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**emmaus** COMMUNITY

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# EMMAUS NEWSLETTER

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## KEEP WALKING

I am writing this during Holy Week and, therefore, so much of the story of Jesus' last days are running through my mind. His suffering, his courage, his obedience, his love, all help me to remember why Good Friday is so good. Isaiah said it best:

*But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.* (Isaiah 53:5)

I am also reminded of the fact that Sunday is coming. On Sunday we will celebrate surprise, hope, victory, new life. There will be lilies, beautiful music, much food, and little children dressed in their new Easter clothes.

But what about Saturday? There is not much to say, or do, about Saturday. Saturday lacks the drama of Good Friday as well as the pageantry of Easter Sunday. There's not much to do on Saturday

except grieve and wait. It seems to me that a good many of us live our lives as if it were Saturday. What I mean is that there is so much of the Holy Week story that blesses us, but Saturday meets us where we live our lives – in between tragedy and triumph.

Imagine the disciples, gathered together, or worse, scattered apart, as they mourn the loss of their Messiah. Imagine Mary as she weeps for her son. Imagine the women as they plan for the next day when they will go to the tomb before dawn. Regardless of how they felt, these women knew that there was still work to be done and they were going to do it even if it meant walking in the dark.

Perhaps it is this part of the Holy Week story that we find the secret of how to make through our "Saturdays" – keep walking. Even if you're walking in the dark – keep walking. Mourn, weep, experience the reality of life and death, pain and suffering, but keep walking. No one could have

predicted what God was going to do on that first resurrection morning, but the women would not have experienced it had they refused to keep walking. Peter and John would not have experienced the power of the resurrection had they not kept walking, or running, as the case may be. The two disciples on the road to Emmaus would never have encountered the risen Christ had they not kept walking.

So what about you? Do you find yourself stuck in Saturday? Have you already been through your Friday and experienced some of the worst this world has to offer but still find yourself waiting for Sunday to come? If so, keep walking, and waiting, and hoping, and trusting that God is still at work.

Stay close to Jesus,

Pastor David Cady,  
Community Spiritual Director

### A VIEW FROM THE CHAIR - Doug Theiss

## CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU

Does this sound familiar? You heard about this on the Sunday afternoon of your Emmaus Walk. It's also prominently displayed on the front of your Service Card. The Emmaus Service Card is a tool to be used by share groups to govern their regular share group meetings.

The major benefit provided by the Service Card is accountability – accountability to self, to others and to Christ. Accountability can be an intimidating concept. It often runs counter to the current trend of a self-sufficient, individualistic society. We like to be our own person, do our own thing, and not have someone else tell us what to do or believe.

God tells us, however "As it is, there are many parts, but one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't

need you!" . . . *If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.*" (1 Corinthians 12:20-21, 26) Since we are all part of one body, we need to dump the "island" mentality. We do not stand alone. Because such interdependency exists within the Body of Christ, we are responsible to one another to do our part and to help them do theirs.

Some people shy away from the concept of accountability because they associate it with confrontation. While rebuking, challenging, warning, and admonishing may be necessary at times, accountability also yields support, counsel, encouragement, and affirmation. But having other people around whom you can trust and get to know more deeply will enable you to know yourself—your strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities—more deeply. You will become more aware of issues, relationships,

and life as life's purpose and God's call are unfolded before you. Because you see life and God's Word more deeply, your behaviors and response to others will also change for the better.

Within the Reynoldsburg Emmaus Community, we consider the consistent use of the Service Card an extremely important means of maintaining the commitment in faith that you made during your walk. All members of the live-in teams for each Emmaus Walk must confirm that they are currently members of a share group and that their share group follows the Service Card. This affirmation has precluded many members of the community who have been called to serve on a team from participating.

Christ is counting on you. Be accountable to Him. Service cards are available for 25 cents each in the mail room at Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church.

### 2010 REYNOLDSBURG EMMAUS COMMUNITY WALK CALENDAR

Men's Walk #63	April 15-18
Women's Walk #83	May 20-23
Women's Walk #84	July 22-25

\*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/emmaus](http://www.rumc.org/emmaus)

# PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME TAG

As we begin a new year, with new board members, new servants and new pilgrims, this is a timely reminder to please wear your Emmaus name tag during all Emmaus activities. This will help all of us to get to know each other, and hopefully avoid those awkward moments when you remember my name but I don't remember yours.

Have you lost, destroyed, misplaced or worn out the name tag you received on your Emmaus Walk? Nancy Mapes is a tireless servant to the community who, as an act of agape, creates name tags for all new pilgrims. If you need a replacement name tag, she would be happy to create one for you. Nancy can be reached at [bmapes@aol.com](mailto:bmapes@aol.com) or (740)-927-1165.

PILGRIM	CHURCH NAME	SPONSOR NAME
Adam Sayer	Crossroads	Lindsey Kline
Don Larimer	Trinity Family Life	Robert Foley, JR.
DJ Barber	Summit Station UMC	Dave Cady
Tom Dittoe	St. Joseph	Butch Wilson
Jon Trainer	New Hope Bible	Hans Dreyer
John Horsley	Nazarene	Chad Lemay
Ben Weaver	Summit Station UMC	Rich Blanton
Larry Parsons	Obetz UMC	Bob & Carol Bock
Jeff Ralyes	Living Stones	Tonya Ralyes
Warren Burbury	Cornerstone Christian	Jackie Burns
Jim Roe	New Hope Bible	Ed Jaeger
"Manney" Manney	Karl Road Baptist	Rick Breusch
Daniel Kerber	Summit Station UMC	Bruce Bailey
John McLaughlin	Reynoldsburg UMC	Dennis Franko
Dave Kudel	Groveport UMC	Dana Parsons
Daniel King	Reynoldsburg UMC	Lonnie Brown
Jon Galloway	Reynoldsburg UMC	Angela Galloway
Mike Todd	Pataskala Grace Bretheren	TaShawna Todd
Josh Hultgren	Zion Reform United Church of Christ	Carol Hultgren
Dustin Ichida	Reynoldsburg UMC	Holly Ichida
Rick Cordisco	St. Paul's Cathedral	Teri Petrella
Brian Walker	Reynoldsburg Church of the Nazarene	Allan Krick

Check Emmaus link for Pilgrim updates:  
[www.rumc.org/emmaus/walks/index.html](http://www.rumc.org/emmaus/walks/index.html)

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MEN'S WALK #82 LIVE IN TEAM, APRIL 15-18, 2010		
NAME	ROLE	TALK
Richard Boone	Spiritual Director	Means of Grace
Karen Cook	Asst. Spiritual Director	Prevenient Grace
Tina Fox	Asst. Spiritual Director	Justifying Grace
Aaron Brown	Asst. Spiritual Director	Obstacles to Grace
Jim Rhein	Asst. Spiritual Director	Sanctifying Grace
Hans Dreyer	Lay Director	Perseverance
Jeff Myers	Lay Director in Training	
Dennis Franko	Asst. Lay Director	Discipleship
Jim Carter	Asst. Lay Director	Priority
Darin Foor	Music Director	
Gary Henkel	Asst. Music Director	
Scott Hurst	Technical Director	
Bill Alspach	Table Leader	Fourth Day
Joe Harrigan	Asst. Table Leader	
Gabe Gaberie	Table Leader	Changing Our World
Dwight Greer	Asst. Table Leader	
John Goetz	Table Leader	Christian Action
Randy Painter	Asst. Table Leader	
Dale Holter	Table Leader	Priesthood of All Believers
John Mattox	Asst. Table Leader	
Greg LaPaugh	Table Leader	Body of Christ
Rich Blanton	Asst. Table Leader	
Jos Ortiz	Table Leader	Life in Piety
Bobby Humphrey	Asst. Table Leader	
Hal Richer	Table Leader	Growth Through Study
Joe Fox	Asst. Table Leader	

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)*

## 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

Mail to: Reynoldsburg Emmaus Community  
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## 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