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EMMAUS NEWSLETTER

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# HIDDEN MIRACLES

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southern Alabama is the town of Enterprise, Coffee County. If you ever visit Enterprise, you will discover that they have erected a monument to an insect, honoring the Mexican boll weevil. In 1895 the boll weevil began to destroy

the major crop of the county, cotton. In desperation to survive the farmers had to diversify, and by 1919 the county's peanut crop was many times what cotton had been in its height. In that year of prosperity a fountain and monument were built. The inscription reads: "In profound appreciation of the boll weevil and what it has done as the herald of prosperity this monument was erected by the citizens of Enterprise, Coffee County, Alabama."

Who would have seen that coming? Out of a time of struggle and crisis had come new growth and success. Out of adversity had come blessing. Can you and I do that? Can we stare into the face of our crises, whatever they may be, and see them as opportunities? The truth is our seasons

of greatest conflict and challenge can be springboards to our greatest seasons of growth and maturity.

Are you familiar with the word crucible? The word is often used in the heating of metal materials to high temperatures, but it also refers to a severe, searching test or trial. The Bible is chock full of examples of

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people who experienced a crucible moment, put their trust in God to bring them through, and saw the promises of God become a reality. Maybe you can relate. Perhaps you too have gone through a severe, searching test or trial and discovered the truth of Romans 8:28 . . . "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."

I believe in hidden miracles, don't you? I believe that the greatest works God desires to do in us or through us have yet to be realized. We often can't see the miracles in our midst because they are hidden, just underneath the surface, just around the next corner, just over the next hurdle. Sometimes miracles hide and often the best blessings are found in crucibles of life. Let those words encourage you as you face your "boll weevil."

Stay close to Jesus,

*Dave*

Dave

## 2009 REYNOLDSBURG EMMAUS COMMUNITY WALK CALENDAR

Men's Walk #59	January 22-25
Women's Walk #78	March 12-15
Men's Walk #60	April 16-19
Women's Walk #79	May 14-17
Women's Walk #80	July 23-26
Men's Walk #61	October 8-11
Women's Walk #81	November 12-15

Gatherings - the first Tuesday of each month at 7:15pm  
Candlelight - Saturday of each walk at 8:30pm. Meet in the Worship Center  
Closing - begins at 4:30pm on the Sunday of each walk. Meet in Kirsch Hall  
Note: Children & guests are welcome at gatherings; however, candlelight & closings are for those who have attended The Walk to Emmaus.

Reynoldsburg Emmaus Community Web Site: [www.rumc.org/emmas](http://www.rumc.org/emmas)

## SPONSORSHIP MOVING TO E-MAIL COMMUNICATION

In an effort to save money and improve turn-around time, Emmaus sponsorship communications will now be sent via e-mail whenever possible. We have been collecting e-mail addresses from pilgrims and sponsors for the past several walks, and we are now using them to notify sponsors that their pilgrim will be attending an upcoming walk.

To be sure e-mail we are sending does not end up in your "junk" or "trash" folder, please add [EmmausSponsorship@gmail.com](mailto:EmmausSponsorship@gmail.com) to your address book. If you have any questions please contact us at this e-mail address or call 614-751-1204.

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Doug Theiss  
Sponsorship Co-Chairperson

**WOMEN'S WALK #77 LIVE IN TEAM, NOVEMBER 13-16, 2008**

NAME	ROLE	TALK
David Wells	Spiritual Director	Means of Grace
Sharon Hausman	Asst. Spiritual Director	Prevenient Grace
Aaron Holley	Asst. Spiritual Director	Justifying Grace
Richard Boone	Asst. Spiritual Director	Obstacles to Grace
Maxine Smith-Pierce	Asst. Spiritual Director	Sanctifying Grace
Gail Clark	Lay Director	Perseverance
Beth Brown	Lay Director in Training	
Kim Ransom	Asst. Lay Director	Changing Our World
Melody Eaton	Asst. Lay Director	Priority
Nancy Mapes	Music Director	
Kathy Friece	Technical Director	
Emily Allen	Table Leader	Priesthood of All Believers
Connie Gillenwater	Asst. Table Leader	
Cindy Joseph	Table Leader	Life in Piety
Melanie Kopp	Asst. Table Leader	
Brenda Curran	Table Leader	Growth Through Study
Cathy Mahoney	Asst. Table Leader	
Pam Gariety	Table Leader	Christian Action
Angie Newland	Asst. Table Leader	
Julie Hiner	Table Leader	Discipleship
Angie Burchfield	Asst. Table Leader	
Marta Allen	Table Leader	Body of Christ
Sandy Hack	Asst. Table Leader	
Ami Adams	Table Leader	Fourth Day
Linda Logue	Asst. Table Leader	

PILGRIM	CHURCH NAME	SPONSOR NAME
Leah Akers	Greater Columbus Freewill Baptist	Joni Baugess
Carla Bailey	Reynoldsburg UMC	Kathy Konkol
Kelly Bailey	Groveport UMC	Becky Cassidy
Traci Breeckner	Pope John XXIII Catholic	Lori Musselman/Natalie Hay
Dee DeGonia	Etna UMC	Londa Wertman
Pamela Drum	Reynoldsburg Christian & Missionary Alliance	Patty King
Carol Fagert	Friendship Nondenom.	Larry Holter
Selena Freeman	Tree of Life Ministries	Pamela Culver
Shelley Freshour	Lower Lights Church of the Nazarene	Angie Fitzpatrick
Sue Greer	Reynoldsburg UMC	Beth Greenway
Victoria Head	Power of Prayer Nondenom.	Jodi Sealey
Carla James	Community of Faith Methodist	Kathi Faulstich
Colleen Kimball	Reynoldsburg UMC	Shirley Heineman
Jaime Metzka	Reynoldsburg UMC	Christine Ischy
Linda Miller	Vineyard of Columbus	Kristin Moore-LoCurto
Jenelle Taylor-Mills	Power of Prayer Nondenom.	Paula Penha/Shannon Williams
Anne Minner	Northpointe Community United Brethren	Michelle Myers
Jenny Nolan	Grove City Church of the Nazarene	Tammy Coolidge
Tina Pagnanelli	Hosanna Lutheran	Joan Connor
Sally Perz	Corpus Christi University Parish	Beau Euton
Suzie Price		Barb Cline
Leslie Rhoades	Reynoldsburg UMC	Shirley Vingle
Denisa A. Ross	Asbury North UMC	Jai Ford
Charisse Schuerman	Revelation Word	Kristin Moore-LoCurto
Karen Stocker	Etna UMC	Allen Stocker
Teri Valente	Reynoldsburg UMC	Cindy Eldridge
Lori Vanzant	Reynoldsburg UMC	Doug & Laura Myers
Teresa Ward	Somerset UMC	Imelda Scurlock

*Check Emmaus link for Pilgrim updates:  
www.rumc.org/emmaus/walks/index.html*

**EMMAUS COMMUNITY SHARE GROUP INFORMATION**

Women's Good Shepherd \_\_\_\_\_ Men's Good Shepherd \_\_\_\_\_ (please print clearly)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

SHARE GROUP LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_

SHARE DAY & TIME \_\_\_\_\_

SHARE PARTNERS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to accept additional share partners? \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

Mail to: Reynoldsburg Emmaus Community / 1636 Graham Rd. / Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

**IS YOUR INFO CURRENT?**

Help us keep our mailing list current by sending the following information to Dave Pagura at dpagura@insight.rr.com, or mail to the address at the bottom of this form.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

New Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Original Community: \_\_\_\_\_

I will utilize the web newsletter and no longer need a mailed copy.

Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## A VIEW FROM THE CHAIR

### How's Your Footprint?

Lately, "carbon footprint" has been one of the buzzwords I've noticed in the media. Many are becoming aware of how much fossil fuel they are consuming in their lifetime, and comparing that to what an "average" person consumes.

This got me to thinking about something others have called our "divine footprint" (Don't you wish you could take credit for that phrase? I sure do!). Many Christians have received the message of God's love for them, and for His grace in forgiving their sins if they accept Jesus as Lord and Savior. But that is really only part of the story, isn't it? Once we have accepted the undeserved gift of grace, what is next? Do we just go about, living our lives, generally being nice to those folks we meet along the path of our life's journey, wondering when God is going to use us to do something, but not looking very hard at how God is presenting opportunities for us every single day?

If all God wants is to get us saved through a relationship with Jesus Christ, why doesn't He take us out of this world once we have accepted Him? Could it be because He has work for us to do? After all, each of us is told to "... let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).

Our conduct should be an indication of the impact Christ has had in our lives. Our deeds should stand out in stark contrast to the ways of this world. No matter what God brings before us to do, our actions should indicate how thankful we are to God and how eager we are to serve others in His name. No matter how boring, how small or insignificant or routine, do everything as if you were doing it for the Lord. "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men" (Colossians 3:23). This includes even the tasks that seem to be of little or no importance. Being faithful and diligent in the small things ignored by others is what gets noticed by God.

When you decide to serve, you are giving up what you could have kept to yourself – your energy, your time, perhaps even your money. However, the most important thing you give is yourself. There is no way to measure this. But when you serve, you are pleasing God by increasing your divine footprint. "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." (Ephesians 2:10)

This month another opportunity presents itself to add to your divine footprint! Women's Walk #77 will provide many chances to serve: prayer vigil, carrying luggage, moving mattresses, handing out or just holding a candle, preparing, serving, or cleaning up meals, providing agape, cleaning restrooms, setting up or tearing down rooms, and a myriad of other ways to contribute to the weekend. God notices what you do, and he values cleaning a restroom just as much as serving on the live in team. The pilgrims always notice the service of those behind the scenes, and those who serve without recognition are fulfilling the scripture found in 1 John 3:18: "Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth." On November 13 – 16, where will you be serving?

On the Emmaus road,



Steve Friece  
Emmaus Board Chairperson

## SPONSORSHIP TRAINING

This is a reminder to everyone that sponsorship training is available prior to every Gathering following a Walk at 6:30pm in the Chapel. We will conclude in plenty of time for you to fellowship and attend the Gathering.

For those of you who have never sponsored an individual, this is a great opportunity to discuss all aspects of sponsorship that are essential in doing your part to ensure that your pilgrim has their best possible experience.

Even if it has been a while since you have sponsored someone and you just want to brush up on things, you are also welcome and encouraged to drop in and refresh your memory.

Sponsorship handbooks are available for \$5 at the conclusion of the training if desired. If you have any questions, please contact Dave Stoffel at 614-868-0818, or by e-mail at dstoffel@advancedcivildesign.com.

DeColores,  
Dave Stoffel  
Sponsorship Co-Chairperson

## SUBSCRIBE TO THE REYNOLDSBURG EMMAUS COMMUNITY

### E-MAIL LIST

RECEIVE E-MAIL REMINDERS ABOUT SPECIAL EVENTS, GATHERINGS, WALKS, AND CANDLELIGHTS!

GO TO [rumc.org](http://rumc.org) and scroll to the bottom of the home page. Click on Emmaus Community under "Sites of Interest" and find the Signup for Emmaus E-mails at the top. Enter your e-mail address and you will be added to the mailing list!

## AGAPE REMINDERS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, this is a friendly reminder about Agape. We need to limit our Agape to letters only due to the size of envelopes we use. Some have been sending books and packages, which are difficult to fit in the manila envelopes, so if we could limit Agape to letters only, it would help us out tremendously. Large Agape items should be shared with the pilgrim upon returning home.

- For both men's and women's walks, we need 38 pieces of agape for bedtime and 63 pieces for meals. It is helpful if you indicate the number of pieces in each package.
- Consider listing only your share group meeting time and place on your agape as a form of humble servanthood.
- Agape (not letters) from the community is first distributed to the pilgrims at bedtime on Friday. Team members may receive agape each night. Table leaders and clergy also receive letters before talks. Please specify on the envelope the day you wish the agape to be delivered.
- When writing multiple agape letters, please help us by alphabetizing them prior to placing them in a bundle.
- The agape room must be dismantled Saturday night. It would be very helpful if you would drop off your agape before candlelight.
- Sponsors who are holding their pilgrim's agape, but have not dropped it off by the Saturday morning of the walk, please notify Karen Nuzum.
- Sponsors, also notify Karen if your pilgrim is unable to attend a walk.

Karen Nuzum, Agape Chairperson, 614-834-5457  
Paul Collins, Agape Co-chairperson

**NOTE: A special thank you to the Re:generation women's home group who are supplying balloons for the remainder of the walks this year. The Lord blesses in so many ways!**

Thanks also goes out to the GREAT HARVEST BREAD COMPANY for donating all the Communion bread for our Walks and Gatherings. Visit them at 801 Hill Rd. N. Pickerington, 614-920-0095

## EMMAUS WALKS

How will you be the hands and feet of Christ? Sign-up sheets are displayed in the Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church kitchen and in St. Andrew's Hall on the Gathering evenings or call the board representative. Christ gave His life for you. Will you give you hands and feet for Him?

- 24-hour Prayer Vigil
- Carry Luggage
- Bedtime Agape
- Mealtime Agape
- Logistics: Set-up, clean, tear down
- Agape Room
- Kitchen
- Attend Candlelight
- Write Pilgrim Agape

Are you persevering in your walk with Christ? Are you utilizing all the tools you learned on your Walk to Emmaus?

- Seek Discipleship Opportunities
- Serve the Emmaus Community
- Use the Reunion Group Card
- Sunday School Attendance
- Share Group Attendance
- Daily Morning Devotions
- Bible Study Attendance
- Daily Morning Prayer
- Study the Scriptures
- Serve Your Church
- Worship Attendance
- Daily Meditation

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