

**MID-OHIO VALLEY
WALK TO EMMAUS
PILGRIM APPLICATION**



Please indicate walk dates:

_____ Men's Walk #40 (April 19-22, 2012)

_____ Women's Walk #40 (May 3-6, 2012)

_____ Men's Walk #41 (Sept 27-30, 2012)

_____ Women's Walk #40 (Oct 11-14, 2012)

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT (PLEASE PRINT):

Name _____ Preferred first name for nametag _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Email _____ Marital status _____ Date of birth _____

Home phone _____ Work phone _____ Cell phone _____

Occupation/employer _____

Church you attend _____ Pastor's name _____

Church address _____ Church phone _____

Are you on a special diet? () Yes – please explain _____ () No

Are you on any medication? () Yes – please explain _____ () No

Do you have any medical or physical limitations that may affect your participation at the Emmaus Weekend?

() Yes – please explain _____ () No

In case of emergency during the weekend, contact _____

Day phone _____ Evening phone _____ Cell phone _____

State briefly why you wish to participate in a Walk to Emmaus and what you expect from it _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SPONSOR (PLEASE PRINT):

Sponsor's name _____ Email address _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Home phone _____ Work phone _____ Cell phone _____

All the above information is confidential and necessary for your placement at The Walk to Emmaus. The cost of the weekend is \$105.00. This includes lodging, meals and supplies. Please enclose at least a \$25.00 deposit with this application. The balance, if any, is due upon arrival Thursday evening at Crossroads Camp. Make checks payable to Mid-Ohio Valley Emmaus. Scholarships are available (cost should never be a reason not to apply). **The number of pilgrims that can be accommodated is limited, so submitting this application does not guarantee you a space. Pilgrims will be sent a letter confirming your participation. NO TELEPHONE RESERVATIONS PLEASE.**

SPONSORS, PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:

Mark Duckworth
Mid-Ohio Valley Emmaus Registrar
c/o Christ United Methodist Church
301 Wooster Street
Marietta, Ohio 45750

FOR REGISTRAR'S USE:

Date received _____

Payment received _____

THE WALK TO EMMAUS

The Gospel of Luke relates the story of Christ joining two friends on the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus, walking together and sharing their hearts' deepest concerns. The risen Christ walks with them and explains the scriptures: how it was ordained that Christ should suffer and so enter his glory. The illuminating climax of this heartwarming experience comes when Christ takes bread, blesses it, he then breaks it and gives it to them. At that moment, the eyes of the two are opened, they recognize him as the risen Christ, and they rush back to Jerusalem to share the good news with others. (Luke 24:13-35)

What Is The Walk To Emmaus?

It is a non-denominational opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as He is revealed to you through other believers. The Walk to Emmaus experience begins with prayerful discernment and an invitation from a sponsor. After one accepts this invitation, an application is completed. The Emmaus leaders prayerfully consider each application and in God's time the applicant (called a pilgrim) is invited to attend a three-day experience of New Testament Christianity. Following the three days, participants are given an opportunity to join in small groups to support each other in their ongoing walk with Christ. Through the formational process of accountable discipleship in small groups and participation in the Emmaus community, servant-leadership skills are developed for use in the local church and its mission.

What Happens On The Emmaus Weekend?

The Walk to Emmaus is a 72-hour experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation that takes place at Crossroads Camp. You will enjoy three busy days singing, learning, laughing, praying, worshiping and participating in small groups. Discussions center around fifteen talks given by laity and clergy. The theme of each talk is God's grace, how that grace comes alive in the Christian community and how it expresses itself in the world. You'll also discover how grace is real in your life, how you live a life of grace and bring grace to others. You will have the opportunity to participate in the daily celebration of Holy Communion and to understand more fully the body of Christ. You will experience God's grace through the prayers and acts of anonymous service offered by the Emmaus community. You will leave with an experience of Christian love in action that will equip you for new levels of grace-filled service and leadership.

What Happens Afterwards?

You are invited to walk with Christ for the rest of your life. Those who attend a Walk to Emmaus are encouraged to servant-leadership and to:

- expand their own spiritual lives through worship, study and active participation in their local church.
- become more active disciples of Christ in service to the world.

To nurture this process of discipleship, the Emmaus movement offers specific opportunities. First, groups of four to six people meet weekly to reflect on their spiritual journey and encourage one another in accountable discipleship. Second, there are monthly community gatherings where Emmaus participants meet for fellowship, worship and instruction. Through a newsletter and website, members become aware of support needs for upcoming Walks and other opportunities for servant-leadership.

Who Should Go On A Walk To Emmaus?

The purpose of Emmaus is to develop leaders for the church. Emmaus will inspire, challenge and equip participants for Christian action in their homes, churches, places of work and community. Emmaus lifts up a way for our grace-filled lives to be lived and shared with others.

Emmaus is for those who:

- participate in their local congregation and wish to strengthen their spiritual lives
- may have unanswered questions about prayer, study and sharing their faith
- understand that being a Christian involves responsibility and accountability
- are willing to dedicate their everyday lives to God in an ongoing manner