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Important Updates

- **Gatherings**—The time has been changed. There will be pizza available at 6:30 PM in the Burnside Family Life Center and the Gathering will start at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary. Our hope is that this better serves the working family so you are able to attend the services.
- **Agape**—The pilgrims only receive 10-15 pieces of agape in the Conference Room on Sunday. The remainder will be available to them after closing. Sponsors should bundle the 10-15 pieces themselves, to assure they receive important family/friend letters first. If this does not happen, the agape volunteers will select mail from the boxes to bundle.
- **Smaller Teams**—In May we only had 6 table leaders and assistant tables leaders. There was positive feedback from the team during this process. The board plans to continue with only six tables per weekend at this time.
- **Starting in September**—All applications must be postmarked **one month prior** to the Emmaus Walk the pilgrim would like to attend.
- **Starting in 2012**—Due to the number of pilgrims we have been experiencing for the past couple of years we will decrease the number of Emmaus Walks in 2012. The dates are as follows:

Women: February 16-19, May 17-20, November 15-18, 2012

Men : March 15-18, September 13-16, 2012

Team for Women's Walk #106—July 21-24, 2011

Spiritual Directors

Rev. Dick Smyers
Rev. Gloria Brooks

Asst Spiritual Directors

Rev. Carrie Given
Rev. Dick Teller
Rev. Paul McCullough

Board Rep

Bonnie Rodenberger

Lay Director

Barb Smyers

Assistant Lay Directors

Tara Gilbert
Rita Hellmann
Peggy Hoy

Music

Sandy Clevenger
Barbara Luke

Table Leaders

Pam Gould
Melissa Jolliff
Tina Marshall
Brenda Retzlaff
Dotty Stump
Jenny Ziraldo

Assistant Table Leaders

Becky Brookover
Brooke Hellmann
Terry Holly
Mary Catherine Rodenberger
Jill Rodman
Sharon Swartz



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Connoisseur of Sunsets by Thelma Wells from 'Listen Up, Honey'

Don't burn out; keep yourselves fueled and aflame. Be alert servants of the Master, cheerfully expectant. Don't quit in hard times; pray all the harder. Romans 12:11-12 MSG

Think about this. How can we know what it means to really trust someone if we'd never been betrayed? How can we appreciate God's amazing gift of grace if we'd never had to ask his forgiveness for making some kind of horrendous, hurtful, and hopelessly stupid mistake?

I know a woman who has gone through some rough times. Honey, I'm talkin' really rough times. Yet her faith is strong, and her attitude is joyful. One of her small pleasures is watching the sun go down in the evening. She calls herself a connoisseur of sunsets, and she has made this observation: A sunset—and a life—are richer, deeper, and more vibrant when there are clouds.

A sun that sets cleanly, without clouds, turns the sky a soft, pretty pink. That kind of sunset is OK but nothing special. In contrast, when there's a messy sky with patches of dark clouds hovering over the horizon to reflect back the full, glorious colors of the sunset, then the sky is streaked with a magnificent spectrum of incredible hues: deep purple, hot pink, velvety gray, flashing crimson, vivid violet, and dozens of other colors. That kind of sunset takes your breath away.

We hope to see you at these upcoming events!

Gatherings:

Tuesday, June 14th & July 12th
Pizza & Pop @ 6:30 PM, Gathering @ 7:00 PM

Board Meetings:

Tuesday, June 28th, July 26th @ 6:30 PM

Send Off: Thursday July 21st @ 7:00 PM

Candlelight: Saturday, July 23rd @ 8:30 PM

Closing: Sunday, July 24th @ 4:30 PM

Please support the pilgrims by attending the weekend activities and showing your love!

Please submit your applications for the next Women's Emmaus Walk (July 21-24) by June 27th. **Starting in September applications will not be accepted unless postmarked one month prior to the walk date.** We are implementing this to allow the registrar's ample time to process the applications and the team time to pray for the pilgrims in the future. The board thanks you for your cooperation. If you have further questions, please contact the registrars.

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Selfless Service

We have the privilege of being members of the Central Ohio Emmaus Community. The success of this community comes from many countless hours of service, from both live-in teams and behind the scenes. In addition to their time, many give generous monetary donations which enables this community to charge only \$50 per person to attend. If you have not had the opportunity to be a part of a live-in team, you may not have read the Emmaus Team Canon. These words are important to all of us who are serving in any roll. Please take time to read the Canon below, ponder on the words, and consider where you might **selflessly serve the pilgrims** on the upcoming weekends.

- ◆ I am a member of an Emmaus team; therefore, I am only one part of a complete being.
- ◆ I am an imperfect earthen vessel, and I am blessed to be here in a servant's role.
- ◆ I will serve in humility and gratitude for the opportunity to be here and will remember that the Holy Spirit calls for my love, patience, kindness, gentleness, and self-control in all things.
- ◆ I will pray for submission to the Spirit of this weekend and for strength and commitment to be God's person rather than my own person during these days.
- ◆ I will remember that I am here only as an instrument through which God can work to renew the church.
- ◆ I am here only by God's grace and only so that the Holy Spirit might work through me.
- ◆ I will lift up other team members and pilgrims in prayer and ask our Lord to strengthen them and open their eyes so that we all might recognize Jesus Christ in the breaking of the bread.
- ◆ I will not overstate or overemphasize my role by any word or deed.
- ◆ I will not glorify myself; I will not glorify any other team member nor allow another to glorify me.
- ◆ I will remember that the pilgrims are the main reason for my presence and my prayers.
- ◆ I will remember at all times that I am no more important than any other person on this weekend.
- ◆ In all things, I will accept and obey the authority and discipline under which I serve.
- ◆ I have no authority or responsibility except to obey God and to respond to the ministry of the Holy Spirit.
- ◆ Whatever passions and excitement seize me, I will express through joyful praise to God, my Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.
- ◆ I will give God all the glory for whatever happens during this weekend.
- ◆ I will raise my voice only to praise God and will bow my head in reverence and submission to God.
- ◆ I am only a servant, but God can use me more powerfully in this role than in any other role I might choose.
- ◆ I am a member of an Emmaus team; in all things this weekend I shall pray that Christ will be lifted up.

Sponsorship

- We have many very old applications on file for both men and women! If you are sponsoring someone who has never attended the Walk to Emmaus, maybe it is time to follow-up with them and see if they are still interested in attending. Sometimes they are simply waiting on a word of encouragement from their sponsor to reignite their interest in the weekend. Keeping the registrars updated helps with paperwork, postage cost and better efficiency in the process.
- It is a blessing to be a sponsor, but with the blessing comes many responsibilities. Items such as:
 - ◇ Attend sponsorship training
 - ◇ Remain in contact with the applicant until they attend
 - ◇ Weekend responsibilities to bring the pilgrim, attend candlelight and closing
 - ◇ Attend to family needs while the pilgrim is away
 - ◇ Help the pilgrim become active in a share group after the weekend
 - ◇ Bring them to Gatherings and introduce them to new friends
 - ◇ And Pray, Pray, Pray