



The Rainbow Connection

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Witnessing

Greg Rush, Community Lay Director

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8 NIV)

I recently read something from Pastor Rick Warren. He said, “Do you know the difference between a witness and an attorney? It is the job of the attorney to press the case, to show the evidence, and to ask for a decision. Not once in Scripture does Jesus say, “You will be my attorney.” It’s not your job to convince people to accept Christ; that’s the Holy Spirit’s job. You’re not called to be an attorney; but you are called and commanded by God to be a witness.’ (Pastor Rick Warren)

Even if you have never been in a courtroom, you have probably seen a movie or TV show about a court trial. A witness’s job is just to tell what they saw. In our Christian lives, we are all called to be witnesses, but what does it mean to be a witness? Being a witness doesn’t mean you have to be a Bible expert and know everything written about Jesus. Just share what you have experienced as a Christian. When things happen in your life, God is preparing you to be a witness. As a Christian, we learn that God is with us through the highs and the lows of our life. When you learn that someone is going through something you have already been through, talk to them and really try to understand how they feel. God is likely trusting you to help them through this trial in their life. You can give them hope by sharing how God has helped you. “Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.” (1 Peter 3:15 NIV)

One of my favorite Bible verses is “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.” (Romans 8:28) This verse is hard to understand when you are experiencing a difficult situation, but I have learned that if you honestly seek to know God, He will show you how He can make something good from even your difficult times. Our job is then to share how God has made a difference in our lives, in other words, be a witness to what God has done or can do for those who love Him.

De Colores,
Greg

Upcoming Schedule of Events

Gatherings at New Lexington:

126 S. High Street
New Lexington, Oh 43764

All gatherings at 3:00

Dates as follows:

Sunday Oct. 26th

**No gathering in November -
“Happy Thanksgiving”**

**Sunday Dec. 7th - Family
Christmas Party**

Women’s Spring Walk #58:
March 19-22

Men’s Spring Walk #58:
April 16-19

Lay Directors for Spring Walks:
Barb Harkless – Women’s
Chris Stone – Men’s

Dates for Fall Walks #59:
Women’s – September 17-20
Men’s – October 22-25

For surrounding Satellite
Gatherings, see page 3

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Memories... How Precious They Are

By Cathy Powell, Community Outreach Chair

My 50th high school reunion is this month, and I have been assigned the task of writing a memorial for my classmates who have been called home. This process has been harder than I could ever have imagined. I've been receiving memories through email and phone calls from my classmates about those who are no longer with us. It's brought up many of my own childhood memories that were lost or forgotten. Some of those memories made me smile, and others made me cry. The process has brought me face-to-face with my own mortality. I wanted to share an article with you that I received regarding the death of my classmate Jim Petry. Jim died in an automobile accident on his 36th birthday in 1982. He was the first in our class to pass away. Jim was a Roman Catholic priest. This letter was written by Father Jerome Stluka, Director, and Diocesan Vocations Office and published in *The Catholic Times* many years ago. It is a wonderful tribute to Jim, but also a letter of hope.

Father James G. Petry

It takes time to believe in the paschal mystery which Jim Petry so enthusiastically lived and preached: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the earth and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat. But, if it dies, it produces much fruit. God has brought and will continue to bring new life even out of the tragic death of another of his beloved sons. Jim completed his experience of the paschal mystery 36 years to the day after he was born from the waters of his mother's womb. Reborn in the waters of baptism, Jim completed his journey of faith in the waters of Spring Creek in a place called Paradise Valley.

Remember the disciples grieving and questioning on the road to Emmaus? So preoccupied and upset, they couldn't even recognize the risen Christ who had joined them on the road.

I remember my Emmaus walk with Jim over the last 20 years. There have been numerous pauses, forks in the road, hills, valleys and even detours—and I've not always recognized or appreciated the presence of Christ walking with us.

I remember being with Jim when he received word of the senseless death of his younger sister, Mary—the tears we cried, the Eucharist we prayed. I remember the two years together in Rome when we enjoyed fun and food, catacombs and basilicas, studies and slides, visitors from home and hopes and dreams of future ministry in the diocese.

Last fall we made our Emmaus retreat together. As we walked and talked, we reflected on the recent death of his dad, Paul, and on the growing pains of letting go of people and places and taking up others. We looked forward to a renewed relationship as we were beginning my last year and his first year at the SPES House.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to the men of Walk #57. I hope to see all of you at our next Gathering on October 26th. If you would like to take part in and Emmaus walk be sure to fill out your volunteer form that was included in your packet.

DeColores,
Cathy Powell, S.O.E. Outreach Chair



The Hands and Feet of Christ

By Lena Bruno, Community Literature

I would like to say a big THANK YOU for all your donations and your help in supporting our Book Table during the Women and Men's Walk 57. We were truly blessed with an abundance of items with many of those items being depleted by the end of the Men's Walk. Our community once again came through and the Light of Christ was brightly displayed. I am grateful for each and every one of you who were able to help in any way. Please be praying for the Spring Walks as they are coming together; and keep in mind the items we will need once again for the Book Table on those Walks; such as, books, CD's, DVD's, etc.. Again, thank you from the bottom of my heart . . . your generosity has not gone unnoticed! God bless you all!

De Colores,
Lena

Satellite Gatherings

Lancaster Area

The Lancaster area holds their monthly gatherings on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 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

The Rio Grande satellite gatherings have moved to Grace United Methodist Church in Gallipolis at 6:30 on the fourth Tuesday of the month. For more details and information please contact Roberta 'Robie' Wilson via phone 740-441-7494 or by email at robertawilson@sbcglobal.net.

Nominations for S.O. Emmaus Board

By Greg Rush

Please prayerfully consider the names below and vote for 5 nominees to serve on the Emmaus Board beginning 2015. Here are the names of those who have accepted nomination:

Jennifer Sinkovitz / Suzette Shuster / Chuck Shuster / April Butterworth / Bill Butterworth / Sarah Zinn / Penny Peters-Guest

Two ballots have been formatted on one page so that people could share a ballot with someone who might not have received a newsletter. Greg plans to have copies of the ballot available at October Gathering also. (ballots on following page)



Ballot for Southern Ohio Emmaus Board of Directors

Vote for not more than five (5)

Three Year Term ending 12/31/2017

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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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<p><u>Good Shepherd</u> Debbie Brookins (2016) 44 Columbia Road Albany, Oh 45710 740-698-6818 brookins.debbie@yahoo.com</p>	<p><u>Literature</u> Lena Bruno (2016) P.O. Box 87 Haydenville, Oh 43127 740-974-2612 lena_bruno@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Being the hands and feet for Jesus Christ as we serve!</p>

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