



Northern Lights Emmaus and Chrysalis Community News

As they talked and discussed these things with each other,
Jesus himself came up and walked along with them;
Luke 24:15



News in a Nutshell



Upcoming gatherings: November 10th at First Baptist Church in Mason at 6pm and December 14th at Park Avenue UMC in Hamilton at 6:30pm.

Kairos: November 8-11 at WCI. <http://kairos-wci.org/>

Flights: Young Women's--January 19th-21st Young Men's--February 16th-18th

Rushes: February 2nd and March 2nd

Board Election: December 14th. Contact the board if you feel called to serve in this way.

Contact the board at: nleinfomgmt@gmail.com



Chrysalis

What is Chrysalis

Chrysalis is a 3 day event held at Lebanon United Methodist Church, designed to teach, enhance spiritual growth, and develop leaders in the youth of our churches. This event involves spiritually based talks from Clergy, Lay leaders, and Youth. Youth attending will develop close ties to others in the Chrysalis and Emmaus Community and will be encouraged to form and become active in ongoing small groups. This will be a weekend of prayer, learning, fun, music and fellowship.

Getting Started

Students need to be sponsored by a person that has attended an Emmaus, Chrysalis, or Cursillo event. If you need a sponsor please use the contact information below.

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Upcoming Events

Young Women Flight - January 19-21

Young Men Flight - February 16 - 18

Requirements - Ages 15-25, Should be at least a sophomore, freshmen will be considered based on age and spiritual maturity.



Details

Location - Lebanon United Methodist Church
122 E. Silver St., Lebanon, Oh. 45036

Cost - \$65 Fee
(Scholarships are available where needed)

<http://northernlightsemmaus.org>
(Applications are available on above site)
<http://chrysalis.upperroom.org/about>

The Chrysalis Committee is looking for a Spiritual Director. Those interested with clergy qualifications should contact the community lay director, Mike Wages, at wcgrads@gmail.com.

Call for Candidates

Join the
Board!

Do you feel called to serve the Emmaus community in a special way this coming year? Perhaps God is asking you to work on the board. If you are able to attend monthly board meetings, and participate in gatherings, candlelight, etc., please prayerfully consider. Each board member will choose to head/be a committee necessary for the ongoing operation of our community. On the other hand, if you would like to serve the community but cannot devote the time required to be a board member, then please volunteer to serve on a committee. Just talk with any current board member or send your correspondence to: nleinfomgmt@gmail.com "Christ is Counting on You."



Reunion Groups

Many of you felt as if you were on a pinnacle by the end of your three day walk. With none of the interruptions of daily life, you could more easily listen to the Holy Spirit and seek His presence. Unfortunately, we cannot stay on the mountaintop forever. We must come down and live in this present world while continuing the work which God has prepared for us to do. We must live out our fourth days as "Christ is counting on us."

A reunion group is one tool which helps us transform our "Walk to Emmaus" weekend into a daily walk with Christ. The group encourages each other to deepen our faith, serve our Lord and share the gospel. With the regular support of a few faithful friends, the gift of God's love in Jesus Christ becomes a lifestyle of Christian discipleship. If you are not presently in an accountable group, please consider becoming a part of one. The board can help you find or form one.





The heart of the Emmaus Gathering is seen in Luke 24:33-36. After Cleopas and the other disciple's eyes were opened to recognize Jesus, they hurried to Jerusalem and found "the eleven and their companions gathered together." They shared their stories of their encounters with the Lord during which time Jesus himself stood among them. Following our Walk to Emmaus, we are encouraged to see every day as an ongoing journey with the risen Christ. Just as the eleven gathered together, the monthly Gathering is a time for us to share our stories of how God continues to walk with us.

Our gatherings are held at various churches. Please pray about hosting a Gathering at your church. It is easy to plan and we can help you. Steps are as follows:

1. Set a date--Gatherings are typically held on the 2nd Friday or Saturday of the month.
2. Reserve the location--We normally need room for up to 75 to eat and worship, more after walks, fewer in the summer.
3. Ask your pastor if he can lead communion--If it is not possible, then let the board know so that another minister can prepare.
4. Set-up and clean-up--If your church has several community members in attendance, please take the lead in dinner set-up and clean-up. If you are few, let us know and we will help.
5. Please find out if your church has musicians who want to lead worship. If not, we can help with that. Make sure that someone can work the audio/video equipment.

If your church is willing to serve the community in this way, please contact any board member or email: nleinfomgmt@gmail.com





"In a Spirit of Charity and Cooperation"

There are so many experiences on the Emmaus Walk that bring goose bumps over and over no matter how many times we get the opportunity to participate. Of course dying moments and candlelight are sacred moments we dare not try to describe in human language, for there just isn't adequate vocabulary! For me, "Sing Alleluia to the Lord," and "Jesus, Jesus" are phrases that whether they are sung or spoken draw me into a sensational emotional state. Each of you who have walked the Emmaus path can identify with these and many other sacred moments indigenous to the amazing 72 hrs. we know as The Emmaus Walk!

But how often do we reflect on those precious words spoken before every talk: "In a spirit of Charity and Cooperation...?" You know, they're the ones that follow the explanation of why we light the candle, to represent the Holy Spirit, and why we have an open Bible, because each talk is based on Scripture. You know, those words are more than just a part of a catchy introductory slogan spoken by an ALD. They are words that emanate from the very heartbeat of the Emmaus Experience. They are words that challenge and convict us as members of the Body of Christ on how we ought to treat one another regardless of our differences!

In the Texoma Emmaus Community we have a number of denominations represented from within the Body of Christ. There are people who believe in Sola Scriptura, that is if it isn't in the Bible, they're not interested, even if it's a tradition of the Church. There are folks who use wine in their communion and unleavened bread, and others who use Hawaiian Bread and Welch's grape juice. There are brothers and sisters who only recognize the full immersion of a confessing believer as Baptism and others who honor sprinkling, pouring, and immersion of an adult, infant, or child all as equally being Christian Baptism. Some of our Emmaus family believes that upholding the mandates of The Upper Room is vital to maintaining the integrity of the Emmaus experience, and others feel like by doing so, you factor out the Holy Spirit. We have brothers and sisters who view their Second Amendment rights as sacred, and some who believe that such ought not be elevated to a Christian value. Then there are the more sensitive issues of how to deal with homosexuality within the Body of Christ, and I promise you that a variety of persuasions are held by the broad representation of our Emmaus family! Some of our folks are Republicans and others are Democrats, and there are some who dare not identify with any political party.

Folks, I am proud to be part of an Emmaus Community who holds to the value of unity amidst great diversity! "In a spirit of charity and cooperation" is a phrase that is rooted deep in a plethora of scripture admonitions especially in the writings of the New Testament! Yet, it concerns me when I see a trend within our community toward the dogmatic. Recently I have heard board members chided as "not trusting Christ" because their vote didn't set well with others in the community. I've heard people criticize members of the community for their convictions concerning issues that aren't even represented by Orthodox Christian teaching, but rather are issues pertaining to American Political views. Almost 2000 years ago, the Christian Church agreed that The Apostles Creed was ENOUGH to represent the convictions upon which we agree, and NOTHING in that creed has anything to do with ANY of the issues afore mentioned. Your views on these issues don't make you any more or less Christian! God help us to walk the walk instead of just talk the talk. "In a spirit of charity and cooperation" needs to become an ideology that guides our steps in our Fourth Days. God help us to love one another as Christ loved us and gave Himself for us.

De Colores! Pastor Leon Veazey, Grace UMC. Sherman, TX

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