



NOVEMBER NORTHERN KENTUCKY EMMAUS NEWSLETTER

A **GREAT BIG WELCOME** to the men and women from Northern Kentucky Emmaus Walk #28. We, as an Emmaus Community, are so pleased to have you become members of this great community. See you at the reunion on November 8, 2008.

Note:

The Men's and Women's Walk #28 reunion group meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. November 8, 2008 preceding the regular November gathering. The November gathering is at 7:15 on November 8 after the reunion group meeting.

Sponsors please bring your new pilgrim to the reunion gathering and make them feel welcome.

**The November 8, 2008 Northern Kentucky Emmaus Community Gathering will be held at:
Immanuel United Methodist Church
2551 Dixie Hwy Lakeside Park KY
Worship & Fellowship Begins at 7:15 p.m.**

From the Woman's Walk #28 Lay Director – Louise Watkins

"Common Denominator"

Welcome new community members from WW#28! It was a true blessing to me to share this weekend with you. The one thing that stood out in my mind that was particular to this walk was that each pilgrim and also most team members had what I would describe as a "Common Denominator."

From the time of team formation I prayed about Table leaders and assistants, who should I place with who and then as I prayed and struggled to place pilgrims at the tables, they were changed several times after the walk had started Thurs night. This was definitely God placing these women where he wanted. There were so many testimonies of things in common with one or the other Quotes like "She works with my husband" "I know her from somewhere" "I think you are my cousin."

Some had the same gifts or vocation as we revealed our occupation. Some learned they had persevered through the same struggles that a speaker talked about. Some had even met before, maybe even from a different State, which seemed insignificant at the time, like at a "yard sale" or through a "furniture purchase" at a furniture store.

Oh, I know this happens pretty frequently on walks but I had never seen it happen as much as it did on this one. I received a piece of agape that said "You know how you go shopping for the one thing you need and you can't find it? And then the next time you go and you are not looking for it "There it is."

God put least expected "Common Denominators" on walk #28 that these pilgrims will never forget. To the women of walk #28 I pray many blessings on your fourth day! DeColores

Louise Watkins, Lay Director N.K.W.W #28

We hope the new pilgrims will join or start a small group meeting in someone's home with members of your table or other tables from your walk. This is a very rewarding continuance of your 4th day.

The Northern Kentucky Emmaus Board would like to thank our Women's Walk #28 team members for the love, dedication and spiritual enrichment of this Emmaus Program. Following are the loving team members who gave of themselves October 23, thru 26 2008 to the pilgrims of Women's Walk #28:

Lay Director Louise Watkins	Spiritual Director Diane Zehr	Table Leader Tara Pitts	Asst. Table Leader Lisa Biltz
Asst. Lay Director Katie Young	Asst. Spiritual Director Karla Fullwood	Table Leader Susan Laws	Asst. Table Leader Sandy Baumer
Asst. Lay Director Cheryl Blythe	Board Representative Ann Posey	Table Leader Bridgette Naughton	Asst. Table Leader Cindy Nantz
Assist. Lay Director Neva Piper		Table Leader Lorna Mcvay	Asst. Table Leader Kathy Lybrook
		Table Leader Donna Worley	Asst. Table Leader Christi Payne
		Table Leader Deb Grey	Asst. Table Leader Susan Hunt
		Table Leader Mona Judy	Asst. Table Leader Lisa Hiner

Clergy Support

Jerry Zehr, Linda Kemp-Baird, Sue Bishop

Prayer Support

Juanita Nelson (coordinator), Beth Whittenberg, Hellen Scharff,

Music Support

Kim Swinford (coordinator), Beth Mizer, Cheryl Sheets

Computer Support

Michelle Nelson

Regular Support

Pat Coyer (coordinator), Jennifer Taphorn, Beth Hagedorn, Pat Mitchell, Gretchen Bogard, Mary Eicher

Below are the beautiful pilgrims from Northern Kentucky Women's Walk to Emmaus #28.

Allender, Joanne
Baker, Barb
Bell, Leslie
Benzinger, Barb
Bishop, Rebecca
Blansit, Dorothy
Campbell, Brenda
Caudill, Ruth
Christner, Judy
Combs, Pat
Coyle, Rebecca
Eichert, Carol
Elifrits, Kathy

Fellows, Cathy
Franzoni, Mary Lou
Graham, Lori
Hampton, Daphne
Hickey, Katie
Jansen, Tina
Lillard, Laura
Marksbury, Sarah
Mcdine, Selina
Means, Jennifer
Milner, Madelyn
Owens, Madge
Pair, Brenda

Poe, Sarah
Ryan, Denise
Sanders, Gwendolyn
Shofner, Jennifer
Sims, Dayle
Smith, Nancy
Warth, Kim
Webb, Jean
Welscher, Gina
Wilson, Waynanne
Yahl, Virginia

It is not too early to start thinking about who you would like to sponsor in the upcoming Walk #29. You men especially need to think about who you might sponsor!

Men's Walk #29 Mar 19-22, 2009

Women's Walk #29 Apr 23-26, 2009

Perhaps you would like to be on a Northern Kentucky Emmaus Walk team serving as a disciple for Jesus Christ to the pilgrims of Walk #29. To serve on a team is a fantastic experience. I thought my Walk experience was fantastic but I found that serving on a team is an even greater, more rewarding experience. If you would like to serve, let me know and I will give your name to the proper persons.

Also, your Northern Kentucky Emmaus Board will be forming committees for the different tasks needed to execute a walk, like food committee, literature committee or agape committee. If you would like to serve as a disciple for Jesus Christ to the pilgrims of Walk #29 let me know.

Anita Bernardo announces in her article that the December gathering will have a special program presented by the Chrysalis community? Make sure you read about the Chrysalis December presentation in this newsletter.

Pete Linstruth, Emmaus Board Sponsorship/Outreach representative, will be conducting a half hour "**Sponsorship Training**" class at the December 13th Gathering. It will probably be held at the tail end of that gathering. Pete will have a sign up sheet at the Nov 8th Gathering for those interested in attending this training. Pete says "It's amazing how little some of our members understand about this important act Emmaus responsibility.

KITCHEN HELP NEEDED FOR SPRING WALKS

Help is needed in the food/meal preparation area. This is one of those "Never Seen / Always Appreciated" forms of service.

Remember those 8 fantastic meals served on every Emmaus Walk. In the past, there have been just over 5 people who do the lion's share of the preparation. We have one community member who buys all of the food, transports it to the preparation station and generally spends 3 full days for each Men's & Women's Walk. We would like to share the load with others in the Community.

POSITIONS WE NEED ARE:

1. Thursday (the day the walk starts) - The time is flexible but usually takes place on Thursday morning starting about 9:00 AM. Time commitment is less than 4 hours. Help with pickup (usually from Sam's) and delivery of the groceries (to Highland United Methodist) in Ft. Thomas. This generally takes a few hours. But, until now it, has been done by one person with 2 trips to Ft. Thomas. Your help will make it one trip to Ft. Thomas plus save a lot on lifting and carrying.
2. Friday Early Breakfast Preparation (2 persons needed) - 5:00 AM until 7:00 AM or later?????. Prep for Breakfast starts at 5:00 AM at Highland UMC. Helpers would need to stay until at least 7:00 AM (if you can stay longer, it would help fill the 'later in the day' positions). The work is very straight forward (cracking eggs, adding ingredients to casseroles, etc.). If you need to get to work, this part of the service would allow you to leave by 7:00 AM after the breakfast meal is picked up for delivery to St. Anne's.
3. Friday General Meal Preparation (2 to 3 persons needed) - 7:00 AM (or later depending on availability of others) until about 3:30 PM (if the prep is completed earlier, you will be able to leave earlier). Prep is done at Highland UMC (directly across from Highland HS - easy to find). The duties range from washing off fruit & veggies to peeling apples (& lots more extra hands on type functions).
4. Saturday Early Breakfast Prep - Same as Friday No. 2 above except it gets done on Saturday.
5. Saturday General Meal Prep - Same as Friday No. 3 above except . . . (well you get the idea).
6. Sunday - Meal Prep. - We have people in place who regularly take care of getting the two Sunday meals together. But, if Sunday is the best day for you, let me know and we'll find you a spot.
7. Sunday - Return of Food Transport Boxes to Highland UMC. This function is always done after Closing on Sunday evening. It involves about 30 minutes of dropping off the boxes so they are ready for use the next time. You'll need a van or SUV for this function.

If we can add a few extra sets of hands in the food prep area, it will lessen the load for those already involved in helping prepare the food.

If you are interested in helping serve in any of these areas, PLEASE contact Greg Hughes at GregHughesSr@aol.com or on his cell 859 - 801 - 9889. Des Colores!

Two fish and 5 loaves of bread in my hands is a couple of fish sandwiches. Two fish and 5 loaves of bread in Jesus' hands will feed thousands. It depends whose hands it's in.

From the Community Spiritual Director - Linda Kemp-Baird

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

A special welcome to the newest members of the NKY Emmaus Community: the women of WW #28! God blesses us through each one of you!

During this month of November, as we prepare for the holiday of Thanksgiving, I share with you the following **"RECIPE FOR MIRACLES"**:

Ingredients:

- 1 part of knowing who you are
- 1 part of knowing who you aren't
- 1 part of knowing what you want
- 1 part of knowing who you wish to be
- 1 part of knowing what you already have
- 1 part of choosing wisely from what you have
- 1 part of loving and thanking for ALL you have

Instructions:

Combine ingredients together gently and carefully, using faith and vision. Mix together with strong belief of the outcome until finely blended.

Use thoughts, words and actions for best results.

Bake until Blessed.

Give thanks again.

May you have a wonderful season of "THANKS GIVING" and your November be filled with the gift of God's miracles in your life each and every day!

DeColores!

Linda Kemp-Baird

Community Spiritual Director

Nails in my hands might produce a birdhouse. Nails in Jesus Christ's hands will produce salvation for the entire world. It depends whose hands it's in.

From the Chrysalis Community Lay Director - Anita Bernardo

Chrysalis News

Hello from your Chrysalis Community! Teams for both Winter Chrysalis Flights are coming together beautifully. Don't forget that the Flights take place at Immanuel Methodist Church-Grace Campus, Covington and the dates are as follows:

Girls Flight: January 17th - 19th, 2009
Boys Flight: February 14th - 16th, 2009

Your involvement is so very important for the success of the Flights. As always, please be in prayer for the teams, their families, and the Caterpillars who will be attending. If you are interested in sponsoring a youth, now is the time to do it! There will be registration forms at the next Gathering, but they are also available on the Emmaus website (www.nkemmaus.com). Please note that there are 4 forms that need to be filled out (two by the participant and parent, one by the sponsor, and one by a reference-preferably a pastor or youth minister).

Remember, any youth attending a Chrysalis Flight needs to fit the following profile:

1. Must be in grades 9 - 12,
2. Should have a general understanding of the nature of the weekend,
3. Should be interested in exploring and deepening their faith, regardless of church affiliation,
4. Does not have to be actively involved in a church or youth group (but hopefully will seek one after the weekend).

It's never too early to get those registrations in! Please contact me if you have any questions.

The prayer sign-ups for both Flights are now available online, through the Emmaus website and will be at the next few Gatherings. Food preparation/serving information and sign-ups will likewise be at the next Gatherings and hopefully on the web site, soon. Also, we are in need of cooks for the Boys Flight. If you are interested please contact me ASAP at anitab@fuse.net

Don't miss the December Gathering. Our Chrysalis youth will be providing the music and a very special communion service that takes place on the Flights. It's a special event that we want to share with the whole community.

Thanks for all you do to support the Chrysalis Community! Remember Christ is counting on you!

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving! Thanks and God Bless!

Fly With Christ! Anita Bernardo anitab@fuse.net

FROM SCOOFER JORDAN, S/E REGIONAL REP.

A WORD TO THE WISE

Many, if not most, community's feel they "must" have walks every season as they always have. Years ago this was not a problem, but now it is most definitely a problem as more and more communities are struggling with low pilgrim count and having to make very hard decisions about holding a walk. The 20-pilgrim minimum has a two-fold principle backing the Upper Room guideline that says not to go forward with less than 20 pilgrims. First, you do not want the number of team members to overpower the number of pilgrims. If communities are not careful, the walk goes forward for the benefit of the team because of "all the hard work done in training". Second, you cannot in most cases, justify the expense of a walk with less than 20 pilgrims.

The reason I take time to review this with everyone is because apparently many of you feel you **MUST** have as many walks as you always have had. **NOT SO!** In fact, you don't have to have walks at all. You can gather as a fourth day community until such time as you do have enough pilgrims. It may even work to your advantage to cancel or postpone a walk from time to time in order to get the attention of the community about their failure to sponsor.

May I suggest that each Board review their policy concerning holding walks. You will not be judged on canceling or postponing a walk from time to time, but you could be judged on going forward with less than 20 pilgrims.

In some cases, and maybe in many, the equal commitment rule is being misused or not used at all. Conscientious sponsors take the time to sit down with both husband and wife to explain Emmaus, so they both hear your Emmaus story at the same time. When done this way, most spouses will agree to go on the walk without hesitation. Please don't take the easy way and only speak to one; see both so the two can discuss clearly from the information you shared with them.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact me. Most of the time I'm a pretty good listener, and I surely believe in fixing things that are broken.

Scoofer Jordan, S/E Regional Rep.

**As you see now, it depends whose hands it's in.
So put your concerns, your worries, your fears, your hopes, your dreams,
your families and your relationships in God's hands because...
It depends whose hands it's in.**

**When things get tough, always remember...
Faith doesn't get you around trouble, it gets you through it!!**

Happy Thanksgiving to the entire Emmaus Community!

I Send GOD's Blessing To All Of You!, DeColores