

# The Rainbow Connection

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## Summer Greetings to You

*by Heather Pullins, Community Lay Director*

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Summer . . . it is here! I hope that each one of you are enjoying the things that you like to do in the warmer weather. One of the things that my family likes to do is camp. We love it and would like to be somewhere each and every weekend if we could! We will have the opportunity to camp on August 10th at the New Hope United Methodist Church. That is the Friday evening before our Southern Ohio Emmaus Picnic. If you are interested in camping with us on Friday, please let Greg or Karcy Rush know ahead of time just so we can plan out the space that may be needed. Sitting around the camp fire roasting marshmallows with members of our Emmaus family sounds like a fantastic evening to me!

The picnic will be held on Saturday, August 11th also at the New Hope United Methodist Church beginning at 1 pm. We have been blessed with a donation to cover the cost of hamburgers and hot dogs for this meal, so please bring side dishes and desserts to make it complete! We hope to see many members of our community along with family members at the picnic! Just a reminder that we will NOT have a Gathering in July, but we will go back to our regular schedule in August. (8/26)

### Fundraising Ideas are needed

At the May Gathering, we talked about the need for fundraisers. We have received a few ideas and we will start working out the details to try to make some of these things happen. We appreciate any suggestions that you have to help us raise money to help with the general fund for the Emmaus Walks. Please see any board members with your suggestions! We need to get creative!

### Pray, Pray, Pray!

I know it is hard to believe, but it is almost time for the conference room teams working the fall walks to begin their team meetings. Please keep the team in prayer. Prayer is the backbone of Emmaus. We need to ask for God's guidance in everything that we do. It is never too early to start to pray for an Emmaus walk. The Lay Directors have already been working very diligently praying, organizing the team, preparing for team meetings, creating the schedules and so many other things!

Pray for the pilgrims and sponsors. God knows who will be there! We need to reach out to our family and friends to invite them to attend an Emmaus walk. Sponsorship forms are located on our web site at [www.southernohioemmaus.com](http://www.southernohioemmaus.com). When the 72 hour prayer vigil is available for the fall walks, you will be notified at the Gatherings and in the newsletter. Please sign up for a time slot. Remember how it felt knowing that someone was praying for you for the entire 72 hours of your Walk to Emmaus? This is your chance to pay it forward and pray for the pilgrims to share those same experiences that you have shared! DeColores,

### Upcoming Events

#### June

24<sup>th</sup> 2:00 p.m.  
Emmaus & Chrysalis  
Board Meetings  
3:00 p.m.  
Gathering  
First UMC, New  
Lexington

#### July

NO GATHERING IN  
JULY

#### August

11<sup>th</sup>  
Annual Family Picnic

26<sup>th</sup> 2:00 p.m.  
Emmaus & Chrysalis  
Board Meetings  
3:00 p.m.  
Gathering  
First UMC, New  
Lexington

**Women's Fall Walk #53**  
September 27-30

**Men's Fall Walk #53**  
October 25-28

Camp Akita



## Greetings From your New Assistant Spiritual Director

by Pastor Karen Crawford, Assistant Spiritual Director

*“You were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only don’t let this freedom be an opportunity to indulge your selfish impulses, but serve each other through love.” -- Galatians 5:13 (CEB)*

My name is Karen Crawford, Greater Columbus Women’s Emmaus Walk #48, table of Ruth (insert claps here). I am the pastor at Richland United Methodist Church in Athens, and I am excited to be the new Assistant Spiritual Director for this Emmaus community.

I am honored to be serving you and our Lord, and I look forward to being in ministry with each of you. I want to personally thank David Rohrer for his leadership over the past 4 years as both Spiritual and Assistant Spiritual Director for the Southern Ohio Emmaus Community. He went on Walk to Emmaus #38 in 2005 and is to be commended for his service to God, in this position, and he has set the bar high.

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I am also excited to be able to work with Ricci Arthur over the next year. We were able to work together on the last Women’s Walk, and through that I have come to see his passion for the Lord and his love for Emmaus. He is an amazing Spiritual Director for this community.

Just a little bit about me: I was formerly a part of the Detroit Annual Conference, before moving to Ohio to begin school at Ohio Wesleyan University (1988-1992). I earned my Master of Divinity degree from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio (1992-1995) and my Doctor of Ministry degree from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (2003-2007). In the midst of my college career I transferred into the West Ohio Conference (1988). In 1994 I married my soul mate, Andrew, who is from central Ohio (born in Washington Courthouse and raised in Mt. Sterling), and entered into full-time pastoral ministry. I have served churches in the Amanda, Grove City, Delta, Hilliard and Athens communities. Each has afforded me wonderful ministry opportunities, and many chances to grow personally and spiritually.

I have now been at Richland U.M. Church for two years, and I love the people and the SE Ohio area (go Bobcats!). Being in a rural and very poor area of Ohio, has convicted me of the need for the church today, and for all Christians, to be Christ’s ambassadors; offering life, hope, peace and love, in the Savior’s name. I see Emmaus as one way to make this a reality, as we raise up Christian leaders and renew the church as the body of Christ, in action.

But, in order to make this happen, we must work as a team; each of us ministering, whether laity or clergy, for the Kingdom. We are called to serve God together. Every man, woman and child is an important member of the body of Christ. Through commitment to Christ and to one another, we can offer new life, in our Savior’s name, to this community.

I know that with prayer and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, all of us can move forward in our own personal spiritual journeys and help those around us at the same time. After all, that’s what God expects of us, isn’t it to live in such a way that we bring Him glory and love those around us? As we live and work for Christ, let us show the world that we are indeed people of the Most High God! De Colores!



## Board Member Vacancies

The Southern Ohio Chrysalis ROCS Board of Directors is now accepting nominations for Board positions beginning June 2012.

Your Chrysalis Board is reflective of our Community – men and women, high school youth, young adults of college age and adults, with Chrysalis or Walk to Emmaus weekend experience.

Commitments include attending meetings and a commitment to Christ and the future of the Chrysalis & Emmaus Communities. Prayerfully consider and submit your nomination to Pastor Doug Widdowson - [drdsw@yahoo.com](mailto:drdsw@yahoo.com) or Andy Ellinger – [andyellinger@yahoo.com](mailto:andyellinger@yahoo.com)



## Reunion Groups and Gatherings Are Vital to Your Fourth Days

Reunion groups are encouraged to build Christian friendships and accountability... Reunion groups can be formed from people at your table, church, or with anyone from a 4th day community. Pray about joining a group. Contact the community Good Shepard for more information: If you've sponsored pilgrims for Emmaus are you still actively communicating with them? Do you invite them to Gatherings or maybe have them ride with you?

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## A Day Full of Fun and Fellowship

by *Karcy Rush, Social Chair, (740)385-0945, [karcyrush@yahoo.com](mailto:karcyrush@yahoo.com)*

I know it seems like summer just got started but, believe it or not, the annual Emmaus Family Picnic will here before we know it. It is scheduled to take place on Saturday, Aug. 11<sup>th</sup>, at New Hope UMC in Gore, Ohio from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. (or whenever??). 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.

**WHEN:** Saturday, August 11, 2012,  
starting at 1:00pm  
**WHERE:** New Hope UMC- Logan,  
Ohio

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 the meat?!?!?) All you need to bring is a side dish/dessert, and lawn chairs might be a good idea too! In addition, we hope to have some activities for the children, but feel free to bring outdoor games such as corn hole, frisbies, etc.

Oh yeah, if you would like to come and enjoy even more fellowship, come Friday evening (Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>) any time after 6:00 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!

Elsewhere in this newsletter and probably again in next month's, there will be a flier announcement with directions to the church, if you do not know where it is. Mark your calendars now to pack up the family and have a fun day with all your Emmaus/Chrysalis brothers and sisters!!! De Colores and hope to see you all there!



## Emmaus Family Picnic

**When:** Saturday August 11, 2012 (campfire fellowship and camping Friday night, Aug 10)

**Where:** New Hope United Methodist Church, 9825 Gore Church Rd, Logan, Ohio  
(8 miles north of Logan on SR93, Gore, Ohio)



**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 10, 2012 (after 5:00pm)

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

#### Saturday August 11, 2012 (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



Contact Greg or Karcy Rush for more information or if you have some ideas: (740) 385-0945 or email [gr44greg@yahoo.com](mailto:gr44greg@yahoo.com) / [karcyrush@yahoo.com](mailto:karcyrush@yahoo.com)

If you intend to camp, please RSVP (385-0945) so we can plan space for your camper.



## Putting Your Priorities in Order

by Jason Swindle, *A Georgia Pilgrim*

Two weekends ago, I attended a 72-hour Christian event that changed my perspective on my own life. However, I have been led to share one aspect of what I learned with you. Most of the time, I do not focus on what is most important in my life. I typically go through the days and weeks preparing for court, teaching my class, spending time with my family, and trying to get to the gym a couple of times during the week. During deer and turkey seasons, being in the woods certainly climbs the priority list.

However, I have recently realized that addressing priorities may be the most important thing that a person can do. The event that I attended was difficult and challenging for me in many ways. I did not have access to my vehicle, smart phone, email, or even my watch. We were required to entirely focus on our walk with Jesus Christ. Part of this focus dealt with self-examination of our own priorities in life. For me, this was the most difficult because I realized that my own priorities were out of line. This was a painful discovery.

Like many people, most of my life revolves around my career. I spend a tremendous amount of time in court, at the office, and even working at home. This work pattern includes the weekend, as well. Now, there is nothing wrong with hard work and dedication to your line of work. In fact, I am extremely blessed because God gave me the opportunity to work in an area of society that I truly love. Even though criminal defense is challenging and is fundamentally based on addressing very serious problems, I look forward to going to work every day.

However, I have realized that work is not supposed to be where I had placed it on my priority list. It was placed squarely at position number one. God and my family were a distant second and third and I did not even know it. As a Christian, the first priority in my life needs to be developing and maintaining a personal relationship with God. This primarily consists of seeking knowledge of His will for me and praying for the power to carry out that will. But it also includes getting to know Him and building a trusting relationship on a daily basis. Like our earthly fathers, a strong, caring personal relationship is very important with our heavenly Father.

The second priority for me should be family. We all have different families with different family dynamics. I am blessed to have a loving wife with two young boys. Unfortunately, I have not always put my family in this important second priority position. My 6 year old asks me to go to hunting almost every week. He will be an outdoorsman like his father. You can bet that he and I will be heading to the woods on a regular basis from here on out.

Thirdly, as least for me, is my work. I feel blessed to be able to enjoy the career I have chosen. I am also able to help those in need on a daily basis. I am sure that is what God wants me to do at this point in my life. This readjustment in priorities will take some effort and time as well. I will not be 100 percent successful, because I am human. Like all of us, I have character defects that get in the way of God's grace from time to time. However, I am glad at the age of 38 I am at least aware of what I need to do to get life's priorities in line. I am also willing.

### THIS WEEK IN EMMAUS

□ 5 Walk Weekends

□ 2for women

□ 3for men

#### Ohio

June 21 - June 24, 2012

Reynoldsburg Emmaus

Men's Walk #69

Reynoldsburg, Ohio

Agape Chairperson:

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June 21 - June 24, 2012

Wilmington Area Emmaus

Women's Walk #88

Ohio

Agape Chairperson:

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June 21 - June 24, 2012

New-Ark Area Emmaus

Men's Walk #37

Ohio

Agape Chairperson:

Karen Finley & Laurie O'Hara

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#### Texas

June 21 - June 24, 2012

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Women's Walk #117

Texas

Agape Chairperson:

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June 21 - June 24, 2012

Dallas Emmaus

Men's Walk #239

Rockwall, Texas

Agape Chairperson:

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