



JULY NORTHERN KENTUCKY EMMAUS NEWSLETTER

We asked the Lord to bless you as we prayed for you today, to guide you and protect you as you go along your way. His love is always with you, His promises are true, and when we give Him all our cares you know He will see us through. So when the road you're traveling on seems difficult at best. Just remember to keep praying and God will do the rest.

4th OF JULY BLESSINGS FROM YOUR EMMAUS BOARD

**The July 9, 2009 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.**

Child Care for the Gatherings is available with a reservation. The CPR Certified child-care providers are employed by Immanuel UMC and are trained to provide purposeful Christian care. If you need childcare, contact **Immanuel's Child-Care Coordinator at 859-341-5330 x13 at least 48 hours in advance.** Please leave the name and age of each child so the child-care coordinators can arrange to have the appropriate number of child-care providers to meet the number of children needing this service. All children must be picked up by 9:00pm. Immanuel's reservation policies and procedures are in place to insure your children's safety. The Emmaus Community provides this service with donations being accepted if you wish to give.

It is never too early to ask pilgrims to participate in upcoming walks.

Men's Walk	Women's Walk
Walk #30 Sept 17-20, 2009	Walk #30 Oct 22-25, 2009

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JESUS SAID

**"LOVE PEOPLE AND USE THINGS" –
NOT LOVE THINGS AND USE PEOPLE.**

From the Community Lay Director – John McLemore Hello Northern Kentucky Emmaus Community!

How is your summer going?

Recently, I've had the opportunity to venture out with the youth from our church on our annual mission trip. This year was a little different for me from some of the previous trips I've been on. Normally, our group heads off to tackle a mission by ourselves. This time, we would find ourselves working intermingled with people from 2 other church groups. Makes for a completely different dynamic, you know? People with all kinds of differences now have to work together....(are you serious, God? Have you ever talked to these people?). Yet, in the end, God is glorified! We discover that our theologies don't really matter much. We find that when we lay aside all those barriers, things that hold us back from each other and from Him, great things can be done in His name! Praise God for the many lessons we learn from serving Him!

The other great thing about mission trips....relationships. Crossroads Missions reemphasized something for me this trip. It's not so much about the actual work being done; it's about the relationships that are developed. It's about listening to people's stories, sharing their triumphs and losses, and showing them that they have value in God's eyes and in ours. I probably didn't get as much "work" done on this trip, but God gave me so much more.

It's funny that sometimes taking a mission trip reminds us that God has provided mission opportunities right outside our very front door....their called neighbors. Quite often, they're visitors at our churches. Ever heard their story? Take some time and listen, you might be surprised what God has in store!

In His Service,

John McLemore
Community Lay Director

Quiet Time!! Say nice things and learn to listen.
GOD gave us two ears and one mouth, so He must have
meant for us to do twice as much listening as talking.
"He who guards his lips guards his soul." **Proverbs 13:3**

From the Community Spiritual Director - Linda Kemp-Baird

Happy Summer Everyone! I hope that you are given a chance to play in the sunshine and, on some days, dance in the rain during these emerging summer days!

I have just returned home from attending a General Synod (a church conference) for the denomination of the church that I am currently serving: United Church of Christ. The bi-yearly event, held this year in Grand Rapids, Michigan, was attended by over 3,500 people: men, women, children, youth, young adults. People of all sizes and shapes, generations, race and ethnic groups. Worship services were filled with singing, good preaching, powerful praying and beautiful artistically designed worship spaces. I would have loved to have y'all from Northern Kentucky there with me!!!

One of my favorite activities during a large conference of this nature is to watch people. Last Saturday morning, I was having fun watching people gather for morning worship. I noticed a group sitting a couple of rows in front of me. It was a youth group, with adult sponsors, attending the General Synod. One of the youth members, probably Middle School age, suddenly became excited. She had caught sight of someone who belonged to their group. She was jumping up and down to catch her friends' attention. As I watched her, I expected that she was trying to get the attention of another youth to join she and her friends.

Imagine my surprise when this young girl's "friend" were two "grandparent-types" of another race. In fact not only this young girl but all of the youth were glad to be reunited with these very special people in their lives.

To watch the power of this relationship before me last Saturday morning: a joining together across generations ... across race and ethnic groups ... was so refreshing for me. It reminds me of what God calls us to be as the Body of Christ – that those who gather and serve in the church might be a reflection of all of God's people not only across this country ... but across the entire world which God has created.

I hope your summer not only includes some play in the sun but that you also have opportunity to see new sights and new images of what we all can become, with God's help, in sharing and living out fully the Good News of Jesus Christ!

Hope to see you soon! DeColores!

Linda Kemp-Baird
Community Spiritual Director

**He who angers you, controls you!
If God is your Co-pilot - swap seats!**