

Newsletter of the
Northwest Ohio
Emmaus and Chrysalis
Community

The Joyful Noise

July 2009

Do You Want to Keep Your
Emmaus Experience Alive in
You?

Letting God Lead the Changes

GET INVOLVED!

Attend Gatherings,
Send-Off, Candlelight &
Closing

Help Set-up for the
Walks on Wednesday
Evening

Serve in the Kitchen, on
Logistics or Social

Make Agape for the
Walks

Get Involved in a Share
Group

Be a Sponsor

Serve on a Team

Serve on the Board

Not long ago, there was a news article about a building complex that was burning out of control. The building was at the foot of a hill and had an large, enclosed courtyard. There were huge fire trucks around the building, but the firemen were unable to put out the blazing structure. All of a sudden, a smaller fire truck crashed through the blazing building into the courtyard, where it stopped and began fighting the stubborn flames. Onlookers were amazed as the fire was snuffed out. The squad from that truck became instant heroes. The building owner gave the fire department a substantial contribution in appreciation of the efforts of those brave fire-fighters. When asked how the fire company might use that money, the Fire Chief answered, "We will use the money to fix the brakes on that small truck!"

The story is humorous, but also thought-provoking. At times, we need to change the ways we do certain things. We are reluctant to change because of our experiences with those things. Change can scare us because we can't control what might happen, we don't want to take the risk. But, discerning what is reasonable risk and what is a foolhardy gamble is a part of life. Thankfully, we have an awesome God to guide us, who works with us, who includes us as partners in God's creative work. And, when you think about it, when we always 'play it safe', we don't need an awesome God! For, faith based on our experiences is really not faith at all. True faith is based on God's revealed truth. . . Jesus Christ, whose Spirit is with us and in us.

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Outreach Chair

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Logistics Chair

Rev. Jim Roynon, Spiritual Director

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As we celebrate our twenty years as the Emmaus community here in Northwest Ohio, it is good to be reminded of how God has led us to this point. But, God isn't finished with us yet! God may be calling us to do some things a little differently, but the work is the same: living and sharing the love of Christ for all people, everywhere. With our awesome God, all things are possible. . . if we are willing to take the risk. Remember. . . nothing risked, nothing gained!

Emmaus attendees are leaders within your home church. But WE NEED YOU! Five people will be going off the Emmaus Board in December.

And it will soon be election time. We need volunteers who would take on this task and serve in a position of leadership beginning in December (technically in January 2010).

Emmaus does NOT run itself – it takes dedicated people to give a few hours each month for three years. Please pray about this and see if God is asking you to help out.

Contact Debbye Hoffman, Leadership Chair, or email Gwynn at momdrown24@aol.com if you are interested; or if you know of someone who would be interested but might not put their own name forward.

CAN YOU GIVE A LITTLE TIME AND ENERGY to your NWO Emmaus Community?!

2009 Emmaus Board of Directors

POSITION	NAME	EMAIL
Spiritual Director	Rev. Jim Roynon	njroynon@fulton-net.com
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Chrysalis	Rusty Coey	ruoco@wcnnet.org
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Good Shepherd	Javier Lerma	jklerma@msn.com
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Worship	Gordon Ward	gordonward@bex.net



Kairos Prison Ministry Dinner - On the evening of **August 15** starting at **6:00 PM**, the first annual Kairos Prison Ministry Dinner will be held at WPOS-FM, 7112 – Angola Road, in Holland, OH. Proceeds will be used to fund Kairos at Toledo Correctional Institution (ToCI). Ticket prices are only **\$15.00**. The evening should prove to be Christ-centered and Christ-honoring for all who attend. The talks given by **Chaplain Vloch**, **Greg Roesser** (a Kairos #1 graduate who was released more than 2 years ago), and **Tom Amstutz**, **former Head Football Coach at the University of Toledo** (and a recent addition to the Westgate Chapel team that teaches Evangelism Explosion to resident Christians at ToCI) should all prove to be inspiring and uplifting. The food prepared by Emmaus brother Tom Abner (and a professional chef) and his crew will be superb! Three musical groups will be performing during dinner and there will be several nice door prizes. We hope you, your family members, friends, church members, and others will support this wonderful ministry for Jesus Christ. If you would like to purchase tickets and / or would like further details, please contact Allen Drown at 419-351-7084 or e-mail him at alldrown@aol.com.

NWO Emmaus Gathering / 20 Year Celebration

On Saturday, July 25, 2009
@ Epworth UMC on Central Ave,
Toledo

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION:

Arrive between 4 and 4:30 pm, **ALL cars must go to the back parking lot and people enter into the Family Life Center from the back door**. Meal at 4:30, Pilgrim Reunion at 5:30, Gathering at 6:30. There is a wedding in the Sanctuary.

Paper Products and hot dogs will be provided. Bring a dish or two to share.

PLEASE wear your name tags

From Your Sponsorship Chair

With a women's walk coming up in July and a Men's and Women's walk in October, now is the time to take the first step and be praying about sponsoring someone. *Emmaus is for active Christians and members of churches whose own renewal will mean new energy, commitment, and vision in the church and everyday environments, for Christ's sake.*

The ultimate reason for recruiting someone to attend a Walk to Emmaus is to deepen that person's relationship with Christ and to create an enthusiastic disciple to work in God's kingdom

For More Sponsorship Information:

For more information on Emmaus Sponsorship contact *Alan Adam* 419-878-3434 (day) or 419-878-2326 (home) or email at alantemp@roadrunner.com.

Visit the Northwest Ohio Emmaus Web Site at: www.nwoemmaus.com

GO ONLINE!!!

The new Emmaus Web Site is operational as of this newsletter. It is not totally finished. *You can print off the registration form and newsletter at this time.*
www.nwoemmaus.com

You can sign up for volunteering. You must register on the site. Please use your firstname.lastname for your user name.

You will need to log in, fill out your profile and set yourself a password.

At present, for Prayer Vigils go to "All Walks" and then choose the correct walk to sign up.

Watch for more information on the Web Site in the near future.

EMMAUS WALKS for 2009

Women's #66 @ Epworth, July 16-19
Men's #58 @ Bryan, October 1-4
Women's #67 @ Bryan, Oct. 22-25

KAIROS Weekends

November 5-8, ToCI & MUMC

GATHERINGS for 2009

Sat., July 25 @ Epworth in Toledo;
Meal @ 4:30, Reunion @ 5:30,
Gathering @ 6:30

Sat., Nov. 7 @ Wesley in Bryan;
Reunion @ 5, Meal @ 6, Gathering @ 7

Sat., Dec. 5 @ Central Mennonite in Archbold; Meal @ 6, Gathering @ 7

Chrysalis Events

Boy's Chrysalis, Oct 16-18, @ MUMC

Do you remember how on fire you were after your walk? You wanted to serve in any way that you could. You were told that it took over 250 people to put on an Emmaus Walk and many of those people were silent and unseen servants. It still takes those 250 people to hold a successful walk. In the years since my walk I have found it very easy to find volunteers to serve in positions that are in the "lime light." It has been far more difficult to find people to serve when all the excitement of the weekend has ended. It seems that people want to serve where they can be seen. God does not call us to be seen, but to serve. There is a great deal to do once closing is over. It takes 6-10 people to put the churches back in order after a walk. This is often done by 3-5 people. There are over 15 positions on the Emmaus Board of Directors. Some of those have gone unfilled because we could not find anyone who wanted to serve in this capacity. Some people have been asked to serve on the board again because of a lack of interest by the community. Please consider serving by helping to clean up after a walk or gathering or serve on the Emmaus Board. You could also volunteer to help one of the board members behind the scenes.

Mike Tippin, Logistics Chair

I am trying to help update our database and expand it to churches of the area. My goal is to have a contact person at every church in NWO who have sent individuals on Emmaus Walks by early 2010. You will notice on the card coming out that I need up-to-date addresses, names of who resides at that address; new addresses for people who have left the home; email addresses, church names and addresses; whether you wish to receive Constant Contact messages & prayer requests, etc. I am working on the up-to-date mail list for newsletters and those individuals will receive a copy of the newsletter published on the website this year.

Some churches have many people and some have only a few. A contact person who has email would allow us to stay in better contact with all individuals through the help of a few. If you are willing to be a contact person for your church, please contact me ASAP with your name, email address, church name and address. Hopefully we will be able to have lists eventually of each member under their church name.

My own church this year has designated a church liaison person for Emmaus who keeps information out and current and stays in contact with us. Our church list now has over 120 persons who have attended Emmaus or Chrysalis.

I am also helping to update the clergy list. If you know where some of our previous clergy have gone, please send me an email with the information-- out of area, same place, or new church and its address and phone number or email if you know it. These items will help us to update our information and to use it more efficiently.

THANK YOU!!

Gwynn Drown, Outreach Chair
NWO Women's Walk #29

Women's Walk # 66, July 16-19, 2009 Team

Lay Director – Laurie Isley
Spiritual Director – Susan Rhodes
ALD – Viki Mack
ALD – Patti Belote
TL – Amy Brock
TL – Barb Zale
TL – Kelly Vetter
TL – Linda Dhondt
TL – Lowynn Atkinson
TL – Karen Savage
ATL – Ellen Woodfill
ATL – Beth VanBuren
ATL – Irene Hogue
ATL – Sandy Porter
LOG – Linda Cousino
LOG – Pam Harpst
LOG – Jennifer Tansel

Women's Walk # 66, July 16-19, 2009 Pilgrims

Renee	Baker
Holly	Balazs
Virginia	Bick
Marianne	Burkett
Anne	Clark
Peggy	Gibbons
Shannon	Gorsuch
Lauren	Grimm
Linda	Heffner
Stacy	Kerr
Nancy	Kimmet
Tina	Kluczynski
Roberta	Lane
Teresa	Lowinski

Christie	McPherson
Dawn	Miller
Terri	Morr
Claudia	Nugent
Rebecca	Parachek
Beatrice	Piehl
Melody	Piller
Tresa	Rowland
Alysa	Sanford
Sandra	Von Seggren
Michelle	Westmeyer
Kelly	Whalen



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Gathering/ 20 year Celebration

Saturday, July 26, 2009

See information in Article

A postcard will be going out to all to gather information, new addresses, email addresses, etc.
Please return the card to us, drop it off, email me the answers, or call.

However, we plan to create a list of only the newsletters to be mailed. For all others we hope you take advantage of reading it on the Web Site. If you do desire the newsletter to be mailed to you, I need to hear from you.

You can email me, call me or mail your request to the address listed below.

If I do not hear from you I will assume you plan on using the Web Site version. THANKS!!

Looking for some volunteers to make calls and check out addresses for members. Please call if you could help out.

Gwynn Drown, Outreach Chair, momdrown24@aol.com, 419-345-4007,
or mail To 2544 Patrice Ln., Maumee OH 43537

Help Us Stay in Contact With You

Would you like to receive notices when the newest Joyful Noise has been posted to our website?

Would you like to receive current announcements affecting your Northwest Ohio Emmaus Community?

Would you like to receive prayer requests from your Emmaus brothers and sisters?

On the new nwoemmaus.com site you will find a box to check (to receive emails) on your profile.
If you need to update your email information, please follow these same instructions. If you registered under a different email address, please go here and change to your new email address.

If you have a Prayer Request or an Emmaus announcement that you would like to share,
please feel free to email it to momdrown24@aol.com .