

# Wilmington Emmaus

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## Greetings from the Community Chairperson: Mary Jane West—Walk #38

### The Chairman's Corner

As I reflect on the New Year, it is difficult for me to believe it has been thirteen years since my walk (January '96). I remember the closing and standing at the podium and answering those three questions. The one I remember the most is "What do I intend to do about it"? Or at least that is the way I remember it. It is a little cloudy what I said. But I can tell you a little of what I have done. I have listened to the Lord more. When he spoke to me about going on a mission trip to Honduras in 1999 I went. When he spoke to my husband about going on a mission trip to Mexico it took a lot of convincing from my husband for me to go because as I said he spoke to him not me. But I went and again I

was blessed. When I sponsored my first pilgrim I was blessed experiencing Candlelight from the other side and not having to anticipate anymore. When I was asked to serve on my first Emmaus Team I said yes and WOW was I blessed. The blessings just kept coming. I served as Agape co-chair and again what a blessing to touch every piece of mail that each pilgrim receives you feel like you know each pilgrim personally by the end of the weekend. Oh, and it just kept getting better six years after my walk the Holy Spirit spoke to my husband (the first five it was me speaking) and he went on his walk. The blessings just never stop, we have met so many wonderful people in the Emmaus Community and have become close friends

with many and even travel together on vacation. If I had not kept my promise to God on "What do I intend to do about it"? what wonderful blessings I would have missed out on the last thirteen years. I pray that in 2009 you listen and are also blessed. Reflect back, how did you answer that question and what have you done about it? How many pilgrims have you sponsored? How many walks have you participated in? Did you know cooking on the weekend and cleaning the bathrooms is also a blessing? I continue to be blessed by serving as your community chairperson. Come to the Gathering next month and be blessed.

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Mary Jane

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All Emmaus walks and gatherings are held at the United Methodist Church P.O. Box 191  
61 E. Main St.  
Wilmington, OH 45177

## Tabor Talk

“But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 3:13-14)

How quickly 2008 has passed and the New Year is upon us! Have you made any resolutions yet? Did you make any resolutions for the New Year that you have not yet broken? Howard Hendricks once wrote: "In all my travels this has never happened to me, and I hope it never happens to you: Imagine that I board a plane leaving Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport for Chicago. Twenty minutes into our flight the pilot comes on the speaker and says, 'Well, folks, we're leveling off at our cruising altitude of 36,000 feet. By the way, I know this flight is booked for Chicago, but I thought we would just fly around instead and see the countryside. We'll land whenever we're low on fuel. I really can't say where we'll end up. We'll just see what happens.' Hendricks goes on to say, "Imagine such an announcement! A flight like that not only would be ridiculous--it could be perilous!"

I guess that story is my way of asking, "Where are you

going for the coming year? Are you just flying around enjoying the sunshine and the scenery, or are you heading for a specific goal?" I am not a great fan of resolutions, but I do find that they give us some sense of direction for the coming year.

In Philippians chapter 3, we find the Apostle Paul giving us by his own example some specific words of wisdom. He says he is forgetting what lies behind him and straining toward what lies ahead – and that is the heavenly prize of God IN CHRIST JESUS! In other words, Paul was not just roaming through life with nowhere to go. He was living each day of his life as a new day in his journey toward heaven. And each day brought with it a myriad of opportunities to be more and more like Jesus Christ – to think more like Him, to act more like Him, to respond to people and situations more like He would, to serve more like He would serve, - in short, to live more like Christ. And if that was his goal, it should also be our goal, shouldn't it?

I once read a story about a student at Amherst College. Soon after entering the school, he put on the door of his dormitory room the letter V. Fellow students wondered what

it signified, but he only smiled when questioned and said nothing. When his 4 years were over and graduation day came, the announcement was made that he was the top student and had therefore been selected to deliver an address on behalf of the graduating class. Then the mystery of that letter V was made clear. It stood for valedictorian. Throughout his 4 years of study, it represented the high ideal that he had set for himself.

Whether we recognize it or not, most of us have within our hearts some goal for which we too are striving. Some put the letter M on their heart--for their motive is to make money. Others put up F for fame, or maybe that F stands for family. And almost all of us put up the letter S which stands for self. It is a good idea to step outside the door of your heart once in a while and look at the letter you have put there. It may be that when you realize what it is, you will want to change it.

Paul obviously had the letters WWJD on his heart's door, for he said, "For to me to live is Christ." And he was always asking, "What would Jesus do?" What letter(s) will the year 2009 find on the door of *your* heart?

## Scholarships Available

The cost of sponsoring a pilgrim is \$75.00. The cost helps cover program expenses for food and supplies. If you have not sponsored a someone because it was cost prohibited we have great

news! The Wilmington Area Emmaus Community has a scholarship fund. This fund was made possible through gifts from previous pilgrims. If you need a scholarship for your pilgrim(s)

please contact Mary Jane West or Randy Riley. The 2009 women's walks are June 25-28 and October 22-25 and the men's walk is September 24-27.

# Community Board Members

Area or Responsibility	Name	Phone Number
Chairperson	Mary Jane West	513-646-9250
Leadership	Randy Riley	937-382-6204
Secretary	Jancy Tissandier	937-783-4781
Treasurer	Susan Thompson	937-584-2139
Agape	Chandra Bills / Jennifer Brown	937-289-2480 / 937-783-3048
Chrysalis	Adam and Jancy Tissandier	937-783-4781
Kitchen	Jerry Quigley	937-685-9163
Logistics	Ken Ogelsbee	937-302-8080
Men's Good Shepherd	Jim Wingo	937-486-3694
Men's Registrar	Bob Brown	937-783-3048
Men's Sponsorship	Michael Cook	937-218-1229
Music	Jenny Harner	937-987-2518
Newsletter	Laura Parker	937-289-4042
Newsletter Subscription	Pat Meranda	937-393-3373
Purchaser	Dean and Joy Hall	937-382-1576
Social	Mary Brose / Ida Jo Allison	513-875-3533 / 937-783-5519
Women's Good Shepherd	Sue Ellis	937-725-8187
Women's Registrar	Debbie Mitchell	937-393-4051
Women's Sponsorship	Betty Starkey	937-685-5002
Worship and Outreach	Christy Mitchell	937-393-4051
Church Liaison	Sharon Newton	937-382-6128
Spiritual Director's	Tom Brunner / Maurice Mitchell Joy Stanforth / Chuck Tabor	513-856-7842 / 937-393-4051 740-335-8857 / 937-486-3694

## Are you in a Share Group?

If the answer is "No", the Women's and Men's Good Shepherd are here to help. Please let us know you are looking. If the answer is "Yes", we would also like to hear from you. Following an Emmaus Walk, new members of the community are often looking for a share group. Sometimes Community members who have been around awhile are also looking for one. If you are in an active share group, you can help by con-

tacting the Women's or [Men's Good Shepherd](#) and let them know about your group. We are in the process of compiling a database of active Share Groups. The database will be used to help anyone who may be looking for a group, find one in their area. We are looking for basic information; when and where you meet and the name and phone number of one member of the group who would serve as a point of contact.

We would love to hear from you. The Women's Good Shepherd is Sue Ellis and the Men's Good Shepherd is Jim Wingo. Please contact either one with your group's information or if you are in need of finding a group.

**Sue Ellis:** [csellis@hughes.net](mailto:csellis@hughes.net)

**Jim Wingo:** [jsiei@verizon.net](mailto:jsiei@verizon.net) or phone (937) 486-3694

## Gatherings

- \* Second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. (Board meeting 6:00)
- \* When attending a gathering or closing, you may wish to bring food to share during the fellowship time.
- \* *Please come and invite a friend!*

**We're on the Web:**  
[WilmingtonEmmaus.org](http://WilmingtonEmmaus.org)

## Chrysalis

Interested in finding out more about Chrysalis, go to [cincinnati.chrysalis.com](http://cincinnati.chrysalis.com). Or contact Adam / Jancy Tissandier

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## Community Did You Know?

- Did you know that we provide FREE babysitting at Gatherings and Closings.
- Did you know that you can bring a friend who has not attended the walk to Gatherings?
- Did you know that you need to wear your name tag when attending any Emmaus function?
- Did you know that in order to serve on a live-in team you:
  - Must be active in church
  - Must be active in the community
  - Must be in a share group
- Did you know that Candlelight and Closing are only for the Emmaus Community. No one, not even children, spouse or your significant other that has not attended an Emmaus or Chrysalis weekend can attend the Candlelight or Closing.
- Did you know that it takes 12 people to volunteer per shift (breakfast, lunch & supper) in the kitchen.
- Did you know that we need 4 people to help set-up on Thursdays of the walk?
- Did you know that we need 4 people to help clean up on Sunday morning so the church can minister to their flock?
- Did you know that it only takes 4 people each evening between the hours of 8:30 and 9:30 pm to scrub those glorious bathrooms.
- Did you know that the 72 hour prayer vigil needs 72 praying angels?
- Did you know that taping and/or picture taking of any part of the Emmaus Weekend is not allowed.
- Did you know that God loves you and so do we!

### 2009 Walks to Emmaus

<b>Women's Walk #82:</b>	<b>June 25-28</b>
<b>Men's Walk #49:</b>	<b>Sept 24-27</b>
<b>Women's Walk #83:</b>	<b>Oct 22-25</b>