

# The Rainbow Connection

January 2018

## GATHERING January 28!

Your new board members taking office January, 2018

**Penny Canter**

**Rick Howell**

**Joyce Drake**

**Dennis Irvin**

**Amy-Ream Fink**

Postions will be chosen at the January board meeting.

### Emmaus family,

We have just finished celebrating our Lord's birth and the beginning of a new year. It is exciting to see what GOD has planned for 2018 and our Southern Ohio Emmaus Group. Writing this article as your new Board President, I am a little nervous about what will unfold for our Emmaus community, just trusting God to lead us as we start this journey to serve Him. Sometimes in the busy hustle and bustle of our everyday lives we get caught up in, our focus on being His hands and feet seems to get lost along the way. Speaking for myself, not anyone in particular. As we pray and focus on serving we need to remember whose we are and that is our differences that make things difficult at times; however, this is how God made all of us uniquely different with our very own gifts/talents that we are to use for Him. When we use our gifts collectively we will come together and accomplish great things in His name. Lookin gofrwr to serving our Emmaus community and our Lord in the direction the He takes us as we start this journey in 2018. Believing God has chosen me for leadership, I know that if He has brought me to it that He will walk me through it, as long as my focus is on Him.

God Bless all of you and your families,

Jo Young, Board Chair

### GOD OF WONDERS

*"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the worlds." -Psalm 19:1-4*

Over the last week, my husband and I have driven on snow and ice covered roads, trugged through deep snow to get into work, and shoveled the walk and drive in order to be able to get in and out of the church and house. It is hard work and for many a nuisance, but through it all, we remarked about the beauty of the snow-laden landscape and the majesty of our good and gracious God.

### Upcoming Schedule of Events

#### Gatherings at The Plains United Methodist Church:

3 North Plains Road  
The Plains, Ohio 45780  
(740) 797-4163

All gatherings at 3:00 with Board meeting at 2:00

#### Dates for monthly gatherings:

FOURTH Sunday of each month

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Sponsorship Forms, Applications, Newsletters and Additional Information Available at:

[www.southernohioemmaus.com](http://www.southernohioemmaus.com)

#### Spring 2018

Women's Walk Apr 12-15

Men's Walk Mar 8-11

#### Fall 2018

Women's Walk Sept 20-23

Men's Walk Oct 4-7

Applications for sponsors on line.

Applications to serve are on line.

Psalm 19 explores the theme of God's majestic splendor and our puny insignificance by way of comparison. And yet at the same time, God has created us in His image (Imago Dei) and graciously crowned us with glory and majesty. And, to cap it all off, He has assigned us the role of ruling over His creation.

All of these thoughts should lead us, to do as the Psalmist suggests and as Creation itself has done, to "declare the glory of God and proclaim the work of His hand." Have you praised God for his majesty and glory? Have you lifted His name on high in praise and adoration?

I will admit that while shoveling snow and trudging through snow banks, I had had a song in my heart. I have spent the last week singing to myself, the praise song "God of Wonders," by Byrd and Hindalong, 2000.

The words are:

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*"The Lord of heaven and earth. [Lord of all creation.] Lord of heaven and earth.*

*Lord of all creation, of water, earth and sky.*

*The heavens are Your tabernacle. Glory to the Lord on high!*

### **CHORUS**

*God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy.*

*The universe declares your majesty, You are holy, holy.*

*Lord of heaven and earth. Lord of heaven and earth.*

*Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light. When I stumble in the darkness, I will call your name by night.*

### **CHORUS**

*Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and Earth ( 3times)*

*Holy, holy, Holy, holy...Lord god Almighty..."*

Even in the cold and snow of winter, if you take the time to stop and look around, you will see the majesty and glory of our Wonderful, Loving and Gracious God!

Stay safe and warm this winter season!

-Pastor Karen Crawford; Southern Ohio Emmaus , ASD

### **Chrysalis Board organizing**

There was a board meeting in November . Plans are in the works to begin approval from Upper Room to begin flights in the near future. If you want to be a part, please contact **Suzette Schuster at 740-605-9593.**

Begin praying about potential pilgrims to sponsor. This is a task that should not be taken lightly. This is your hands and feet being used to do God's work in our Emmaus community. If you have never sponsored a pilgrim before, ask your sponsor to help you with your sponsorship. Your sponsor or Share group is there to help guide you in your 4<sup>th</sup> Days. Let them.

**New assignments for the board will be decided at the January 28<sup>th</sup> board meeting. The following list is not current at this time.**

## 2018 Southern Ohio Emmaus Board of Directors

*This is the current contact list of our Board of Directors. Keep this list so you can contact the board with questions concerns, and ideas. Please keep the board in your prayers as they serve the Lord and our community.*

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