computer skill disconnect them from the activities of the Northern Lights Emmaus Community. You will be surprised by the response you will get if you help inform your non-computer members. God calls us all to use our talents to serve Him and others.

Barb Carmella

Chrysalis Board Elections

It's time!

After many years of hard work and planning, it is now time to elect a Northern Lights Chrysalis Board of Directors.

Enclosed with this newsletter is the Chrysalis Board of Directors ballot. This ballot has the official slate of candidates as well as a

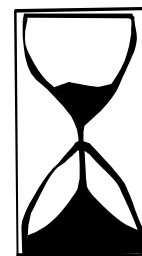
place for the community to approve the formation of the Chrysalis Board of Directors and bylaws.

The bios for the candidates can be found on the Northern Lights Website—<http://www.gbmg-umc.org/nle>.

Please take some time to review

the ballot and prayerfully consider your vote for this new Board of Directors.

Return your completed ballots no later than March 15th.



Girls Chrysalis Flight #6

What a Blessing!

The team God put in front of me could not have been better!! We got along wonderfully. We lost a couple of team members at the last moment, but He worked that out with no problem.

We had 17 butterflies show up, one could not make it, she was sick.

I believe the girls were blessed by the weekend. I really appreciate all the community who were able to attend candlelight and closing.

I also thank you for your prayers, food, and all the other blessings you provided for these girls!!

God Bless You!!

Karen Doerflein

Get Connected

Where are you? Have you moved? New phone number? Changed churches? What do you enjoy most? Do you feel like you are never asked to serve?

Are you in the Northern Lights Emmaus database? If you are, is your information accurate, complete and current?

These are a few of the questions that may be asked by your Emmaus Community leaders as they are trying to get in touch with you regarding upcoming walks and other vital Emmaus activities.

Team selection is done generally

twice a year for our fall and spring walks about six months prior to the walk date. Our beginning point for that process is to review our database for qualified individuals that have expressed a desire to work on teams and to honor their specific interests as indicated by their "Willing Servant Form" and by following the guidelines in the Emmaus Manual to fill the open positions on the team. This is a very deliberate process by a Team Selection Committee who prayerfully consider each person for each role while taking into consideration their active involvement in Emmaus as well as their

required serving in the various capacities required to progress through leadership (i.e. – in order to occupy the lead Kitchen role you first would have had to have worked on Kitchen.) The Committee also strives to maintain the recommended balance on the team of 1/3 Veteran, 1/3 2nd or 3rd walk individual and 1/3 new community members.

Any database must be kept current and complete to be useful. This is no different for the Northern Lights Emmaus Community database.



Willing Servant Forms

Are we aware of your willingness to serve on an Emmaus Team? Are you receiving the Newsletters from the Community? Is your information current in our database (address, phone number, email address, other contact information)? Is your service that you have performed within the Emmaus Community by walk and by experience, talk, etc. up to date and accurate? Are your particular gifts and desire for service recorded in the Northern Lights database?

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All of this information is critical for us to make sure that we can keep in contact with you and keep you plugged into the Emmaus Community and it's activities. When team selection is done we utilize our database and information available through it to continue to develop leaders for the Church and for Emmaus. If you are missing from the database OR if your information is incorrect OR incomplete you might not have the opportunity to serve on a walk.

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Even if you are certain that you have filled one out previously

OR even just turned one in - PLEASE - FILL OUT ANOTHER ONE NOW and forward that to the address shown at the bottom of the new form. This REVISED form can be found on our website at <http://www.gbgm-umc.org/nle/> in the section about serving on a Walk or Flight Team. (We are hoping in the very near future to have an electronic form for this on the website that can be easily completed online, and that information would then be emailed directly to the Information Management person to update the database.)

You will also find a **new revised form included in this newsletter** all you have to do is complete **all of your information** and then forward it back to the address shown on the bottom of the form. That's it! You will be updated when received.

The new form will also provide you the opportunity to tell us if you wish to work a walk or not. Turning in the form does NOT obligate you to work a walk. If your current life circumstances will not allow you to

work a walk – THAT'S OK, tell us. When your situation changes let us know and we will include you back in for the next team selection consideration. PLEASE DO NOT ASSUME you're in the database. PLEASE fill out the Willing Servant Form completely and send it back to us so that we might enter you, update you or complete your information.

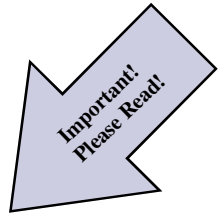
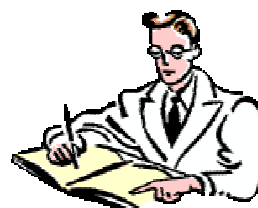
There are over a thousand people in our database (and it continues to grow) and MANY have old and outdated information making it impossible for us to reach them. Some continue to get calls to work a walk when it just will not work in their lives at this time. Quite a few are JUST NOT THERE in the database at all. Please help us to help you by stopping right now to update your information to our database Board Representative, Darla Crum, who is currently serving you and the Community so selflessly.

We are continuing to explore easier ways to update information, however at this time this is the way we are handling the updates. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. My email address is tjbugg@cinci.rr.com and you can always find me on the website under Team Selection.

God be with you and bless you in all that you do my Brothers and Sisters! DeColores!

Yours in Christ,

T. J.



**Please fill out another
Willing Servant form
Now!**

**Please pray for these women as they volunteer their time
to touch others during the Women's Walk.**

Northern Lights Women's Walk #21—Team March 25—March 28, 2004		Spiritual Dir	Diann O'Bryant
Lay Director	Anne Lapham	Asst. Spiritual Dir.	Brad Olson
Asst. Lay Director	Kelly Bivins	Asst. Spiritual Dir.	Chad Current
Asst. Lay Director	Charlotte Kriete	Asst. Spiritual Dir.	David Ashworth
Asst. Lay Director	Jonna Langmeier	Asst. Spiritual Dir.	Richard Schechter
Table Leader	JoEtta Bauer	Agape/Facilities Lead	Lorrie Lin
Table Leader	Carol McCollum	Agape/Facilities	Dotty Bridges
Table Leader	Tracy Combs	Agape/Facilities	Susie Campbell
Table Leader	Cyndy Cusson	Agape/Facilities	Laurie Gage
Table Leader	Kelly Elkins	Agape/Facilities	Joyce Green
Table Leader	Sara Hurley	Agape/Facilities	Kim Hollon
Table Leader	Barb Schnecker	Agape/Facilities	Robin Kaelin
Table Leader	Cheri Wannemacher	Agape/Facilities	Valerie Leonard
Asst Table Leader	Etta Caver	Agape/Facilities	Judy Pyle
Asst Table Leader	Peggy Davish	Kitchen Lead	Mim Bridgman
Asst Table Leader	Judy Halsey	Kitchen	Judith Cline
Asst Table Leader	Linda Hays	Kitchen	Phyllis Gersch
Asst Table Leader	Corenda Kimble	Kitchen	Jackie Jewett
Asst Table Leader	Sue Pendergrass	Kitchen	Karla McGinnis
Asst Table Leader	JoAnn Session	Kitchen	Mary Patrick
Asst Table Leader	Connie Young	Kitchen	Brenda Pearson
Prayer Lead	Pat Silcott	Kitchen	Coleen Richards
Prayer	Judy Couch	Music Lead (Guest)	Penny Peters
Board Rep.	Barb Carmella	Music	Betsy Balger
Music	Susan McPherson	Music	Misty Bridges

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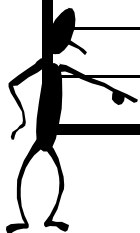
*So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God—all because of
what our Lord Jesus Christ has done for us in making us friends of God.*

Romans 5:11 NLT

Please pray for these men as they volunteer their time to touch others during the Men's Walk.

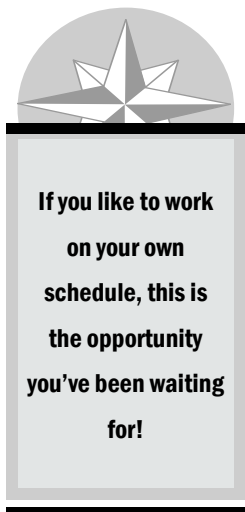
Northern Lights Men's Walk #17-Team March 11-March 14, 2004		LD	Mike Housh
Rev. John Elshelman	Spiritual Director	T.J. Bugg	Asst. Lay Director
Brian Straub	Asst. Spiritual Director	Eric Guttag	Asst. Lay Director
Barry Burns	Asst. Spiritual Director	Rick Detjen	Asst. Lay Director
John Harra	Asst. Spiritual Director	Nick Nicoletta	Kitchen Lead
Greg Leisinger	Asst. Spiritual Director	Greg Truesdell	Kitchen
Larry Maher	Board Rep	Todd Hayes	Kitchen
Jerry Johnston	Table Leader	David Thaeler Sr.	Kitchen
Dave Churchill	Table Leader	Thad Patton	Kitchen
Hal Hobe	Table Leader	Shawn Kennedy Hurly	Kitchen
Dave Stumpf	Table Leader	Andy Beltz	Kitchen
John Decker	Table Leader	Jim Busse	Kitchen
Dave Homer	Table Leader	Marc Russell	Agape Lead
George Caver	Table Leader	Mark McClure	Agape
Steve Cusson	Table Leader	Steve Gilbey	Agape
Karl Gaston	Asst. Table Leader	Steve Martin	Agape
Rocky Bridges	Asst. Table Leader	Bill Nicolai	Agape
Tom King	Asst. Table Leader	Mike McDonnell	Agape
Rick Youngstrom	Asst. Table Leader	Mike Davis	Agape
Glen Kindness	Asst. Table Leader	Glen Chastain	Agape
Don McKenna	Asst. Table Leader	Bill Carpenter	Prayer Lead
Roger Brown	Music Lead	Tom Schwallie	Prayer
Randy Weber	Music	Mark Kessler	Music
Matt Archibald	Music	Greg Creech	Music

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Did you know...

...that you can get the latest and greatest Team List or Pilgrim List on the web site. As we all know, changes happen almost weekly. To get the most up-to-date list of Emmaus Teams or Pilgrims, check the web site. The updates will be made regularly by our one and only web master Jerry Lapham. We don't want to miss a name when we pray for these very special people volunteering as well as those on the walk learning and moving closer to God. **So don't delay—check it out today!!!**



Visions Editor Needed

The Northern Lights Emmaus Community is currently looking for an editor to take over the Visions Newsletter.

If you are interested in becoming an active part of the Emmaus Community but your time is limited please consider this very important position.

If you have some experience with Microsoft Publisher and like to work on your own schedule, then this is your chance! The newsletter is already laid out and text boxes just need to be filled in. Dawn Palazotto will be happy to review the documents with you the first few issues to help you learn the ropes.

Please contact one of the board members if you are interested or have questions.



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Northern Lights Chrysalis Board Nominees

Bylaws and Community Creation

- I accept the Northern Lights Chrysalis bylaws and agree to the creation of a Northern Lights Chrysalis Board of Directors

Adults—please vote for no more than 12

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Tim Coning | Cornerstone UMC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Becky Coning | Cornerstone UMC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Herb Doerflein | Groesbeck UMC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Karen Doerflein | Groesbeck UMC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Debbie Harms | Park Avenue UMC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Michael Housh, II | Cobblestone Church |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Lisa James | Faith Community UMC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Larry Kimmel | Vineyard Community Church |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Pam Kimmel | Vineyard Community Church |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Lisa Martin | Church of the Ascension |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Brenda Patton | Faith Community UMC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Kevin Savage | Groesbeck UMC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Jim Shepherd | Groesbeck UMC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Laurie Steele | Cornerstone UMC |

Clergy

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Benji Sayre | Lebanon UMC |
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Youth—please vote for no more than 3

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Andy Garritson | Monroe UMC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Sarah Harms | Park Avenue UMC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Erica Hodges | St. Mark's UMC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Elena Housh | Cobblestone Church |

The bylaws and complete bios for each candidate can be found on the Northern Lights Emmaus Website.

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Please fold and return completed ballot by March 15th.

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