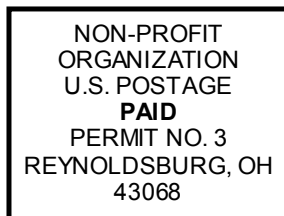




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YOUR AIRCRAFT

Return Service Requested

Jeff Skiles is a pilot—a good pilot. On January 15, 2009, Skiles was serving as a co-pilot on U.S. Airways Flight 1549 and handled the take-off from New York City's LaGuardia Airport. Flight 1549 was bound for Charlotte but was struck by a large flock of birds one minute into the flight. At an altitude of only 3,000 feet, both main engines on the airbus were lost. It was then that Skiles uttered the wisest words of his career. He turned to his more experienced captain, Chelsey "Sully" Sullenberger, and said, "Your aircraft." The rest is history. Minutes later, Sullenberger put the plane down in the Hudson River with no loss of life and only minimal injuries to the 155 people on board.

Apparently, Skiles is a self-aware man who knows his limitations. How about you? Are you aware when you are in over your head? Do you know when to ask for help? Do you know when to say, "Your aircraft"?

It's not always easy to admit, but we were not intended to do life on our own. God has given us various resources to which we can turn for help. Here are a few:

The Church – The gathered community of Christ-followers is filled with people who not only want to help but are uniquely gifted to do so. No doubt there is someone in your church, in your Emmaus Community, in your share group who could be the answer to your prayer. If you are willing to receive help from someone else in your community of faith, ask God to direct you to that person.

{ Are you aware of when you are in over your head? }

The Shepherds – Within the Christian community, God has raised up people for the task of shepherding others. These people could be pastors, spiritual directors, counselors, youth leaders, small group leaders and Sunday School teachers — to name a few. One of the questions asked during a time of self-examination on the Walk to Emmaus is, "When is the last time you spoke with your spiritual director?" God has placed shepherds near you. Are you seeking them out?

The Savior – Jesus is as close as your next prayer, and He is more than will-

ing to help you. In Matthew 11:28, Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Peter reminds us, "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." (1 Peter 5:7) Trust in the One who died for you and rose again.

One sign of spiritual maturity is knowing your limitations. Are you trying to fly your plane by yourself? Is there an area of your life that is on the verge of crashing? Do you need to turn to God and say, "Your aircraft"? Be aware of your limitations and know that help is but a prayer away.

Stay close to Jesus,

Dave

2009 REYNOLDSBURG EMMAUS COMMUNITY WALK CALENDAR

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
(*April 2009 Gathering will be March 31)

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

SPONSORSHIP - Barb Acker & Debbie Harmon

Each pilgrim is a blessing to our Emmaus community. Have you blessed us lately by sponsoring a pilgrim? Would you like to, but are not sure how? There is sponsorship training every other month at 6:30pm in the chapel. The next training will be before the April gathering on Tuesday March 31. There are Sponsorship handbooks that you can purchase for \$5 at the conclusion of the training. This is a great opportunity to get all those questions answered and to encourage you to take a step toward sponsorship. Don't be shy. Be bold for Christ, and take that next step in your fourth days toward sponsoring a pilgrim. If you have any questions, you may call Barb Acker at 740-964-08114 or Debbie Harmon at 614-837-7987.

WOMEN'S WALK #78 LIVE IN TEAM, MARCH 12-15, 2009

NAME	ROLE	TALK
Dr. David Cady	Spiritual Director	Means of Grace
Beth Brown	Lay Director	Prevenient Grace
Elaine Fencl	Asst. Lay Director	
Marie Renner	Asst. Lay Director	Priority
Carol Buccilla	Asst. Lay Director	Christian Aciton
Linda Alspach	Table Leader	Fourth Day
Fran Barker	Asst. Table Leader	
Susan Stutske	Table Leader	Growth Through Study
Connie Mallory	Asst. Table Leader	Closing Example
Tammy Kellogg	Table Leader	Priesthood of all Believers
Celest Craig	Asst. Table Leader	
Denise "Niecy" Durley	Table Leader	Life in Piety
Leslie Mayes	Asst. Table Leader	
Joyce Myers	Table Leader	Discipleship
Jennifer Morgan	Asst. Table Leader	Closing Example
Leigh Bowsher	Table Leader	Changing Our World
Beth McInerney	Asst. Table Leader	
Kim Perdew	Table Leader	Body of Christ
Aimee Decker	Asst. Table Leader	
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Wendy Rogers	Music Director	

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

PILGRIM	CHURCH NAME	SPONSOR NAME
Tashia Adams	Power of Prayer	Shannon & Jobie Williams
Kelly Allen	Reynoldsburg UMC	Catherine Burnett
Barbara Baiamonte	Grove City Church of the Nazarene	Tiffany Rhodes
Jenny Burley	Grove City Church of the Nazarene	Robin Sexten
Donna Clegg	First Baptist	Daniel Clegg
Pat Hartman	Faith UMC	Scott/Jill Hartman
Erin Hayes		Grace Jones
Melody Petry-Johnson		Megan Dennis
Kellie Kisor	Messiah Lutheran	Sam Watkins
Cathy Kitzmiller	Summit Station UMC	Terry Bailey
Pamela Lossie	Reynoldsburg UMC	Laurie Letzelter/Carol Phillips
Jane Lynch	Hopewell UMC	Tina Dietsch
Lori Ring	Reynoldsburg UMC	Steve Friece
Cher Roof	Summit Station UMC	Tina Cox
Bonita Slade	Light of the World	Gladys Stewart
Teresa Ward	Somerset UMC	Imelda Scurlock
Deborah Woods	Eastwood Christian	Deborah Turpening
Kori Stover	North Point Community United Brethren	Michelle Myers
Lois Walker	Full Gospel Baptist Ebenezer	Pamelia Culver
Kris Sims	Epiphany Lutheran	Jay/JoAnn Stanley/Bill Sims
Sheryl Knapp	Reynoldsburg UMC	Shirley Vingle
Karen Gebhart	Brice UMC	Steve Buskirk
Dawn Shephard	All Shepherds Lutheran	Mike Vaughan
Teresa Kocher	Walnut Hill UMC	Brian Bock/Wayne & Melody Eaton
Cindy Shannon	Leave A Mark Church	Diana Collins/Paul Bryant
Gabrielle N. Billman	Methodist/Pentecostal	Zane Clegg
Adrienne Foster	New Salem Baptist	Kim Perdew
Megan Jenkins	St. Johns Lutheran	Natalie Ball
Delcina Cordova	Reynoldsburg UMC	Sandy Hack/Reynaldo Cordova
Misty Bruce	Trinity Family Life Methodist	Tommy Bruch/Dawn Davis
Donna McCullough	Reynoldsburg UMC	Kevin/Tammy Kellogg
Jewell Beach	Greater Columbus Freewill Baptist	Missi Delozier-Humphrey
Rochelle E. Bowles	Capital City Church Assemblies of God	Lori Rhein
Diane E. Lott	Asbury UMC South	Patty/Bob Wycuff

EMMAUS COMMUNITY SHARE GROUP INFORMATION

Women's Good Shepherd _____ Men's Good Shepherd _____

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

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1636 Graham Rd. Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

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THANK YOU TO THE EMMAUS COMMUNITY

members who helped in any way with Men's Walk #59 last month. Whether you sponsored a pilgrim, participated in the prayer vigil, served behind the scenes in the kitchen or on logistics, or just attended Candlelight, your service to our Heavenly Father and the pilgrims was a blessing. If you attended Candlelight, you know it was one of the largest in recent walks. What a tremendous turnout, and how the pilgrims were blessed! On behalf of the Emmaus Board, thank you!

Our community continues to amaze me. You have a love for God and His children that consistently motivates you to serve the pilgrims and God in love and for His glory. Your commitment to the Walk to Emmaus can never be questioned. It is my prayer that you demonstrate the same commitment to Christ's mission in your local church. The task God gave to Jesus was very clear – to bring those separated from Him due to sin back into a relationship with their Heavenly Father. Jesus has no other hands and feet but those of the Body of Christ, and the most effective way of reaching the lost is usually thorough the work of the local church. Each of you is called to be the representative of God's love and grace to those who are under the power of sin.

Whatever God is calling you to do in your local church, be assured that He has provided the means for you to accomplish your task. Remember, He equips those He calls. But this call must be on God's terms, not yours. Failing to seek God's will through prayer, or ignoring His leading, will almost always result in failure. If you are ready to hear and obey God, you are on your way to accomplishing the work He has prepared for you.

The Walk to Emmaus exists to provide spiritual renewal among Christians and to develop leaders for the local church. Whatever God is calling you to do may be more than you can understand. But if it is truly discerned through prayer, aligned with your spiritual gifts, affirmed by others who observe your work, and blessed with the necessary resources, you can trust God's plan even if you think you are incapable of such work. By being obedient to God's call, you will be blessed through your service. God loves obedience, and it always results in blessings for those who serve obediently.

You can be certain that service in the Emmaus Community will also result in blessings if you come with a servant heart. Cleaning the showers, restocking the restrooms, taking out the trash, and privately praying during the wee hours are all noted by and pleasing to God. Those of you actively serving in your local church, and yet still find time to come and serve on Emmaus weekends are pleasing God because you have chosen to use your time and talents to serve others instead of yourself. I thank God for all of you and for all you do for Christ, the Kingdom, and for our Emmaus Community. If you haven't served or attended a Gathering or a Candlelight recently, isn't it time you did?

"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

Walking along the road,

Steve Friece
Emmaus Board Chair

Register your e-mail address at the Emmaus home page:

<http://rumc.org/emmaus/>
(enter your e-mail at top right of the home page)

Peace be to you. I pray this finds all of you walking closer with the Lord. I ask again for your prayers for me that I don't get discouraged when difficulties rise in linking folks up. Please respond to the information request being sent over the internet. It would be greatly helpful. In the meantime permit me to share this with you. If you are not actively involved in a share group, that does not mean you can't use your share card. I used it one day sharing with the share partner. When I got to: What have I done to make you better known and loved in my family?, it caused me to pause. Imagine if you will that Jesus is sitting across from you and looking in your eyes. What could you say? Talk about being accountable! Try it sometime. It helped my walk. I pray all your Fourth Days are progressing well.

SPONSORSHIP TRAINING CHANGES

We began Sponsorship Training several years ago to help you as members of the Emmaus community better understand the sponsorship process and to support you in your efforts to bring this amazing experience to as many believers as possible. This training has been very effective in helping to better equip both sponsors and pilgrims to gain the most from their Emmaus experience.

We have been conducting sponsorship training before the Emmaus gathering each month after an Emmaus walk. This has caused some confusion in that training dates are not easily predictable or remembered. Your Emmaus board has decided to move Sponsorship Training to every even month. Therefore, training will be held prior to the Emmaus gatherings in February, April, June, August, October and December.

The training will continue to be offered in the chapel at 6:30 pm prior to the gathering, and will last no longer than 45 minutes. This ensures that you will be finished in time to attend the gathering. Our next training class will be held on Tuesday, March 31, 2009 before the April Gathering at 6:30pm. If you have not attended training before or need a quick refresher, please join us that evening.

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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NOTE: The normal Gathering date of the first Tuesday of the months in April falls during Holy Week. Since so many of our community will be actively serving in their home churches, the April Gathering will be on Tuesday, March 31.

GATHERINGS (7:15pm)

- March 3
- March 31 (April Gathering)
- May 5
- June 2
- July 7
- August 4
- September 1
- October 6
- November 3
- December 1

WALK DATES

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