

“Form or From”

One of the more cherished personal letters I have received in recent years was from my grandma. Mida Jane King had a unique character that was well suited for the Appalachian hills. She was not a perfect person, even though as a small child I thought grandma’s home was the perfect place. She had her quirks and foibles. Despite certain failings as a young adult, Jesus sought and found her. She gave her life to the Lord.

In this letter she described how dearly she loved Annie and me, and the tremendous pride she felt knowing I had become a Methodist pastor. She wrote this on a piece of cheap notebook paper using her Eastern Kentucky sixth grade penmanship with an occasional misspelled word.

Years later, when I read the letter I felt Grandma Mida’s passion and spirited presence in the letter’s embodiment – love, encouragement and conviction. I also see and feel the unconditional love of Christ. Today, she is glorifying the Lord Jesus in the heavenly places, and it’s because she allowed Christ to write His letter on her heart.

2 Corinthians 3:3 says, *“You show that you are a letter from Christ...written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.”*

The Emmaus Community shares Christ through letters of agape’. What or who creates this impact of unconditional love? Is it the size of the envelope or stationary? Is it the colorful paper or marker inside? I believe it is the spirit in which it is given! Ordinary words in the hands of the “Spirit of the living God” create a passionate and heart-felt message of agape love in human hearts.

You are a letter from Christ. You are a living, breathing witness to the light of God’s love. Don’t get caught up in the “form” of the letter when the impact of the letter comes “from” Christ.

DeColores,
Rev. Kurt King
Community Spiritual Director

From Rev. Dick Teller,

I am often asked for a copy of the benediction I use when I officiate at Holy Communion. It was found about a hundred years ago in an old abandoned monastery in northern Italy. It was used by the monks each day. It was dated 987 A. D. Here is the translation from the original Latin.

And now may our Lord Jesus Christ

Be near you to defend you,

Within you to refresh you,

Around you to preserve you,

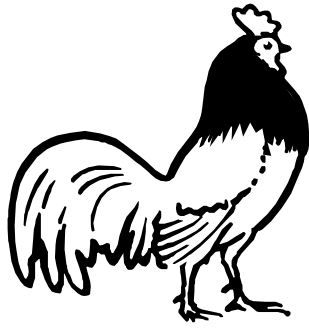
Before you to guide you,

Behind you to forgive you,

Above you to bless you;

Who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more.

Amen.



The Rooster

Address Service Requested

UPCOMING EMMAUS WALKS

Please keep these & other walks in your prayers

Ohio



Central Ohio Men's Walk #44
January 17th - 20th

Central Ohio Women's Walk #70
February 14th - 17th

Springfield Walk # 34
February 21st - 24th

DeColores from the 2002 Board of Directors. Please cut out this list and place it in your calendar.

2002 Walk Dates

Men's Walk # 44	January 17-20
Women's Walk #70	February 14-17
Women's Walk #71	May 16-19
Women's Walk #72	July 11-14
Men's Walk #45	September 12-15
Women's Walk #73	November 14-17

ATTENTION!

The January Men's Closing on Sunday, January 20th will be a cookies and punch affair. Please bring your best cookies to share. No dinner will be served. This will be for the Men's walk only at this time.

CENTRAL OHIO MEN'S EMMAUS WALK #44

January 17-20, 2002

Spiritual Director	Rev. Richard Teller	Means Of Grace
Assistant Spiritual Director	Rev. Larry Augsburg	Justifying Grace
Assistant Spiritual Director	Rev. Dan Steepe	Obstacles Of Grace
Assistant Spiritual Director	Rev. Kurt King	Prevenient Grace
Assistant Spiritual Director	Rev. Jim Stauffer	Sanctifying Grace
Lay Director	Eric Johnson	Perseverance
Assistant Lay Director	Kevin Henry	
Assistant Lay Director	Steve Kopec	Priority
Assistant Lay Director	Jeff Swartz	Christian Action
Table Leaders		Assistant Table Leaders
Jim Oliver	Body of Christ	Moe Demmings
Jon Tangeman	Changing Our World	Terry Rittenhouse
Rick Bails	Discipleship	Terry Bearden
Ed Markin	Fourth Days	Terry Trefz
Chris Ransome	Growth Through Study	Gary Betz
Gary Spees	Life in Piety	Joe McKeever
Brent Kotsaris	Priesthood of All Believers	Sonny Humble

Music Director: Rick Liedtke

Logistics: Jim Craig, Grant Johnson, Jim Monroe

PILGRIMS LIST FOR MEN'S WALK #44

(As Of December 28, 2001)

Pilgrim	City	Sponsor	Pilgrim	City	Sponsor
Gregor Braniger	Columbus	Bob Ward/Rick Billeaud	Jeremiah Haile	Marion	Rolan & Tori Smith
Doug Bierl	Lewis Center	Bob Ward/Rick Billeaud	Mark Harding	Delaware	Bid Andrews
Eddie Briggs	Mt. Sterling	Rick Clark	Robert Himes	Columbus	Ed & Lori Zimmerman
Allen Brooks	Hilliard	Linda & Terry Wallace	Ken Hostetler	Bellefontaine	Karl Hostetler
Harry Brown	Springfield	Bette Brown	Lowell Kennedy	Mingo	Phyllis Rittenhouse
Charles Carey	McGuffey	Ton & Connie Woodruff	Donald Knecht	Buffalo, NY	Vincent Sheehan
Joe Cattrell	Columbus	John Dunning	Matt Maxim	Delaware	Cheri Maxim
Shawn Cooley	Mt. Victory	Cheryl Cooley	John Miller	Plain City	Ruth Miller
Martin Cromes	Bellefontaine	Michael Peak	David Moody	Urbana	Roger Stillilngs
Roger Dill	Springfield	Scott & Karen Griswold	David Moreland	Richwood	Chris & Becky Ransome
Hank Edwards	Marysville	Peggy Vollrath Edwards	Doug Reprogle	Huntsville	Jeff Reprogle
Earl Evans	Urbana	Ed & Sharon Markin	Ken Rogers	Enon	Chris Farmer
Timothy Ewing	Bellefontaine	Michael Peak	Tony Ropp	Urbana	Jack Bailey/Martin Stereaton
Chad Fitch	Magnetic Springs	Jerry Sparks	Carl Sharp	Dublin	Rick Billeaud
Douglas Flinn	Christiansburg	Guy Parrott	Tim Shroyer	Brunswick	Eric & Deb Wright
David Grissom	Columbus	Trent & Suzanne Bever	Jason Susong	Marysville	Jon Tangeman
Peter Hahn	Hilliard	Cathy Hahn	Terry Timmons	Marysville	Bill Kelley
			Aaron Whitacre	Powell	Lori Whitacre



**WELCOME
TO THE FOLLOWING WOMEN WHO
ATTENDED THE CENTRAL OHIO
WOMEN'S WALK #69**

Lisa Andrews	Carolyn Downing	Mary Alice Mohn	Julie Stowe
Stacie Apt	LaVada Fellows	Marty Moran	Pam Thayer
Suzanne Beach	Nancee Fisher	Jan Murphy	Sara Wall
Dawn Binkley	Sharon Francis	Kim Nelson	Nina Wood
Tracey Burton	Jo Fullenkamp	Susan Owens	Jenny Wren
Laurie Crouse	Joyce Gibson	Michelle Paxton	Kim Wright
Heather Courtney	Sherry Glover	Nancy Peak	
Debbie Cramer	Stephanie Hughes	Connie Sabin	
Barbara Cranston	Sandi Larcomb	Stephanie Shelhart	
Kathy Dodson	Tina LaRoche	Erin Stafford	

CENTRAL OHIO EMMAUS COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

Weekends are for Pilgrims: We need to remember this as we attend weekend activities. This means no children in the Sanctuary for Candlelight and Closings, if you have a child use our sitter if available or excuse yourself for the pilgrim's sake. Also, if you carry a pager or cellular phone turn them off or set them to vibrate. The pilgrims are more important than a phone call. Lastly, we are under constant scrutiny by the local Fire Chief. Therefore, there is to be no walking with lit candles during the Candlelight Ceremony. You must extinguish your candle prior to exiting your pew, we don't want to lose this wonderful event. We are here for the Pilgrims!

Community Bylaws: The Central Ohio Emmaus Community now has a set of bylaws. I would like to thank all who put time and energy into this monumental task. Copies are available on the web site or by contacting Steve Daum, Community Lay Director at 937-642-4788

2002 Board Members

Steve Daum	<i>Community Lay Director</i>	Brent Kotsaris	<i>Community Assistant Lay Director</i>
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Doris LeFavour	<i>Supplies</i>		



GATHERINGS

Tuesday, January 8th
 Tuesday, February 12th
 All Gatherings Begin @ 7:30pm
 Please bring a snack to share &
 Wear your nametag

CANDLELIGHT

Saturday, January 19th @ 8:30 pm
 Let Your Light Shine
 But Blow it out when your walking

CLOSING

Sunday, January 20th @ 4:30 pm
 Please bring cookies only