



# The Rainbow Connection

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## Forgetting

*Jeff Bender, Community Lay Director*

A New Year brings changes, and that includes our Board. We give thanks for the dedicated service of the class of 2015 board members; Lena Bruno (Literature), Barb Harkless (Newsletter), Tom West (Music), Kim Russell-Reed (Women's Registrar), and Emma Hockenbery (Worship). Each served our community as faithful servants of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We welcome new servants to our ranks; Peggy Crane, Pam McNutt, Brian Mecum, Glen Goins, and Jo Young. Also, Lena Bruno had served out the term of a board member that resigned, and was elected for a full term on the Board. Welcome to the Board, there is much work to do.

The Board will move forward in the manner that Paul describes in Philippians 3:13-16 (NIV) "But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. 15 All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. 16 Only let us live up to what we have already attained." The new members, along with the remaining Board members will move forward anew for 2016.

The Southern Ohio Emmaus Chapter is in its 30<sup>th</sup> year of existence with Walks #60 coming up in March and April. Much good work has been done in that time to achieve the goals of Emmaus in building Lay leadership and providing a means for spiritual renewal. However, as Paul indicates above, there is no time to rest on our laurels. While the Emmaus Walk is a highly structured weekend, the Board and Community always need to be aware of ways to improve and adapt how that structure is supported. In that vein, a revision of the by-laws will be presented to the Board for approval to submit to the community for ratification.

The Upper Room, similarly, as those who attended the last Education Day in November learned, has begun a program called Face-to-Face. The program seeks to invite men and women, ages 60 and older, to experience Jesus through an 8-session journey, covering subjects such as discipleship, mission, grief, and end-of-life issues. The highly flexible schedule allows participants the freedom to engage in structured Bible study and prayer in a church setting or

### 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:

January 31<sup>st</sup>  
February 28<sup>th</sup>  
March 27<sup>th</sup>  
April 24<sup>th</sup>

**Sustaining The Spirit Seminar**  
\*January 23<sup>rd</sup> @ Sixth Avenue  
Church in Lancaster, 9am-12 pm

**New Board Member Meeting**  
\*January 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 1:00 at Sixth  
Avenue UMC in Lancaster

**(\*\*Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> will be a snow date)**

### Dates for Spring Walks #60:

**Women's Walk – March 17 – 20**  
Lay Director, Lena Bruno

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

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other community space. Also, the Upper Room is looking into revisions of the Manuals and seeking to reach out to Millennials.

As we introduce ourselves at gatherings, we are reminded of the past when we give our Walk number. This is a good thing, and brings up pleasant memories that we shouldn't forget. But, Paul reminds us that the World we want to change keeps on spinning into the future, and we must do the same if we expect to make that change.

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Jeff Bender, Outgoing Community Lay Director

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**The Sustaining the Spirit training will have to be rescheduled. We will discuss at the Board Meeting on 1/31. However, the Special Board Meeting for this Saturday, January 23rd, is on for 1:00 p.m. at the 6th Avenue UMC, 1004 Sixth Ave., Lancaster, Ohio. Park in the back.**

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## 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 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.

***“Don't be dismayed at good-byes. A farewell is necessary before you can meet again. And meeting again, after moments or lifetimes, is certain for those who are friends.”***

**Richard Bach**



## 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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