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THE ROOSTER

The Newsletter of the Central Ohio Emmaus Community

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Men's Walk #62 (January 2011) has been postponed!

After much prayer and with great regret the decision was made to postpone Walk #62 until a later date. There were not enough pilgrims interested to hold the weekend at this time. The board will be meeting in January and discussing future options. No decision has been made at this time on re-scheduling or waiting until the next scheduled Men's Walk in September. Please continue to check www.centralohioemmaus.org, The Babe Chick editions and the February Rooster for updates.

We would also like to thank Drew Davis and the members of his team for your support on this decision. You have already put in many hours of preparations and we appreciate that greatly. We are praying you are able to return and serve again in the near future.

The board also requests the prayers of the community. We have been faced with two difficult decision this year of postponing Emmaus Walks. It is our prayer to work within the guidelines of the Upper Room and serve the community to the best of our ability. If you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to contact a board member.

At this time we do ask that applications be to the registrars at least a month prior to an Emmaus Walk. (If you have a lady interested in February...please submit ASAP.) More definite deadlines will be implemented as decisions are made. We want to make decisions which will best benefit the teams, the sponsors and the pilgrims.



Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free. Ephesians 6:7-8

Volunteers and weekend attendance are a vital part of the Emmaus Community and contribute to the success of the Emmaus Walks. Please prayerfully consider some of the areas where you might serve. The more we serve as a community during the weekend, the more the pilgrims understand how much they are loved, unconditionally. Here are just a few ways you can serve.

Logistics

- Setup on Thursday afternoon
- Carry luggage
- Make beds
- Tear down beds on Sunday morning and setup for Sunday School
- Tear down on Sunday afternoon

Supplies

- Sort the supply boxes between Emmaus weekends
- Donate supplies such as notebooks, markers, pens, etc. to help with the cost of the weekend

Newsletter

- Assist in the mailing of the Rooster
- Submit devotions or articles which can be printed in the Rooster or the online Babe Chick

Agape

- Make agape as an individual or as a share group.
- Volunteer to help sort agape in the Agape Room during a weekend
- Make agape posters for other communities.

Kitchen

- Help cook, serve and cleanup meals on Friday, Saturday or Sunday
- Volunteer to supervise the kitchen for Friday, Saturday or 1/2 of the day for all Emmaus Walks (A total of 6 weekends per year.)

Attendance

- Attend Send off and Sponsors Hour
- Support Saturday night candlelight
- Attend the Sunday Closing and applaud for the pilgrims as they meet their Emmaus Community. Be renewed as they share their witness of what the weekend has meant to them.



2011 Emmaus Walk Dates

Please keep these walks and Lay Directors in your prayers as they begin to build teams and prepare for the weekend.

<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
January 13 - 16 Postponed	February 10 - 13 Lay Director Holly Zweizig	May 12 - 15 Lay Director Mary Rodman	July 21 - 24	September 15 - 18	November 10 - 13

Emmaus is all about community.

Please join the community for our next Gathering on January 11th at 7:30 PM.

Stay updated on current information at our website...
Check out The Rooster and The Babe Chick online also at
www.centralohioemmaus.org



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Determining the right time for an Emmaus weekend

In Ecclesiastes 3 we find these words,

¹ There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven: ² a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot ...

⁸ a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace. ⁹ What does the worker gain from his toil?

¹⁰ I have seen the burden God has laid on men. ¹¹ He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end. ¹² I know that there is nothing better for men than to be happy and do good while they live. ¹³ That everyone may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all his toil-- this is the gift of God. ¹⁴ I know that everything God does will endure forever"

The writer of this text reassures us when we may be anxious or wondering what the future holds that God has a plan and that there is a time for everything. Recently we have had to postpone a Men's and Women's Walk due to lower registrations. These decisions are ones that the Emmaus Board wrestles with and are very difficult to come to terms with.

Determining the appropriate time to hold and sponsor someone on an Emmaus weekend should be bathed in prayer. As you know, this can be a special time to grow in your relationship with God. While the Holy Spirit can work in all situations, there are more appropriate times to sponsor a pilgrim on the Walk. A sponsor has experienced this weekend and knows how mentally and physically draining it can be. As a sponsor we know the pilgrim the best and should make every attempt to ensure that the pilgrim can focus on their relationship with God. Determining if a pilgrim is emotionally and physically ready for a Walk should be a matter of prayer when an application is submitted. If you have doubts or a question if it is the appropriate time to sponsor someone, please feel free to call me and discuss any concerns or questions you may have.

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Emmaus Board Positions

If you are interested in serving on the Emmaus Board starting in 2011, we are filling several positions. The term length is three years. The names of all those interested will be collected and the community will vote. Please let one of the board members know if you are interested or email Beth Marshall at:

secretary@centralohioemmaus.org

Men and Women's Registrar

Many of our older applications are becoming outdated as people move, disconnect house phones and change emails. If you have an application(s) for a pilgrim on file, please email the Men's and/or Women's Registrar to update or check on important information. This would help with expenses for the community and be a great benefit to the board as well.

womensregistrar@centralohioemmaus.org
mensregistrar@centralohioemmaus.org



Team for Women's Walk #104

Spiritual Director... Tina Fox

Lay Director... Holly Zweizig

Assistant Lay Directors... Shelley Tennant, Molli Marshall, Mary Applegate

Table Leaders... Alissa Fairchild, Peggy Hoy, Amy Christian, Alicia Rife,
Lori Cripe, Kim Nelson, Teri LeMaster

Assistant Table Leaders... Corie Bix, Kim Conrov, Gail Moore, Kim Kruse
Suzanne Polsinelli, Annette Doughty, Sara McSwords

Music Directors... Beth Marshall, Jani Rankin

**Please keep these ladies in prayer as they prepare for
the Women's Emmaus Walk which will be help on February 1-13, 2011.
Please also lift up the pilgrims who will be attending Walk #104.**

Pilgrims for women's Walk # 103

<u>Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Shannon Candio	Marysville	Gwen Hoffman
Holly Carr	Sunbury	Drusie Thompson
Mechelle Davis	Marysville	Cheryl Truskoski
Carol Deringer	Marysville	Sharon Flick
Judy Eastman	West Mansfield	Dotty Stump
Shirley Edwards	LaRue	Jean Park/Shawn Anthony
Missy Graves	Cable	Peggy Markin
Amy Hamilton	Marysville	Lisa Nichols
Maribeth Mace	Pickerington	Nanette Overly
Amber Mathys	West Mansfield	Vicki Price
Tess McNamara	Orient	Shari Smith
Jill McPeak	Hilliard	Sandra Buty
Robin Oates	Kenton	Marsha Watkins
Julie Perry	Marysville	Brenda Retzlaff
Kelly Plikerd	Belle Center	April Phillips/Kae Lynn Lyden
Tiffany Pope	West	Dan Cripe
Bethany Price	Richwood	Vicki Price
Stephanie Rayburn	LaRue	Jean Park/Shawn Anthony
Melanie Rivero	Hilliard	Aly Rivero
Amy Robinson	Belle Center	April Phillips/Kae Lynn Lyden
Nancy Rowley	London	Kim Lattimer/Twila Boyd
Dawn Schlickman	Christiansburg	Ron & Deb Lantz
Linda Shimp	Chillicothe	Don & Doris Lefavour
Linda Snyder	Richwood	Bill Gaus/Mary Rodman
Lisa Spyker	Marysville	Jan Jerew
Christina Will	Cable	Michael Will
Kris Williams	Marysville	Tami Bauserman
Sally Williams	Pickerington	Nanette Overly
Maria Woodworth	Marysville	Rachel Stinemetz