

The Rainbow Connection

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Lives Are Changed at Emmaus

by Heather Pullins, Board Chairperson

*The LORD gives strength to his people;
the LORD blesses his people with peace. Psalm 29:11 (NIV)*

Happy Fall! By the time this newsletter makes it way out to you, the 2012 fall Southern Ohio Emmaus Walks will be finished. Welcome to all of the new members of our Emmaus community!

Lots of lives have been changed during the Walk to Emmaus. Lots of eyes have been opened. Lots of wounds have been healed. Lots of “baggage” has been left at the foot of the cross. Lots of relationships have been formed and enriched. Our Lord has blessed lots of people with peace!

How did you feel coming into your walk on Thursday night? Were you asking yourself “what am I doing here?” Were you praying to God asking for guidance and strength? Were you told to “not anticipate” at least a dozen times? Did you need ear plugs to be able to sleep in the same room with your new best friend?

How did you feel leaving the camp on Sunday afternoon? Were you overjoyed? Were you speechless? Were you still wondering “What am I doing here?” Were you full of the Holy Spirit? Did you learn just how much God loves you? Did you gain 5 lbs while you were on the walk?

I know on my walk, I experienced every emotion possible. I think I experienced some emotions that I didn't even know were possible! I was in a room full of strangers on Thursday evening and then a room full of family on Sunday afternoon! God showed me so many things during the 72 hours of my walk. He used several different people to make an impact in my life. I'm sure the newest members of our community are still looking back on their walk and reflecting on every minute of it! Enjoy it! Keep it alive! Don't let the Holy Spirit take a back seat in your life! Keep Him up front in the driver's seat with you. Stay involved with your Emmaus family, join a share group, volunteer to help with a walk, attend monthly gatherings!

The Lord does give us strength to get through anything and everything. He also blesses his people with peace. I pray that you found peace during your walk, DeColores!

DECEMBER 2nd is the Southern Ohio Emmaus Family Christmas party! It begins at 3 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in New Lexington. Bring the family. Santa will make an appearance to visit with the children. Don't forget to bring food for the potluck. We all know WHEN EMMAUS MEETS, EMMAUS EATS!

Upcoming Events

October

Men's Fall Walk #53

October 25-28

27th

Candlelight 8:30 pm

28th

3:00 pm Gathering: at
Camp Akita at Men's
Closing-4:30 pm

Camp Akita

November

10th

Education Day
New Hope UMC, Gore,
Ohio

13th

Lancaster area gathering
Tuesday
6th Ave. UMC Lancaster
7:00 PM

December

2nd

Christmas Party 3 pm
First UMC, New Lexington



Please Vote!

It's time to elect new members to serve on the Board of Directors. Please vote for no more than six (6) and return the ballot by November 10. Please feel free to copy this ballot for other Community Members.

BALLOTS MUST BE RETURNED BY NOVEMBER 10TH

Vote for no more than six (6) Please mail to Heather Pullins, 142 S. Center Street, West Jefferson, OH 43162 or send an email with your vote to hpullins@columbus.rr.com

_____ Jeff Bender

_____ Nathan Downing

_____ Barb Harkless

_____ Emma Hockenbery

_____ Penny Peters Guest

_____ Larry Money Penny

_____ Kim Russell

_____ Tom West

Discipleship and Servanthood

by Ricci Arthur, Community Spiritual Director

Dear Friends of the Southern Ohio Emmaus: I have been reflecting lately upon the importance of discipleship and servanthood in the Southern Ohio Emmaus Community. Many Christians would put servanthood and discipleship together, but, for this article, I am separating these two words because I think they are important words that we can use to evaluate our fourth days.

I would refer to "discipleship" as anything that we are doing to grow as a Christian except for servanthood. This would include: personal devotional time, time in a small group learning more about the Christian life, worship service attendance, and any kind of personal accountability that we are engaged in (such as an Emmaus Share Group). How are you doing in this regard? Are you spending regular time with God? Are you involved with a group of Christians learning more about God and each other? Hebrews 10:25 says: "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching." Although this verse includes worship service attendance, it also includes any one-on-one, or, small group encounters where we can encourage one another."



On the Road to Emmaus

"Service" is anything that we do for God and His Kingdom, being His Hands and Feet. Although it is true that we can grow spiritually through servanthood, it is important that the service we provide grow out of our time with God. The story of Mary and Martha comes to mind. The mistake that Martha made was not to be of service; we are all to be of service. It was that her service had been separated from her time with God. True servanthood grows out of a maturing love that we develop for God in our personal time with Him and with His people.

So, how are you doing in your Fourth Days in regards to discipleship and service? Something to reflect upon! De Colores!



Remember His Promises

By Penny canter, Outreach Chairperson

Fall is a beautiful time of year in Ohio. There is beauty not only on the leaves of the trees, but the bright blue sky, the huge puffy clouds, the breathtaking sunrises and sunsets, and the occasional rainbow. Even the morning fog or the frosty ground has a certain beauty to me.



As we, the Southern Ohio Emmaus Community, welcome the Pilgrims of Walk #53, I would like to take a moment to remind the entire community to pause and look around, stop and take a few moments to see the beauty around you and know that God created all this for us to enjoy and appreciate. When we see the beauty of nature and know that God created all this for us to enjoy, it becomes easier, at least for me, to remember God's promises. I would like to share this special blessing I received a couple of months ago as God spoke to me through a rainbow.

As I was driving home from Bible Study it started to rain. The sky was very dark but the sun was shining too. Whenever the sun shines and it is raining I always look for a rainbow. When I got home and got out of the car I started looking. As I walked up the bank to the house – there it was! The slight, faint arc of a rainbow, mostly red, the other colors barely visible. I thought, "What an awesome reminder of God in our lives." When we go through sad, painful, or uncertain times GOD is ALWAYS there. At times we barely feel His presence, but like the faint vision of that rainbow, we know He is there. We can't see clearly the plan He has for us; but we know it is His plan. I am thankful for the tiny glimpses He gives us when we need Him the most.

Few people may have even noticed that rainbow – But I saw it! I was looking for it and God put it there – because He is faithful. Seeing mostly the red color was a special blessing too, as it reminded me of the blood of our Saviour that poured out for me, and for you. The blood that covers all sin! The precious blood of Jesus Christ.

All this blessing from the glimpse of a rainbow that lasted less than a minute! We do indeed serve an Awesome God. His promises are true and He is always there for us. Take a few moments to meditate on His goodness. Give Him praise and Be Thankful. DeColores.

Education Day Scheduled: 9 am-11:30 pm, November 10th

Please come and join us for the Southern Ohio Emmaus Education Day. Lots of roles/topics will be discussed, for example - Agape, Logistics, Team Selection, Sponsorship, Chrysalis, Share Groups and Board membership & duties. A sponsorship class is required before you can sponsor a pilgrim to attend a SOE Walk to Emmaus.

Join us on November 10th to be ready to sponsor pilgrims for the spring walks.

Education Day
November 10, 2012
9:00 am – 11:30 a.m.
Location:
NEW HOPE UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH,
GORE OH

Lancaster Area Gathering Open to All

By Tom Parrish, Logistics Chairperson

A Lancaster area gathering is scheduled for 7pm, Tuesday November 13 at the 6th Avenue United Methodist Church in Lancaster. All are welcome to attend. Bring food and a friend.



Behind the Scenes at Emmaus

By Cathy Powell, Agape Chairperson

I can hardly believe that the fall season is upon us, but somehow it is. I've noticed that the trees have begun their transition to all the warm colors we look forward to, and they are beautiful. I hope you are seeing beauty in the seasons and transitions of your own life as well.

Welcome women and men of Walk #53! We are so happy to have you as part of the Southern Ohio Emmaus Community. Are you curious about what goes on behind the scenes of a walk? You will have that opportunity to learn by attending the education day on November 10th at New Hope UMC. Thanks to all the volunteers who gave their time to work Agape this year. Your willingness to volunteer your time to be the hands and feet of Christ helped make the walks successful.

We always have leftover agape after the walks, so please make sure someone from your group picks up these items. We can't use the one or two items left, but you can add them to your agape for the next walk.

Walks to Emmaus continue round the world. This weekend there are 38 walks in 24 states and 4 countries. Remember the agape letters posted on the walls during your walk? These communities lifted your walk up in prayer, and they hope you will do the same for their walks.

Prayer is one of the best free gifts we receive. There is no cost, just a lot of reward. Make sure you pray, and pray believing God will answer. DeColores,

Prayer Vigils

As you may remember from your Emmaus Walk, Prayer is a vital spiritual discipline in our relationship with God. With prayer being the foundation of our Emmaus Community, we invite you to become involved in the Southern Ohio Emmaus Community through participation in our 72-hour prayer vigil for each Emmaus & Chrysalis Weekend. Please choose the specific Walk Weekend you wish to pray for, then select the time you are available. *You can pray from anywhere you like.*

There are several ways to join the prayer vigil:

- 1) Sign-up online via the following website links: www.3dayol.org/Vigil
- 2) Sign the prayer vigil chart during an Emmaus gatherings and functions.
- 3) Contact the Prayer Vigil coordinator:

Joyce Drake - PO Box 177 - Malta, Ohio 43756 - 740-962-4169 - jdrake@wmcap.org

Welcome Newest Pilgrims

We welcome the newest members of our Southern Ohio Emmaus Community...the men of Men's Walk #53.

There are many ways to stay active in the Emmaus Community. It is recommended that you wait a year before serving in the Conference Room, however you can help with Agape and Logistics now. A volunteer sheet is available online and in your packet.

You can make Agape (those wonderful little gifts you received at bedtime and mealtime). You can sponsor (or co-sponsor if you have not attended a Sponsorship Class) someone to attend a walk. And...you can attend Opening, Candlelight and Closing ceremonies. Dates and times will be in The Rainbow Connection, this month's copy is in your packet. Let's keep these newest members covered in prayer as they start their Fourth Days. DeColores

**This Week
in Emmaus**

38 Weekends

24 states

4 countries

25 for women

13 for men



2012 Southern Ohio Emmaus Board of Directors

This is the current contact list for 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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