

A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

The weather has turned cold so winter has finally made it. But even when it is cold outside, it is warm in our hearts when we know that Jesus lives in our hearts. What a great feeling to know that we have a Savior that has prepared the way for us to have eternal life. Sure, it is great to enjoy the things here on earth but it is even greater to know what our future holds. God is good!

Every day we see how precious life really is as we watch the world around us. We see the miracles that God works in the life's of others, but we also see the loss of loved ones. Tomorrow is something we look forward to but never know what it will bring. I have seen the loss of some

young people recently that creates tough times for those who loved that person. At the same time, I have seen the miracle of healing in certain lives. But, in all cases we know that God is present and that his plan for our lives is being carried out every moment of every day. And, tomorrow may mean that we will join Jesus in the greatest place we can ever be. All the time God is good!

Don't forget that we have Women's Walk # 49 coming up on February 22-25. Please pray for the team and the pilgrims who will be on the walk. If you have not signed up to help somewhere (kitchen, logistics, prayer), we ask that you please do so. The lists will be available at the

gathering on February 18. Your love and support of the walks for others is how we spread that agape love that we learned about when we took our walks. Whether you went on a walk last year or many years ago, God is looking for us to be his "hands and feet". Candlelight is on Saturday (24th) at 8:30 PM and closing is on Sunday (25th) at 5:00 PM. You can start lining up for closing at 4:30 PM in the lower hall by the Carr Room. Isn't it great to be a servant representing God in all that we do?

May the love of God shine in you every day!

God Bless and Decolores!

-Tom

**IMPORTANT DATES
2007 WALKS**

Women's Walks

- #49 February 22-25
- #50 June 21-24
- #51 November 1-4

Men's Walks

- #33 April 19-22
- #34 August 16-19

**All Walk Dates Are Tentative*

UPCOMING GATHERINGS!

- Sunday, February 18th at 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, March 18th at 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, April 15th at 7:00 p.m.

Immediately following each gathering, we will have a time for fellowship and food. If you plan to stay, please bring a dish to share.

KAIROS

The scheduled weekends for the institutions near us are:

So. Ohio Correctional Facility in Lucasville - # 6
March 2007

Lebanon Correctional Institute - #34
March 15-18

REUNION

Men's Walk # 26 (Larry Cogan, L.D.) will hold their reunion one hour prior to our February Gathering — at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday February 18 in the choir room.

Want to Receive the Emmaus Newsletter via E-Mail? Email Pam at pascot@prodigy.net to be added to the list.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR'S THOUGHTS

The Associated Press reported that after entering a New York City subway station in the first week of 2007, 19-year-old film student Cameron Hollopeter suffered a seizure while waiting for a train. As his body convulsed out of control, the young man stumbled down the platform and fell onto one of the tracks—directly in the path of an inbound train. Fortunately, a 50-year-old construction worker named Wesley Autrey noticed his distress.

Standing on the platform with his two young daughters, Autrey realized that nobody else in the station was going to help. According to later interviews, he decided: "I'm the only one to do it." Placing himself in great danger, Autrey jumped down onto the tracks and grabbed hold of Hollopeter. With only seconds to spare, he rolled with the younger man into a drainage trough cut between two tracks. An instant later, the train cars thundered over both of them with only inches to spare. Amazingly, neither man was injured.

In the ensuing days, Autrey was rewarded handsomely for his bravery. Mayor Michael Bloomberg presented him the city's highest award for civic

achievement, calling him "a great man—a man who makes us all proud to be New Yorkers." Autrey was also given \$10,000 from Donald Trump, a trip to Disney World, and a year's supply of MetroCards from the Metropolitan Transportation Authority. His boss even bought him a "hero" sandwich.

When asked about his invitations to appear on *The Late Show with David Letterman* and *The Ellen DeGeneres Show*, Autrey noted, "good things happen when you do good." Still, he is modest about his new status as the Hero of Harlem. "I just did it because I saw someone in distress," he told reporters. "Someone needed help."

Other observers respectfully disagree. Elliot Sander, executive director of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, called Autrey's rescue "a death-defying act of bravery. We truly have not seen anything like this...He was at the right place at the right time and did the right thing."

In the end, Wesley Autrey is just glad that he could help. "It's like a fairy tale come true," he said. "What better way to start the year

off than saving a life?"

Autrey's witness of risk-taking, bold, and daring service certainly stimulates some thoughts on the opportunities we have to start our year off. We may not be called upon to throw our bodies onto a subway track, but we be asked to risk our reputations by placing ourselves directly in line of an in bounding issue. We may be compelled to leave our significant others behind in order rescue the perishing in a foreign land. We may be summoned to the respond to the needs of others while others do nothing. If we so choose to act, I suspect that not only will a life be saved, but also we will receive eternal blessings.

The Apostle John wrote in his first letter, "*This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ lay down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear Children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.*" I JN 3:16-18

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Chris Farmer
Co-Spiritual Director

Kitchen Coordinator Meeting

**Wednesday, February 21st
6:00 p.m.
High Street UMC, Dining Hall**

We have several items that need to be discussed before the next walk begins.

SPONSORS

Please be sure to update information on Pilgrim's applications as it changes by contacting Betty Yoakem at (937)390-3085.

Springfield Area Emmaus Women's Walk #49

February 22nd—25th

PILGRIM	CHURCH NAME	SPONSOR
Lynn Adams	Vineyard Church of Northridge	Leslie Vasquez
Elizabeth Alexander	None Listed	Shelly Canan
Terry Alexander	Presbyterian	Pamela Chambers
Denise Antrobus	Patterson Park Church	Michael Antrobus
Minnie Bethel	Greater Grace Temple	Rachel Clay
Tracie Brim	The Father's Heart International Church	Deron Blakely
Sue Brown	High St. Nazarene	Walter Brown
Diana Chamberlin	None Listed	Ginny Brown
Kim Clagg	North Hampton Community Church	Ellen Smith
Tracey Cooper	Bethel Baptist	Kelly Crain
Dee Copeland	St. Mary	Chris Copeland
Louise Cornelison	None Listed	Sandy Johnson
Hettie Crockett	Christian Assembly	Virginia Lewis
Barbara Dover	New Moorefield UMC	Sandra Scholl
Karen Downey	New Hope Church	Mark Dixon
Janice Gaines	Covenant UMC	Douglas & Nellie Gardner
Marilyn Hall	First Baptist	Michael Henson
Patricia Ham	Church of Jesus Family Worship Center	Tracey Freeman
Janice Harlow	Ginghamsburg	Jerry Powell
Pearl Jones	St. John Missionary Baptist Church	Norman & Dee Moore
Chloe Kelsey	Concord UMC	Becky Master
Cathy Harvey	New Carlisle UMC	Gee Gee Gracy
Shelley Lopez	St. John Missionary Baptist Church	Cheryl Holder
Linda McClain	Concord UMC	Amber McClain
Annette McDonald	Maiden Lane Church of God	Alberta Williams
Sylvia Jean Norris	Trinity African Methodist Episcopal	Virginia Lewis
Kelly Oberg	Urbana Nazarene Church	Lori Tavenner
Donna Phillips	First UMC	Betty Passwaters
Keli Ragland	The Church	Jennifer Anderson
Betty Rodgers	River of Life	Mary & Larry Cogan
Lorrie Shaw	St. John Missionary Baptist Church	Louise Burley
Becky Shellenbarger	New Hope Church	Mitzi Fenner
Veatrice Smith	St. John Missionary Baptist Church	Norman & Dee Moore
Peggy Snook	Renewed Strength Church	Julie Driskill
Mary Tron	St. Paris UMC	Duane Tron
Nancy Wyen	New Moorefield UMC	Steve & Judy Hopkins
Bonnie Young	Grace UMC	Belinda Montgomery

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BIG CHANGES HAPPENING FOR WEST OHIO CHRYSALIS

1. West Ohio Chrysalis has always sponsored 6 weekends each year - 4 for high school age and 2 for college age / young adults. These are held at the Greene St. United Methodist Church in Piqua. Springfield has a great number of youth who have been on one of these weekends. The young adult weekends have been held in September and October, which has not been the best time for those attending colleges. Also, it is difficult to find enough team members to fill 6 weekends each year. As a result, the WOC Board has decided to combine the ages with 4 weekends each year. The young women's will be in January and July and the young men's will be in February and July. Ages are 15 years (or 9th grade) through 23 years.
2. We have also sponsored a "Next Steps" weekend each year. We are now moving to the popular "Hoot" gathering and these will be held at least twice each year. **The next Hoot will be Saturday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m.** There will be worship, fellowship, communion and Chrysalis fun. For those from weekends #43 (the girls' was Jan. 13-15 and the boys' will be Feb. 17-19) there will be a Reunion at 6:00 p.m. More information is available from Sarah Burley at (937) 492-1367 or sburley623@yahoo.com. The Hoots are for anyone who has attended a Chrysalis weekend or has served on a team.

OTHER CHRYSALIS NEWS

The next boys Flight (this is still high school age only) **will be February 17-19**, which is Saturday through Monday (Monday is a school holiday). Candlelight will be Sunday at 8:30 and closing will be Monday at 5:30. Springfield has at least 8 people on the team. No information on the Caterpillars yet but, will most likely include some from our area.

The next young women's Flight (for ages 15-23) will be July 6-8 and the **young men's will be July 27-29**. Contact Gene Porter at 937-265-5230 or gporter1@who.rr.com for applications or information. Or you can check the web site at www.bggm-umc.org/westohiochrysalis.

EMMAUS WORLD-WIDE PRAYER VIGIL SIGN UP SITE—There is a web site to register walks from all over the world and you can sign up for local walks or far away walks. A lady from Richmond, Virginia and 3 people from Lincolnshire, England have signed up to pray for the upcoming boys' Flight in Piqua. Check it out at www.3dayol.org.