

The Rainbow Connection

March 2018

GATHERING April 22 ! Womens WALK April 12-15 Pray for team: Rita, Teresa, Suzette, April, Joyce, Sharla, Amy, Cher-ri, Kathy, Bobbi, April, Lisa, Jenifer, Fonda, Tina, Penny, Micki, Kelly, Jennifer.

Pray for the pilgrims that God places on this walk.

Please show your support by attending the events for the community!

Emmaus family,

Southern Ohio Emmaus's walk # 64 completed Sunday, March 11 adding 13 new members to our community. What a BLESSING, this walk has been, the Spirit was present everywhere, you could feel it, and see it on the pilgrims faces.

Want to say Thank You to all who worked the walk in the conference room, Logistics, Agape, set up, tear down, just serving our Lord this last weekend and in preparation for this walk! We experienced miracles and saw lives changed, which reminds us of how important the sponsors are to this work.

Without sponsorship we don't have pilgrims, with that being said, remember the Women's Walk April 12-15. We have time to pray and sponsor ladies for this walk, and for those of you who feel called to serve behind the scenes, please contact our Logistics and/ or Agape board members to volunteer.

We are moving forward with the Chrysalis organization preparing for future flights for our teenagers (future leaders) with God's guidance. We need his presence in everything that we do as a community and in our personal lives as well.

May God's Blessing be upon each and every one of you.

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Jo Young, Board Chairperson

OUR FUTURE IS IN GOD'S hands and OURS.

++How are our walks funded? We collect \$150 from each pilgrim and each team member pays \$120. This **DOES NOT** cover the cost of the walks.

Each walk expenses are: renting the camp, liability insurance (required by the Upper Room), paper products, CCLI fees, various Upper Room fees for books, publications, and other miscellaneous expenses that are needed for each walk.

++These walks are paid for by SOE, which is an independent group of believers, we must all shoulder these costs. We do not have outside funding from any denominations or churches. We have to rely on what we take in from the fees, and the offerings we receive at gatherings and candlelight to cover our expenses for the year.

++We **are not** meeting the cost of each walk. We have been operating in the red and using funds that have built up over the years. We have money in a savings account but will soon be dipping into that to meet walk costs.

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

Spring 2018

Women's Walk Apr 12-15

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.

++We are actively seeking some ways to raise additional funds to keep everything operating as usual.

PLEASE be part of any fund raising event that we sponsor. **PLEASE** dig deeped in your pockets at candlelight and gathering when the offering plate is passed. **PLEASE** prayerfully lift this need to the LORD so that these events may continue.

Thanks, Randy Dudding, SOE treasurer

ALLELUIA! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!...Now what do we do?

Our Lenton journey is over. We traveled to the Upper Room on Maundy Thursday with Jesus and His disciples. We traveled to the foot of the cross on Good Friday and heard Jesus utter "My God, my God why have you forsaken me?" we heard the final words "It is finished!" that Jesus spoke as He died on the cross, paying the price for our sin. We traveled to the empty tomb to hear again that the women found it empty. We heard once more the words of the angels at the empty tomb, "He is not here, for He has risen!"

The month of April reminds us that Easter is more than just one day. Easter is an every day celebration during which we receive the blessings of the cross and resurrection of Jesus-the forgiveness of sins and the certainty of life eternal; a celebration in which we live each day trusting in God, knowing that Jesus is the "resurrection and the life."

So what do we do now as we go forth from the empty tomb? Let us follow the example of the first witnesses of the empty tomb. After two angels reminded the women that Jesus had risen, Luke tells us that "*they remembered the words, and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest*" Luke 24:8-9 They went forth from the tomb changed by the resurrection. They went forth from the tomb to bring an "every day" witness of God's power over hell, death, sin, and the devil.

So where do we go once we have left the empty tomb? Let us follow the example of Jesus' first disciples. After Jesus walked through locked doors to appear to the eleven disciples and to show himself to Thomas, seven of the eleven disciples went back to their fishing business. They went back to the ordinariness of their lives and took the witness of the resurrection with them. They lived in joy of the resurrection of Jesus while carrying out the daily, labor and responsibilities given to them.

Similar to the women of the empty tomb and the eleven disciples, we are "every day" witnesses and participants in the resurrection of Jesus. We believe and have hope of eternal life. We have the joy of the resurrection living inside of us. Also, like the women and the disciples, we have vocations that God has given to us a gift. We are not fishermen by trade, but we are one or more of these: father, husband, mother, wife, son, daughter, brother, sister, grandparent, employee, retiree, friend, or neighbor. Each of these callings comes with a set of responsibilities. As Christians, by God's grace we wrap our daily responsibilities in the grace of Christ. Others will take notice and God will bless our faithful work by giving us opportunities to witness these things to others.

Now go forth from Easter Sunday and the celebration of the empty tomb free as God's forgiven children in Christ. Now we go forth empowered by the Holy Spirit, living and active within us to live in the joy of the resurrection as "every day" witnesses. So, let us rejoice, "*An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!*" In Christ,

Pastor Karon Crawford, Soouthern Ohio Emmaus Community ASD

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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