

WILMINGTON EMMAUS

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Do not fret or have any anxiety about anything, but in every circumstance and in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, continue to make your wants known to God.
 -Philippians 4:6

**All Emmaus walks and gatherings are held at the United Methodist Church
 P.O. Box 191
 61 E. Main St.
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 45177**

GREETINGS FROM THE COMMUNITY

CHAIRPERSON: RANDY RILEY - WALK #21

The Chairman's Corner – August 2008

It's Saturday, July 26, 4:00 PM. I just returned home from another meeting where we continue discussing the situation surrounding the announcement that DHL is pursuing a contract with UPS; a contract that would virtually end their involvement at the Wilmington Air Park.

Today, Lt. Governor Lee Fisher was addressing the community; looking for information from small businesses and nonprofit organizations.

Part of the task force that is dealing with this problem involves Community Outreach and Communications. It has been recognized that while it is vital that we address this problem from all angles, we can never forget to go to God in prayer. So, we have had one Prayer Rally and are planning another. We must pray for God's blessing on our community and on all of those who are in a decision making position. We must pray that the decisions being made will help all of those living and working in our community. We must maintain hope.

The Lt. Governor told a true story about hope and survival.

During WWII Lee Fisher's Father-in-Law was a prisoner of war in Germany. Like many WWII veterans he rarely talked about the experience. Some time ago, Lee Fisher's wife was given her father's diary; a journal that he had kept the whole time he was prisoner. In the diary, he had written at length about food and recipes. Food was apparently an obsession with many of the men.

But, he also wrote at length about the future; not the futures of tomorrow or the next week, but he wrote about the future life he and his family would live. He had married just before going to war, but he and his wife had not yet started a family. Yet, he placed his hope in their future. He lived for a future of peace and of family. He wrote with confidence about the future. In his journal, he even selected names for all eight of his yet-to-be-born children; names that would eventually be given to all eight of the children he and his wife would raise.

He wrote of the future with confidence. He wrote of the future with hope...

Much has been written about people surviving dire circumstances. The common thread woven throughout those survival stories is the thread of hope.

Our hope is in the Lord.

Whatever trials we face, we need not face them alone. The Lord is our strength, our hope and our salvation.

God Bless you all.

DeColores, Randy Riley

Maurice's Musings

We have all heard people say, and maybe you have even said it, that they just can't understand the Bible or that they don't get anything out of it. In my experience, one of the biggest reasons the Bible remains a mystery to most people is because they simply don't read it. When we do read it, we tend to skim over it like we are reading any other book (At times, I am just as guilty as anyone). Read Proverbs 2:1-5.

As you read God's Word, ask Him to give you understanding. Ask Him to help each passage of Scripture speak to you. Ask Him to make the familiar passages fresh and alive. I often get a new insight into a passage as I study it and reflect on it anew. Ask Him to reveal Himself and His ways to you.

God has been gracious to make the Word come alive to me as I take time to pray and reflect on a passage. As I pray, I am expressing two things to the Lord.

First, I am acknowledging that this is no ordinary book I am about to read, but a *supernatural* book, and therefore, I need the assistance of its Author.

Jesus told His disciples He was going to send His Spirit as a Counselor to teach them and to guide them into all truth (John 14:26). First Corinthians 2:14 tells us that the natural man cannot understand the things of God. Only the Spirit of God can open them up to us.

Second – and this is important – I am committing to God, ahead of the fact, that whatever He says to me through His Word I will obey. "I hasten and do not delay to keep your commandments," the psalmist declared (Psalm 119:60). "Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart" (Psalm 119:34).

As you read, pause frequently to meditate on the meaning of what you are reading. Allow God's Word to soak into your system as you dwell on it, pondering it again and again in your mind, considering it from many different angles, until it becomes a part of you.

Are you spending time in God's Word or racing through? This summer is almost over, make time to read God's Word and to worship Him. God doesn't go on vacation. Remain faithful every day.

Maurice Mitchell

"But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you"

-John 14:26

"Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart."

-Psalm 119:34

Community Roster and Updated Database

A new, updated roster of all community members will be developed this summer. If you have moved, changed your name, changed anything... please let us know and we will update the database before printing the roster.

Also, we have several active community members working the kitchen and logistics who are not included in our database because they did not attend their walk in Wilmington. This includes all of our active Chrysalis members.

If you are active in our community and did not take the Emmaus Walk here, please send your name, address, telephone, Walk/Flight information, email, etc to Randy Riley at crriley@cinci.rr.com or mail the information to 419 Washington Avenue, Wilmington, OH 45177.

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"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

-Romans 8:28

New Logistics Team Position

Last month, a new position was approved for the live-in team. This team member will be responsible for all the AV needs of the team. This will include making sure all the PowerPoint presentations are properly formatted and ready for presentation, as well as, operating the projectors and assuring that the sound system is working.

We are currently looking for volunteers for this position on both Women's and Men's Walks. If you are interested and want your name included on the list of potential team volunteers for the Logistics Position, please contact Randy Riley at 937-382-6204.

Gatherings

- * Second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. (Board meeting 6:00)
- * When attending a gathering or closing, you may wish to bring food to share during the fellowship time.
- * *Please come and invite a friend!*

2008 Walks to Emmaus

Men's Walk #47 **Feb 21-24**
Women's Walk #80 **June 26-29**
Men's Walk #48 **Sept 25-28**
Women's Walk # 81 **Oct 23-26**

Don't forget

Wilmington Emmaus is on
the web:

www.wilmingtonemmaus.org

Agape—If you are sponsoring a pilgrim, please get your letters out to people early.

♥ *Please remember to put the pilgrim's first AND last name on all letters.*

Name Badges Are Important!

Don't forget to wear your name badge to all Emmaus events. This includes working in the kitchen, scrubbing bathrooms, gatherings, candlelight's, and closings.

Music / Singing

Interested in sharing a musical talent? Volunteers welcome. Please call Loraine Harner-Jarrell at 740-505-8108.

Chrysalis

Interested in finding out more about Chrysalis, go to cincinnati-chrysalis.com.

Renovations to the UMC Gym

We have had a wonderful response to our idea to renovate the church gym for use by the Emmaus Community. Our plans are to tuck-point some areas on the cinder block walls, paint all the walls and install carpet and window coverings. We may even need to buy a carpet cleaner (wet vacuum) to use in the gym and dining area after our Walks. We will share the gym space with the United Methodist youth, but rarely should there ever be a conflict.

A volunteer has stepped forward to help with the carpet (Praise God!). This may allow us to use some of our funds to purchase a PowerPoint projector and maybe a lap top to help with presentations. This would be a big plus for the logistics team member and the speakers who use PowerPoint.

We know there will still be quite a few expenses, so anyone wanting to donate for the gym renovation is welcome to do so. Our thought was to accept donations in memory of beloved Emmaus friends who have preceded us in being with Christ.

Make your donation payable to: Wilmington Area Emmaus Community
P.O. Box 161
Wilmington, OH 45177

On the memo line, write: Gym Renovation and the name of the loved one you are honoring. We will be mounting a plaque in the gym to recognize all the loves ones whose names are listed.

Also, anyone or any Share Group wanting to organize a painting team should contact me and we'll work out the painting details with the church trustees.

God Bless and Thank You All.