

# The Rainbow Connection

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## Emmaus Means Love

by Georganne Thomas, Community Lay Director

As I sat down to write this, I thought about what Emmaus has meant to me as well as thousands of others across the world. It's LOVE! I was absolutely bathed in love on Walk #40. Do I recall everything that happened? No, but I remember being loved and I remember the moment that I realized how much God loved me, how Jesus was sacrificed for me for the remission of my sins and that I had to love and forgive others. It was a life changing experience and I am grateful to all our Emmaus brothers and sisters who have sacrificed their time, talents and treasures to ensure that the Walk to Emmaus continues today that others may experience LOVE.

*In Galatians 5:13-14, (NLT) Paul writes "For you have been called to live in freedom—not freedom to satisfy your sinful nature, but freedom to serve one another in love. For the whole law can be summed up in this one command 'Love your neighbor as yourself'."*

I was that neighbor (along with countless others) that so many of you loved not only that weekend but on all the walks. You continue to show your love through your prayers, your agape gifts of food or table/bedtime agape, attendance at Thursday night send off, Candlelight and Closing and through service during the walks and through your financial offerings. Many of you never see the pilgrims or those serving, but you pray for them and you love them (your neighbors).

As you know, we have Women's Walk #55 (September 12 – 15) and Men's Walk #55 (October 17 – 20). Please continue to pray for the teams, the pilgrims and their families and those sponsoring someone on the walks. Sponsorship forms, Pilgrim Applications and Volunteer sheets will be available at Gatherings and at the Annual Picnic.

Our next Gathering is Sunday August 25 at 2:00 at New Lexington United Methodist Church. And, when "Emmaus meets, Emmaus eats" so bring something to share. And speaking of eating, the Annual Picnic is Saturday August 10 at noon at New Hope United Methodist Church near Logan. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided but you are invited to bring food to share. There will be entertainment for the kids as well as some of us older folks. There will be lots of singing, fellowship and good food at our Emmaus/Chrysalis Family Reunion. I'm looking forward to seeing you.

### Upcoming Schedule of Events

#### August

10th 12:00 p.m.  
Emmaus & Chrysalis Family Picnic  
New Hope UMC, Logan

25th 2 p.m.  
Emmaus & Chrysalis Board  
Meetings  
3:00 p.m.  
Gathering  
First UMC, New Lexington

#### September

12th – 15th  
Women's Fall Walk #55  
Camp Akita

29th 2:00 p.m.  
Emmaus & Chrysalis Board  
Meetings  
3:00 p.m.  
Gathering  
First UMC, New Lexington

#### October

17th – 20th  
Men's Fall Walk #55  
Camp Akita  
**Pray about Sponsoring a Pilgrim!**

27th 2:00 p.m.  
Emmaus & Chrysalis Board  
Meetings  
3:00 p.m.  
Gathering  
First UMC, New Lexington

[Sponsorship Forms, Previous  
Newsletters and Additional  
Information Available @:](#)

[www.southernohioemmaus.com](http://www.southernohioemmaus.com)



## Annual Emmaus & Chrysalis Family Picnic – August 10<sup>th</sup> - Noon

A DAY FULL OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP!! I know it seems like summer just got started but, believe it or not, the annual Emmaus Family Picnic is scheduled to take place on Saturday, Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>, at New Hope UMC in Gore, Ohio from Noon to 5:00 p.m. or whenever.

**What to Bring: Food, Lawn Chairs and Musical Instruments**

Plan on a day of great music, fellowship and delicious food.

### Schedule of Events:

#### Friday August 9 (after 6:00pm)

Primitive Camping (bring your camper or tent)  
Campfire  
Fellowship & Music

#### Saturday August 10 (come anytime)

Family Picnic  
Outdoor Games (bring your favorite game)  
Fellowship & Music  
**Covered Dish Dinner at 1:00 noon**  
Worship at 3:00pm  
Fellowship & Music  
More Outdoor Games



As before, this picnic is open to not only those who have attended an Emmaus or Chrysalis weekend, but their families as well. The eating/fellowship will take place in a covered shelter house, unless stormy weather forces us inside the fellowship hall. As we all know...When Emmaus Meets, Emmaus Eats....

Hot dogs, hamburgers, buns and condiments will be provided as well as all paper/plastic ware. We will also have lemonade, ice tea, ice water and coffee to drink. You can also come as early as noon, if you want to enjoy some extra fellowship (and maybe help grill?) All you need to bring is a side dish/dessert, and lawn chairs might be a good idea too! In addition, feel free to bring outdoor games such as corn hole, frisbies, etc.

Mark your calendars now to pack up the family and have a fun day with all your Emmaus/Chrysalis brothers and sisters!!! Oh yeah, if you would like to come and enjoy even more fellowship, come Friday evening (Aug. 9<sup>th</sup>) any time after 5:00 p.m., and cook hot dogs & marshmallows over the fire with those of us who will be camping! Have a guitar??? Bring that too and we can have some informal singing around the campfire! The camping should be considered "primitive camping" meaning no electric or water hookups, but the restrooms and kitchen at the church will be available. For more details about the Friday camping and campfire, call Greg Rush at 740.385.0945 De Colores and hope to see you all there!

## Prayer Vigil Slots Open

*by Emma Hockenberry, Worship Chair*

The online sign-ups for the Fall Women's and Men's walks are available online at

<http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetComm.phtml> Southern Ohio Emmaus Community. There will also be charts to sign-up at the gatherings. Please encourage those you know who have been on an Emmaus walk to support the women and men on their walk.



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