



REYNOLDSBURG  
**emmaus** COMMUNITY

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# EMMAUS NEWSLETTER

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## I AM ONLY A SERVANT

It is a privilege to serve on an Emmaus team. During each team meeting this truth is lifted up as team members read the Emmaus Canon. The traditional Emmaus Canon contains several different statements that lift up the value of servanthood. My favorite line states, "I am only a servant, but God can use me more powerfully in this role than any other I might choose."

This is so true, not only for those who serve on an Emmaus team, but those who serve in our churches, our workplaces, our schools, and our families. There is no great role for a Christ-follower than that of a servant. Isn't that how Jesus described himself? "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give

*his life as a ransom for many."* (Mark 10:45)

When we humble ourselves to serve, others get lifted up. When we humble ourselves to serve Jesus gets exalted. When we humble ourselves to serve, God gets to do more with us than would be otherwise possible. Stooping to serve is a position of great honor and power. That is why servanthood is at the heart of the Emmaus experience.

I have served in the Emmaus movement for 17 years – the last seven of which have been in the Reynoldsburg Emmaus Community. In June my family and I will be leaving our appointment at the Summit Station and Reynoldsburg United Methodist Churches to go to the Jerome United Methodist Church in the Dublin

area. While we are excited about the great possibilities for ministry at Jerome, we will be leaving two churches – and an Emmaus Community – that we love very much.

It has been my distinct honor to serve alongside of you these seven years – the last 2 ½ as your community spiritual director. I have been so blessed by so many of you and have learned more lessons about serving Jesus from you than you have from me.

Stay close to Jesus,

Dave

### A VIEW FROM THE CHAIR - Doug Theiss

## WILL YOU SERVE?

What have you done during this week so Christ will be better known and loved? This familiar question is found on your Emmaus Service Card, and is asked and answered each week by share group partners throughout our community. Do you have difficulty coming up with answers to this question each week as it relates to your family, vocation, community, small group and Christian community? I know I sometimes draw a blank. There are so many opportunities. Just what did I do? Anything? Nothing?!

The goal of the Walk to Emmaus is to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders. It is designed to seriously consider the model of Christ's servanthood, and encourages Christ's disciples to act in ways appropriate to being "a servant of all." You undoubtedly have many opportunities to model Christ and serve in your home, at work, in your community and at your church. Most of us don't have trouble identifying opportunities to serve. So why don't we, as disciples of Christ, jump right

in and fill a need when it arises? Sometimes we don't serve because we weren't asked to serve.

I know. Christ is always inviting us to serve. Christ is counting on us. But sometimes it is easy, and comfortable, to overlook those needs. We know someone will do the job. The job always gets done, doesn't it? No one really asked me to serve.

Well, it's time for me to ask. You know from your Emmaus Walk that it takes hundreds of servants to make the weekend special for each and every pilgrim. We need people to set up and tear down sleeping rooms, participate in the prayer vigil, carry luggage, provide agape, prepare and serve food, clean showers and toilets, and many more tasks that are essential to a successful Emmaus Walk experience.

I've been a member of the Reynoldsburg Emmaus Community for 13 years. In my time in the community, I've noticed that on many weekends there are several blank lines where community members did not volunteer to meet a need. I've seen faithful servants pull double or triple shifts to pick

up the slack. I've also noticed that, walk after walk, it seems that the same people step up and volunteer when there are vacancies that need to be filled.

Over 4700 pilgrims have attended the Walk to Emmaus at Reynoldsburg. That should provide a very deep pool of candidates to fill the needs on each walk. Sign-up sheets are located outside of the worship center at each gathering, and outside of Kirsch Hall at each closing. They are posted in the kitchen at all other times.

I'm asking each of you to consider serving in some capacity on an upcoming walk. If you can't get to the sign-up sheets or you don't know what to volunteer for, give me a call or drop me an e-mail and I will be glad to connect you with an unmet need. If you don't feel qualified to volunteer, have no fear. We can easily train rookies! As you've probably heard, "Christ doesn't call the equipped, he equips the called." Is this your call? You can enable Christ to be better known and loved in your Christian community. Christ is counting on you!

### 2010 REYNOLDSBURG EMMAUS COMMUNITY WALK CALENDAR

Women's Walk #83	May 20-23
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)

## 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 veggie's 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.

PILGRIM	CHURCH NAME	SPONSOR NAME
Leeann McGonigle	Trinity UMC	Dawn Davis
Jennifer Coalter	Reynoldsburg UMC	Jen Windnagel
Diane Kennedy	Lithopolis UMC	Linda Plummer
Mary Louise McNamara	Jersey Baptist Church	June Lewis
Betty Hals	Etna UMC	Beverly Henry
Juanita Lupo	Eastview Methodist	Deb Wood
Amy McKibben	Reynoldsburg UMC	Elaine Fencil
Dayna Rosado	Reynoldsburg UMC	Lisa Richards
Beverly McVay	Evangel Temple of God	Janice Lemmon
Amy Bates	Village Chapel UMC	Cyndy Hughes
Barbara Click	Shady Lane Presbyterian	Ellen Click
Debbie Vaughn	Village Chapel UMC	Darlene Roberson
Chandra Burns	Trinity Family Life Center	Dawn Davis
Samantha Campbell	Foothills Community Church	Joe & Tina Fox
Erin McLaughlin	Reynoldsburg UMC	John McLaughlin
Essie Mims	Baptist	Sandy Linley
Beth Maynard	Faith UMC	Jim Maynard
Mary Ward	Etna UMC	Diane Harper
Lisa Cavanaugh		Helen Nelson
Susan Bailey		Pam Lossie
Nina Billue	New Birth Ministries	Niecy Durley
Robin Wright	Prince of Peace Presbyterian	Julie Brunner

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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WOMEN'S WALK #83 LIVE IN TEAM, MAY 20-23, 2010		
NAME	ROLE	TALK
Rev. Chip Koch	Spiritual Director	Means of Grace
Rev. Dan Stires	Asst. Spiritual Director	Prevenient Grace
Rev. Karen Cook	Asst. Spiritual Director	Justifying Grace
Rev. Sharon Hausman	Asst. Spiritual Director	Obstacles to Grace
Rev. David Wells	Asst. Spiritual Director	Sanctifying Grace
Kim Ransom	Lay Director	Perseverance
Darcel Theiss	Lay Director in Training	
Deb Fout	Asst. Lay Director	Priority
Susan Barnhouse	Asst. Lay Director	Christian Action
Linda Jones	Music Director	
Kathi Cover	Technical Director	
Carol Phillips	Technical Director	
Gail Clark	Table Leader	Fourth Day
Jennifer Mattox	Asst. Table Leader	
Nikki Warner	Table Leader	Priesthood of All Believers
Delcina Cordova	Asst. Table Leader	
Emily Allen	Table Leader	Life in Piety
Amy Micconi	Asst. Table Leader	Closing Example
Tracy Hermann	Table Leader	Body of Christ
Pam Lossie	Asst. Table Leader	
Dorothy Harmon	Table Leader	Discipleship
Sarah Christ	Asst. Table Leader	Closing Example
Karen Nuzum	Table Leader	Growth Through Study
Jaime Metzka	Asst. Table Leader	
Kim Blanton	Table Leader	Changing Our World
Betsy Bates	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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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