

# Springfield Area Emmaus News

February 2006

Don't forget  
Valentines Day  
on  
February 14th

(Memoirs from the lay director's boss.)

## I remember...

I remember when I attended my first Emmaus gathering. They were called Ultreyas back then. We were a small group led by Dr. Sally. One feature I really liked was everyone getting in a circle and holding hands and praying. Oh yes, this was before I took my walk, so I'm also reminded of how Mother asked me again and again to fill out an application so I could experience a "walk". One night after visiting with Mom and Dad, I found apps stuffed inside my purse, in my coat pockets and even tucked inside a plate of cookies Mom sent home with me! I decided to go. After all, I could use a quiet restful "walk" through the woods.

I have so many wonderful memories, let me share just a few.

I remember when Dwight and Maggie were the kitchen coordinators for Friday. Dwight was a big loving teddy bear who left us way too soon. Now he's cooking with Jesus!

Sam and Bob Baker took over on Friday. I remember when I was on a walk with Sam. She had just had back surgery and had metal staples down her back holding everything together. Everyone was putting their agape magnets on Sam's staples all weekend!

Do you remember all 99 verses of De Colores?

I remember late one Saturday night riding a suitcase through the church while singing "Happy Trails to You". I thought it was my job to entertain the team. Mary Cogan still reminds me of that little adventure.

I remember when Mary Murphy likened her Emmaus Walk to being in a beauty pageant and "we all won!"

I remember Larry Cogan (a.k.a. Stan Laurel) claimed to be having a bad hair day.

I remember when Rev. Dickey was sick and needed surgery. I felt led to organize a prayer service for him. I called you and you all said "tell me when and where." We did the same for Rev. Harper.

In Springfield we have had over 3000 people attend the walk. The commitment and energy from the newcomers is wonderful. When I look around at the Gatherings and walks I'm saddened by the lack of the old familiar faces.

Remember how good it felt to be with your Emmaus family? Remember the LOVE YOU FELT? I'll bet you have a lot of great memories too. Why don't you come back home and share them with us?

I remember someone telling me "Christ is counting on you." We need you and we really miss you; I miss you! I pray we can fill the sanctuary at the next gathering. I remember how much love there is in our community!

Now, if I could just remember where I put the checkbook....

In Christ's Love, Becky

Gathering on Sunday February 19<sup>th</sup> – 7 p.m.

Important Dates to Remember...

Upcoming "WALK" Dates

Women's Walk # 46 February 23-26, 2006  
Men's Walk # 31 April 27-30, 2006  
Women's Walk # 47 June 22-25, 2006  
Men's Walk # 32 August 17-20, 2006  
Women's Walk # 48 November 2-5, 2006

**All walk dates are tentative.**

**Emmaus Walk**  
**Spiritual Director Assignments**

Women's Walk # 46 Pat Van Gorder LD  
Lead Spiritual Director  
Bill Kelley  
Men's Walk # 31 Dan Warren LD  
Lead Spiritual Director  
Dennis Moritz  
Women's Walk # 47 Lead Spiritual Director  
Bob Scott  
Men's Walk # 32 Lead Spiritual Director  
Ray Harper  
Women's Walk # 48 Lead Spiritual Director  
Chris Farmer

**Women's Walk #32 Reunion**

Sunday, Feb 19, 2006, at 6:00 P. M.  
in the Conference Room, Beth Morter,  
Lay Director, Women's Walk #32.

Editor's Note: I apologize for not having this  
in the previous newsletter as promised.

**KAIROS**

Want to become a Kairos volunteer or learn more about  
it? Call Sam at 937-399-3724.

Upcoming Kairos weekends are as follows:

Ohio Reformatory for Women - #25 - May 18-21, 2006.

Ohio State Penitentiary - #1 - TBA.

Lebanon Correctional - #32 - March 16-19, 2006.

Ross Correctional #12 - February 23-26, 2006;  
#13 - August 17-20, 2006.

Toledo Correctional - #6 - May 4-7, 2006.

Don't forget to check out the Kairos website during your  
next surfing session at [www.kairosOhio.org](http://www.kairosOhio.org).

In His Love, Sam Poston

**Attention GFS shoppers...**

If you tell the cashier, you would like your  
purchase to benefit the Springfield Area  
Emmaus, the dollar amount will contribute  
towards the percentage of discount when we  
make purchases for walks and gatherings.  
Thank you!

**PRAYER WARRIORS NEEDED**

This is directed to all 2005 Emmaus pilgrims. Now that  
you have been in your fourth days, I pray that you have  
gotten into a share group. If you have an email address,  
please contact me and I will gladly add you to the 386  
addresses that reach around the world. There are people  
receiving email messages in all fifty states and in seven  
foreign countries. Simply send me your email address at  
[ramaster@iapdatacom.net](mailto:ramaster@iapdatacom.net). In the subject space write  
"Prayer Request" and I will take all praises, all concerns  
and send out information about church dinners and  
projects to benefit anyone in need. Each of you have  
received one of our prayer chain cards in your Sunday  
packets.

If you do not have email, you can call Pam Peterman at  
325-3629 and you will be connected to the phone prayer  
chain. She will call me and I will get your request out as  
soon as possible.

Stay on the Emmaus Road!

Love in Christ,  
Becky Master, "The Email Lady"

Directories are available for \$1.00. Please  
contact John or Mary Ahlborn at 322-1958.  
Also, if you have corrections to make to  
addresses, phone numbers or know of  
changes to make to other people, please let  
them know.

**Do you have a share group?**

Remember that you need to be active in a share group. It is  
essential in maintaining the experience of your walk! Call  
Patty Aliff (325-6270) for women's share groups and Jerry  
Peterman (325-3629) for men's share groups.

**PILGRIM LIST  
WOMEN'S WALK #46**

<b><u>Pilgrim</u></b>	<b><u>Church</u></b>	<b><u>Sponsor</u></b>
Maria Adams	Fellowship Christian Church	Madonna Caudill
Barb Buffington	Mt. Lebanon Baptist	Dorothy Higginbotham
Sue Campbell	Indian Lake Community	Diane Sutton
Billie Jo Cameron	Word of Faith Church	Nanette Moss
Wren Clevenger	Hillside Ave. Church of God	Dave Fout
Caroline Crawford	New Carlisle Brethren	Velma Taylor
Eddie Dyke	Calvary Bible Chapel	Charlie Dyke
Dee Embry	None Listed	Cindy Moorman
Nancy Feltner	Southgate Baptist	Dave/Teresa Fout
Donna Freeman	St. John Missionary Baptist	Jerry/Pam Peterman
Olivia Freeman	Our Savior Lutheran	Jennifer Anderson
Kasi Greene	Covenant UMC	Sherri Blackwell
Chris Grooms	New Moorefield UMC	Steve/Judy Hopkins
Libby Hammond	Grace Evangelical Lutheran	Linda Mundhenk
Juanita Harmon	St. John Missionary Baptist	Pam Peterman
Trudy Jones	Freedom Road Church	Joe Chapman
Elaine Legg	Maiden Lane Church of God	Jeff Donay
Kathleen Crites Madden	Mt. Sterling UMC	Betty Passwaters
Alice Martin	Urbana CCCU	Terry/Deb Johnson
Becky Schade-Maxwell	Westville Methodist Church	Meredith/Lisa Cox
Rene Nichols	Fellowship Christian Church	Madonna Caudill
Rebecca Page	Mt. Pilgrim Baptist	Louise Burley
Kris Parsons	Renewed Strength	Jodi Fisher/Lisa Cox
Sandra Pence	Freedom Road Church	Rita Chapman
Verna Reed	Mt. Zion Baptist Church	Donna Henderson
Linda Rivera	Fellowship Christian Church	Madonna Caudill
Diane Sanders	St. John Missionary Baptist	Cora Marsenburg
Donna Schaefer	Messiah Evangelical Lutheran	Beverly Hess
Elaine Shaftner	Grace Lutheran Church	Janice Fuson
Stella Shute	The Good Shepherd Baptist	Ray/Linda Harper
Candy Smith	Fowler Road Church	Pat McBeth
Penny Stringfellow	New Carlisle First Freewill	Terry Johnson
Cecilia Swindler	Crossroad Baptist Church	David Swindler
Pat Toler	First Baptist Fairborn	Dean Wells
Ginger Vandepool	St. Andrew Lutheran Church	Melody Leonard
Mary Ward	Concord United Methodist	Shari Lucid

Dear Community,

It is very important that we, as an Emmaus family, be aware that having young children present during an Emmaus weekend is often upsetting to both men and women Pilgrims. Pilgrims may feel guilty about being away from their children for such an extended period. Seeing children may cause them further anxiety. Please be sensitive to their feelings. The weekend is for the Pilgrims to be focused on God. It is our hope and prayer that after their weekend, they will return home to be better than ever parents.

In Christ, The Board

## Thoughts from one of the Spiritual Directors...

I ran across this true story. A flight from Denver to Wichita was boarding. On an ambulance litter an attendant carried a 225 pound man as the last traveler to board. As they cradled him into a seat in front of us, it was evident he was totally paralyzed from his shoulders down. He was strapped in tightly, but as the pilot taxied to the runway the centrifugal force lunged him to the right causing him to fall toward the next seat. The stewardess again propped him up in an upright position. Hastily, we were airborne. Beverages were served then a meal. As I finished the meal, I looked up to see the paralyzed gentleman, probably twenty-two years old, with the meal before him with no one to feed him. My eyes filled the tears. The hostesses were busy serving food to all passengers, but here was a person traveling alone who could only look at the meal. It was beautifully prepared, tasty, and far above average for airline food.

Before I could wipe the tears from my eyes, I slipped from my seat to his side and inquired if the stewardess would be helping him eat. He did not know. I asked if I might help him. He responded, "Oh, thank-you, I would be grateful for your help." As I cut the meal into bite sizes and placed them in his mouth, I felt awkward, conspicuous, but much needed. Before long I was coordinating bites as well as if they were entering my own mouth. He told me of his unfortunate accident, his lonesomeness, his joy, his struggles, his faith, his hope. His name was Bill. Our spirits blended—we experienced sacrament! Upon returning to my seat, my spirit was humbled as I thought of all the people who have had the Good News of the Gospel set before them. It's available but no one to feed them, crippled with spiritual and psychological paralysis—and no one to feed them. My spirit flowed to the words of Jesus asked Peter, "*Do you love me?*" Jesus responded, "*Feed my sheep.*"

*"When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick."* Matthew 14:14

*"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink...I tell you the truth, whatever you did for the least of these, you did do for me."* Matthew 25: 39-40

Compassion always leads to a sacred moment.

Chris Farmer, Co-Spiritual Director

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### Integrity

The soul is dyed the color of its thoughts. Think only of those things that can bear the full light of day. The content of your character is your choice. Day by day, what you choose, what you think and what you do is who you become. Your integrity is your destiny... It is the light that guides your way.

Heraclitus

## If I Knew

If I knew it would be the last time that I'd see you fall asleep,  
I would tuck you in more tightly and pray the Lord your soul to keep.

If I knew it would be the last time that I see you walk out the door,  
I would give you a hug and kiss and call you back for one more.

If I knew it would be the last time I'd hear your voice lifted up in praise,  
I would videotape each action and word, so I could play them back day after day.

If I knew it would be the last time, I could spare an extra minute or two,  
to stop and say that "I love you," instead of assuming that you know I do.

If I knew it would be the last time I would be there to share your day,  
instead I took it for granted thinking you would have so many more, so I let this one slip away.

For surely there's always tomorrow to make up for an oversight,  
and we always get a second chance to make everything all right.

There will always be another day to say our "I love you's,"  
and certainly there's another chance to say our "Anything I can do's."

But just in case I might be wrong, and today is all we get,  
I'd like to say how much I love you and hope we never forget.

Tomorrow is not promised to anyone, young or old alike.  
And today may be the last chance you get to hold your loved one tight.

So, if you're waiting for tomorrow, why not do it today?  
For if tomorrow never comes, you'll surely regret the day.....

That you didn't take that extra time for a smile, a hug, or kiss,  
and you were too busy to grant someone, what turned out to be their one last wish.

So hold your loved ones close today, whisper in their ear,  
tell them how much you love them, and that you'll always hold them dear.

Take the time to say "I'm sorry" "please forgive me" "thank you" or "it's ok."  
And if tomorrow never comes, you'll have no regrets about today.

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**Don't forget to sign-up to work on and pray for the upcoming walk!  
We need you!**

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**Women's Walk # 46 Live-In Team February 23-26, 2006**

Pat Van Gorder, LD	Maggie Myers, TL	Kelly Crain, ATL
Terri Rinkoski, ALD	Susan Hillman, TL	Melody Leonard, ATL
Leslie Vasquez, ALD	Shelly Canan, TL	Pearl Rice, ATL
Viki Hyslop, ALD	Ellen Smith, TL	Amy Canan, ATL
Sally Moore, MD	Kim Stehle, TL	Gwyn Studebaker, ATL
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