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Halfway There*Debbie Brookins, Community Lay Director*

Hello, my Emmaus brothers and sister in Christ. Can you believe that it is August already? Seems like just last week we were celebrating Memorial Day and here we are quickly approaching Labor Day! My, how time flies!

Well, in the next few weeks all the area schools will be starting back up, with morning routines, school lunches to be packed, homework to be done, practices to run to and from, and all the other things that go with school starting again. Even if your kids are grown, it still affects you in some way – school buses to avoid, grand kids to pick up from practice, games to attend and etc. Do you find yourself getting back in a routine also? Maybe you've been in the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer, to quote an old song, and it's time to get back into the old routine. Or maybe you been traveling this summer and are returning. Anyway, you look at it. Summer's almost over.

That being said, fall brings so many other good things into our lives. Crisp fall days and nights, brightly colored leaves, football games and of course, The Fall Women's & Men's Emmaus walks!

I know the women's team has already held a couple team meetings and are eagerly looking forward to meeting their pilgrims. The dates for the women's walk are September 8-11. Do you know someone who had expressed an interest in attending a walk? Now would be a good time to approach them and get them an application for the upcoming walk. If you don't feel like you can sponsor someone by yourself, then grab a fellow Emmaus brother and sister and co-sponsor someone. That in itself is an awesome experience! There are still spots available. Remind them of the great time you had when you went on your walk.

If you are a guy, the men's walk dates are October 27-30. I know the men's team is forming now, so be thinking of someone you can sponsor. We need you to be God's hands and feet and this is a great way to do it. Grab those applications and sponsor someone on one of the fall walks this year. See you at candlelight!



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Time to Vote

Jeff Bender, Past Community Lay Director

Two months ago, you should have received a revised version of the Southern Emmaus Bylaws. The original bylaws are nearly 30 years old and needed to be updated, especially for changes in technology. There was a comment period that ended late last month. Now it is time to vote on whether to ratify the revisions or not.

Below is a ballot. Please mark your ballot as *For* or *Against*. You can e-mail the marked ballot to the Chair, Debbie Brookins, at her e-mail below, send it to her by mail, or bring it to a gathering. Alternatively, you can e-mail it to me at bendej1@gmail.com or mail it to me at 4500 Coonpath Road, NE, Lancaster, Ohio 43130. Voting ends after the Women's Walk on September 11, 2016.

As with everything, pray for God's guidance as you vote.

De Colores

Jeff Bender, Past Year Chair

Grace in Practice, Not Just in Theory

Ricci Arthur, Community Spiritual Director

To friends and members of the emmaus community:

A book that I read this past year has really impacted me; it is "the ragamuffin gospel" by Brennan manning. He speaks of the fact that we believe in grace in theory but not in practice. We say that we believe in grace, but so often fall into a works mentality. "Now that I have accepted God's Grace, I must now Work hard." The galatians in the new testament had the same problem. They had accepted Christ, yes, but then embraced works out of a sense that God would not accept them



otherwise; the apostle Paul condemned that thinking, calling it "Another gospel, " which was a false gospel.

What, then, are the place of works? Not to earn a place in heaven (see Ephesians 2: 8,9), but, out of a sense of gratitude for what God has done. Let's do good works (in our church, in the world, in our Emmaus community), Because our hearts are filled with the love of God

Decolores!

Volunteers Needed!!!! When Emmaus Meets Emmaus Eats!

Sara Zinn, Social Committee Chair

Women or Men that are wanting to help out and serve on the social committee. Tasks include set-up and closing for walks and being at the gatherings, to put food out and clean dishes are some of the tasks you will be doing. If interested or have any questions, please email me. Thank you!

Decolores,
Sara

Sponsorship

Brian Mecum, Sponsorship

Sponsorship begins the moment that you begin speaking to your pilgrim about the walk. The same cannot be said for sponsorship ending when the weekend of the walk has to close. As we can all relate, we need each other to keep the fire for Christ burning in this dark world that our earth is becoming. Your pilgrim will face challenges with their new found fire; be there for them to turn to you for comfort, advice, strength, and love.

Sponsorship is more than paying the fee and bringing the pilgrim to camp. Sponsorship is a privilege to be taken earnestly. Please remember what your walk meant to you; your appreciation for someone showing that they want to invest in your eternity. From carrying luggage, making sure they have the necessary supplies for the weekend, making sure their favorite treat is on the snack table, being there to show your love for candlelight, to greeting them with hug on Sunday afternoon at the closing, listening to their experience while traveling and delivering safely back to their home.

Remember that life can be busy and it is completely okay to ask for someone to co-sponsor with you. Whether you need help carrying the pilgrim's luggage because of physical limitations or you need some help making sure the financial aspects of fees and snacks can be covered.



As your Sponsorship Chair, I am dedicated to making sure that you are all equipped to sponsor a pilgrim. I am happy to provide additional trainings if you are not able to attend the Education Day trainings scheduled each year. I am also available to talk, text, or email. Let's remember that as a sponsor, it is our love for Christ that should shine through us for the pilgrims to feel His love. This is the very first encounter of AGAPE that they will have.....MAKE IT COUNT!
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DeColores,
Brian Mecum, SEO Emmaus Men's Walk #58

Enough!

Vanessa Folmer, Community Member

Just like all of you at the closing ceremony of my walk, I was asked what did I learn and what was I going to do about it. I answered at that time that I always knew God loved me but that I didn't realize how much and that I was enough. I also had a tendency to volunteer before waiting for God's discernment. I was going to pray and wait for discernment. As those of you mature Christians may not be surprised many of the things I volunteered for before my walk soon became hard to continue to due to schedule conflicts and/or skills to complete the task were not in my skill set. As a result I began to believe I would never be enough to serve God. During my walk I learned that I could be enough but if I wasn't and I was in God's will he would make me enough or provide help.

As we know God is faithful. Shortly after my walk I felt God's pull to work with kids in Junior Garden Club. I prayed and felt God wanted me to keep the Junior Club independent of the adult club but countywide so that all 5 adult garden clubs could be part of the Juniors. I decided to meet at the library so that the club would be open to all kids in the county. Structure the activities but not the membership of the kids (essentially drop in members). I asked my sister Peggy to assist me.

I set up the first meeting, when I showed up at the first meeting one of the librarians asked if I had limited the number of participants? No, I replied. You could have a hundred kids was her response. I swallowed and said God you remember you said I could be enough or you would send help? I am counting on you. Stepping out in faith I walked to the meeting room. Not one hundred but forty. That was three years ago and this group continues, sometimes we have 25 kids and sometimes 4. Always God is faithful by myself I am not enough but my stepping out in faith is enough for God to work with these kids because other hands are always available to help.



This past Meigs county fair I marvel at what God has accomplished. Sixteen kids ranging in age from 6 to 13 many I would have never met have forged friendships and team working skills. They constructed 40 arrangements in two flower shows and 130 horticulture samples. With the causal membership of this group, individuals who show up are immediately absorbed into the group helping each other and sharing resources. Fathers and Mothers helping not only their kids but others. Peggy and I provide knowledge and support but as knowledge is acquired individuals share. Times during which arrangement and horticulture samples are being prepared are chaotic but cheerful. We are very tired at the end, it is the holy spirit that uplifts us and allows the group to do wonderful things.

The displays are part of two Flower shows that include adult arrangements. The arrangements are judged. I made it clear to the kids that while the judge looks at each arrangement with criteria, creativity can cause different judges to choose different arrangement so it is most important that they like their arrangement. The kids cheer and congratulate the winner while telling each other what they like about the arrangements that didn't win. I am very lucky to a apart of such a great group. Frequently I am told this is wonderful and how do others replicate this group. My reply It's not me It's God. I could not do this under my own energy without the help of my sister Peggy, parents, adult garden club members and kids. The Holy Spirit is always there making sure there is ENOUGH: help, love, sharing, energy and yes materials. So am I enough to serve God? I can be if I listen, pray and obey, God is faithful to provide all that is need.

De Colores

Vanessa Folmer

Chrysalis R.O.C.S! Seeking Volunteers!

Suzette Shuster, Community Secretary

Anybody interested in helping with the ministry called Chrysalis.Chrysalis is the teen version of the walk to Emmaus.They go through some of the same activities that took place on your Emmaus Walk.If anybody is interested in helping with this ministry please contact by email Suzette Shuster for more information.

We look forward to hearing from you soon!



Chrysalis



Satellite Gatherings

Lancaster Area

The Lancaster area holds their monthly gatherings on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm. They meet at the Sixth Avenue United Methodist Church at 1004 West Sixth Avenue, Lancaster, Oh. For more details or information please contact Donna Dickson at 740-687-1791 or ddickson9@columbus.rr.com.

Rio Grande Area

The Rio Grande satellite gatherings meet at the Grace United Methodist Church in Gallipolis at 6:30 on the fourth Thursday of the month. For more details and information please contact Rick Howell via phone 740-446-4624.

12015 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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