

THE JOYFUL NOISE



**Newsletter
of the Emmaus and Chrysalis
Community**

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FROM THE COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

As the new year has started, so has your new Emmaus board of directors. The board held an organizational meeting in January to discuss the upcoming year and to properly plan for 2007. This meeting also provided an opportunity for the transition from old board members to new board members and the learning of new duties. The turnout for this meeting was great and we accomplished many things.

The board has committed themselves to the process of forming committees for each position of the board. This will allow for a more formal structure and a better way to make sure more people get involved with our community. We need to continue to make sure all community members who feel the need to help are welcomed as part of these committees. The board will continue to discuss this issue and you will continue to hear more about this process.

As the next Men's Walk approaches, we need to continue to think about those people we know who would be good candidates for the Walk to Emmaus. As servants to God and our community, it is our responsibility to bring forth the good news. I hope that you will be able to make either the candlelight ceremony on Saturday night or the closing ceremony on Sunday to see our new community members.

One of our current board members, Gerry Johnstone, has resigned from the board. Gerry took over the position of Outreach Chair for 2007 from IlaMae Maurer. Due to Gerry's resignation, IlaMae has agreed to take over the Outreach Chair position while we find a replacement for Gerry. We thank Gerry for his service on the board in 2006 and thank IlaMae for taking back this position and helping the community.

Since this is the first month of my position as Community Lay Director, I would like to thank all of the outgoing board members for their years of service and dedication to the community. These people have committed many hours to the board and their positions so that this community may run smoothly and we may bring more pilgrims closer to Jesus Christ. If you see one of these people, please give them a special thank you. Thank you, Ken Switzer, Lisa Walz, Barb Zale and IlaMae Maurer.

Dave Reiser, Community Lay Director

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NOTES FROM THE EMMAUS COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

Dear Community,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! We just began a new year and many of us have made new year resolutions that have faded or may be quickly fading. Besides resolutions, each new year brings other changes. For instance, this year we had to unlearn writing 2006 and learn to write 2007. We realize we're getting older and for some us that means changes in lifestyles. For others of us, it may mean the kids have just moved out or are moving back in again. And still others may be the ones moving and transitioning to a new job or retirement or to school or away from school. Changes are all part of the journey.

We can't get to where God is calling us unless we are continually being transformed through the Spirit. As we are called to change, we may not know the destination or may just have a glimpse of or a shadowy vision of where we are heading. Abraham heard the call of God to go on a journey from Ur of the Chaldeans to the place where only God knew. He responded in faith to God and went, trusting God, and his faithfulness was counted as righteousness unto him. All the anxiety and uncertainty that he faced as he and his family began their journey with God were placed in the hands of his unchanging God.

God is leading us on our journeys, both corporately and individually. We can move forward toward that which God desires for us by faith and continually be transformed. Or we can sit on the side of the road and watch others move forward in the journey as we stagnate and die. This year, there is change in the air within our community as we seek to build a committee framework so the work is shared by many. As we do that our Emmaus community will be strengthened to better accomplish our work of developing Christian leaders for the local church and transformation of the world. Let us respond with faith and press on toward being a healthy, active community that continues to grow leaders to help local congregations make disciples for Jesus Christ. Come join us in this journey.

Peace and Grace,
Rick Stuhmer
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LEADERSHIP MESSAGE

Hello Emmaus Community Members!

I am pleased to serve as the Leadership Chair for the Northwest Ohio Emmaus Community during 2007. What a pleasure and an honor to serve our Lord with such a wonderful group of people! Before my service on the Board I often wondered how Emmaus Teams were "put together". Wow! I have learned a lot! I would now like to share some of what I have learned with you - just in case you were curious!

The team selection process is not only important to each Walk but also to the health of the Emmaus Community as a whole. The team selection process assures: 1) a strong and balanced team after prayer and reflection on the gifts, experience, and needs of community members; 2) a team whose members have had a broad involvement in the Emmaus Community; 3) the potential for cultivation of new leadership for future Walks and the Community; and 4) attention to what people need to grow in grace and authentic servanthood.

The Team Selection Committee is appointed by the Board of Directors. This committee consists of the Chairperson, the Leadership Chair, the Board Spiritual Director, and six community members who do not serve on the board - two (East), two (West), and two (Central). One goal of the committee is to provide a broader awareness of prospective team members and their individual gifts. In this way, the Team Selection Committee facilitates the work of the Holy Spirit in bringing together the unique combination of persons the Lord wants to serve on weekend Walks. In addition, the Team Selection Committee provides continuity in the selection process from Walk to Walk, and makes sure that the selection process is guided by the selection guidelines established by the Board.

A major purpose of the team selection guidelines is to ensure progressive servanthood among potential team members. A person's readiness to carry out his or her particular assignment effectively depends on prior experience in another position. The progression begins with supportive roles, such as work in the kitchen, agape, or other areas of "silent servanthood". Service on the team continues the progression as individuals serve as 1) Assistant Table Leader, 2) Table Leader, 3) Assistant Lay Director and 4) Lay Director - only after experience as an Assistant Lay Director for at least two Walks.

More later!

Tracy A. Szirony

NORTHWEST OHIO EMMAUS COMMUNITY 3858 STRONG!

Have you recently moved, changed phone numbers or email accounts? The NW Ohio Community wants to stay in touch with you.

Keeping our community database updated will only be successful with your help. If you or someone you know has moved, changed phone numbers or changed email accounts, I would like to have you contact me with the new information. My name is Jane Whisler and **you can contact me by phone at my home: 419-636-3015 or by email at: bryan_so@nwoca.org.**

Our database is also a source for board members to find community members willing to serve on Walk weekends. Remember all of those silent servants who helped make things run so smoothly on your own Walk. We are always looking for new people to serve in these roles during the current Walks. Do you have an interest in helping in the kitchen or in the agape room? Are you an early riser - how about driving for showers? We need workers for set up and tear down as well as those of you willing to help out in pouring drinks, setting up or cleaning up for send off on Thursday evening and closing on Sunday afternoon. Where is God calling you to serve our Community? Prayerfully consider those areas that you can help in and contact me. I will gladly pass your name on to the chairperson in charge and they will cheerfully contact you for help.

From On Line With Faith Daily Devotional:

Whose needs can I meet?

Where can I serve?

What can I give you?

Why are you doing that all by yourself?

Who needs something that I can give?

When do you need me?

Are you okay?

Can I get you something?

What's common about all these questions?

They are all seeking a way to serve without waiting to be asked.

We were put here to make a contribution but no assignments are given out. Part of serving is looking for and finding the need so you can do something about it before it becomes an issue.

Author unknown

Scripture - Galatians 5:13

You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather serve one another in love.

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MEN'S WALK #52 PILGRIMS

As this newsletter goes to press, the following men are registered for the NWO Emmaus Men's Walk #52, February 15-18, 2007 at Wesley UMC, Bryan: Benny Avina, Jim Batterson, Nick Brillhart, Whit Chesson, Erik Diaz, Jeffery Harris, Jeff Jackson, Jeffrey Jahns, Rodney Keefer, Troy Keegan, Joe King, Bill Leonard, Dan Nowak, Stu Rickert, Gregory Roesser, Daniel Slagle, Drew Weist, Ervin Witt, and Nick Woodward. Let's keep them in our prayers.

NWO EMMAUS MEN'S WALK #52 TEAM

Spiritual Director	Jim Roynon
Lay Director	Tim Mack
Music Director	Fred Sandmann
ALDs	Mark Belote , Tom Traxler, John Kaylor, John Harford
LOGs	Pete Nofzinger, Don Winslow, Larry Zuvers, Phil Lamb

Table Leaders

Roger Goebel, Gary Stuckey, Ken Walz, Terry Nygard, Jeff Morrill, Dan McElderry, Jack Oberlin

Assistant Table Leaders

Wayne Gamble, David Duran, Brent Pettigrew, Rob Curtis, Steve Mack, William Clark, John Fry

Dates to Remember

Boys' Flight #16, Maumee	Feb. 9-11, 2007
Men's Walk #52, Bryan	Feb. 15-18, 2007
Gathering, Epworth UMC, 7:30 pm	Feb. 23, 2007
Women's Walk #61, Bryan	Mar. 15-18, 2007
Gathering, Epworth UMC, 7:30 pm	Mar. 23, 2007