



The Rainbow Connection

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New Year

Debbie Brookins, Community Lay Director

Greetings, my Emmaus brothers and sisters.

Allow me to introduce myself, Debbie Brookins, Southern Ohio Emmaus Women's Walk #44, Table of Sarah, and your new chair for the Southern Ohio Emmaus Board.

I trying to decide what to write for my first newsletter I considered that some of you may know me but not all you. You may want to know a little about me; my background, my qualifications, what makes me, me.

I'm a woman, a wife, a mother, a grandmother, a homemaker, a working woman, a Christian, a volunteer, a pastor's wife (for the past 5 years), a cancer survivor, a sister and I usually would rather be outside than inside. Does that help you to know me better now than a minute ago? From this brief list you can see that I have at least one child and one grandchild; I work somewhere; I may have been married twice. I have a home; I have siblings and I like to be outdoors. Now let me give you a little more of my story: I have been married to the same man for 40 years. On his Emmaus walk, he got his calling to become a pastor, to spread the Good News. Did I ever in my wildest dreams consider being a pastor's wife? NO. This was a complete surprise to me and I struggled with it for some time, but God has ways of making you see that is where you need to be at that moment in your life and I am more at ease with it. I probably will not always act as some people think a pastor's wife should act but God didn't tell me I had to change. HE probably KNEW better.

I have one son and one granddaughter. My son has been fighting colorectal cancer for three years. He is 36. Was this something I would have planned to happen in my life? NO WAY! But God has led my family on this journey through the bad times and the good. Three years ago, the doctors gave our son two years at the most. He is still taking chemo every three weeks but he's still here and he's able to live his life to the fullest and that is all we can ask. God's will, God's time. I've found that passage hard to live by, sometimes, in these last three years and there have been times when I was angry with God for allowing this to happen to my son and us but we all must climb the mountains so we can reach the valley on the other side.

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:

March 6
April 3
April 24
May 22
June 26
August 28
September 25
November 6
December 4

Sustaining The Spirit Seminar
****DATE TBD****

Dates for Spring Walks #60:

Women's Walk – March 17 – 20
Lay Director, Lena Bruno
Please sign up for the prayer vigil
at:<http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetComm.phtml>

Men's Walk – April 14 - 17
Lay Director, Steve Rinehart

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The point of this piece? We all have things in our lives that others may not know about us or see when they look at us. We all have baggage we carry around with us. However, instead of carrying it, why don't we give it all to God? That's what I have had to do with every piece of baggage I tried to carry with me through life and solve on my own. It doesn't work. Giving it all to God, does.

I hope you now know a little bit more about me and I hope to learn more about you as I take on this chair position. Another label God led me to take on.

He has a sense of humor, doesn't he? Decolores!
Debbie

Got Books? Video's? CD's?

Lena Bruno, Community Literature

Here we are again, about to enter into another Emmaus journey! 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 these any of these items.

Whatever items you can donate, please bring them to me at either of the next 2 gatherings in The Plains. 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

Please check out the dates for the gatherings.

A couple of dates are not typical (last Sunday of the month) dates for our gatherings – please note March 6th and April 3rd

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.



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