

January 2008

East Ohio Emmanuel Emmaus, Inc

Walk to the Manger

Walk to the manger,
Starts at

January 19th
7 P M



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held at the normal gathering place.
 Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
 2551 55th St. NE
 Canton Ohio
 7 P M

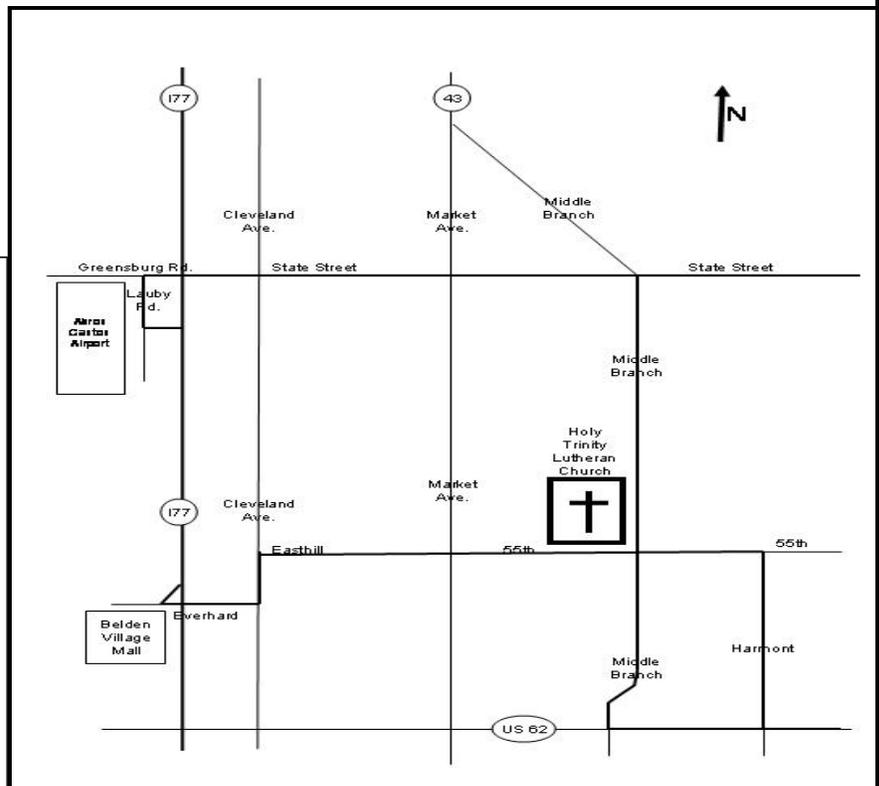
Yes you see it right, walk to the manger in January. We had a little to much ice and snow in December so we had to cancel it. The weather that night looked pretty rough for people to be traveling. We apologize if you made the trip. We tried to get the word out. But back by popular demand we will have walk to the manger in January. The program stands to be exciting as a young group from Church of the Lakes will do a modern walk to the manger. If it were to happen today it might look like this by younger people. We also have several testimonies of how God has been at work in lives today.

All Welcome!
Bring your Family
And Friends

Please bring gifts of mittens and socks, canned goods and/or boxed meals. These items will be given to a local mission for the food cupboards.

(Macaroni and Cheese, Hamburger Helper, canned goods, etc.) Give as the Lord leads you and you WILL be blessed!

Any questions? Contact
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Theology of the Mittens

Every winter I go out in search of the perfect pair of gloves. My hands never seem to stay warm in the winter and when my hands or feet are cold, I'm COLD! Well, it happened again. I was shopping in a local grocery store when I found a pair of gloves made out of a fuzzy material that looked really warm. I tried them on. They fit my big hands! I bought them. One day they were in the car when it was starting to get cold out. I put them on and my hands were warm even though the gloves had been out in the cold car. I thought - I've found it! I've found the perfect pair of gloves.

Then it got colder out. Well, the new black gloves kept my hands from freezing, but I couldn't say my hands were really warm.

This morning I was getting my coat out of the closet and evaluating choices of gloves from previous years. Then I found them - the big bulky mittens. They're bright red and they don't go with any of my coats. I got them out of the closet and put them on. I drove to work. My hands stayed warm the whole way. I was a happy and warm person.

And then I thought about the theology of the mittens. You see, when my fingers could stay together and not be out of community with each other, they stayed warm - and I stayed happy. Isn't that the way it is with us? If we can stay in community with one another - even through the cold winter days of our lives (not necessarily December, January, and February), our warmth toward each other supports the overall well being of our Faith Family. When the hardest and coldest moments of life come, we need each other.

Maybe ... you should hope for enough happiness to make you sweet, enough trials to make you strong, enough sorrow to keep you human, and enough hope to make you happy.

Weekend Cost

After many years of trying to hold the weekend cost down the board finds that the weekend price must be raised. We all know that the price of everything keeps going up. As of January 1, 2008 the camp fees are being raised and in turn the weekend price has to be raised. Effective with the spring walks the price will be \$120.00. Please note this change as there may be some old applications laying around.

New applications are downloadable from the website. www.EOEE.org

Sponsorship Training

Sponsorship training will be held at the February gathering. If you are in doubt or need to be refreshed to the duties now is your chance. This training can be a great refresher to help in our duties as sponsors. Come and join us for the training and refresher.

North East Ohio Chrysalis.

Flights are coming up fast. Pray about the young people in your life that you might be inviting.

January 19 - 21 2008 Girls Feb 16 - 18 2008 Boys

Camp Asbury, Hiram Ohio

Applications available at <http://www.gbgm-umc.org/neoc/>

Jesus is the Reason for the Season

Every day is the Reason

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The New Year: A Time for Change

New Year's is usually not thought of as a Christian feast. In fact, it has the opposite reputation as an excuse for drunken revelry and excess. But this holiday shares a biblical sense as well. That old standby, the New Year's resolution, is echoed in the Scriptures. The Bible can be said to be the stories of sin and repentance.

For example, the third chapter of Matthew describes the ministry of John the Baptist, who proclaimed a mission of repentance and personal conversion. In Matthew 11, Jesus praises entire towns that repent, and warns about villages that see no need for conversion. Still God is not a wrathful judge, says Jesus. Instead God is more like a father who welcomes a lost son (Luke 15.11-31) by killing a fatted calf and celebrating his return.

Even the heroes of the Bible are both great sinners as well as saints, from Peter, the apostle who denies Jesus (Luke 22.54-61), to King David, who arranges for the killing of the husband of the beautiful Bathsheba (2 Samuel 11, 12), and is brought down by the grief caused by his own wicked deeds.

If biblical figures such as Peter, whose cowardice causes him to not even acknowledge knowing his Lord and Savior, and King David, whose lust results in a cascade of evil deeds and consequences, can resolve to do better, the new year gives hope to those of us with "lesser sins." Through the Bible we learn that God can transform great sinners into holy leaders of zealous faith and rectitude. Those who love Scripture can encounter a new year as another fresh opportunity to move closer to a loving Father who forgives our sins.

Good News from American Bible Society

"Your love means more than life to me, and I praise you."
(Psalm 63.3, Contemporary English Version)

Ready... Set... Grow...

The winter winds continue to blow, but the spring walks are just around the corner. The teams are ready, the meeting times are set, and they will be meeting soon to grow together for the weekends. May we all grow as we pray for these teams.

Continue to pray for those that you may invite to attend the walks that we may continue to serve our Lord. Brian and Kim both covet yours prayers for the walks and also those that will be sponsored. May we all continue to call upon the Lord for names of those that are ready to walk closer.

Spring Walk dates

Men's April 3 - 6

But the word of the Lord stands forever. *1 Peter 1:25 N I V*

Women's April 10 - 13

"Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith" *Hebrews 10:22 C E V*

The walks are coming and the Candlelight on Saturday nights will need some AAA batteries. You might find them on sale.

New Pilgrim application forms can be found at website. www.EOEE.org Keep in mind that the cost of the weekend is \$120.00

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www.EOEE.org

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Future walk Dates 2008

Spring Walks 66

Men's April 3-6

Women's April 10-13

Summer Walks 67

Men's June 5-8

Women's June 12-15

Fall Walks 68

Men's Oct. 16-19

Women's Oct. 23-26

Please note that pilgrim applications **and** sponsor forms should be sent to Sally King

602 Meyerson Ave SE
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Weekend cost \$120.00 starting with the spring walk

Richards Corner

A Sunday school teacher asked her children as they were on the way to church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?"

One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

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