

mmaus Community

Limestone-Ohio Valley Emmaus Community

L.OV.E. COMMUNITY NEWS

September

While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and walked with them.

Luke 24:15

Upcoming Events:

- LEAD Committee September 20, 2005-WUMC
- Gathering September 27Women's Walk #11
- October 6-9, 2005
- Gathering October 25

IMPORTANT NOTE:
All future Community
Gatherings will now
be held at 7:00 p.m. at
Washington United
Methodist Church

If possible, please bring a snack to share!

Board of Directors: 9/27/05 at 5:45 pm 10/25/05 at 5:45 pm

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From the

Spiritual Director

Women's Walk #11 Team Members

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Please pray for our team members, that they will serve in humility, and with gratitude for the opportunity. That they will be reminded that the Holy Spirit calls for their love, patience, kindness, gentleness, and self control in all things!

God's Amazing Love & Grace

John 3:16 is one of the most common verses of the Holy Bible. It says, "For God so loved the world, that He gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish, but may have eternal life."

I have three sons whom I love very much. No matter what they will ever do, I will love them. The reason why I will always love them, no matter what, is because my relationship to them is not contingent on their actions. My love for them is a function of my being. Nothing they will ever do will increase my love for them, either. My love does not change because of the changes in their lives. My love for them is about who I am, not about who they are.

Do we imagine that God sent Jesus into the world because God judged the world ready for him or good enough to receive him? Do we perceive that God's gift of the Christ is a reflection of the world's receptivity or of God's love? God's love for us is not a statement about us, but a statement about God. What is amazing to me about "Amazing Grace" is amazing because God always loves me. What is amazing about "Amazing Grace" is that God's love is not reactive, but proactive. That is truly amazing!

DeColores, Stacy Downing Community Lay Director

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

- PLEASE NOTE: The location of our monthly gatherings has been changed! Moving forward, all gatherings and board meetings will be held at Washington United Methodist Church on Route 68 south of Maysville. We look forward to seeing you in our new location, and extend a big "thank you" to WUMC for hosting us!
- 2. LOVEmmaus Logo T-Shirts are still available in a variety of sizes and colors. Shirts are available at Christian Treasures in Maysville (606.563.8449). They will also be made available prior to candlelight during the upcoming Men's Walk. These shirts will make a great gift for your pilgrims, family, and friends. Please remember that individual gifts for pilgrims should only be shared after the Walk is over and you have left the camp. Thank you!

Men's Walk #11 Pilgrims **Pilgrim** Sponsor 1 Sonny Bradford Debbie Pfeffer 2 Tom Brown Phil Brown 3 Earl Bush Les Grooms 4 Seth Cornelius Jeromie Phillips 5 Sam Hillard Marc Wells 6 Brad Howerton Phil Brown & Mike Adkins 7 Dennis Jolly Alison Dunn 8 Raymond Miller Jim Bowman 9 Terry Miller Tom Josche 10 Ryan Naylor Jeff Frodge 11 Henry Nickel Kenny Fox 12 Lee Pertuset Janice Edingfield 13 Jeremy Plybon Leslie Sparks 14 Orville Reiser George Smith 15 Paul Reiser George Smith 16 David Reveal Joe Howard 17 Lanny Rice **Donnie Townsend** 18 Matt Seel Charlie Shoemaker 19 Bill Spradlin Kay Whitaker

Women's Walk #11 Pilgrims		
	Pilgrim	Sponsor
1	Terry Barger	Dan Reed
2	Elizabeth Berry	Michael Berry
3	Beth Clark	Tim Naylor
4	Sue Cracraft	Jutta King
5	Debbie Davis	Denise Burke
6	Kellie Day	Elise Starkey
7	Nellie Ellison	Sharon Snider
8	Jill Evans	Amy King
9	Gail Frazier	James Frazier
10	Lora Gampp	Jennifer Morgan
11	Mary Harper	Alison Dunn & Patty Harper
12	Lisa Houseworth	Theresa Mallory
13	Erin Howard	Mary Kay Marshall
14	Leah Klump	Denise Burke
15	Jean Meyer	Brenda Reed
16	Tanya Mitchell	John Mitchell
17	Traci Nickel	John Nickell
18	Anne Reed	Dan & Brenda Reed
19	Melissa Rodbell	Diana Brown
20	Anita Savoie	Courtney Spear
21	JoAnne Setser	Michael Berry
22	Helen Stephan	Pat Nelson
23	Andi Sword	Vickie Click
	Millie Bush	Kay Grooms
	Genevieve Nickel	Bonnie Fox



Note: A basket will be available for donations at the next gathering. Please pray and give as the Lord leads.

UPDATE: Sharon Snider has started her Chemo treatments. Her spirits are still good and she is still Praising Her Lord! Please continue to pray for Sharon and her family.

An expense account has been setup to help with her medical bills. Donations can be made

to: Sharon Snider Fund—People's Bank

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WHAT DO WE SHARE FROM WEEK TO WEEK?

I am again extracting the information below from "The Group Reunion", from the Walk to Emmaus Library of the Upper Room.

The Role of the Card

The role of the group reunion card is threefold:

- The card keeps the group focused and the sharing on track with a simple framework for the hour together. Sometimes special needs arise that require the group's attention. But as a rule, the card directs the flow of sharing in effective group reunions.
- 2. The card guides the group in a spiritual conversation that flows from shallow waters to deeper waters in a natural way. Sharing moves from a review of individual commitments and practices into reflections on Christ's presence

- and call in the course of daily living.
- 3. The card links the group back to the message of the Emmaus weekend and forward to the vision of a life lived wholly in God's grace. The framework of the card represents the transforming partnership between Christians and Christ, combining attention to the discipline of growing discipleship with attention to the empowering presence of Christ in their lives.

As long as members' vision is growth toward a life in grace through the threefold discipline of discipleship, the reunion format will provide reinforcement and accountability to reach that goal."

We use the questions from the card in my share group. They are

sometimes very difficult to answer, and for me personally they make me stop and reflect. How many opportunities did I miss by not being what God has chosen me to be, his forgiven and blessed child? When did I respond to God's direction? When did I acknowledge and seek His face? It is very difficult to grow, if we do not become transparent in our share groups. God will begin to shine through.

DeColores Colette McGinnis—The Good Shepherd GoodShepherd@LOVEmmaus.org







From the Spiritual Director ...

Hello beautiful Emmaus people!

The week of August 22nd I talked about the importance of meditation on WFTM's "Morning Devotion". My text was Psalm 63, 6.7.

"Morning Devotion". My text was Psalm 63. 6,7. The Psalmist, who may have been King David, wrote, "When I remember you on my bed, I

meditate on you in the night, for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy".

Webster's Dictionary defines meditation as: "an act of deep, continual, thought." For us who serve the Lord, it brings to bear in our hearts the very creative power of God. I'm convinced the reason many Christians don't have joy, can't win victory over ingrained, habitual sin is because other thoughts and solutions to life crowd out those God would give if they simply began a quest to learn about "remembering and meditation".

The kings of Israel were required to spend time recopying scriptures on their own scrolls. (Deut. 17. 18,19). This was a means for going deeper with God—a means for the word of God to be engrafted into their hearts. Look what amazing things happened to the Psalmist! God provided help, protected, and caused him to sing for joy. Sounds good to me!

By God's word light and matter were created out nothing. (Gen. 3.1) God creates light and light in the darkness of our soul as we step beyond just hearing messages in church (which we most often forget in 24 hours) to a remembrance born of our person experience. We experience God's creative energy at work in us because we have been in the act of deep, continual, thought, and have responded by faith to God's directives in the midst of it.

Praise God it doesn't mean I have to stop being a Dad, Mom, or wage earner to do it! It simply means God honors the presence of faith (mustard seed faith if you will) to do this most important thing.

Let's be about remembering and meditating, it helps us be who God called us to be. We have Men and Women's walks coming up in September and October. These things help us to effectively pray that the creative energy God has given us will be at work in special ways in the hearts of each team member and pilgrim.

De Colores, Michael Canada

Hurricane Katrina

Let us be in prayer for our fellow US citizens in the Gulf Coast area that were affected so tragically by this natural disaster.

Monetary support is much needed. Please visit www.redcross.org or your favorite charity. Thank you!



Upcoming Walk Dates Announced!

Walk #11

Men: September 8-11, 2005 Women: October 6-9, 2005

Walk #12

Men: May 4-7, 2006 Women: June 1-4, 2006

Walk #13

Men: September 7-10, 2006 Women: October 5-8, 2006



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