

Newsletter of the
Northwest Ohio
Emmaus and Chrysalis
Community

The Joyful Noise

May 2009

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

Letting God Lead

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

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As the Northwest Ohio Emmaus community plans for the future, we are excited also to be able to take time to celebrate our past. Our gatherings are always a great time of fellowship and remembering how God has faithfully provided for all our needs. As always happens in our growing relationship with God and one another, we have been able to learn many things. There are five thoughts that will hold us steady:

1. Roots grow the deepest where the wind blows the strongest. Nature makes this clear. Botany teaches that trees subjected to the pressure of high winds grow their roots deeper in order to stand secure. They may not be the most beautiful, but they are strong. Scripture teaches the same principle. The struggles that seem so strong right now will be the soil God uses to build us into the community the Lord desires us to be. (Romans 5:1 – 5)

2. God doesn't call us to be successful, but calls us to be faithful. We cannot determine or manufacture success. We are to remain faithful to the call God has for us. God alone determines the success of this ministry. (1 Thessalonians 5:23 – 24.)

3. That which is attempted in the flesh can only yield the flesh. Only that which is of the Spirit can yield the eternal. Only the Holy Spirit can change a heart and bring about lasting fruit. We must never forget that. (John 3:5 – 7)

4. We will make it through the struggles. God will not abandon us. The Lord will see us through to the 'other side'. It may not come as quickly as we want, but God is always on time. The Lord provides the right way and in the right amount. (Joshua 1)

5. We are not alone. Others have gone through similar things that we face as a community of faith. We can gain strength knowing that those who have gone before us have felt abandoned, alone, frustrated, and hurt. The Apostle Paul knew what he was saying when he wrote, 'endure', because he had to endure a lot. When he said, "No temptation has seized you except what is common to all", he could very well have said 'tough times', 'trials', or 'frustrations' instead of 'temptation'. The fact that there are many praying us through is a great source of comfort. (2nd Corinthians 6:11 – 13; 7:2 – 4)

We don't always know whether the difficulties we face are attacks from the Evil One or God's discipline. But, when we get on our knees and say, "Lord, we don't know if the enemy is attacking or if you are trying to get our attention. If it's the enemy, we come against him in the strong name of Jesus Christ. If you are trying to get our attention – we are listening." We may never know which it is. But, as soon as we quit wallowing in the difficulties and begin celebrating God's presence, our outlook changes. So, let's hold firm and listen hard. God's victory is around the corner!!!

Rev. Jim Roynon, Spiritual Director

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.

Call any Director 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.

2009 Emmaus Board of Directors

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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. We hope you will plan to attend and to encourage your family members, friends, church members, fellow employees, and others to 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.

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

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

Sign up for Girl's Chrysalis Prayer Vigil. Go to www.3dayol.org and pick your time, and follow the directions.

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.

Links to the prayer vigils will soon be on the website.

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 @ 3:30, Reunion @ 5, Gathering @ 6

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

Girl's Chrysalis, Jun 26-28, MUMC

**Picnic on June 27th
 CANCELLED – Could
 NOT get a large location.**

Agape (traditionally pronounced [AG-ə-pee](#);^[1] sometimes [hypercorrected](#) to [ə-GAH-pay](#) after the assumed pronunciation of [Classical Greek](#) *agápē*; Modern [Greek](#): αγάπη is one of several [Greek words translated into English as love](#)).

Christian writers have generally described *agape*, as expounded on by Jesus, as a form of love which is both unconditional and voluntary.

Letters, necklaces, book marks, a cut nail keychain, a rooster or a red hot candie can be Agape. Look around your home, I bet you still have something from your original walk in your purse, your car or on your dresser at home. We have been blessed in the Northwest Ohio Emmaus Community with many willing servants writing letters and cards for us as we have been on our Walks and served on teams. Share groups and families making table and bed Agape for the walk weekends. These objects representing the Love of our Brothers and Sisters in Christ that we received and those that we give will have a place in the hearts and memories that the Women of the upcoming walk #66.

As your Agape Chair, I want to thank you all for these blessings and pass along these reminders of the Agape guidelines, so that this wonderful example of God's love can continue for those that are coming after us. During the course of a weekend walk, several hundred letters are sorted and distributed every day. That number raises to over a 1000 on Saturday night and Sunday afternoon. Your help with this project is appreciated.

-Team letters should be in a #10 size letter or smaller. Please add the word **Team** and which day/time(Friday night – team) on these letters at the lower right and place them in the boxes provided for the appropriate days in the Agape room during a walk.

-Pilgrim letters are to be marked as **Pilgrim** on the lower left front of the envelope (a #10 envelope or smaller).

-Sponsors will please gather the 15 letters as requested by the sponsorship instructions and label them 1,2,3,---15 on the envelope. If you would like these 15 letters can be rubber banded together for handling.

-Super Agape is [discouraged](#) and if it won't fit into the mail slots it will be returned to the Pilgrim's sponsor. We hate to do this but we just do not have the ability to properly distribute these items. Set up a time during the week after the walk to visit with your Brother or Sister and present them with the super Agape and share in their joy personally.

-Table and Bed Agape is all of those fun and memorable trinkets and blessings that just keep popping up all weekend.

We love having so much agape to hand out during the walks. Saturday lunch, dinner and bedtime along with Sunday breakfast and lunch are the big times. Please make up a total of 70 items so that all of the Pilgrims and team can share alike in your gifts. Deliver these items to the Agape room during a walk weekend as soon as you can (Bring it with you on Thursday for Send Off). We like to have as much of these items as we can on hand by Friday night so that they can be sorted and labeled as to when they are to be put out.

Please label the box or bag that you bring them in with a specific time (if requested) and label the container with a name and phone number. We know that these items represent a good deal of time, effort and expense to make and distribute and we would like to get any un-used items back to the right people. We do not have room to store items.

I want to thank all of you that have offered any type of Agape Love for each other. I am praying that you all will continue to offer these blessings of love, smiles and meditations to our Pilgrims and Team this summer and for a long, long time to come.

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Connie Tibbets, Agape Chair
NWOWW #38

Hello to ALL in the Emmaus Community from Karen Pastor – Kitchen Chair 2009.

First I would like to thank everyone who served on Men's Walk #57 and Women's Walk #65 in February 2009 to help make these the **Best Walks Ever**. The next walk is a Women's Walk # 66 at Epworth UMC in Toledo on July 16-19. So it time for me to reach out to the community for volunteers to serve 1 to 3 hours (or as many as you want to help) to Prepare – Cook – Serve – and Cleanup in the kitchen. It is really easy to sign up, call me at 419-636-1323 or email to mema@cityofbryan.net or you can go to our new website nwoemmaus.com to Volunteers and choose when and what you wish to do. You will receive an email back confirming your date & time. You cannot remove yourself from this list; you must contact me. **See you in July @ Epworth UMC.**



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Board Members –

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR
AREA ON THE WEBSITE
FREQUENTLY. IT IS
YOUR RESPONSIBILITY
TO UPDATE THE
INFORMATION FOR OUR
COMMUNITY.

This Newsletter is being mailed out to everyone

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?

Go to the nwoemmaus.org website, scroll down most of the page and click on "Join the Northwest Ohio Emmaus Mailing List". Follow the instructions. That's all there is to it.

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 .