



# The Rainbow Connection

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## Who...Me?

*Jeff Bender, Community Lay Director*

I received a call a few weeks ago. It was the Director of the local YMCA and he had a favor to ask of me. He asked me to speak at the annual Good Friday breakfast and at the Easter Sunrise Service on Mount Pleasant. I hesitated a bit and said, "I will have to ask my wife what we are doing." He said to just get back with him in a few days and I told him I would.

I did ask my wife, and she could provide me no cover. In fact, she was excited; and, she called our daughter to bring her husband and the kids for the sunrise service. Then, she called other relatives and friends, and so it was, I was locked in! He said, "you were a natural pick." While I was huffing and puffing riding a stationary bike, I groaned....he laughed.

I have spoken publicly on many occasions I front of jurors, lawyers and judges; but not for a specific religious service. Moses hesitated and told God that he was not worthy to be chosen as a deliverer. But, at least he had the burning bush and a staff to go with his changed appearance to validate his position. Jesus went to Jerusalem to accept His fate, but, even He showed some doubt at Gethsemane. At least he had the transfiguration on the mountain and talked to Moses and Elijah. So, I ask, who...me?

On the way home from the Y, I was listening to *The River*. There was Mathew West singing "*Do Something*". How appropriate, and it reminded me that God does not call the equipped, He equips the called. Our faith calls us to step forward, not be passive. As with a Talk on a Walk, I will pray for God's guidance and that my words are His. I will trust God will work it all out. The answer to who me? ... is yes, you! It is not just me however, but, "me and you."

De Colores,  
Jeff Bender

## Upcoming Schedule of Events

**Gatherings at New Lexington:**  
126 S. High Street  
New Lexington, Oh 43764

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

**\*\*\*Watch for special notice by  
email for cancelation due to  
inclement weather!**

### Dates for monthly gatherings:

February 22<sup>nd</sup> \*\*\*  
March 29<sup>th</sup>  
April 26<sup>th</sup>  
May 31<sup>st</sup>  
June 28<sup>th</sup>

**Women's Spring Walk #58:**  
March 19-22  
**Men's Spring Walk #58:**  
April 16-19

**Dates for Fall Walks #59:**  
Women's – September 17-20  
Men's – October 22-25

**Sponsorship Forms, Applications,  
Newsletters and Additional  
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[www.southernohioemmaus.com](http://www.southernohioemmaus.com)

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[soemmausnewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:soemmausnewsletter@yahoo.com)



## Volunteer Forms Needed

*By Chuck Shuster, Community Outreach*

We are in need of *New* Volunteer forms from everyone so that we can get the roster up to date. Without good contact information we are unable to get the help that we need to make the Walks as special for the new pilgrims as it was for us on our walk. So I have attached a copy of the volunteer form and would greatly appreciate it if we could get some up-to-date information. I will also have volunteer forms with me at the gatherings and any other events we have. The form will be on the Emmaus Website as well for anyone to download at their convenience. Thank you all in advance for your cooperation in helping me up-date the roster. If you already have your form filled out, please bring it to the gathering this week or send it by mail if you're unable to attend the gathering. Hope to see you all there and hope you all are staying safe and warm!

De Colores,  
Chuck

## Showing Love Through Agape

*By Suzette Shuster, Community Agape*

Do you remember the smile you had, when you received your agape at bedtime or at dinner on your walk? You too can bring that joy to the up-coming pilgrims for the walks this year.

If you would like to make agape please remember we need 60 pieces at mealtime and 36 pieces for bed time; and, please make sure we have your return information so extra pieces can be returned to you.

I also encourage you to fill out a volunteer form to serve on a walk. There are so many ways to serve and we have no idea that you would like to help if we don't have your information to contact you.

We want all of our pilgrims to feel the Agape Love that we experienced on our walks, and this is one way we can be the Hands and Feet of Christ to give that love back.

'Let all that you do be done in LOVE' ....1 Corinthians 16:14

De Colores,  
Suzette

## Newsletter Articles

*By Barb Harkless, Community Newsletter*

I would love to hear from some of you that have experienced the Walk to Emmaus! Some of you may have exciting stories to share since your Walk; where others may just want to share what their experience meant to them. When we read your stories it brings back memories for us who took our Walk many moons ago; okay, maybe not moons but many Walks ago ☺ So let us hear from you and I'll put as many as I can in the newsletter. We have nine newsletters to go so let's see how many of those stories we can get! If there is something other than Emmaus you would like to share; perhaps, something else that has strengthened your faith; or a personal testimony; maybe you witnessed a miracle, or have had an answered prayer you would like to share; it could even be a favorite poem! So if it sounds like I am challenging you all...well, maybe I am! I just know in my heart there are some wonderful stories out there to be told!! So get writing my friends and until I hear from you.....De Colores! .....I'm waiting ☺.....

Blessings,  
Barb



## Got Books? Video's? CD's?

*Lena Bruno, Community Literature*

Just a reminder for you all to be pondering! The Spring Women's and Men's Walks are suddenly upon us; and once again, I am reaching out to you, our Emmaus Community, for any books, cd's, or video's that you may want to donate to either of these Walks. This is a wonderful way to serve and be the hands and feet of our Lord and Savior. Sometimes it's hard for us to let go of these items, but just think of the blessings someone else may receive because of our willingness and our sacrifice. May God continue to bless you as you search through your personal collection or library's for any of these items.

Whatever items you can donate, please bring them to me at this weeks gathering in New Lexington. Or, you may contact me for other arrangements. Let us all be in prayer for these upcoming Walks! God bless each and every one of you.

De Colores,  
Lena

## Prayer Vigil's Available

*Emma Hockenbery, Community Worship*

Just a reminder to sign up for a spot on the prayer vigils....this is an awesome and easy way to show agape love during the 72 hours of the upcoming Women's and Men's Walks.

The link for the Women's and Men's vigils are:

Women's: <http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pvid=10268&commid=1473>

Men's: <http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pvid=10269&commid=1473> .

Thank you all for your continued support.

De Colores,  
Emma Hockenbery

## Satellite Gatherings

### Lancaster Area

The Lancaster area holds their monthly gatherings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:ddickson9@columbus.rr.com).

### Rio Grande Area

The Rio Grande satellite gatherings have moved to Grace United Methodist Church in Gallipolis at 6:30 on the fourth Tuesday of the month. For more details and information please contact Roberta 'Robie' Wilson via phone 740-441-7494 or by email at [robertawilson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:robertawilson@sbcglobal.net).


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