

February, 2006



# VISIONS

***ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A BLESSING ?***

Dates to Remember	
Men's Walk #21	March 9-12
Women's Walk #25	March 30 - April 2, 2006
Gathering at Christ UMC	March 17 7 p.m.
Gathering at Cornerstone	April 7 7 p.m.
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.	

Experience the Emmaus weekend and see how God works in your life!

*If you have already been on the road to Emmaus help someone else take this journey.*

Apply inside this newsletter

Men's Walk: March 9—12  
 Women's Walk: march 30 - April



May 12 7 pm	Gathering at Cornerstone
June 9 6 pm	Gathering and Picnic Keener Park
July 14 7 pm	Gathering at Cornerstone

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## Sponsorship: An important message for sponsors

This letter was published in the Upper Room Emmaus Newsletter  
Fall 2004/2005. It helps to point out the importance of assuming

I was waiting on the list to go to Emmaus for a long time. In that interval, my sponsor went through a downspin in her life and more or less lost interest in Emmaus. I tried to gently suggest, prior to my Walk, that she might give my sponsorship over to someone else, but she didn't take the hint. I had information about her life situation at the time but I couldn't reveal the source of that information and discuss the situation openly with her.

As a result, my sponsor did little to obtain Agape letters for me. One of the most agonizing experience of my life was sitting down with a bag full of generic letters from people who didn't know me and who had only taken up the slack, so to speak, out of the goodness of their hearts. In the meantime, my fellow Pilgrims were scattered about, going through bags with long letter after long letter, obviously very moved by what their loved ones had written. I had a few brief letters from one or two friends and family, but it was clear my sponsor had not communicated with them the purpose of the letters, so they were quite generic and not much different from any other letters I'd previously received from them. The letter from my best friend was the best, but I had actually clued her in on it in advance, knowing that my sponsor probably wouldn't take the trouble to locate and request a letter from her. She had actually sent her letter directly to the camp prior to my Walk.

I relate this story only to stress to sponsors that the Agape letters are crucial to the Emmaus experience. There is no more lonely feeling than to have been showered with Emmaus love for days, only to have to sit and watch other Pilgrims weep over long, heartfelt letters that their sponsors have so painstakingly collected for them. When the day comes that I sponsor my first Pilgrim, I'll do everything I can – including stealthily borrowing an address book or two and quizzing friends to be sure I've covered all the significant people in his/her life – to see that the crowning experience of Emmaus is not a disappointment and a sad memory.

To this day, I feel immense sadness when I think back on my Agape letter experience. That said, let me assure you that overall, my Walk to Emmaus was still the most significant experience of my life, and one that I will cherish forever. Anyone who takes part in this program makes a real difference in the lives of others. Even if my sponsor wasn't at good point in her own Christian walk, she still did me a great service by helping make a Walk possible for me.

### Emmaus Newsletters

**The main focus of the Northern Lights Emmaus Newsletter is to keep our community current with community events, particularly: Walks, Flights, and Gatherings. As we all know attending an Emmaus Walk is an incredible experience. It is also an wonderful experience to sponsor someone else on a walk. The Gatherings and Candle lights are another way to support our Emmaus community and stay connected as the "Body of Christ"**

**We have decided to email as many newsletters to as many we can. We also have contacted a member from all the churches represented who has agreed to receive a bulk mailing of Northern Lights Emmaus newsletters and make them available to all community members at their home churches. Gatherings are open to everyone, so please invite your friends and be sure that they receive a copy of this newsletter so they are aware when the Gathering dates are for the next few months.**

**Decolores, Brenda Pearson  
Communications**

## Northern Lights Emmaus Men's Walk # 21

March 9-12, 2006

### Team List

<b>Lay Director</b>	<b>Spiritual Director—Barry Burns</b>	
Gene Wannemacher	<b>Assistant Spiritual Directors</b>	
<b>Assistant Lay Directors</b>	Tom Hanover	
Marc Russell	Joe Hanson	
Dave Stumpf	Norm Coleman	
Harvey Olff	George Philips	
<b>Table Leader</b>	<b>Assistant Table Leader</b>	<b>Agape</b>
Pat Bishop	Randy Esterling	Eric Gutttag- Lead
Dennis Meyers	Bud Haacke	Ray Boyd
Peter Lin	Ford Halter	Rick Kuertz
Nick Nicoletta	Richard Butcher	Jim Christie
Jim Shepherd	Duane Sharp	Monte Heinemeyer
Ton Shackelford	Randy Weber	Ed Burger
Larry Tanner	Chuck Wood	Tom Shaver
Don McKenna	Mike Davis	
		Tech Support
<b>Kitchen</b>	<b>Music</b>	Greg Conrad
Bruce Carter - Lead	Greg Armour - Lead	
John Pfeiffer	Teri Campbell	<b>Prayer</b>
Jimmy Hatton	Bob Durbin	Doug Anderson - Lead
William Frazier		
Mike Keller		
Paul Huelsman	Decon—John McCollum	<b>Board Representative</b>
		Dave Homer

## Northern Lights Emmaus Men's Walk #21 Schedule

Thursday,

March 9, 2006

6:00 P.M.

Light Supper

7:00 PM

Send Off and

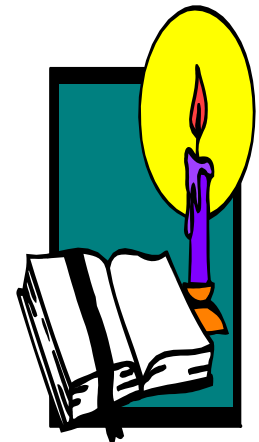
Sponsor's Hour

Saturday,

March 11, 2005

8:30 P.M.

Candlelight



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

Go to [www.northernlightsemmaus.org](http://www.northernlightsemmaus.org) .

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

**Northern Lights Emmaus Women's Walk # 25**  
**March 30– April 2, 2006**

**Team List**

<b>Lay Director</b>		<b>Spiritual Director– Diann O'Bryant</b>	
Maggie Trumbull		<b>Assistant Spiritual Directors</b>	
<b>Assistant Lay Directors</b>		Jenn Lucas	
Mim Bridgeman		Lupina Stewart	
Amy Toney		Ellen Marie Kratch	
Jonna Langmeier		Gary Hughes	
<b>Table Leader</b>	<b>Assistant Table Leader</b>	<b>Agape</b>	
Debbie Wiggins	Leesa Frederick	Tracy Combs-Lead	
Tammy Wollard	Marsha Walden	Penny Peters-Guest	
Beth Gully	Uther Tucker	Mary Lou Knau	
Helen Mann	Sharon Alexander	Isophene Andrews	
Lisa McClendon	Donna Chestnut	Debbie King	
Joyce Green	Judy Schaefer	Jamie Harper, Tech/PC	
Pam Ferber	Kathie Rouse	Tammy Dietz	
Robin Kaelin	Shannon Williams	Lori Atkinson	
		Janet Green	
		Sandy Simpson	
<b>Kitchen</b>	<b>Music</b>	<b>Prayer</b>	
Michelle Matson-Lead	Cathy Anderson-Lead	Margie Burke -Lead	
Carol McCollum	Barb Schneckner	Judy Good	
Debbie Harms	Connier Pfeifer	Kay Fraley	
Cindy King	Karen Fannin		
Lynne Martini		<b>Board Representative</b>	
Betsy Bunger		Barb Carmella	
Judy Buckenmyer			
Gail Piispanen			

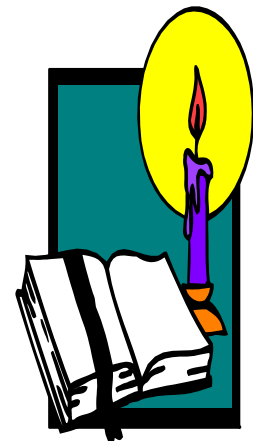
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 Lights Emmaus  
 Women's Walk  
 #25 Schedule**

Thursday,  
 March 30, 20056  
 6:00 P.M.

Light Supper  
 7:00 PM  
 Send Off and  
 Sponsor's Hour

Saturday,  
 April 1, 2006  
 8:30 P.M.

Candlelight  
 Sunday, \_\_\_\_\_



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## Northern Lights Emmaus Community Request for Reservation

*The Walk to Emmaus* is a three-day experience of renewal, learning and sharing in the atmosphere of a Christian community. It is a different experience for each individual. It is not designed for the solution of deep-seated problems but to help mature people work toward a Christian way of life with community support. Husbands and wives are invited as a couple and should make a joint commitment to attend. Husbands usually attend first. Each person must submit a separate application, and married couples are requested to turn in both applications at the same time.

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred for Name Tag: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Walk preference: **Men's** Next Available \_\_\_\_\_ Spring \_\_\_\_\_ Fall \_\_\_\_\_ **Women's** Next available \_\_\_\_\_ Spring \_\_\_\_\_ Fall \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status: Married \_\_\_\_\_ Divorced \_\_\_\_\_ Widowed \_\_\_\_\_ Single \_\_\_\_\_

Has spouse been on a Walk? No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Has applied \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Church and denomination now attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Church phone: \_\_\_\_\_

In what other Christian or community organizations are you active? \_\_\_\_\_

Has the *Walk to Emmaus* been explained to you? \_\_\_\_\_ Have share groups and Gatherings been explained to you? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any diet, medical, mobility or other concerns that may affect your attendance at the Walk to Emmaus? No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_

If Yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

State briefly why you wish to be involved in the *Walk to Emmaus* and what you expect from it: \_\_\_\_\_

Please give name, address and phone number of a close friend or family member other than your spouse or sponsor:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsors: Please read before giving the application to a prospective Pilgrim.**

We are counting on you to understand and fulfill the responsibilities of a Sponsor. These duties include:

**Awareness and Sensitivity**—Sponsor only those you know well enough to assess their spiritual, physical, and emotional readiness for the *Walk to Emmaus*.

**Preparation**—You are to inform your Pilgrim (and spouse) of the nature and schedule of the *Walk to Emmaus* and explain share groups and Gatherings, Remember, NO secrets, only surprises.

**Support**—You are asked to bring your Pilgrim to the *Walk to Emmaus*, care for the needs of your Pilgrim’s family over the weekend, take your Pilgrim home after the Walk, escort your Pilgrim to his/her first Gathering, and help the Pilgrim find a share group.

**To be filled out by the sponsor:**

Pilgrim’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H): \_\_\_\_\_ (W): \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Church and denomination now attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you attend Emmaus / Cursillo / Chrysalis? \_\_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_ Walk # \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously sponsored a Pilgrim on a Northern Lights Emmaus Walk? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Do you attend a share group? Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Meeting day/time: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you serving and sacrificing for your Pilgrim’s weekend through: Agape? \_\_\_\_\_ Prayer Vigil? \_\_\_\_\_

Other? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you praying for your Pilgrim? \_\_\_\_\_ Are you attending community events? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you feel this person would be a good candidate? \_\_\_\_\_

Is candidate under any temporary emotional strain? \_\_\_\_\_ Does candidate have the physical and mental health needed for a *Walk to Emmaus* weekend? \_\_\_\_\_ Does the candidate have any special diet, medical, mobility, or other needs to care for? \_\_\_\_\_  
Caption describing picture or graphic.

Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_