

Wilmington Emmaus



Wilmington Area Emmaus Community Newsletter

“One Body, Many Members”

“Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body and each member belongs to all the others.” Romans 12:4-5

A minister was approached by a man who wanted to join the church. “But,” the man said, “I have a very busy schedule. I can’t be called on for any service, such as committee work, teaching, or singing in the choir. I just won’t be available for special projects or to help with setting up chairs or things like that. And I’m afraid I’ll never be able to go on visitation, as my evenings are all tied up.”

The minister thought for a moment, then replied, “I believe you’re at the wrong church. The church you’re looking for is three blocks down the street, on the right.”

The man followed the preacher’s directions and soon came to an abandoned, boarded up, closed church building. It was a dead church—gone out of business.

As this Emmaus Community grows and grows and grows, we too, just like the man who wanted to join the

church, say, “I want to participate so I’ll come to Candlelight to see a pilgrim, a friend, a special team member, *but* I just can’t work in the kitchen, or clean bathrooms. I’ll come to Candlelight. Now, I will have to be able to stand in my special place *but* I won’t be able to set up, tear down or clean the sanctuary on Sunday. I’ll be there for Candlelight. *But*, if I don’t have a pilgrim on the walk, I won’t be at closing, *but* I’ll come to the Candlelight.”

Dear brothers and sisters, take a moment to think back to your original walk or the walks on which you have served. Remember that wonderful agape love that was lavishly poured on you by so many of God’s servants. Every job from the dish dryers to the bathroom cleaners are jobs done in love and service for the Lord. Did you know that



in the kitchen area alone it takes 12 people per shift? If you do the math, times 3 meals a day, times 3 days, that equals 108. The weekend needs 150 to 175 willing servants for kitchen, logistics, team, closing set-up and closing clean-up. God’s live-in team involves 22 or 23 people. It is only a part but a vital part. As I Corinthians 12:13 says, “The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ.”

God gave all of us gifts to serve Him in a way that would be productive and accomplish His purpose. Each of us is unique. We are all significant in this body of Christ. God uses our spiritual gifts or talents to help the body of Christ grow. But when we refuse to use those gifts, the body suffers. God is love and if the body is to grow effectively, it must be under the direction of the Head, who is Jesus. He has modeled to us the ultimate example of love, laying his life down for us and becoming the greatest servant of all. God needs you in His service. Emmaus needs you.

I struggle with following His will for my life. There are times that I (see “One Body”, page 2)

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 say I've got a lot to do, I'm a busy person and this Emmaus servanthood is taking too much time. Where can I go to resign? Then I remember the cross that my Lay Director placed around my neck as she said to me, "Christ is counting on you," and I responded, "I am counting on Christ." Soon afterward God blesses me through you with a hug, a smile, a note or a new best friend and I'm humbled.

Ah, to be your instrument, O God,
 Like Paul to the Gentiles,
 Like Philip to the eunuch,
 Like Jesus to the world,
to be your instrument.

To be like a scalpel in the gentle hands
 of a surgeon, healing and mending.
 To be like a plow in the weathered
 hands of a farmer, sowing and mending.
 To be like a scythe in the sweeping
 hands of a reaper, gathering and using.
 To be an instrument for noble
 purposes.

To be honed and tuned, in sync with
 your will, sensitive to your touch.

This, my God, is my prayer. Draw me
 from your fire, form me on your anvil,
 shape me with your hands, and let me be
 your tool.

-Max Lucado, The Anvil

In His Service,

Margaret

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Angels

Barefoot and dirty, the little girl just sat in the park and watched people go by. She never tried to speak, she never said a word. Many people passed, but not one person glanced her way, no one stopped, including me.

The next day I decided to go back to the park, curious if the little girl would still be there. Right on the very spot she had been yesterday, she sat perched on high, with the saddest look in her eyes. But today I could not just walk away, concerned only with my affairs. Instead I found myself walking over to the little girl, for as we all know, a park full of strange people is not a place for young children to play alone.

As I began walking towards her, I could see the back of the little girl's dress indicated a deformity. I figured that was the reason the people just passed by and made no effort to care. As I got closer, the little girl slightly lowered her eyes to avoid my intense stare. I could see the shape of her back more clearly, It was grotesquely shaped in a humped over form. I smiled to let her know it was okay. I was there to help, to talk. I sat down beside her and opened with a simple "hello." The little girl acted shocked and stammered a "hi" after a long stare into my eyes. I smiled and she shyly smiled back. We talked 'til darkness fell and the park was completely empty. Everyone was gone and we were alone.

I asked the girl why she was so sad. The little girl looked at me and said, "Because I am different." I immediately said "That you are!" and smiled. The little girl acted even sadder, saying, "I know."

"Little girl," I said, "you

remind me of an angel, sweet and innocent." She looked at me and, as she smiled slowly, she stood to her feet and said, "Really?" "Yes, dear, you're like a little guardian angel sent to watch over all those people walking by."

She nodded her head yes and smiled. With that she spread her wings and said, "I am. I'm your guardian angel." With a twinkle in her eye. I was speechless, sure I was seeing things. She continued, "And when you began thinking of someone other than yourself, my job here was done." Immediately I stood to my feet and said, "Wait, so why did no one else stop to help an angel?" She looked at me and smiled, "You're the only one who could see me," and she was gone.



With that my life was changed dramatically. So when you think you're all you have, remember, your angel is always watching over you. Mine was watching me. Pass this on to everyone who means anything at all to you. Every one of your friends is an angel in his or her own way.

*"Be not forgetful to entertain
strangers; for thereby some
have entertained angels
unaware."*

Hebrews 13:2

(Copied from WEEE)

Wilmington Emmaus Women's Walk # 59

June 22-25, 2000

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Brown, Diane	141 Taylor Ln, Wshngtn Ct Hs, OH 43160	740/335-6444
Burns, Debbie	5310 Warlamount Rd, Hillsboro, OH 45133	937/393-8070
Butler, Robin	1442 State Route 131, Lynchburg, OH 45142	937/288-2877
Clyburn, Connie	428 Jefferson St, Greenfield, OH 45123	937/981-2279
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Eigel, Cindy	6582 E Lake Shore Dr, Hillsboro, OH 45133	937/393-2569
Fowler, Claudia	1055 Buckskin Trl, Xenia, OH 45385	937/372-3653
Fulton, Ginger	535 Howard St Apt E, Wilmington, OH 45177	937/383-3362
Garringer, Mary	3480 Hogeys Rd, Jamestown, OH 45335	937/675-2860
Goodall, Melissa	712 W Locust St, Wilmington, OH 45177	937/382-6195
Green, Denise	4086 Greenbush East Rd, Mount Orab, OH 45154	937/444-0444
Henson, Teresa	5584 School House Rd, Georgetown, OH 45121	937/378-2403
Hodge, Barbara	12228 New Lexington Ave, Highland, OH 45132	937/780-7931
Holmes, Missy	4415 State Route 350, Martinsville, OH 45146	937/685-4861
Honaker, Tammy	100 Kirby Rd, Lebanon, OH 45036	513/932-1214
Jarrell, Carolyn	52 Union St, Sabina, OH 45169	937/584-2252
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Luke, Susan	12150 Dunn Rd, Leesburg, OH 45135	937/981-4931
Martin, Molly	11951 State Route 28 W, Greenfield, OH 45123	937/981-3329
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Mussetter, Penny	215 E Court St, Wshngtn Ct Hs, OH 43160	740/636-1729
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Stricker, Tonia Sue	140 W Washington St, Sabina, OH 45169	937/584-2713
Thompson, Gigi	262 Uhler Ave, Marion, OH 43302	740/382-0773
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A Word from Spiritual Director Phil

Dear Fellow Pilgrims:

In my first ministerial appointment, the church had a food booth at the Pike County Fair. We served meals and sandwiches to the fair patrons. My job was to fry the hamburgers. I could do twenty-four at a time.

We offered two types. We had plain hamburgers and deluxe hamburgers. A plain hamburger was just that...a patty on a bun. The deluxe hamburger had cheese, home-grown tomato, lettuce, pickles and any condiments a person could desire. I was surprised with the number of "plain" hamburgers we sold. I could not understand why anyone would want "plain" when they could have "deluxe."

I am still surprised when people make the same choice with their spiritual lives. Why would anyone want "plain" when they could have a "deluxe" one?

In Emmaus we are lucky and blessed to have glimpsed the "deluxe" version. I trust that each of us will continue to let God's Spirit work in and through us in our Fourth Days. God has opened the banquet to us. What is your choice? What is the direction you want your loved ones to follow?

We each have the choice. Mine is to have the "deluxe" version.

De Colores,
Phil

Back to School

Think About This One

JUST SUPPOSE that at every ball game, graduation, prom, etc., someone who has had enough of stupid, anti-historical court decisions had the guts to start reciting the Lord's Prayer loudly, and others joined in, then more, until hundreds participated.

And JUST SUPPOSE this spread all over our land until this became standard practice in hundreds of schools, then thousands, then tens of thousands. Just what would local school boards do? Expel half the student body? (They need their jobs and federal funding far too much to do that.) What would a Federal district court do? Order hundreds of nonviolent, decent minors led off to jail? Or thousands? Just what would the Supreme Court do about it, issue more edicts? What if millions decided the Supreme Court was out of its league and said "So what?"

SUPPOSE hundreds of brave school board members, local judges, prosecutors and others, each in his or her own area of authority, refused to intervene, realizing that we have already tried it the other way, and the result was a modern day Sodom and Gomorrah of immorality and senseless violence.

JUST SUPPOSE this then spread next into classroom after classroom and either a brave student or a brave teacher started the Lord's Prayer (or Psalm 100, or a Bible reading, etc.) each morning, until hundreds of thousands stood up and did their part and stopped cowering before the destructive, God-hating secular attitudes of the pagan minority who parrot the media line.

JUST SUPPOSE every God-fearing Christian participated peacefully, nonviolently but firmly and continually. Where would they get enough jails to hold us all? How would they prosecute hundreds of thousands? It is far more than the government can do to even stop the flow of illegal drugs, despite their best efforts and overcrowded jails. Hardened criminals walk after doing only half of their sentences to ease jail crowding. Even if they try to pick on a handful to make examples of them, what if hundreds of thousands stood up to the tyranny of the

minority and demanded their freedom of religion back? They can't build enough jails or courts to begin to deal with such a movement.

During the Civil Rights battles of the 60's, some of the black people decided they had had enough and stood up to the system—a few dozen here, a few hundred there, and eventually the whole country heard, and repented, and changed. Racial repression was an evil whose time was over. But now, there is another battle and the stakes are even higher. The future of all children, white, black and otherwise, is at stake. No other country on earth allows a tiny minority of impractical anti-religious bigots to censor their people's right to free religious expression. Even Russian public schools show videos of the life and teachings of Jesus now.

We tend to get exactly the kind of government we deserve. If you make a time line or a graph, you will see that the exponential increase in public school violence, pregnancy and foul language all started at exactly the time the Supreme Court threw prayer and bible reading out of the schools. We told God we didn't need Him, and the results speak for themselves.

JUST SUPPOSE hundreds of Christians passed this message on to all their friends, leaders, and contacts.

JUST SUPPOSE hundreds of churches, organizations and ministries passed this message on to their constituencies with a request to reprint, repost and repeat it wherever possible. Once upon a time the church was the moral conscience and spiritual lighthouse of the nation.

Now, most congregations are impotent, pusillanimous minor-league social welfare agencies or mutual comfort societies with no impact on the world around their little enclave.

JUST SUPPOSE—What do you suppose you should do?

You may not know what the future holds, but knowing who holds the future makes all the difference. You decide what to do with this. Take action, pass it on or just simply read it and do nothing. (Found on the Internet)

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calendar - august 2000

Emmaus - Wilmington UMC

- 8 Gathering - 7:00pm
(Singing starts at 6:45pm)
Copy deadline for Sept. Newsletter
- 15 Emmaus Board Meeting, 6:00pm
Fellowship Hall (Bring your supper)

When attending a gathering or closing, you may wish to bring food to share during the fellowship time following these two events.



HOLY LAND TRIP - 2001

2001 Holy Land Pilgrimage registrations are still open. There are currently about 120 (including those from the community where Kathy Reiff is currently serving) signed up. There are more from the Cincinnati Community to be signed up. Don't miss out! Please join us for this great trip to the Holy Land. If this is a trip you've always desired to take, don't pass up this opportunity to go with your Emmaus brothers and sisters! A \$250 fee is required to register. Cost of the trip is \$1938. This includes airfare, hotel and two meals per day. Early registrations are entitled to discounts as much as \$105 off. (see registration form) Emmaus community members are encouraged to invite other Christian friends to join. If you are interested in this trip at all, you should make a deposit and inquire about cancellation insurance. Questions? Call any of the following:

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Please **KOKUA!** (a Hawaiian word, meaning "do your part; help out") If you sign up to work during a weekend, PLEASE honor your commitment, notify someone at the church or provide a substitute. **PLEASE KOKUA!** Thanx and a hat tip!

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