

The Rainbow Connection

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God Is Love

by Greg Rush, Community Lay Director

First, let me say *Thank You* to those board members who have faithfully served and helped lead our Southern Ohio Emmaus Community. Thanks to those members who are leaving the board: Georganne Thomas, Joyce Drake, Larry Moneypenny, Tom Parrish, Sharla Snedden, and Andy Ellinger. Now help me to welcome the new board members: Debbie Brookins, Jeff Cupp, Alice Moneypenny, Heather Pullins, Rita Rinehart, Steve Rinehart and Lena Bruno (who served a partial year last year).

It is nearly the end of January and *maybe* the worst of winter weather is behind us. What's next, February and Valentine Day? We often think of love when we think of Valentine Day, but is it the kind of love God has taught us? God tells us in Romans to "*Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. (Romans 12:9-10 NLT)*" Love is the most powerful force in the universe because God is love. God loves us even when we don't deserve to be loved. He wants us to really love others with genuine affection. He even tells us to love our enemies. What does it mean to take delight in honoring each other? It means we should celebrate when someone in our small group or someone we know succeeds. What people in your life need your love and support? How can you celebrate with them when they succeed? How can you love and support them when they might be struggling? Show people they are loved and trust that God will bless you.

Have you been praying for the upcoming Walks? Teams are beginning to meet and they need our prayers. God is preparing new pilgrims to experience what you experienced on your walk, and they need our prayers. Is there someone you know who might be ready to experience Agape Love? Remember, pilgrims need someone to sponsor them and you might be that person. Sponsorship is a very important responsibility, so if you think you need help sponsoring, find someone to be a co-sponsor with you. Most importantly, do everything with real love and you will be blessed.

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Greg Rush, Board Chairperson

Upcoming Schedule of Events

January

25th – 9:00 a.m.
Education Day at the Albany
United Methodist Church

26th – 2:00 p.m.
Emmaus & Chrysalis Board
Meetings
3:00 p.m. Gathering for
both Emmaus & Chrysalis at the
First UMC, New Lexington

Dates for the Spring Walks:

Women's Walk #56
March 27th – 30th

Men's Walk #56
May 1st – 4th

February 28 – March 1 – Ohio
Leadership Development Day in
Marietta, Oh

March 28 -29 – Ohio Leadership
Development Day in Cleveland, Oh

For surrounding Satellite
Gatherings, see page 4

Sponsorship Forms, Previous
Newsletters and Additional
Information Available at:
www.southernohioemmaus.com



New Prayer Chain Email Address

by Debbie Brookins, Community Good Shepherd

Hello everyone! I wanted to let everyone know that I am the new Good Shepherd for Emmaus and any prayer chain requests should come to me. I want to thank Floyd for going ahead and sending out the prayer chain requests he has been receiving as I didn't have your addresses until recently. If there is anything you need or want me to do for you as a community, please let me know.

May God bless each of you & thank you for being prayer warriors,
Debbie

*Be blessed and be part
of this life changing
prayer chain*

Reminder of Fee Increase for Pilgrims

by Alice Monerpenny, Community Treasurer

The Southern Ohio Emmaus Board would like to thank all those faithful community members for their support. Thanks to your giving we have been able to avoid raising our pilgrim fee for five years. In 2012, your financial gifts (including collections at gatherings, candlelight and other special gifts) totaled over \$5000 and we would not have met our expenses without these gifts. Last year, 126 new pilgrims experienced the Walk to Emmaus and this could not have happened without your support.

Costs per Pilgrim	
Purple Worship Book	\$1.50
Cross	\$4.00
Picture	\$6.50
Meals per person	\$58.75
Lodging per person	\$77.25
Lodging Tax	\$4.64
Upper Room fee	\$13.00
	<u>\$165.64</u>

The SOE board members have discussed ways to keep from raising fees, but reluctantly we have decided to raise the **pilgrim fee** from \$125 to \$150 which began with the 2013 fall walks. The board wants you to understand what items contribute to the cost of an Emmaus Walk. As you can see, the new pilgrim fee (\$150) still doesn't cover the full cost of sponsoring a pilgrim (\$166). In fact, in addition to the costs for each pilgrim we also have supplies which need purchased for the walks and throughout the year. So when you see us taking up a collection, please consider helping so we can avoid further increases.

Procrastinate, Procrastinate, Procrastinate....oh my!

By Barb Harkless, SO Emmaus Newsletter

I don't know how many of you feel about putting things off, but in the past I have always been *very* bad about it. Though I have been learning that it is less stressful when I do not put things off, I still have a tendency to *wait til the last minute*. Sometimes I do my best work when I *wait til the last minute*, but it is still something I want to get better at. I have always admired my sister, we all know who she is, (and in case you don't know, Lena Bruno is her name). I have always looked up to her, literally all my life! She is the most organized and efficient person I know. Everything is in order, right down to the vegetables in her pantry. Yes my friends, I can learn a lot from her, and believe me I try. I have the most respect for her and appreciate all she does for me.



Well, I got just a tad off track here, which is probably why I end up procrastinating, and you're probably wondering what this has to do with procrastinating! But I needed to share this because she is a good example and one person I know that doesn't procrastinate.

How many of you out there are willing to admit that you procrastinate and really want to do better? One thing that comes to my mind is how we all probably do procrastinate at one time or another with our walk with Christ. Now you are probably thinking 'you've got some nerve' to say "I" procrastinate!?! Well, sadly we just had 2 Chrysalis Flights cancelled due to not enough applications/butterflies. So many times we have the opportunity to share our faith and what Jesus has done in our lives, but we sometimes, and not always, shy from it and miss the opportunity. We may think "I'll share with them 'next' time I see them; or, we may think 'this is not a good time or place'. Perhaps someone has come up to you and shared something very personal with you and then asked you to keep them in prayer. Did you take the time right there and then to ask 'can I pray for you right now?' As I have heard Pastor Ricci say many times that we have such an awesome tool called Emmaus and how this journey has changed so many of our lives; why oh why would we not want to see so many take this journey as well!? Our children are our future church and we should be out there, me included, with the invitation for others to take this journey too. This is a time that none of us want to 'procrastinate'. I'm sure we all know at least one teen that would love to experience a closer walk with our Lord. Let us be in prayer for this year of 2014 and make our next Girl's and Boy's Chrysalis Flights full to the brim!!! Wouldn't that be awesome?

Blessings,
Barb

Chrysalis Flights Cancelled

By Andy Ellinger, former newsletter

Unfortunately I am so sorry to announce the Chrysalis Board has had to cancel the Boy's Flight in February. I do not know anything further than that at this time--details to follow. If anyone needs info on other flights for their prospective butterflies - I have been sharing the attached and below, feel free to share if contacted - if you would like to attend another community's event:

Heart of Ohio Boys Chrysalis Flight #20 <http://www.heartofohioemmaus.org>

Feb 15-17, 2014

Michelle Sheppard

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Wooster, OH 44691

Email: Michelle.Sheppard@ads-pipe.com

Home Phone: 330.465.0189

Chrysalis CARES Girls' Flight – February 7 - 9, 2014 <http://www.chrysaliscares.org>

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**February 16-18****Boys Flight****ALSO Cancelled****June 15-17****Girls Flight #48****Young Women's Journey #19****July 13-15****Boys Flight #42****Young Men's Journey #18**

Satellite Gatherings

Logan Area

The Logan Gathering is held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Trinity Lutheran Church which is located at 430 N. Mulberry Street in Logan, Oh.

Lancaster Area

The Lancaster area holds their monthly gatherings on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:15 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

Satellite gatherings for the Rio Grande area are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Simpson United Methodist Church on Lake Dr, in Rio Grande. For more details and information please contact Roberta 'Robie' Wilson via phone 740-441-7494 or by email at robertawilson@sbcglobal.net.

Now may the Lord bless you, and may the Lord keep you, and may the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and may the Lord be gracious unto you and give you His peace. May you celebrate the Resurrection, for it gives us affirmation that everything that Jesus has promised is absolutely true. Live in faith and notice that nothing is impossible to those that believe. In Jesus' name, receive this blessing.



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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