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**emmaus** COMMUNITY

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# EMMAUS NEWSLETTER

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## REMEMBERING OUR FREEDOM

As I write this article, it is on the heels of the 4th of July celebration – a time when we celebrate the many freedoms that we enjoy as citizens. While we take special note of our freedom, I can not help but wonder if we are as mindful of that freedom the rest of the year. Even in the midst of our celebration, do we remember the high price that has been paid for it? Too often we can slip into the mode of taking for granted that which we enjoy daily.

As I think about and celebrate the freedom we have as citizens of this country, I am also very much aware of an even greater freedom that we are

extended as citizens of the Kingdom. I am mindful of the words of Jesus who said, "If the Son sets you free you are truly free (John 8:36)." Jesus is referencing the fact that in our sin we are slaves and have no freedom, but in Him we are truly set free to experience the abundant grace-filled life that God wants for each of us. We need to be careful that we do not forget the price that was paid for that freedom – namely Jesus' death on the Cross.

The Emmaus Walk for me has always been a remarkable and unique tool that God uses to help His people remember, experience, and celebrate His grace, which sets us free. I give thanks for the blessed privilege that

God gives us to share in that grace together as the Reynoldsburg Emmaus Community and for the opportunity to work with each of you. My prayer is that together we will continue to celebrate and share the grace of God in all that we do.

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Chip Koch

### A VIEW FROM THE CHAIR - Doug Theiss

## FORMING THE TEAM

I'm often asked how the live-in team members for Emmaus weekends are selected. I think the majority of us would like to serve on a team, and for most, it is a wonderful experience. There are factors about serving on a team that should be considered. Just as we say that Emmaus is not for everyone in our churches, serving on a team is not for everyone who attends an Emmaus weekend.

First, it is mathematically impossible for everyone to be selected. Each weekend, there are about twice as many members of Emmaus community produced as would be required for a future team. The committee responsible for making up teams earnestly tries to see that everyone has a turn, but it must work within certain guidelines. One of the guidelines is that a team should have built-in experience. About half of the members should have previously served on one or more teams, and a few key leaders should have been on two or more teams.

Other important guidelines are that in order to serve on a live-in team, an individual must be a member of a share group and that share group must follow the service card. An effort is also made not to have too many team members from the same church.

In addition to the guidelines that the committee follows, there are factors you should consider. First, beyond the Spiritual Directors, Lay Director, Associate Lay Directors, Music Director and Technical Director, people are not selected for specific jobs. No one has the authority to promise you a particular responsibility. Everyone must be willing to serve in whatever capacity is needed. If you accept a team assignment, you are making a commitment to be available for a team meeting once each week for up to seven weeks before that weekend and the given weekend. Availability and sacrifice of time is the real requirement.

Finally, each of us must take into consid-

eration the physical and emotional strains that are sometimes encountered while serving on a team. The joy of being on a team is there, but the work and strains are also. Team members are routinely the first up in the morning and the last to bed at night. Working under pressure is also routine. Everyone on a team must carry his or her full load and be ready, willing and able to share his or her faith and love with any and all others on the weekend - literally at any time.

The committee is on the lookout for people who are active in the community – attending gatherings and other Emmaus functions, and for those who are actively serving in the community – cooking, cleaning, praying and caring for the pilgrims. The selection committee tries to seek broad input regarding potential candidates for team service. One of the new initiatives currently underway is identifying liaisons from each church represented in the Emmaus community. We will be seeking their input on potential team members from their respective churches. Despite the best efforts of the committee, there are highly qualified and willing community members who want

### 2010 REYNOLDSBURG EMMAUS COMMUNITY WALK CALENDAR

Women's Walk #84	July 22-25
Men's Walk #64	October 7-10
Women's Walk #85	November 18-21

\*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)

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to serve on a team but are not called. If you or someone you know falls into this category, please contact our Leadership Chair, Annette Pagura ([dapagura@insight.rr.com](mailto:dapagura@insight.rr.com) or 740-927-5771). Again, not all can or will be called, but we want to be sure all who are interested are considered.

The joy and the mountain top experiences are there, but so are the giving and the climbing. If you decide that being a team member is not for you, there are many other areas of service in Emmaus. Being on a team may or may not be the best way that you can serve - only you know this. Serving is a blessing, whether as a member of a live-in team or in some other capacity. You are needed!

**WELCOME BUFFET**

If you have signed up to bring any of the items, that are used for the WELCOME BUFFET FOOD DONATIONS, please remember that they must be in the kitchen by 5:00pm the Thursday of the Walk. Please be sure to include your name on the items you have dropped off or you can check your name off that is usually hanging on the side of big chrome freezer in the kitchen. We would also like you to sign the poster board that will be hanging on the back of the Kitchen door. We will have it up by Wednesday afternoon so the ones that dropped their items off early can sign.

If for some reason that you can not bring the item that you signed up for, if you could give either one of us a call, that way we will know to we need to purchase any of the veggies or bake any of the cookies or brownies needed.

**SUNDAY CLOSING**

We need workers to help tear down Kirsh Hall and clean kitchen along with distributing the left over food for the 2 needed families. Al takes care of bringing the boxes and delivers the food to the families. Come for the closing and hear all the Testimonies, eat, and enjoy the laughter and blessings.

**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)*

PILGRIM	CHURCH NAME	SPONSOR NAME
LaVonda Rodgers	Pataskala Church of the Nazarene	Drusilla Stires
Beth Maynard	Faith UMC	Jim Maynard
Doreen Peterson	Beth Messiah	Jean Ann Hilbert
Lynn Pepper	Reynoldsburg UMC	Karen Vance
Ann Mullins	Circleville Nazarene	Jamie Thompson
Jennifer Whisler	Karl Road Baptist Church	Ryan Whisler
Debbie Williamson	Cypress Wesleyan	Pat Scholz
Marie Ellis	Grace Fellowship/Christ Followers	Jan O'Daniel
Yolanda Ecklin	New Birth Christian Ministry	Nina Billue
Joan Gill	Epiphany Lutheran	Darcel Theiss
Colleen Snyder	Grace Fellowship of Pickerington	Carol Buccilla
Lisa Diem	Shephard Worship Arts Team	Amy Fisher
Linda K. Marr	Macedonia Baptist Church	Joyce Cogley
Jennifer Bowyer	New Song Community Church	Cathy Weaver
Theresa Olivieri	New Song Community Church	Cathy Weaver
Brandy Molinet	New Life Christian Centre	Rick Klema
Pat Adams	St. Pius X & Reynoldsburg UMC	Jennifer Franko
Kathryn Thompson	Reynoldsburg UMC	Kevin & Tammy Kellogg
Nancy Highfield	East Side Grace Brethren	Connie Mallory
Bobbie Burnworth	Somerset UMC	Mindy Jackson

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

**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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WOMEN'S WALK #84 LIVE IN TEAM, JULY 22-25, 2010		
NAME	ROLE	TALK
Rev. Kevin Kellogg	Spiritual Director	Means of Grace
Rev. Chip Koch	Asst. Spiritual Director	Prevenient Grace
Rev. Jeff Greenway	Asst. Spiritual Director	Justifying Grace
Rev. Maxine Smith-Pierce	Asst. Spiritual Director	Obstacles to Grace
Rev. Kevin Quincel	Asst. Spiritual Director	Sanctifying Grace
Darcel Theiss	Lay Director	Perseverance
Katrina Douglas	Lay Director in Training	
Courtney Hilbert	Asst. Lay Director	Life In Piety
Leitsa McGuire	Asst. Lay Director	Priority
Lynnette Kline	Music Director	
Faith Ortiz	Asst. Music Director	
Sue Reihing	Technical Director	
Paula Stoffel	Table Leader	Fourth Day
Teresa Ward	Asst. Table Leader	
Angela Capers	Table Leader	Priesthood of All Believers
Bev Haun	Asst. Table Leader	
Claudia Muse	Table Leader	Christian Action
Jenny (Stevens) Barlowe	Asst. Table Leader	Closing Example
Sheila Holmes	Table Leader	Growth Through Study
Ashley McIlhargie	Asst. Table Leader	
Sharon Sites	Table Leader	Discipleship
Jennifer Marshbank	Asst. Table Leader	Closing Example
Connie Mallory	Table Leader	Changing Our World
Brandee Wheeler	Asst. Table Leader	
Jean Ann Hilbert	Table Leader	Body of Christ
Suzie Price	Asst. Table Leader	

**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