

NORTHERN LIGHTS EMMAUS / CHRYSALIS COMMUNITY



December, 2005

VISIONS

A word from the Chrysalis Community Spiritual Director
News about Chrysalis Changes

Dates to Remember

Girls' Chrysalis Flight # 8	January 14-16 2006
Boy's Chrysalis Flight # 6	February 18-20 2006
Men's Emmaus Walk # 21	March 9-12 2006
Women's Emmaus Walk # 25	March 30– April 2 2006

The Flights are being held at Monroe UMC in Monroe, Ohio and the Walks are being held at Christ UMC in Middletown, Ohio. All are encouraged to show your support for the Emmaus / Chrysalis Community.



Brothers and Sisters of the Northern Lights Emmaus and Chrysalis Communities,

Greetings from your Northern Lights Chrysalis Community! It is that time of year again when we are knee deep in planning and preparation for the upcoming Chrysalis Flights. What a blessing to be able to serve youth and young adults in our area by offering the experience of Chrysalis. This year we are expanding the scope of Chrysalis in the Northern Lights Community. In addition to the normal Chrysalis Flight, we will be opening the Chrysalis experience to young adults ages 18-24 who have graduated from high school. This program for young adults is called a Chrysalis Journey. This experience will be happening concurrently with the Chrysalis Flight and those individuals experiencing the Journey will be at a separate table from the Flight participants.

So, with that in mind I would like to ask all of you to pray about any young adults who might benefit from the Chrysalis experience. In fact, I would ask that you pray about any youth you think might benefit from the Chrysalis experience. Chrysalis and Emmaus are wonderful opportunities to instill Godly leadership in people for them to take back to their local churches. Through the work of the Holy Spirit we can only hope to be used by God to impact the lives of the young people we serve, sponsor, and pray for as they experience their Chrysalis weekend.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for the Northern Lights Chrysalis Community and its Board of Directors. None of this would be possible without each and everyone of your support.

God bless,
Benji Sayre
Community Spiritual Director

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CHRYSLIS SPONSORSHIP

Sponsorship is THE MOST IMPORTANT job in Chrysalis. It is more than signing up a youth for a retreat. A sponsor has the important responsibility of supporting and encouraging young people before, during, and after their Chrysalis experience. Sponsors will impact the new participants, the health of the Chrysalis community, and the churches who have youth attending the Chrysalis event.

The purpose of sponsoring a youth to a Chrysalis event should be the spiritual growth of young Christians as disciples of Jesus Christ through their churches and youth groups.

Some mistaken reasons for sponsoring include:

- Getting all of my friends to go.
- Have a fun weekend
- To fix a young personal problems or crisis
- To have them feel the same way I do about Jesus

Sending youth to Chrysalis for any of the above reasons could result in a bad experience for everyone.

Sponsorship can be motivated by a number of hopes and prayers for young persons including these:

- To experience the acceptance and healing grace of God through Christian community
- To realize that they are precious in God's eyes, and that they are here on this earth for a purpose
- To discuss without judgment their questions and struggles as a youth in today's world
- To hear again of "God's love in Jesus Christ" and the basics of Christian faith
- To meet and make friends with other youth who share their faith and will support each other in living as Christians
- To develop relationships with mature Christian adults
- To be strengthened in their decisions to follow Jesus
- To be better prepared to live as Christian witnesses in home, school, church, and community
- To bring new vitality to their own youth group upon returning, to energize the body of Christ through young people whose hearts are on fire with the love of Jesus.

Lastly, please inform your youth of the requirements of leaving their watches, cell phones, and other electronic equipment at home. It truly disrupts the weekend when these items have to be removed at registration or worse when they are discovered hours into the event and the team has to make a decision to remove these items. This causes a needless break in trust with the team who is trying to lift up the lives of these youth.

Properly preparing your caterpillar will have far reaching benefits.

Mike Harris
Chrysalis Sponsorship

FLY WITH CHRIST

YOUTH.... HOW TO STAY INVOLVED

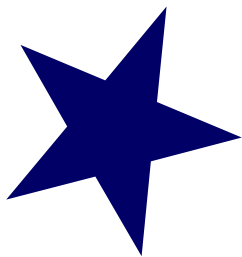
The youth have a lot of involvement in the church community and Chrysalis. After the flights the youth need to get involved in share groups with others from their flight, or youth from their church that have already been on Chrysalis. The youth like the idea of Hoots. Hoots are gatherings of all the youth that have been on the flights. Youth get to meet up with old friends and new ones that they meet on the flight. Our next hoot will be on January 26th just following the girls January flight at Monroe United Methodist where that flight was at. Fly with Christ!

Jenny Harris
Youth Lay Lead

**Every 4th Thursday at
Monroe United Methodist Church!**

6:30—9:00 p.m.

Hoots!



Starting

Thursday,

January

26, 2006!

*Come on out for a night
of
food,
worship, &
fun!*



*Questions?
Call Molly!*

Phone: (513) 385-3394

E-mail: mms@fuse.net



EMMAUS SPONSORSHIP

What a blessing it is to sponsor a brother and/or sister-in-Christ on their personal Emmaus Walk. To share the experience with someone else is a great thing. But along with sharing comes responsibilities. You must accept the commitment to do more than drop your participant off at the church on the weekend of their Walk. Sponsorship is taking responsibility for another. It requires a commitment to be a servant to your participating pilgrim before, during and after their Walk experience. It is an act of love for God, for the participants in the Walk to Emmaus, for the Emmaus Community, and for the church. It is a demonstration of agape love.

A sponsor will:

- Pray for the participant's openness to God's call to discipleship.
- Make an appointment with the participant (or participating couple) to discuss his or her participation in Emmaus.
- Invite the participant to take part in Emmaus for the sake of a more vital relationship with Jesus Christ. The sponsor shares his or her faith, explains the basic purpose, elements, and follow-up dimensions of the Walk.
- Ask the participant to make a commitment by filling out a registration form. If the participant is married, the sponsor will speak with both partners and encourage an equal commitment by both spouses.
- Solicit agape letters from family and friends of the participant.
- Support the participant's Walk through prayers and otherwise. The sponsor will also support the participant's family by house-sitting, baby-sitting, watering plants, picking up mail, feeding pets, or just checking in with a spouse to see if any help or support is needed.
- Attend Sponsors Hour and pray over your pilgrims cross. Also attend their Candlelight and Closing Ceremony.
- Encourage the participant in his/her continued journey and take the participant to the follow-up meeting and Emmaus "gatherings" after the Walk weekend is over.
- Help the participant re-enter his or her church and consider ways to act out new commitment and enthusiasm.
- Help the participant sponsor others.

Please prayerfully consider who you could make a commitment to sponsor for the Northern Lights Emmaus Men's and Women's Walks in 2006.

All For Him,
Sharon Bishop
Emmaus Sponsorship



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TO MAIL OR NOT TO MAIL... THAT IS THE QUESTION.



We are still in this dilemma of whether to notify all in the community by email that the newsletter is available to read / print or to send it by postal mail. We understand that there are some people who do not have email available to them and we still want them to receive the newsletter. Cost is always the driving factor, not unlike anything else in this day and age. By having it on the Web page we will be able to keep you informed more frequently and it will certainly be cost effective. However, we also don't want keeping costs down to be the reason someone did not get the Northern Lights Newsletter.

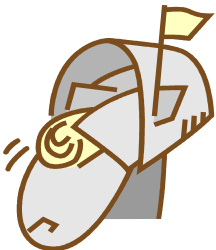


We want our Emmaus / Chrysalis Communities to stay current with our NLE community information. We all became connected through our Emmaus experiences and it is so important that our Emmaus family stay connected. We are all busy people, but hopefully not too busy to read our newsletter and stay involved in our community events.



Our goal is to have those in the community who have access to email to copy the newsletter. For those of you who don't have email...we need to hear from you!!

Would everyone please take a minute or two to complete the following information form and return using one of the options listed. We value your input and as a board want to serve you to the best of "God's ability."



We are asking **everyone to request** a newsletter so we can update the database and we can also remove those individuals who no longer wish to receive a newsletter period. You will see and hear this notice several times in the next months, because it the Board of Directors desire to be connected to every member we can but to also be good stewards of the funds the Lord gives us. If you have any questions or concerns, please talk with any board member or call me 513-726-5738 or email me at bkpearson@cinci.rr.com.

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Brenda Pearson
NLE Communications

FUTURE NORTHERN LIGHTS EMMAUS / CHRYSALIS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

EMAIL the following information to Dennis Meyers, NLE Information Mgt. Chairman at dennismeyers@skidmore-sales.com or Complete and **MAIL TO:** Northern Lights Emmaus Community, P.O. Box 38, West Chester, Ohio 45071 or **BRING TO THE NEXT GATHERING**

Name(s): _____

(Please list all Emmaus / Chrysalis Members living at this address)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Other Phone: (____) _____

Email Address: _____

- Instead of mailing my household a newsletter, please notify us by email when a new newsletter is on the Northern Lights Emmaus / Chrysalis Web site www.northernlightsemmaus.org
- I would like to continue to receive the Northern Lights Emmaus / Chrysalis Newsletter by mail.

2006 SAVE THE DATES!

Chrysalis Flights

January 14—16
Sunday January 15
February 18—20
Sunday February 19

Girl's Chrysalis Flight # 8 at Monroe UMC, in Monroe, Ohio
Candlelight 8:00 pm
Boy's Chrysalis Flight # 6 at Monroe UMC, in Monroe, Ohio
Candlelight 8:00 pm

Emmaus Walks

March 9—12
Saturday March 11
March 30-April 2
Saturday April 1
September 7—10
Saturday September 9
October 5—8
Saturday October 7

Men's Emmaus Walk # 21 at Christ UMC in Middletown, Ohio
Candlelight 8:30 pm
Women's Emmaus Walk #25 at Christ UMC in Middletown, Ohio
Candlelight 8:30 pm
Men's Emmaus Walk #22 at Christ UMC in Middletown, Ohio
Candlelight 8:30 pm
Women's Emmaus Walk #26 at Christ UMC in Middletown, Ohio
Candlelight 8:30 pm

Gatherings

January 13
February 10
March 17
April 14

Cornerstone United Methodist Church at 7:00 pm
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TBA
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Opening for all flights and walks. Get your registrations turned in ASAP so God can begin to make awesome changes in the lives of others.



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me."**

Matthew 4:19