



February, 2005

VISIONS

A word from the Lay Director *Further News about 2005 Walks*

Dates to Remember	
Men's Walk #19	3/0-13
Women's Walk #23	4/7-10
Gathering at Cornerstone	3/18 7 p.m.
Gathering at Cornerstone	4/15 7 p.m.
<p>The walks listed above are being held at Christ United Methodist Church in Middletown, Ohio. All are encouraged to show your support for the Emmaus Community.</p>	

Many people have expressed concern that there will not be a Fall Walk at Camp Swoneky in 2005. I would like to give a further explanation of the board's decision.

When our community was first founded many generous community members contributed generous donations. This money provided a good foundation to begin the community and has served to help meet our needs over the past several years. As that money has dwindled, the board has had to reevaluate our budget and spending.

The board made the decision to offer walks in two different environments when the community began. They realized that hosting a walk at Camp Swoneky would be more expensive than the walk held at Christ UMC; however, it was assumed that the extra income generated during the spring "church" walk would be sufficient to cover the extra expenses of the fall "camp" walk. A detailed analysis performed during 2004 proved this assumption to be false.

Hosting walks at Camp Swoneky costs the community approximately \$13,000 per year. Based on our current walk and team fees of \$80 we generate a deficit of approximately \$8,000. The board did not feel that continuing to run in a deficit position was prudent stewardship.

In order to have a spring "church" and a fall "camp" walk, team and walk fees would need to be increased to \$115. The board did not feel that an increase of \$35 was in the best interest of the community.

The board has not abandoned the desire to offer a walk in a camp environment. The board is pursuing the use of another camp that may be within our budget. If you have any suggestions of possible site locations, please pass those along to any board member.

The board hopes this has answered your questions regarding the change in walk locations for 2005. If not, please feel free to contact any board member.

DeColores,
Melinda Hannah
Community Lay Director



Thinking about Sponsoring a Pilgrim??

After returning home from an Emmaus weekend, it is a natural reaction to want to share the same experience with a loved one or friend. So we make the decision to sponsor someone who just has to go on the next Walk. Before making a hasty decision, be sure that you understand all of the responsibilities of good sponsorship.

First of all, pray about the pilgrim you would like to sponsor before even asking them. *“The Walk to Emmaus is not for everyone. The three days of an Emmaus weekend cannot rectify every problem marriage, enthuse every disenchanted church member, cure disturbed persons, or make saints of sinners. The Walk to Emmaus is designed to change environments through Christian leaders. Pilgrims should at least know where the path is, if they are not already walking it.”* from the Walk to Emmaus Lay Director’s Manual

If you are sure that you have the best candidate for a Walk, complete a Request for Reservation form. (be sure to use the updated form that you can copy from the Northern Lights website @ www.northernlightsemmaus.org) After you have completed your portion of the reservation form, arrange a time when you can meet with your candidate to pray with them, talk about the Walk to Emmaus, answer any/all questions, and give them the reservation form to complete.

The responsibilities of a sponsor do not end once the reservation form has been completed and mailed to the registrar. You are encouraged to continue praying for your Pilgrim. Make arrangements prior to the Walk to bring your Pilgrim to the Emmaus site for the Send-Off. Help them with their suitcases and registration then share in the Send-Off and Sponsor’s Hour following.

During the weekend, you should contact your Pilgrim’s family. Leave your phone number with them, share a meal with them or offer to be available for any help they might need throughout the weekend. Pray for your Pilgrim throughout the weekend.

Write agape notes and letters and be sure that others do likewise, especially those closest to them. Support your Pilgrim with your presence at Candlelight and Closing.

After the Walk, stay in contact and support your Pilgrim during their Fourth Day. Be responsible for getting them to the Fourth Day follow-up meeting. Take them to their first Gathering. Help them become involved in a Share Group as soon as possible.

Whew! That’s quite a commitment! But it is necessary for all of these things to be considered before ever planning to sponsor a Pilgrim. We do not just need any candidates to fill an Emmaus Walk. We need the best candidates that God has selected to experience an Emmaus weekend. Be in constant prayer about your Pilgrim and God will reveal His perfect plan to you.

Who will you start praying for today?

DeColores,

Bev Hammer

Northern Lights Emmaus Registrar



Help needed at the Gatherings

I need help with the set up and take down of the Gatherings. I am looking for a few people or a share group to give me a commitment for just one or two Gatherings this year. This involves arriving at the Gathering 15 - 20 minutes earlier and staying about 30 minutes later. Many times this only involves setting up and taking down the snack and drink tables and running the vacuum cleaners. What I'm trying to do is schedule out the year to talk some stress out of my life. If you have a particular month that you prefer let me know.

If you or your share group would like to perform this act of agape give me a call at 513-829-8622 or e-mail me - djh_7447@hotmail.com.

Thanks and God Bless you all!

Your Brother In Christ,

Dave Homer

Northern Lights Wmmaus Gathering

Northern Lights Emmaus Men's Walk # 19
March 10-13, 2005
Christ United Methodist Church, Middletown

Team List

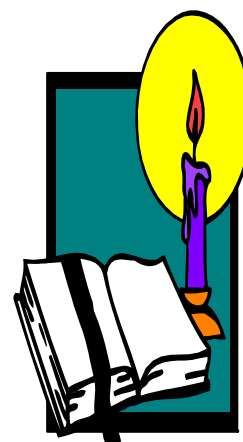
Lay Director		Spiritual Director	
T.J. Bugg		John Eshelman	
Assistant Lay Directors		Assistant Spiritual Directors	
Larry Maher		David Long	
Terry Burg		Tammy Jo Reiser	
Eric Gutttag		Ken Barton	
Table Leader	Assistant Table Leader	Agape	
Marc Russell	Pat Bishop	Dave Stumpf - Lead	
Larry Tanner	Bill Whitaker	Bud Haacke	
George Caver	Tom Schwallie	Roger Pyle	
Peter Lin	Craig Manuel	Duane Sharpe	
Dave Homer	Jeff Pruett	Rick Martini	
Tim Riggs	Dennis Meyers	Jim Graham	
Harvey Olf	Rick Kuertz	Chuck Wood	
Ted Collins	Glen Chastain	Joe Domiano	
		Fred Powell	
		Don Hammer	
Kitchen		Music	
Tom Shackelford- Lead		Greg Creech - Lead	
Carl Keith		Paul Conrad	
Dave Martin		Thadd Patton	
Patrick Mitchell		Randy Weber	
Gary Walden		Jim Busse	
Tom Shaver		Matt Nicol	
Trenton Simpson		Craig Riggs	
		Prayer	
		John Decker - Lead	
		Jack Hays	
		Board Representative	
		Mike Housh	

**Northern
 Lights Emmaus
 Men's Walk #19
 Schedule**

Thursday,
 March 10, 2005
 6:00 P.M.
 Light Supper
 7:00 PM
 Send Off and
 Sponsor's Hour

Saturday,
 March 12, 2005
 8:30 P.M.
 Candlelight

Sunday,
 March 13, 2005
 4:30 P.M.
 Closing



How can you stay up to date on the Pilgrims attending
 the Northern Lights Emmaus Spring Men's Walk ?

Go to www.northernlightsemmaus.org .

The web site will be updated regularly with the names of Pilgrims and Team members.

Northern Lights Emmaus Women's Walk # 23
April 7 – 10, 2005
Christ United Methodist Church, Middletown

Team List

Lay Director		Spiritual Director	
Charlotte Kriete		Rev. David Long	
Assistant Lay Directors		Assistant Spiritual Directors	
Sue Bugg		Rev. John Eshelman	
Amy Toney		Rev. Ellen Marie Kratch	
Maggie Trumbull		Rev. Tammy Jo Reiser	
Table Leader	Assistant Table Leader	Agape	
Ina Green	Diane Atkinson	Barb Carmella-Lead	
Judy Halsey	Dottie Bridges	Donna Chesnut	
Lorrie Lin	Margie Burke	Rowena Estill	
Joyce Green	Pam Crabtree	Leesa Frederick	
Mim Bridgeman	Julie Mislansky	Debbie Harms	
JoAnn Session	Brenda Pearson	Cindy Kuhn	
Laurie Gage	Marsha Syck	Lynn Martini	
Sue Luken	Tammy Woollard	Leah Owens	
		Marilyn Young	
Kitchen	Music	Prayer	
Sherri Epure-Lead	Betsy Balger-Lead	JoEtta Bauer-Lead	
Sharon Alexander	Alicia Fine	Judy Pyle	
Judith Cline	Linda Humston	Board Representative	
Carol Frazier	Robin Madden	Connie Young	
Ruby Huston	Jennie Armour		
Karla McGinnis			
Melanie Wages			
Marsha Walden			

**Northern
 Lights Emmaus
 Women's Walk
 #23 Schedule**

Thursday,
 April 7, 2005

6:00 P.M.

Light Supper

7:00 PM

Send Off and
 Sponsor's Hour

Saturday,
 April 9, 2005

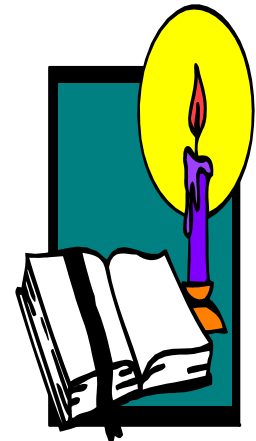
8:30 P.M.

Candlelight

Sunday,
 April 10, 2005

4:30 P.M.

Closing



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Reunion Walks at Monthly Gatherings

Starting the May 2005 Gathering the Northern Lights Community will be featuring Reunion Walk Nights. We will be encouraging Pilgrims and Caterpillars from past walks and flights to come to the gathering, get together with your table, renew friendships and catch up on what God has been doing in each others lives. You will be hearing more about this at the gatherings, but mark your calendars now:

May 2005 Gathering Reunion Walks - **Men's Walks** 1,8,15 - **Women's Walks** 1,8,15,22

June 2005 Gathering Reunion Walks - **Men's Walks** 2,9,16 - **Women's Walks** 2,9,16,

July 2005 Gathering Reunion Walks - **Men's Walks** 3,10,17 - **Women's Walks** 3,10,17,

August 2005 Gathering Reunion Walks - **Men's Walks** 4,11,18 - **Women's Walks** 4,11,18,

November 2005 Gathering Reunion Walks - **Men's Walks** 5,12,19 - **Women's Walks** 5,12,19

December 2005 Gathering Reunion Walks - **Men's Walks** 6,13 - **Women's Walks** 6,13,20,

January 2006 Gathering Reunion Walks - **Men's Walks** 7,14 - **Women's Walks** 7,14,21,23

February 2006 Gathering Reunion Chrysalis Flights - **Boy's Flights** 1,2,3,4,5 - **Girl's Flights** 1,2,3,4,5,6,7

FUTURE NORTHERN LIGHTS EMMAUS / CHRYSALIS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



Northern Lights will soon be going the way of the times, paperless newsletters. I know, if you are like me, I hate change and love tradition. BUT . . . the cost of the newsletter continues to rise and as a community we need to look at ways to keep cost down. This is the LAST newsletter we plan to mail to the complete community. Since the community membership continues to grow, so does the cost of the newsletter. We are currently mailing 1250 newsletters three to four times a year. In 2004 we spent almost \$2400.00 on copying cost and postage for those newsletters. After much discussion and in trying to keep the newsletter cost down, we will be offering the newsletter electronically.



We have had the newsletter on our web site for sometime but have still sent out a paper copy through the U.S. Post Office. WHY? You may ask. Because first and most important, the NLE Board of Directors want ALL the members of the Northern Lights Emmaus/ Chrysalis Community to be informed so they can participate in the many events that continue to enrich our Fourth Day. And secondly, even though it is surprising to many who use computers daily, there are community members who do not have a computer and/or who don't even know how to turn one on.

Although, we will no longer be mailing newsletters to the complete community, we WILL still mail them to those in the community who request them. If you are not a computer person or a traditionalist (like me) who likes the newsletter coming in the mail, we will still send you a newsletter if you request one.



On the next page you will find a tear off where you can request a newsletter sent electronically (or at least notification of its availability on the website) via email or can request a paper copy mail though the U.S. Post Office. If you are requesting a paper copy and are able to send a donation to help will the cost, it would be greatly appreciated. BUT . . . It is most important to the community that we keep in touch with you about the community events, so you want a paper copy and are unable to send a donation please still request a copy.

You can save the community money in the future if you would let us know when you move. Every newsletter return because of a change of address cost the community 73 cents.



We are asking **everyone to request** a newsletter so we can update the database and we can also remove those individuals who no longer wish to receive a newsletter period. You will see and hear this notice several times in the next months, because it the Board of Directors desire to be connected to every member we can but to also be good stewards of the funds the Lord gives us. If you have any questions or concerns, please talk with any board member or call me 513-863-4904 or email me at barbcarmella@cinci.rr.com.

DeColores,
Barb Carmella
NLE Communications

FUTURE NORTHERN LIGHTS EMMAUS / CHRYSALIS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

EMAIL the following information to Dennis Meyers, NLE Information Mgt. Chairman at dennismeyers@skidmore-sales.com or Complete and **MAIL TO:** Northern Lights Emmaus Community, P.O. Box 38, West Chester, Ohio 45071 or **BRING TO THE NEXT GATHERING**

Name(s): _____
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Email Address: _____

Instead of mailing my household a newsletter, please notify us by email when a new newsletter is on the Northern Lights Emmaus / Chrysalis Web site www.northernlightsemmaus.org

I would like to continue to receive the Northern Lights Emmaus / Chrysalis Newsletter by mail.

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