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EMMAUS NEWSLETTER

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ALL IT TAKES IS AN INVITATION

I love it when overarching themes begin to emerge from the pages of the Bible. Such was the case for me this week while surveying the gospels. Have you noticed how invitational Jesus is in the gospels? Check out a sampling of Jesus' invitations:

- "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." Mark 1:17
- "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28
- "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Luke 18:16
- "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty." John 6:35
- "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink." John 7:37

These verses say a lot about the invitational nature of God, doesn't it? God is an invitational God. In fact, Jesus once described the kingdom of God like a wedding banquet where all kinds of people were invited to attend (Matthew 22:1-14)

Since God excels at being invitational, let me invite you to think about the following question. If God were holding a get together and you were invited, can you think of others with whom you would like to share that experience?

If so, make a list. Literally write down the names of people you would invite. When you get to 10 names, stop, pray, and ask God for 10 more names. When you get to 20 names continue to repeat the process. In fact, keep adding names to your list as they come to your mind. Chances are pretty good that the Holy Spirit just might prompt you to invite some of the people on your list to attend a Walk to Emmaus.

I want to encourage you, as individuals and as local congregations, to make sponsorship a priority in 2010. What would it look like for every church in our Emmaus Community to have at least one pilgrim on each of the remaining walks this year? That's six people – four women and two men – over the next ten months. All it takes is an invitation.

So, go ahead, pick up that phone, send that email, write that letter, or initiate that conversation with someone where you say, "Have you ever heard of the Walk to Emmaus? I'd like to invite you to attend."

Stay close to Jesus,

Dave

A VIEW FROM THE CHAIR - Doug Theiss

HEALING FOR HAITI

On Tuesday, January 12 at 4:53 p.m., a magnitude 7.0 earthquake rocked the island country of Haiti, primarily impacting its capital of Port-au-Prince and its nearly two million residents. The epicenter of the quake was centered approximately 10 miles west of Port-au-Prince. Offices, hotels, homes and shops collapsed. After-shocks continue to shake the island.

The Haiti government now estimates that more than 230,000 residents were killed in the quake, with hundreds of thousands more injured. Already one of the poorest countries in the world, this tragedy will magnify the suffering felt by many already living with hunger and poverty.

The Reynoldsburg Emmaus Community has a special bond with the Haitian people. In the fall of 2004, on Men's Walk #46 and Women's Walk #60, we welcomed

five men and five women from the country of Haiti to participate in the Walk to Emmaus at Reynoldsburg. They were anxious to experience the Emmaus weekend and eager to carry this movement back to their home country.

Chassagne and Madeleine Bernard, Raphael and Jacqueline Dessieu, Jean-Louis and Belorne Emile, Ablamy and Donette Lataillade and Jean Erol and Marie Therese Philibert participated in that walk back in 2004. We have received updates on the Bernards and the Dessieus. While their homes were damaged, they did not suffer any significant injuries. We have not received updates as yet on the other families.

A friend of the Bernards, Daniel Lascaze, vividly described not only the suffering but also the faith and determination of the Haitian people. "There are so many stories, but what I found is a deep gratefulness to God from many people that their lives were

spared, even with the loss of family member and limbs, they have a strong feeling of overcoming. The people begin to gather around 5:30pm where they are going to sleep as the sun begins to set, whether it's someone's front yard, back yard, a city park, or a camp. From around 8-10pm, throughout the city, the people sing and pray and give testimony to God, sometimes you hear them till 1am or 2am, and they wake up at 5am and start the day in prayer."

As a community of faith, this is our opportunity to provide uplifting prayers and support for the members of our Reynoldsburg Emmaus Community living in Haiti, and for all Haitian people. Remember them as we consider our "Call to Discipleship". Through prayers, gifts, and service may we respond to this tremendous crisis, knowing that our Lord will be faithful to bring comfort and healing through our witness of His love.

2009 REYNOLDSBURG EMMAUS COMMUNITY WALK CALENDAR

Women's Walk #82	March 11-14
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/emmasus

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 or (740)-927-1165.

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

PILGRIM	CHURCH NAME	SPONSOR NAME
Teresa Applegarth	Brice UMC	Carol Beal
Faith Bayes	Sycamore Creek	Vicki Lee
Roxanne Beisel		Ann Harper
Christina Combs	Village Chapel UMC	Judith Stout
Geraldine Lazenby	St. John's Lutheran	Charlene Evans
Lisa Obert	Redeemed Community Baptist	Eric Obert
Alison Sites	Reynoldsburg UMC	Lisa Richards
Margaret Smith	Grace Fellowship	Sheila Holmes
Carol Ann Wetherill	Redeemer UMC	Mary Lou Harris
Cindy Mansfield	Epiphany Lutheran Church	JoAnn Stanley
Annette Hohnberger	Sycamore Creek Church	Craig Hohnberger
Amy Wendling	Vineyard-Sawmill	Robert Sellman
Nancy King	Reynoldsburg UMC	Patty King
Debbie Murray	Grace Fellowship	Bruch Murray
Rose Oberholzer		Helen Bishop
Senseera Potter	United Methodist Church	Cindi Cline
Loretta Thatcher	Hosanna Lutheran Church	Elaine Willey
Jodi Zwyer	Lewis Center UMC	Karin Jackson
Sue Refermat	Seaton Parish Catholic	Barb Acker
Kelly Puckett	South Bloomfield UMC	Arlene Fortner
Terri Austin	Faith UMC	Heather Baugess
Erin Selby	Summit Station UMC	Becky Morrison
Karen Kearns	Linworth Road Church	Debbie Watkins
Janice Khasawneh	Greater Columbus Freewill Baptist	Michelle Thivener
Nancy Dittoe	St. Joseph Catholic Church	Carrie Wilson
Brenda Feldman	Village Chapel UMC	Cindy Ann Beattie
Freedom Washington	Vineyard	Leah Weigel
Lisa Durnbaugh	Brice UMC	Michael Durnbaugh
Cathy Steger	Reynoldsburg UMC	Judy Browner
Barb Lawson	Northpointe Community	Josh Boyer
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WOMEN'S WALK #82 LIVE IN TEAM, MARCH 11-14, 2010		
NAME	ROLE	TALK
David Cady	Spiritual Director	Means of Grace
Karen Cook	Asst. Spiritual Director	Prevenient Grace
Sharon Hausman	Asst. Spiritual Director	Justifying Grace
Sue Ellen Miller	Asst. Spiritual Director	Obstacles to Grace
Craig Arnold	Asst. Spiritual Director	Sanctifying Grace
Kimberley Scott	Lay Director	Perseverance
Kim Ransom	Lay Director in Training	
Marie Renner	Asst. Lay Director	Life in Piety
Karen Vance	Asst. Lay Director in Training	Priority
Pam Gariety	Music Director	
Elaine Fencl	Technical Director	
Wilma Yannerella	Table Leader	Fourth Day
Kellie Kisor	Asst. Table Leader	
Denise Durley	Table Leader	Discipleship
Maureen Kominar	Asst. Table Leader	
Karen Woodward	Table Leader	Priesthood of All Believers
Jill Hartman	Asst. Table Leader	
Margie Hamler	Table Leader	Body of Christ
Connie Harrigan	Asst. Table Leader	
Angela Galloway	Table Leader	Christian Action
Ariel Boyer	Asst. Table Leader	
Sandy Linley	Table Leader	Growth Through Study
Cindy Zimmerman	Asst. Table Leader	
Cindy Joseph	Table Leader	Changing Our World
Heather Baugess	Asst. Table Leader	

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
1636 Graham Rd. Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

**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 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