

The Rainbow Connection

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Upcoming Events

April

28th 9-11 am
Education Day
New Hope UMC, Logan

29th 2:00 p.m.
Emmaus Board Meeting (no
Chrysalis board meeting)
3:00 p.m.
Gathering
First UMC, New Lexington

May

20th 2:00 p.m.
Emmaus & Chrysalis Board
Meetings
3:00 p.m.
Gathering
First UMC, New Lexington

June

24th 2:00 p.m.
Emmaus & Chrysalis Board
Meetings
3:00 p.m.
Gathering
First UMC, New Lexington

July

NO GATHERING IN JULY

August

11th
Annual Family Picnic

26th 2:00 p.m.
Emmaus & Chrysalis Board
Meetings
3:00 p.m.
Gathering
First UMC, New Lexington

Women's Fall Walk #53
September 27-30

Men's Fall Walk #53
October 25-28

"Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" "What things?" he asked.

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread. Luke 24:13-35

Reflecting on the Story of Emmaus

by Heather Pullins, Community Lay Director

We are all very familiar with this scripture. I believe it is read to us at least two if not three times while we are attending The Walk to Emmaus. However, have you taken time to meditate and reflect on these words?

"Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him." That sentence means so much! Were your eyes opened during your walk? Mine certainly were, I saw a lot of things very differently during and after my walk. I can't even put into words some of the things that have changed in my life, my thoughts, my actions, my everything. What has changed in your life?



We have been very very blessed this Spring to welcome 70 new members to our Emmaus community! In March we had a women's walk with 34 pilgrims and in April, we had a men's walk with 36 pilgrims! God is so good! I pray that all 70 have had their eyes opened in a new way during the walk and on their fourth days.

We hope to see many of the new members, as well as the "old" members at our Education Day which is scheduled for April 28th. The Education Day will be held at the New Hope United Methodist Church and will begin at 9 a.m. At Education Day you can learn about how a walk is structured...all of the teams that are involved behind the scenes and in the conference room. You will have the opportunity to attend a Sponsorship class. Remember, a Sponsorship class is required to be able to sponsor a pilgrim. (You can sponsor a pilgrim with a co-sponsor if you are unable to attend a class prior to the next walk.)

Also, the next Gathering will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 29th at the First United Methodist Church in New Lexington. Please remember to wear your name tag and of course bring a dish to share with everyone. You can't have an Emmaus function without food can you?

We have already started planning for the fall Southern Ohio Emmaus walks. The women's walk will be held September 27th – 30th and the men's walk will be held October 25th – 28th. The Lay Directors will be Sue Penix and Larry Moneypenny. Please pray for these two disciples as they begin to start working on the team selection process. Also pray for the future pilgrims and the sponsors! It is never too early to pray for the walks!

A big thank you goes to the community for being at all of the Emmaus functions! We had an awesome turn out for both of the walks. From the opening ceremonies on Thursday evening, to the candlelight and of course closing! Thank you for supporting the pilgrims, the sponsors, and the team with your prayers, service and of course food! Prayers are felt throughout the entire weekend!

As you walk along in your life's journey, remember to keep your eyes opened! Look for God in everything that you do. Show Him to those who may not know Him. Ask how you can best serve Him. Share the love of Jesus with everyone you know!

Springtime & Our Savior

by Penny Canter, Outreach Chair

Spring flowers, fresh cut grass, long evening shadows and beautiful sunsets. These are some of my favorite sights and smells of spring. Everything seems to come alive! And then we have the Easter celebration! A glorious reminder that our Lord and Savior is ALIVE! What a beautiful time of year. What a time of Christian celebration!

Just as the earth is alive with the newness of spring, our Emmaus community is alive as new Pilgrims are blooming and growing with the excitement of their walks and their enthusiasm to be all that God calls them to be. What an exciting time for all of us!

I would like to encourage everyone to take a moment and reflect on your own walk to Emmaus. Remember how unsure you were on Thursday? Walking in to a room full of strangers; making a new best friend; Thursday night silence; dying moments; candlelight; and then closing – being asked to tell the community what the weekend meant to you – in just a few minutes. Really, it took me a VERY long time for the meaning of my weekend to really sink in. There is just so much knowledge packed in to those 15 talks; plus all the extra meditations and chapel visits. My head was spinning – and not from the lack of sleep and the all the sugar. I felt like a sponge, trying to absorb as much as I could. By Sunday I was saturated, but still trying to absorb more, without losing any of what I already had soaked up.

Some of you may have had a similar experience; some of you may have had a completely different experience. You may think that your only chance to share was Sunday at closing, but that is not true. One of the events at our gatherings is a fourth day speaker. Yes, ladies and gentlemen, you have another chance. AND, this is not just for the new pilgrims; anyone can share how God has moved in their lives. I am so blessed and inspired by the testimonies of the fourth day speakers! If you would like to share your fourth day experience at a gathering I am sure Joyce Drake would love a volunteer or two. She is responsible for scheduling these speakers so please contact her if you would like to share, we



would love to hear your story.

I have been a member of the Southern Ohio Emmaus Community for many years. I have served on both Emmaus and Chrysalis teams. Some of the 'seasoned' members can tell you how shy I was back then. Some of the 'newer' members probably would not believe I ever was shy. But, sometimes I still fight my shyness and sometimes I miss a gathering or Emmaus event because of it. Most times I can fight through that, but not always. Maybe it is because of these feelings that I encourage all members of the community to welcome the new pilgrims. Introduce yourself. Invite them to sit with you.

This should be a time of fellowship and laughter and meeting new people. Make a friend, be a friend, welcome a friend into the community should be our motive for attending these gatherings. Sit with someone you don't know should be an unwritten rule for Emmaus. So, I challenge ALL members of the Southern Ohio Emmaus community during the next few gatherings....SIT WITH SOMEONE YOU DON'T KNOW! What a blessing you will be to someone else, and you just may make a new best friend.

Reflecting on the Story of Emmaus

by Cathy Powell, Agape Chair

As I write this article, the Agape team is in place and busy preparing for the men's walk on April 12th. Is your share group working on agape that we can distribute for this upcoming walk? Normally, we need 65 pieces of agape for mealtime and 35 pieces for bedtime. I'm amazed at the amount of Agape that comes in for each walk!

I would like to extend a warm welcome to the women of Walk #52. I had the privilege of working agape for this walk, and what an awesome group! Are you still feeling the love? Do you still find yourself sitting at your kitchen table waiting for someone to serve your food and fill your glass? Do you tear your bed apart at night looking for your bag of goodies? Do friends and family stare because you're still wearing your princess crown? Does your heart swell and tears come to your eyes when you remember the Saturday night candle light service? These memories will last a lifetime, and the agape you received will continue to be reminders of God's love for you. I still go through my letters and agape when I'm having a bad day. They comfort me as love continues to flow from them.

Not sure what agape does? Come to the education day April 28th at Gore UMC and learn all about agape, and other opportunities to serve. I would love to add your name to my agape volunteer list. For those who have filled out a volunteer form - remember it must be renewed every year.

Please pray for the pilgrims God will send for the upcoming walk, the conference team, and the pilgrims attending walks in Emmaus communities across the globe. Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17

We're looking for a few good men or women or youth...

The Southern Ohio Chrysalis ROCS Board of Directors is now accepting nominations for Board positions beginning June 2012.

Your Chrysalis Board is reflective of our Community – men and women, high school youth, young adults of college age and adults, with Chrysalis or Walk to Emmaus weekend experience.



Commitments include attending meetings and a commitment to Christ and the Chrysalis & Emmaus Communities. Prayerfully consider and submit your nomination to Pastor Doug Widdowson - drdsw@yahoo.com or Andy Ellinger - (See below for contact info)



2012 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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