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Upcoming Walks

COE Women's Walk # 79	May 13-16
Greater Columbus Women's # 69	May 13-16
Reynoldsburg Women's #59	May 20-23
Greater Columbus Men's # 59	June 10-13
West Ohio Chrysalis Girls # 38	July 9-11
COE Women's Walk # 80	July 15-18
West Ohio Chrysalis Boys # 38	July 30- Aug. 1
COE Men's Walk # 49	Sept. 16-19
Reynoldsburg Men's #46	Oct. 7-10
COE Women's Walk # 81	Nov. 11-14



Central Ohio Emmaus Women's Walk # 79

Gathering	Tuesday May. 11, 2004 7:30 PM Wear your nametag, and please bring a snack to share!
Candlelight	Saturday, May 15, 2004 8:30 PM Let Jesus' light shine through you to the pilgrims! Please do not wear your crosses.
Closing	Sunday, May 16, 2004 4:30 PM Please bring finger foods to share!



What is the Purpose of Candlelight?

Scot Ocke Community Spiritual Director

From the Spiritual Director~

If you are a pilgrim walking in the light or if you are holding a candle, an Emmaus Candlelight is a beautiful sight. While it is a wonderful experience, its purpose is sometimes misunderstood. Many believe Candlelight is the highlight of Saturday and even the entire Walk. But if this were true it would mean the Walk to Emmaus would not be 72 hours long but only 48 hours, or maybe even just one hour.

The purpose of Candlelight is to create a holy experience for the Pilgrims, so they can make the most important decisions of their lives later that night. In fact, all of Saturday, including 'dying moments communion,' is to help the Pilgrims get ready for the examination of conscience at the end of the day. In the Bible, the word holy means 'different.' When Moses met God for the first time at the burning bush that never burned up, God told Moses to take off his shoes for he was standing on holy ground. That moment changed Moses' life and he chose to follow God. Candlelight creates the same mood and opportunity for the Pilgrims to choose to follow God.

We help to create this holy environment by praying for the pilgrims by name and celebrating Holy Communion. We sing to the pilgrims as they come, "*Jesus, Jesus, can I tell you how I feel? You have given me your spirit, I love you so*" because they will be asked to tell Jesus how they feel during their prayer time afterwards. We hold our candles high to show the love of Jesus the light of the world. They are told where we come from, not so we can shout and cheer for our home town, but so they can see how far and wide God's love reaches and how this holy moment has affected our lives by wanting to drive such a long distance just to pass it on.

As a spiritual director, I ask the pilgrims to consider and respond to four questions as part of Saturday's examination of conscience:

- † Have you received Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord?
- † If you have fallen away from Christ, do you need to renew your relationship with Christ?
- † If you have faithfully walked with Christ, do you need to thank Him for His goodness and love?
- † If you have ever felt a call to ministry, will you follow the call?

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These are the most important questions we can be asked, and in the glow of a holy candlelight, time and time again pilgrims respond to Christ.

What can we do to make Candlelight more holy? Pray. We are called to sing the song, not to laugh or touch. Our Emmaus Board is asking us only to sing to the Pilgrims as they come and not to touch them. If they reach out to you, respond quickly and gently with a touch or hug. When the town from which you come is called, don't cheer, *just raise your candle*. Be a servant. Leave quietly and pray for the pilgrims during their examination of conscience. They will be making the most important decisions of their lives. May we be holy as Christ is holy.

In the Light and Love of Christ,

Scot Ocke, Spiritual Director



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PILGRIM LIST FOR WOMEN'S WALK #79

(as of May 5th, 2004)

Pilgrim	City	Sponsor	Pilgrim	City	Sponsor
Joy Adams	Bellefontaine	Dan & Judy McMillin	Nita Benson	Urbana	Pam Spellman
Linda Brown	Woodstock	Karen Holycross	Yvonne Burk	Rushsylvania	Connie Latham
Danielle Croner	Marion	Kathy Griffith/Tom Croner	Suna Dailey	Marysville	Jan Teller
Ann Grissom	Columbus	David Grissom	Johnna Harris	Columbus	Deb & Kent Amey
Billie Hiles	Columbus	Jennifer Williams	Sherry Kavanagh	Marysville	Tracy & Dawn Kavanagh
June Klay	Springfield	Debbie Harris	Lisa Lewis	Bellefontaine	Linda Engelhaupt
Mebane McMahon	Marysville	Margaret Markin	Cyn Melvin	Urbana	Peggy Markin
Louellen Oakes	Piqua	Faye Oakes	Kristin Peterman	Columbus	Tom Kramer
Erin Priday	Marysville	Cindy Priday	Tracey Simpson	Marysville	Mary Martino
Carol Smith	Urbana	Dave Smith	Robin Smith	Urbana	Ben Smith
Mary Stefanoff	Brookville	Amanda Early	Angie Stukey	London	Judy Arganbright
Betsy Trouten	Marion	John Trouten	Claudine Valentine	Columbus	Jon Berry
Bonnie Walters	Urbana	Pam Spellman	Lisette Watkins	Urbana	Sharon Markin
Meg Wernet	Grandview	Kate Walker	Ceci Wille	London	Tom Wille
Sharon Wolford	Columbus	Sherry Wolfe	Susan Young	Columbus	Beth Marshall

Welcome Women of COE Walk #78!



Linda
Phyllis Berry
Valori Bagby
Lori Blumenschein
Deborah Carpenter
Amy Collier

Lauren Conley-Scott
Susan Crane
Melinda Dew
Linda Ellis
Rita Ford
Debbie Griffith
Sharon Griffin
Cindy Harlan
Karen Howard
Julie Hunt
Geraldine Luna
Jennifer Marshall
Barbara Meiring
Lori Moore
Nancy Rider

Tammy Riffe
Cindy Rose
Tracy Rutherford
Arlene Shaffer
Tina Shroff
Jennie Shutt
Connie Simpson
Carol Starr
Crystal Sunkle
Constance Trost
Gloria Tyson
Virginia Widder
Jennifer Williams
Barb Wonn
Linda Yoest



Share Groups at FUMC

It is very exciting that several share groups are choosing to meet at First United Methodist Church in Marysville. A share group is the best way to keep the feeling of the weekend alive, and a great tool for growing the community. If you are meeting at FUMC, we request that you do a couple of things to make you share group time as meaningful as possible. First, please schedule your share group time and room with the church office. This way you can be sure that you will have a room and not be interrupted. Second, please arrange for childcare if you need it. Children should not be left unattended to wander

about the church. This is to ensure not only that your time will be all that it can be, but also for the safety for your children. Thanks for your assistance with this, and we look forward to seeing you continue your Emmaus experience at FUMC. By the way, these tips are good for any church in which you are meeting.

When Friends Are in Need – Prayer Chains

Many people have thoughtfully sent prayer requests to the Emmaus community by mail and email. The community is very pleased to present these at gatherings for the consideration of our Emmaus family. As Emmaus is not a substitute for your local church, between gatherings we would like to see these requests lifted up by church prayer chains. Towards that end we would like to collect a list of contacts for local church prayer chains. In the future we will publish them in this newsletter and on the web site. Please send the contact information for your local church’s prayer chain to webservant@centralohioemmaus.org. Thanks for your assistance with this important ministry.

Team for Central Ohio Women’s Walk #79

Spiritual Director
Assistant Spiritual Director
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Rev. Tori Powers-Smith
Rev. Dick Teller
Rev. Kathy Reiff
Rev. Bill Turner
Rev. Bruce Bell

Means of Grace
Sanctifying Grace
Prevenient Grace
Justifying Grace
Obstacles to Grace

Lay Director
Experienced Lay Director
Assistant Lay Director
Assistant Lay Director

Karen McClain
Jani Rankin
Wendy Brenner
Karen Deskins

Perseverance

Priority
Priesthood of All Believers

Table Leaders

Erin Harris
Myra Oliver
Robbin Nicol
Pam Spellman
Sue Harder
Nikki Sizemore
Connie Woodruff

Talk

Life In Piety
Growth Through Study
Christian Action
Body of Christ
Discipleship
Changing Our World
Fourth Days

Assistant Table Leader

Shelley Bell
Bea Schmidt
Kathy Nichols
Vicki Smith
Gaye Carafa
Darlene Shirk
Tracey Virts

Musical Director: Kelly Pierce and Faye Oakes

Logistics: Betty Sherman, Loretta Weeks, Jo Hazelton, Andrea Tullis, Melissa Morris