



The Rainbow Connection

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A Walk On The Beach

Debbie Brookins, Community Lay Director

As I am working on this article, it is snowing outside and it is April 9th!! I awoke to an inch of wet snow on my porch. My dogwood is in bloom, as is the red bud tree down in the meadow. My mother's tulips were blooming when I stopped to check on her earlier this week and the daffodils that were so pretty at Easter are pretty well gone now. How can it be snowing when it was nice and warm two weeks ago for Easter? Oh well, welcome to spring in Southeastern Ohio. If you don't like the weather now, wait a few hours and it will change!

As I watched it snow this morning, I thought back to our February Florida trip and how warm it was and how I enjoyed sitting on the beach and watching the people walk up and down that beach. I did some walking on that beach myself. In the afternoons when it got almost too warm to sit in the sun and read, I would take off down the beach & look for seashells or wade in the surf. The water was still too cold to swim, I thought, but there were a few brave souls who went in for a dip. Some were even fishing but I didn't see any fish caught.

As I walked, I thought about how many people must walk that beach every day and just what drew them to the water. Some come for the sun; some for the sand; others for the warmth; some to fish and others just to get away from everything for a while. My husband and I have always been drawn to the beach. There's just something about the sand & the surf that can erase all our cares when we are there. We love being near the water. I've always heard that some people are drawn to the water. I guess we qualify.

Anyway, as I walked the beach, I was reminded of the stories of Jesus walking along the shorelines of Galilee and the river Jordan. I thought about the many miles of

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:
 April 24th
 May 22nd

Education Day
 April 30th @ Sixth Avenue Church
 In Lancaster @ 9 am

Sustaining The Spirit Seminar
 May 14th @ Sixth Avenue Church
 in Lancaster, 9am-12 pm

Dates for Fall Walks #61:

Women's Walk – Sept. 8 - 11
 Lay Director, Karcy Rush

Men's Walk – Oct. 27 -30
 Lay Director, Chris Dearth

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shoreline he must have walked in His journey. He found John the Baptist in the river Jordan baptizing people who had confessed their sins and asked John to baptize him. Of course, John tried to talk Jesus out of it and stated, “You should be the one baptizing me”; but Jesus insisted. Jesus then journeyed to the Sea of Galilee, where he began preaching along the shore. It was there he found his first disciples, Simon Peter and Andrew, casting their nets into the sea in search of fish. Jesus called to them, “Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people.” They drop everything, leave their boat on the shore and follow him. Further up the shore, Jesus finds James and John and also calls them to follow him, which they also do, leaving their father and their boat behind. He later finds Levi (Matthew) along the lakeshore collecting taxes. He calls to him and he leaves his profession to follow Jesus. It fascinates me that these men would leave everything they knew to follow a man they just met. How powerful His words must have been!

We’ve heard the story of Jesus walking on the water to the boat to save the disciples during a storm. I like the story where he appears to them after his death and resurrection on the shore, telling them how to fish from the right side of the boat and they bring 153 fish up in their nets after they have fished all night long and caught nothing. Do you know the significance of the 153 fish? At that time, there were 153 different species of fish in the world and the disciples caught one of every species. Talk about a powerful visual! Jesus had told the disciples he would make them fishers of men and that net full of fish represented every person on earth! Whether you’re a person who likes the water or the land, young or old, housebound or a mountain climber, shepherd or tax collector, sinner or saint; Jesus is walking along the shoreline waiting for you. He wants you in His net. He loves you just as you are. He has fished for you for a long time. He is patient. He will wait. The only thing you have to do is ask Him into your heart and then he will haul you into His net of love, grace and mercy. That is surely the best place you can ever be.

DeColores!

Debbie Brookins

Please welcome the New Pilgrims!

Jody S. Sherry Q. Brooke S. Jessie M. Bev R. April W. Carol M. Tessa Z. Deb L. Joyce W. Lisa R. Angela S. Rebecca P. Sherry B. Patricia H. Joyce P. Cheryl G. Janet Tiffany J. Wendy L. Kathy B. Brooke E. Jenifer R. Tonya B. Selena F. Jenny B. Lela R.

Manuals

Chuck Shuster, Community Outreach

Anyone who has any LD manuals or team manuals please bring them to the next gathering on April 24; this does not apply to anyone who has bought their own. I am trying to get a good count on what we have and what we need. If anyone has any questions please email me or see me at the gathering. Thank you.

Chuck Shuster



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

The Purpose of Emmaus

Pastor Ricci Arthur, Community Spiritual Director

To friends of the Southern Ohio Emmaus Community:

I have been reflecting a lot on something we say often in the Southern Ohio Emmaus Community. I have heard it said often: "Emmaus is all about the pilgrims." It is true that during the weekend experience on our walks that the focus is often on the pilgrims. But I would wish for us that we take a deeper and longer perspective on the Purpose of Emmaus.

The Purpose of Emmaus is to develop Christian leaders.

How do we develop leaders who have the heart of Jesus, who was the ultimate leader?

1) To be willing to submit to whatever role that the Lord has staked out for us. The arena that we call "Emmaus" is a great tool in that regard. What did Jesus say? "I do nothing but what the Heavenly Father wants me to do." We should have the same attitude of submission that Jesus did. There are many roles in the Emmaus Community that give us opportunity to learn submission. Service on the Logistics and Agape Teams, for instance, give us an opportunity to submit to the leaders of those teams on particular weekends, as well as submission to one another. Service in the Conference Room give us an opportunity to submit to the Lay Director and the Arrears Table. A good Christian leader develops an attitude of submission - to the Emmaus leaders, to the leaders in their church, etc.

2) To develop a "sense" of God's nudges/leadings in our lives. Emmaus is a great tool to "get out of our comfort zone" to learn how to fully rely on God. The purpose of the "chairs" of service is to learn this great Principle of Reliance. As a Logistics and Agape Person, you learn how to "sense" where God needs you; in the Conference Room, there should be a growth in one's prayer life, as you realize that you are in a position to influence someone's life for eternity and for future Christian service - "Lord, I can't do this myself - I need your guidance."

3) To develop a sense of humility. A good Christian leader learns humility. It is not "all about them" - it is about being a part of a team. Jesus learned humility through his time on earth, eventually, even, to death on the Cross. Emmaus is an arena where we break that attitude: "It's about all me and what I want" to the attitude - "How can I be a part - however small or big - to be a part of the Kingdom of God, which will last forever.

Although we minister to pilgrims on our walk weekends, let us always remember that it is not "all about the pilgrims." It is all about learning how to be more submissive, more open to the leading of the Spirit, and more humble. In this way, we become more like Jesus. Decolores!

Ricci Arthur



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

Would anybody be 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!



Time to Update

Jeff Bender, Past Community Lay Director

We are on Walks 60 which means the Southern Ohio Emmaus Community has been the hands and feet of Jesus for 30 years. 30 years ago, you likely did not have fuel injection in your car, did not have a personal computer (or one with only 64k of memory), and definitely no cell phone. I am not sure these technological

advances are necessarily benefits, but they are here for the foreseeable future. Our By Laws are that old, too, and have not been updated.

Attached to this Newsletter is a proposed set of By Laws. You might note the color differences. The blue is just a change of language (sometimes just spelling or grammar) without adding anything new. The red is for new language/provisions. The changes/additions cover five areas: 1) Clarification of current practices and interpretations based on the original By Laws; 2) Provisions for electronic means of communication; 3) Defining an Executive Committee for policy formation; 4) Ability to up-date with technological changes; and 5) Refining and Defining certain processes (i.e. Amendments, Election of Board).

Please review the proposed changes/additions. The Board has provided a 60 day comment period after the issuance of the April Newsletter. You can send your comments to any member of the Board. Then, after the Board approves reviews the comments and makes any changes or modifications, a final proposed set of By Laws will be issued for ratification until Labor Day in September. There will be a ballot in the July Newsletter and at the gatherings. If ratified by a majority of the votes, then the new By Laws will be effective October 1, 2016.

Thank you for your attention. Especially, thank you for being Jesus' hands and feet in what is called the Emmaus Walk.

De Colores
Jeff Bender
Past Year Community Lay Director



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.

Reaching Out

Teresa Garey, Community Member

I am asking the community to reach out and make a little girls birthday wish come true! All she wants is...no, not a trip to Disney World, only birthday cards to see how many she can get. She is part of the Make A Wish Foundation and what she is asking for is something very rare. She will be 5 years old on April 17th so lets all try to get a birthday card in the mail to make this little girl smile. She likes Scoobie Doo, Goofy, Sponge Bob; so, if you can find a card with one of these characters on it, that would be great! Please spread the word! Her address is below:

❖ Alyza Rogers
2050 Sarchef Ave
Cambridge, Ohio 43725-8965

Also, she would like cards or letters sent to her son for encouragement who is stationed in Parris Island, S.C. Letters are to be **printed – no cursive – no stickers or decorations on the envelopes. Letters, cards, pictures paper items only. Nothing offensive or anti-govt. Positive encouragement please! His birthday was April 6. The last day to send him something is May 4, 2016. His address is as follows:**

❖ Rct. Garey, Layne
1st RTBN, PLT 1033 Co B
P.O. Box 16125
Parris Island, SC 29905-6125

Any questions please email Teresa at Teresa.Garey@jfs.ohio.gov



2015 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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