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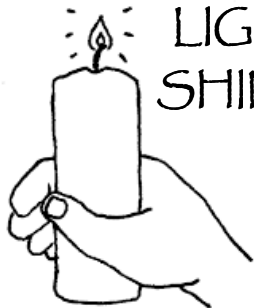
February 2015

Come to
Candlelight on
21 FEB

8:15pm

and

LET YOUR
LIGHT
SHINE!



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Walk to
Emmaus
THE UPPER ROOM

LOVE, LOVE, LOVE, LOVE

Do we really understand how important real love is to a marriage, to a relationship, to the home, to the Christian life, even to the church? Love is more than just a wonderful feeling—LOVE IS ACTION EVEN WITHOUT THE FEELINGS. It is doing what is best for a person even if it won't benefit us.

Before you made any move toward God, before you considered Jesus' invitation to follow Him, GOD CHOSE YOU. He declared a

deep, abiding love for you.

Our capacity for love is influenced by the love we have received. If our parents and others have loved us well throughout our lives, we find it easier to pass along love and encouragement to others. But unfortunately, not all of us have this experience. Jesus showed us what love is and how to love by laying down His life on the cross for us.

During the upcoming Men's Emmaus Weekend, we

from Robyn's Roost

have many opportunities to share God's love with the pilgrims. He wants to use us for His purpose. Pray about what God would have you do during the walk to show how much He loves them. Hope to see you along the Emmaus road holding a candle, preparing a meal or any way you are lead to serve. Happy Valentine's Day!!

Robyn Hinman

"The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of



these brothers of mine, you did for me.'
Matthew 25:40



God's Special Time

KAIROS

KAIROS is not simply "Emmaus for those serving time in prisons." It is similar, but is not a program under the auspices of the Upper Room, as are Emmaus and Chrysalis.

KAIROS, however IS a powerful program and it changes lives at every Kairos weekend. It is a program operated within prison walls and has a series of talks with discussion following each. That lives are changed has been documented. Statistically, the rate of recidivism is much less for those who have attended Kairos.

One of the features of Kairos is the use of cookies. A huge quantity of cookies (10,000 dozen!) is needed for each weekend. That's where you come in! Bob Erwin is collecting chocolate chip cookies for Kairos. They are to be put one dozen cookies

in a gallon size bag and brought to the next Gathering or call Bob at 937-382-6546. He needs them by February 20.

MUSINGS FROM MAURICE

The other day I was flipping through the television channels, when I came across the cartoon channel and saw one of my favorite characters – Pepe’ Le Pew. (Maybe I liked him, because as a youth I had a pet skunk. Yes – Stinky was his name.)

This romantic skunk is always chasing a poor cat, who had the misfortune of getting her back striped by white paint, making her totally desirable to Pepe’. In early scenes of the cartoon, Pepe’ looks at the object of his affection and says in his ever-so-suave French accent, “Allow me to introduce myself. I am Pepe’ Le Pew. Your lover!”

It sounds funny to think that someone, who calls himself the other’s lover, has to

introduce himself? If he were truly her lover, wouldn’t she already know?

But as I thought more about it, I realized that’s what God does for us. He introduces Himself to us in a variety of ways – His Word, His creation – and says in effect, “I’m God, and I love you!” He has loved us even before we knew Him.

The Bible is full of verses telling us of God’s great love for us. We all know John 3:16, and what about this verse: **“This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins”** (1 John 4:10 NIV). That’s what God, Who loves us, did!

Also, look at Ephesians 1:4-8, where Paul tells us that God

chose us to be His children before He created the world and that we have redemption through Christ’s blood and the forgiveness of our sins. Before we even knew Him, He knew us and had an unfathomable plan for us!

Just think – watching cartoons made me reflect about that great and awesome love God has for me! He truly loves me and you.

So, as we celebrate Valentine’s Day this month, and remember those we love and those who love us, no one can compare to the love that God has already shown for us. Maybe some good can come from watching television after all!

Maurice Mitchell

Wilmington Emmaus Community Board—2015

To the right is the list of board members of the Wilmington Emmaus Community for 2015.

Need to find a share group? You’ll want to contact the Good Shepherd chair.

Need help knowing more about sponsoring a friend or relative? Call the sponsorship chair. Would you like to present special music at a Gathering? Call the Music Chair.

If you have a question about anything Emmaus, choose the person you believe is the correct one and contact him or her. If that person determines your question could be better answered by another, he or she will guide you.

POSITION	NAME	EMAIL	PHONE
Agape	Mary Ellis		
Agape	Robin Smalley		
Chair	Robyn Hinman		
Co-Historian	Jim West		
Good Shepherd	Joy Gilmore		
Good Shepherd	Johnnie Wass		
Kitchen	Shanna Hahn		
Leadership	Jerry Quigley		
Logistic	David Maines		
Member at Large	Jeff Bills		
Men's Registrar	Tim Miller		
Men's Sponsorship	Mike Daugherty		
Music	Sandie Wingo		
Newsletter	John Glaze		
Purchaser	Maggie Copley		
Secretary	Sue Hamann		
Social Committee	Susan Thompson		
Spiritual Director	Dave Hinman		
Spiritual Director	Maurice Mitchell		
Spiritual Director	Joy Stanforth		
Spiritual Director	Chuck Tabor		
Treasurer	Janell Smart		
Web Servants	Janet Workman		
Women's Registrar	Toni Jenkins		
Women's Sponsor	Kendra Young		
Worship Outreach	Lyle & Teri Kelley		

**MEN'S WALK #58
ONE YEAR REUNION!
10 FEBRUARY—6:00pm**

Plan to come and share what your fourth days have been like during the past year. Meet upstairs in the youth room lounge (across from the conference room). At 7:00pm, we will join the community in the chapel.

Remember your name tag!

When Emmaus meets,
EMMAUS EATS!

WHAT ABOUT THOSE KAIROS COOKIES?

Here are the things to remember: Only homemade cookies! **ONLY CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES!** No nuts, no icing, no powdered sugar. We all have a fabulous chocolate chip cookie recipe! Don't overbake your cookies—this makes them brittle and subject to breaking during all the handling and moving. Cool your cookies thoroughly before packaging them so that they don't stick together. Package ONE DOZEN cookies in a gallon zipper lock plastic bag.

THE MOST IMPORTANT STEP!

As you make your cookies, pray for the weekend participants. Ask God to use the "agape love" cookies and the team as instruments of God's love, forgiveness, healing, Christian renewal and evangelism.

If you have questions about Kairos, contact Bob Erwin—he loves telling people about his Kairos experiences!

PRAYER LIST

Prayer was requested for these people at our January Gathering. Pray for the pilgrims who will be on Men's Walk #60, pray that God will soften hearts of those who will be invited to this walk. Pray for the team members both live-in and others who will be serving during the weekend.

Dave & Dinah Bond
Joe Davidson
Don Gilbert's Family
Oswald Johnson (100th birthday)
Cliff Purvis
Iris Wilkinson

A WORD FROM THE KITCHEN!

Shanna Hahn is your KITCHEN COORDINATOR and this is her last year to serve in this position. In case you didn't know, board members serve for one three year term and, if they are agreeable, have the option to be elected for another three years.

If you might be interested in joining the Emmaus Board to serve as KITCHEN COORDINATOR, please talk to Shanna. She can tell you what is involved in the position, how much time, etc. I am sure she would welcome you to join her in the Kitchen duties for this year's walks, so that you will begin your term in the position with lots of experience.

In a nutshell, if you enjoyed the food on your Emmaus Walk, you enjoyed the fruits of the efforts set forth by the KITCHEN COORDINATOR! He or she works to make the Walk Weekend run smoothly in the dining room area. The coordinator works with the person who serves as purchaser for the community so that the proper quantities of food are purchased. The Weekend schedule determines when meals must be ready and the Assistant Lay Directors of each weekend work with the Kitchen Coordinator to make sure the kitchen is ready for the pilgrims.

Please consider stepping into the position of KITCHEN COORDINATOR!

WHILE WE'RE ON THE SUBJECT...

This is the final year for your NEWSLETTER EDITOR also! Please be thinking if you have an inner CLARK KENT, LOIS LANE or PERRY WHITE in you!

The newsletter editor takes the articles given to him/her and fitting them into the space. The current editor is located in Hillsboro and after the newsletter is ready, has THREE local "Emmaus-friendly" churches and the newsletter is copied at these churches on a rotating basis (with Emmaus purchased paper). The editor also maintains the mailing list and produces mailing labels. There are two additional volunteers who then fold the newsletter, applies labels and stamps and mail the newsletters. Interested? Talk to John Glaze!

When was the last time you talked to someone who was on your pilgrim walk? Why not give one of your fellow pilgrims a phone call or drop him or her a note just to say "Hi, thinking about you!"

Wilmington Area Walk to Emmaus

Wilmington United Methodist Church
PO Box 191
Wilmington, OH 45177

We're on the web:
www.wilmingtonemmaus.org

See you at the GATHERING:
February 10
7:00pm
Singing starts at 6:30pm
MEN'S WALK 58 REUNION!
6:00pm
Wear your nametag!
Bring a snack to share!

LOOK AT YOUR ADDRESS LABEL!

You receive the WILMINGTON EMMAUS NEWSLETTER in the mail for one year following your walk. If you would like to continue receiving the newsletter in the mail, simply mail a check for **\$6.00** to the address shown above. This partially covers the cost of the paper, mailing labels and postage for the newsletter.

-OR-

You can hand \$6.00 (cash or check) to our treasurer at a Gathering.

-OR-

You can opt not to receive the newsletter in the mail and begin reading the newsletter on our website:

www.wilmingtonemmaus.org

You can also read back issues (about 20 years' worth!) on the website. At any rate, be sure to read the newsletter each month to stay up on Emmaus Happenings!

Devotion

"Are any among you suffering? They should pray."

James 5:13

Ever had one of those days? One of those days when everything seems to fall off the rails and nothing seems to go your way? We all have, I suspect, and we will likely have them again. Perhaps you're having one of those days today, or you might have had one recently. I find these days are their own special kid of suffering. No, they may not merit the intensity of religious persecution, extreme poverty, or living in a war zone. But they eat away at our souls and wear us thin.

I've often found on these woeful days, when it seems that anything that could go wrong does, that my prayers ring especially hollow. I'm certain that God is still listening, but my ability to believe it or feel it is significantly diminished. And yet, James's advice, bold-faced and plain, is that we should pray when we are suffering. It seems almost trite to say something so obvious, but when we're consumed by our own pain, fear, or inadequacy, prayer might be the last thing on our minds.

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