

WILMINGTON EMMAUS

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Greetings from the Community Chairperson: Mary Jane West—Walk #38

The Chairman's Corner

WOW!! The scripture came alive at the March Gathering. Matthew 18:20 says where two or more are gathered in my name, I am there among them. If you were there, you know what I mean. As always we visited with each other and shared a hug or two. As I reflect, it was a joy to see the Pilgrims and team from Walk #47. As they entered the sanctuary after their reunion you could feel the excitement. As the Lay Director gave his report on their Fourth Days it was evident that God is working in their lives.

It was also evident that God is working in the lives of others in the Emmaus Community. I was blessed and surprised when my 84 year old mother sang the special music. She sang "One Day at a Time" and "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow", there wasn't a dry eye in the church as

the Holy Spirit touched our hearts. Then the Fourth Day speaker came forward and it was another God moment. As he spoke the Holy Spirit continued to fill the room and we all know how God brings everything together. Kyle Parker, the Fourth Day speaker used words from the songs from the special music in his talk. He did not know what the songs were going to be, but God did. After a few more tears, Joy Stanforth our Spiritual Director came forward and gave the communion meditation. I think you have probably figured it out by now, her message went hand in hand with the special music and the Fourth Day talk. What an awesome God we serve!! Thanks to each of you for sharing and blessing us at the Gathering.

We pray that if you have not been to a Gathering recently, you will come and receive a blessing. We meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm.

Child Care is provided free of charge, so please come and join us. **The next gathering is this coming Tuesday, April 14th.**

When we leave the church on Sunday night of our Walk weekend, we promise ourselves that we will come back and serve in the community and give back to others what we received. However with our busy schedules, we feel we do not have the time to come back and attend Gatherings and serve on weekends. I would ask you to think back to the very first talk on Friday morning of your weekend. It was called "PRIORITY". You were asked, "Where do you spend your time?" Because remember ladies and gentlemen that is your Priority! Is Christ your Priority?

Have a blessed Easter as we serve our risen Lord!

DeColores,
Mary Jane West

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

Maurice's Musings

On our "church" or liturgical calendar, we began the season of Lent on Wednesday, February 25th. The purpose of the liturgical calendar is to relive the major events in Jesus' life on an annual basis.

Lent is a forty-day period before Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on the day before Easter Day. Because Sunday commemorates the Resurrection, we skip over Sunday's when we calculate the length of Lent. Therefore, in the Western Church, Lent always begins on Ash Wednesday, the

seventh Wednesday before Easter.

Lent is a season of soul-searching and repentance. It is a season for reflection and taking stock in one's life. Lent originated in the very earliest days of the Church as a preparatory time for Easter, when the faithful rededicated themselves and when converts were instructed in the faith and prepared for baptism. By observing the forty days of Lent, the individual Christian imitates Jesus' withdrawal into the wilderness for forty days.

Fasting has traditionally

been a part of Lent. Fasting is a spiritual discipline that does not involve starvation or dehydration. Quite often, our bodily appetites control our actions. The purpose of fasting is to make your bodily appetites your servant rather than your master.

This Lenten season, set aside some time (preferably on a daily basis) to meditate or reflect on the precious gift of forgiveness and grace offered to us all through the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Maurice Mitchell

Agape

Do you remember how you felt when you received all you Agape on your Walk? We want all the new Pilgrims to feel the same way. But there are a few reminders for you when giving Agape. Please remember that letters are always welcome but please do not send any gifts. If you have a gift for your pilgrim, give it to them after the walk. The deadline for letters are Saturday night by 7:00 pm. Also, remember the copyright laws, we can not distribute anything that has been copyrighted.

If you or your share group make table Agape, be sure how many you will need for the walk. Storage is at a minimum and we can not keep all the extra's, so please let us know who gives the Agape so we can give the extras back. We simply do not have storage for the extras and they may be thrown out. To get the number on the walk you can check the website, or you can contact the Agape co-chairs: Jennifer Brown 937-783-3048 & Chandra Bills 937-289-2480.

2009 Walks to Emmaus

Women's Walk #82:	June 25-28
Men's Walk #49:	Sept 24-27
Women's Walk #83:	Oct 22-25

Scholarships Available

The cost of sponsoring a pilgrim is \$75.00. The cost helps cover program expenses for food and supplies. If you have not sponsored a someone because it was cost prohibited we have great

news! The Wilmington Area Emmaus Community has a scholarship fund. This fund was made possible through gifts from previous pilgrims. If you need a scholarship for your pilgrim(s)

please contact Mary Jane West or Randy Riley. The 2009 women's walks are June 25-28 and October 22-25 and the men's walk is September 24-27.

Community Board Members

Area or Responsibility	Name	Phone Number
Chairperson	Mary Jane West	513-646-9250
Leadership	Randy Riley	937-382-6204
Secretary	Jancy Tissandier	937-783-4781
Treasurer	Susan Thompson	937-584-2139
Agape	Chandra Bills / Jennifer Brown	937-289-2480 / 937-783-3048
Chrysalis	Adam and Jancy Tissandier	937-783-4781
Kitchen	Jerry Quigley	937-685-9163
Logistics	Ken Ogelsbee	937-302-8080
Men's Good Shepherd	Jim Wingo	937-486-3694
Men's Registrar	Bob Brown	937-783-3048
Men's Sponsorship	Michael Cook	937-218-1229
Music	Jenny Harner	937-987-2518
Newsletter	Laura Parker	937-289-4042
Newsletter Subscription	Pat Meranda	937-393-3373
Purchaser	Dean and Joy Hall	937-382-1576
Social	Mary Brose / Ida Jo Allison	513-875-3533 / 937-783-5519
Women's Good Shepherd	Sue Ellis	937-725-8187
Women's Registrar	Debbie Mitchell	937-393-4051
Women's Sponsorship	Betty Starkey	937-685-5002
Worship and Outreach	Christy Mitchell	937-393-4051
Church Liaison	Sharon Newton	937-382-6128
Spiritual Director's	Tom Brunner / Maurice Mitchell Joy Stanforth / Chuck Tabor	513-856-7842 / 937-393-4051 740-335-8857 / 937-486-3694

Are you in a Share Group?

If the answer is "No", the Women's and Men's Good Shepherd are here to help. Please let us know you are looking. If the answer is "Yes", we would also like to hear from you. Following an Emmaus Walk, new members of the community are often looking for a share group. Sometimes Community members who have been around awhile are also looking for one. If you are in an active share group,

you can help by contacting the Women's or [Men's Good Shepherd](#) and let them know about your group. We are in the process of compiling a database of active Share Groups. The database will be used to help anyone who may be looking for a group, find one in their area. We are looking for basic information; when and where you meet and the name and phone number of one member of the group who

would serve as a point of contact. We would love to hear from you. The Women's Good Shepherd is Sue Ellis and the Men's Good Shepherd is Jim Wingo. Please contact either one with your group's information or if you are in need of finding a group.

Sue Ellis: csellis@hughes.net

Jim Wingo: jsiei@verizon.net or phone (937) 486-3694

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!*

We're on the Web:
WilmingtonEmmaus.org

Chrysalis

Interested in finding out more about Chrysalis, go to cincinnati.chrysalis.com. Or contact Adam and Jancy Tissandier

Community Did You Know?

- Did you know that we provide FREE babysitting at Gatherings and Closings.
- Did you know that you can bring a friend who has not attended the walk to Gatherings?
- Did you know that you need to wear your name tag when attending any Emmaus function?
- Did you know that in order to serve on a live-in team you:
 - Must be active in church
 - Must be active in the community
 - Must be in a share group
- Did you know that Candlelight and Closing are only for the Emmaus Community. No one, not even children, spouse or your significant other that has not attended an Emmaus or Chrysalis weekend can attend the Candlelight or Closing.
- Did you know that it takes 12 people to volunteer per shift (breakfast, lunch & supper) in the kitchen.
- Did you know that we need 4 people to help set-up on Thursdays of the walk?
- Did you know that we need 4 people to help clean up on Sunday morning so the church can minister to their flock?
- Did you know that it only takes 4 people each evening between the hours of 8:30 and 9:30 pm to scrub those glorious bathrooms.
- Did you know that the 72 hour prayer vigil needs 72 praying angels?
- Did you know that taping and/or picture taking of any part of the Emmaus Weekend is not allowed.
- Did you know that God loves you and so do we!