



The Rainbow Connection

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Renewal

Jeff Bender, Community Lay Director

A New Year brings change, and that includes our Board. We give thanks to the dedicated service of the class of 2014 board members; Greg Rush, Linda Lohse-Smith, Betty Clark, Cathy Powell, and Floyd Tackett. Each served our community as faithful servants of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We welcome new servants to our ranks; April and Bill Butterworth, Suzette and Chuck Shuster, and Sarah Zinn. They, along with the remaining board members, will have to renew our covenant with the Upper Room; but, more importantly, with God.

Two thousand years ago during the Passover meal, Jesus spoke of a "New Covenant." In Luke 22:20 (NIV), Jesus tells the Apostles "*this cup is the new covenant in my blood which is poured out for you.*" The scripture concerning the Last Supper have become the basis for Communion. During Communion we take the bread with gratitude and drink the juice for forgiveness. However, we usually do not concentrate much on these words concerning the New Covenant. It is the New Covenant that is the ultimate basis for our faith.

There are a number of covenants in the Bible. After the flood, God promised Noah that he would not do that again. The rainbow symbolizes this covenant. God made a covenant with Abraham that he would be the father of many nations. Not only was he the father of many nations, but billions trace their faith back to him. David was promised a great house and the Profits foretold of a descendant of David that would be the Messiah. Through the Messiah, God promised that he would renew our connection with him that had been severed by Adam's sin. Jesus is the New Covenant. Through faith in Jesus, God renews the connection with man and promises everlasting life in grace.

Let the New Year be a time of renewal; a renewal of our faith in Jesus and our dedication to serve God.

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**

Dates as follows:

Monthly Gatherings:

January 25th
February 22nd
March 29th
April 26th
May 31st
June 28th

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
Information Available at:**
www.southernohioemmaus.com

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Volunteer Forms Needed

By Chuck Shuster, Community Outreach

Hello everyone. Hope you all had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year.

To start off with, I would like to say I am happy to be part of the Emmaus Board this year. As the New Year comes upon us though, we are running short of volunteer forms. So with that 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, hopefully, will be on the Emmaus Website as well for anyone to download at their convenience. (The attachment will be in your email along with the newsletter).

Thank you all in advance for your cooperation in helping me up-date the roster.

De Colores,
Chuck

Showing Love Through Agape

By Suzette Shuster, Community Agape

Hello everyone! Praying you all are staying warm. I am Suzette Shuster, WW #55, and I am happy to be serving the Lord through Emmaus as the Agape Chair on the board, and look forward to working with everyone.

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 bedtime; 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 was 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



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 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

It's that time again, time to sign up for a time slot or two on the prayer vigil for the up coming walk's. Encourage those you know to sign up as well, its a very easy way to support those on their walk with Christ, and its an easy act of agape. 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 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 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.



2014 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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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED