

**Springfield Area**

# **EMMAUS NEWS**

June 2007

## **A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR**

Women's Walk # 50 is just a few short weeks away and the team is preparing under the leadership of Mary Casto. Please keep this team as well as the pilgrims who will be on the walk in your prayers.

Last month I told you that the board was working through a tough issue. The sub-committee led by Pastor Chris Farmer did an outstanding job in taking what Nashville had put out and making it fit what we really do in Springfield and still meet the intent of what Nashville provided. A big thanks to that committee which included Pastor Ray Harper, Pastor Bob Scott and Pastor Dennis Moritz. The board now has an excellent guide for use in the future.

If you have not heard, Pastor Chris Farmer will be leaving the area at the end of June and so has resigned as one of the Community Spiritual Directors. We wish him the best in his new assignment and a big thanks for the support of the community he has provided as Community Spiritual Director.

This will be my last newsletter article as your Community Lay Director. It has truly been a pleasure to serve the community this past year. Thank you to all for making Springfield Area Emmaus what it truly is, providing the love of God to all of those around us. Your support, prayers and service for our Lord Jesus Christ shows in every way. If you have not witnessed a closing lately, you need to do so because the pilgrims do truly receive a blessing from God and all his servants.

As Gene Porter assumes the position of Community Lay Director on July 1, I am sure he will not only serve you well but the community will support him as we continue to keep the Spirit of the Walk to Emmaus alive and well. May the love of God shine in you every day!

God Bless and Decolores!

Tom Dever Sr

## **SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR'S THOUGHTS**

Dear Emmaus Community,

For the past several years I have had the privilege of serving as one of your Community Spiritual Directors. I have enjoyed our partnership in equipping the saints for ministry and leadership through this Emmaus movement. I give thanks to the Lord for the lives that He has transformed into becoming bold witnesses of His resurrecting power and presence.

At the May Board meeting, I submitted my resignation effective May 31 as one of your co-spiritual directors because I will be serving the Tipp City United Methodist Church as their lead pastor. In addition, I will not be serving as the walk Spiritual Director for the August walk because of this transition.

I invite you to pray for Bill Kelley, the Co-Spiritual Director, and the Board as they seek and secure a replacement. May the Lord Jesus Christ continue to ignite you with the fire of the Holy Spirit as you lead a Christ-centered ministry.

Sincerely,

Chris Farmer

**Women's Walk #50  
Pilgrim List**

<b>Pilgrim</b>	<b>Church Name</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>
Sherry Bostick	Enon UMC	Bill & Lin Tranter
Tracie Brim	The Father's Heart Int'l. Church	Brian Brim
Rhonda Crist	Enon UMC	Bill & Lin Tranter
Teri Lynne Eash	Concord UMC	Becky Master
Melissa Elfers	Asbury U.M.C	Karen Coblentz
Ruth Ann Fear	Christ in Christian Union	C. Diane Sanders
Barbara Gathers	High St Nazarene	Janice Fuson
Chandra Hefner	Renewed Strength Church	Corrina Bowens
Judy Hoberty	Southgate Baptist	Stephanie Carnes
Ginny Hostetler	Mt. Carmel Friends Church	Diane Page
Alma Humphrey	Greater Grace Temple	Kim Bachman
Anna Hurst	First Christian - Urbana	Mary Ward
Euretha Jackson	St. John Missionary Baptist	Norman & Dedria Moore
Tami Jacobs	Shawnee Hills Baptist	Grant Jacobs
Char Jacobson	Ginghamsburg UMC	Mary Lu Moss
Felicia Johnson	St. John Missionary Baptist	Dorothy Higginbotham
Julie Gallagher	Lawrenceville Church of God	Michael Gallagher
Pam Lemay	Dayton Vineyard	Wayne Lemay
Anna Mays	St. John Missionary Baptist	Kay Lawrence
Sandy Miller	1st Pentecostal Church of God	Corrina Bowen
Marian Nahrgang	Northridge U.M.C.	Esther Manuel
Sonnie Rike	Northridge U.M.C.	Esther Manuel
Sandy Sanford	St. John Missionary Baptist	Louise Burley
Becky Shellenbarger	New Hope Church	Mitzi Fenner
Melissa Smith	Springfield Vineyard and Remnant	Art & Chris Zubiate
Veatrice Smith	St. John Missionary Baptist	Norman & Dedria Moore
Mary Staring	Northridge U.M.C.	Lynds Staring & Esther Manuel
Sharon Strader	Church of Christ in Christian Union	Anne Beal
Allie Suttles	Freedom Road	Sue Browning
Rose Thomas	Freedom Road	Ginger Kish
Sandy Trumbo	United Church of South Vienna	Kelli Butts
Tammy Weaver	Grace Evangelical Lutheran	Libby Hammond
J. Lynn White	Mechanicsburg Christian Fellowship	Dwight & Kay Coder
Malorie White	Freedom Road	Rita Shaffner
Lindy Willson	Grace UMC	Becky Frantz
Davia Winkle	Southside Mennonite Church	Sim & Corina Bowens

**UPCOMING GATHERINGS!**

Sunday, June 17th at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 21st at 7:00 p.m.

**Food & Fellowship:** After each gathering, there will be a time of fellowship and food. *If you plan to stay, please bring a dish to share.*

**IMPORTANT DATES  
2007 WALKS**

**Women's Walks**

# 50 June 21-24

# 51 November 1-4

**Men's Walks**

# 34 August 16-19

*\*All Walk Dates Are Tentative*

## ***How You Can Become a Volunteer in the Kairos Ministries***

The three different ministries of Kairos Prison Ministry each have their own core requirements for Christians who serve in them. People interested in serving as a volunteer on a weekend team are encouraged to submit a written or oral request to leaders in the ministries. Team members for the special weekends and retreats are discerned and decided by the leader for each event. So, requesting to serve as a volunteer does not guarantee acceptance. All teams for Kairos weekends, etc. are obtained by the event leader through prayer and discernment.

### **Kairos Ministry**

Kairos is the main ministry of the Ohio Kairos organization. The complete Kairos ministry is operating in five state prisons. A couple of the ministry continuation activities of Kairos are operating in two state pre-release prisons, because women have been moved there who were in the Kairos program at Ohio Reformatory for Women.

Christian men and women are considered for service in the Kairos ministry if they have completed one of the following Christian renewal weekends: Catholic Cursillo, Christ Renews His Parish, Cum Christo, Episcopal Cursillo (or Happening Youth Weekend), High School Catholic Kairos, Koinonia, Lutheran Via De Cristo, The Great Banquet, Tres Dias, Walk to Emmaus (or Chrysalis Youth Weekend).

The responsibilities and activities of Kairos team members are very extensive, so prospective volunteers are encouraged to pray about, and plan for, the many hours that are involved:

- 8 team meetings to prepare for the 3-day "short course in Christianity" that the team will conduct in prison (meetings are Friday evenings or Saturday mornings).
- Provide 200 dozen home-baked cookies for the Kairos Weekend (ask church members, family and friends to bake). Each weekend needs 10,000 dozen cookies.
- 3-day Kairos Weekend inside prison.
- Attend monthly reunions of Kairos "graduates" at the institution for one year. Reunions are held Sunday afternoons or evenings or weekday evenings.

If you want to apply to be considered as a volunteer team member for a Kairos Weekend contact Ohio's Kairos Volunteer Recruiting Leader by emailing Kairos of Ohio.

Also, go to the Publications and Forms page, download and complete the Information Sheet for Prospective Kairos Volunteer (PKV) and mail it to the address at the top of the form. Also download the Kairos Volunteer Recruiting Brochure for more information about the ministry. NOTE: The "Information Sheet for Prospective Kairos Volunteer" is not an informational resource about Kairos, but instead a form for Kairos to obtain information about you - the prospective volunteer. See Kairos Volunteer Brochure.

### **Kairos Outside Ministry**

The Kairos Outside Ministry is active throughout the state, where the weekend guests (the participants) are female loved ones of men and women who are incarcerated in Ohio Correctional Institutions. In order to qualify as a team member for a Kairos Outside weekend (a Saturday and Sunday) a woman must:

- Have participated in one of the 8 Christian renewal weekends listed above for the Kairos ministry. Alternatively, a women can be a Kairos Outside weekend team member if she has previously been a participant in a Kairos Outside weekend.
- Be regularly involved in a Christian church community.
- Commit to attending all the team formation meetings prior to the weekend.

If you want to apply to be considered as a volunteer team member for a Kairos Outside weekend, contact Louise Columber, Kairos Outside Area Committee Chairperson.

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### **Torch Ministry**

The Torch ministry is for younger inmates, and it is operating at Marion Correctional Institution. The requirements for being a team member on a Torch 2-day weekend are not as extensive as for Kairos and Kairos Outside. Basically, the Torch ministry requires that volunteers be Christians who are mature in their faith, have a heart for ministering to 18-24 year old men and will commit time. To request to be considered for serving on a Torch weekend, contact Dave Foster.

*Information obtained from the Kairos Prison Ministry of Ohio Website ([kairosOhio.org](http://kairosOhio.org)). For additional information about Kairos, please go to [kairosOhio.org](http://kairosOhio.org) or contact our local Representative, Jim Vineyard at 937-324-4333.*

## **CRAFTERS NEEDED!**

We are in need of a share group who would like to help with making the lanyards for our crosses. The lanyards are the rainbow colored yarn woven strands that go around your neck. Each one takes approximately 1 hour to make and we need 40 for each walk.

We have share groups committed to make all the men's walks and two of the women's walks. Would you like to be the hands that make the other women's walk lanyards? We will instruct you and supply the yarn for the project!

If interested, please call Katy at 408-5516 or Katie at 322-0100.

## **EPIPHANY**

Rev. Ray Harper reported on upcoming walk dates: Scioto Juvenile Correction Facility #4 June 15-17, 2007. Persons and items are needed to help on these Epiphany weekends – woodworkers & plumbers; birthday hats & decorations for 50; 2 white hand washing bowls; 4 white towels; construction paper; 4 plastic scissors; 3 masking tape; 2 hole punches; rubber bands; 5 Scotch tape (pop-up type); 30 large envelopes for letters; 10 hot pads; 6 hot pad gloves; 9 aprons; 12 dish towels; large & small pitchers with lids; 2 chest coolers; 2 drink coolers; 1 hot box with pans; 5 large serving trays; 5 small serving trays.

See Judy Neely, Rhonda Neely or Rev. Ray Harper if you can help with any of this.