

The Rainbow Connection

May 2017

Bill Butterworth, Community Lay Director

Hello my Emmaus brothers & sisters,

This Emmaus Community never ceases to amaze me, with the outpouring of love and support we have for one another. Not to long ago, we had the opportunity to join an Emmaus sister in her special day. As we scanned the room for people we might know, we happen to notice the people we do know were all Emmaus, probably a dozen or more showed up to support this sister in Christ.

We were also at a training two weeks prior for our church that was geared toward the leadership team in the church. As we entered the church, we saw Emmaus people, which is good, because Emmaus is to build up leaders in the church. As we looked around the room we saw several more people we knew.

The point I'm trying to make is, know matter where you are and know matter what you are doing, you are surrounded by your brothers and sisters in Christ who have spent 72 hours on the Emmaus Walk. I can't help but smile when I think how far of a reach the Walk to Emmaus has, and how much impact it has on peoples lives. I love you all and miss you terribly when we haven't seen each other in a while. DeColores,
Bill

Karen Crawford, Assistant Spiritual Director

A pastor suddenly found himself ill and being rushed to the hospital. At first the doctors thought he had a heart attack. He was in the intensive care unit for six days, "all wired up," as he explained it. Because he improved so quickly, the doctors began to question their diagnosis and decided to do an angiogram. The night before the exam he was anxious and restless. He knew the test could show he needed surgery, or that he was too far gone for surgery, or that he was home free.

He put up a front for his family and for a few parishioners who had called. Reality was that he didn't sleep much the night before the test. A nurse came in to check on him around 3 A.M. and found him wide awake and fretting. She pulled up a chair to sit alongside the bed, and took his hand in hers and said, "Even preachers are human. Its only natural that you're a bit shaken up. Let our God of love see you through. He'll be with you. He loves you."

She then picked up the Gideon Bible, turned to the , 23rd Psalm and read it aloud. She closed with the Lord's Prayer and a squeezed of the hand before leaving the room. The pastor said she didn't even know her name, even though she had ministered to him so profoundly that night. She shared God's love and became the hands and feet of Christ.

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:

June 11 Education Day
July 22 Summer Picnic

Dates for Fall Walks #63

Women's Walk- Sept. 14-17
Lay Director, Sue Pennix
Men's Walk -Oct. 12-15
Lay Director, Duane Tackett

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Sponsorship Forms, Applications,
Newsletters and Additional
Information Available at:

Sometimes our Lord works through the actions of a nurse, a friend, a colleague, or even an enemy. That person becomes a “stranger on the road”, sometimes holding a Bible before us to hear God’s word of hope and promise. Sometimes Christ is shared with us via a call, an email, a letter, or a card. Sometimes we meet the Christ in a loaf of bread, in the sharing of the cup, or on the shoulder of a friend where we are free to cry.

The pastor did not recognize the presence of Christ with him until after the nurse left. The disciples did not recognize the stranger on the road to Emmaus until He broke the bread and vanished from their sight. (Luke 24:13-32)

The road to Emmaus is an everyday road where we realize that someone is still walking alongside us, explaining the Scriptures to us, breaking bread with us, and then vanishing from our sight. Thank God for the continuous ways the Creator shares with us a presence, a love, and a hope as we journey on our roads to Emmaus.

Pastor Karen Crawford, Assistant Spiritual Director

[NO LANCASTER NO GALLIPOLIS GATHERINGS for June, July, and August.](#)

[The Importance of Sponsorship-Barb Harkless](#)

On June 11, at our monthly gathering we will have an Education Day. I would like to stress how important it is for our new Emmaus family members to attend this gathering/Education Day. We are trying to make it possible for all members to attend an education day, so we decided to include an education day as part of this monthly gathering.

Sponsorship is very important for the pilgrims. There is more involved in sponsoring a pilgrim than just making sure they get to camp and experience the same journey we all did. I will be there to speak on sponsorship and help anyone however I can. I will explain the responsibilities that we all have as sponsors. If we want our pilgrim to have as good an experience as we did, then we should do all we can to be a good sponsor. This is such an awesome way to serve our Lord, bringing a pilgrim to the Walk and watch them grow into a sister/brother in our Emmaus family. I hope to see many of you there; and until then, don’t hesitate to email me if you have any concerns or questions. God Bless!

De Colores,

Barb

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[Fourth Days- Calling all Prayer Warriors!](#)

Recently, while listening to the radio, I heard the song While I’m Waiting’ by John Waller. The lyrics, *I will serve You while I’m waiting. I will worship while I’m waiting* really spoke to me. I realized that I am not surprised to SIT STILL and wait! I am to be serving the Lord WHILE I wait. I may not know what the Lord has planned for the next season of my life, but that should not stop me from SERVING the LORD right now! This is a mission and ministry for me right where I am. There are people all around me that need to know the LORD. They need a savior! They need hope! They need to hear that Jesus loves them.

And so, that led to what I believe is a great mission. My husband, Gary, and I walk around our town several times a week, for exercise. It has become a pretty depressing sight! Litter along the streets and sidewalks, boarded up houses, vacant buildings, and people without hope.

God put it in our heart to begin praying for our community, and shortly thereafter to invite others in our community to join us. This is a mission that will carry on long after we move on to the next season of our life. We believe God hears and answers prayer. We know that if we join together in prayer the Holy Spirit will

move in a mighty way, and Satan will be defeated. Here is a copy of the prayer Gary wrote that we share with other community members, asking them to join us in prayers.

Our Heavenly Father...

As we walk through our town we see...

People lost and lonely...

Sad people...angry people...sheep without a shepherd;

People seeking happiness in all the wrong places, in all the wrong ways.

They don't know that they need YOU, that only You can give them the peace and love they are searching for.

As we drive through the streets of our town we see...

The effects of crime, addiction, and apathy...

The effects of a culture that has forgotten God...

The effects of a Body of Christ that has grown complacent and self-centered.

We have forgotten that we are here to be lights in the darkness, the salt of the earth.

Dear Lord, we pray that Your Holy Spirit will revive the Spirits of Your people in this town and empower us to pray without ceasing that our Mayor and Village Council will govern wisely, our police officers will be effective (and kept safe), that the forces of darkness that bring crime, drugs, alcoholism, violence, and abuse will be defeated and expelled.

Empower us to speak boldly in Your name and to stand for what we know to be right, as given in Your Holy Word.

Please save our town.

We ask it in Jesus name.

Amen

I encourage you to pray for your own community, work place, or family. We are in a spiritual war, but we can be victorious if we do not give up.

DeColores

Penny Canter

SOEWW #25

EDUCATION DAY

JUNE 11 – 3:00 PM

THE PLAINS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PICNIC JULY 22

2017 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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