

The Rainbow Connection

SEPTEMBER 2017

Gathering September 24, The Plains, 3 P.M.

Have you thought about serving the Emmaus community on the board. There are 8 board positions and 5 will need to be elected this year to begin service January 2018. Talk to Bill Butterworth if you are interested.

We need Agape and Logistic servants as well. Those applications are available on the web site. Fill one out and return to the board. This is the starting point to see what goes on outside the conference room and prepares you to serve in the conference room. Without these teams, the walks would be less organized. You will be trained and you will be working with someone that has experience.

Applications available @ www.southernohioemmaus.com

Bill Butterworth, Community Lay Director

Hello my Emmaus brothers & sisters,

Women's Walk 63 is in the books, and we have 2 new community members that were brought closer to our Lord. I would like to welcome all the ladies from Walk #63 to the community. I would like to thank all 30 team members for the hard work they put into preparing for and working the weekend. Thank you for the agape and logistic people as well.

Now the Men's walk Oct 12-15. Please get the applications in as soon as possible to the men's registrar. Sponsorship is the backbone of Emmaus, we need you if we're going to continue to be God's hands and feet.

Camp Akita put up a gate near the first cabin after the entrance to camp, the code is 476#, Akita has agreed to leave the gate open during the busiest times during our walks, but during other times, you will need the code. We have lost the use of the camp's gator, due to no fault of ours. No one other than Camp Akita personnel can use it because of insurance. We are currently asking individuals throughout the Emmaus community willing to help get us another vehicle for transporting during the walk.

On a personal note, I can not wait to see you all again at the gatherings, send off, candlelight, and closing. I miss you all when we haven't seen each other in a while. Do not be a stranger. Christ is Counting on You.

De Colores, Bill Butterworth

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:
September 24 The Plains

Dates for Fall Walks #63

Men's Walk –Oct. 12-15
Lay Director, Duane Tackett

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Sponsorship Forms, Applications, Newsletters and Additional Information Available at:
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To friends and members of the Emmaus Community,

I have just finished reading a great book that has both challenged and inspired me. **The Divine Conspiracy: Rediscovering Our Hidden Life in God.** There is so much in this book that expanded my heart and mind, but, I would like to share just one section that put what we call “The Lord’s Prayer” back on the front burner of my prayer life. Let’s just look at the first phrase:” Our father, Who Art in Heaven”-what I am about to share might be “old information” to some of you, but, I needed to be reminded of the importance of this opening statement of this powerful, powerful, prayer. First, “Our”- not “My” but “Our”. We are not Christians alone- we are Christians together. We need each other. Did we not need to hear this during our Emmaus Weekend as we connected powerfully at our table? And then- “Father”-the Greek word for “abba”- there is not completely adequate English word for abba, but the best rendering is “intimate Father”-our awesome God, who made the billions (perhaps trillions) of galaxies, wants to have an intimate relationship with us! That fills me with awe. And then-“Who Art in Heaven”- we think of Heaven “as far away”- perhaps both in space and time. The word for “Heaven” here means “right here” Right here – and now. You could render , then, this first phrase: “Our intimate Father, closer than our breath.”

I don’t know about you, but, I need an intimate Father like that! I am too entrenched in my fears and doubts to not have a Father I can run to when I am afraid or disoriented, or confused. And I need a Father with whom I can share my joys, too. Christians should be grateful people, yes, but, but we are also to be dependent people. Dependent on God-dependent on others.

I will have more to say about The Lord’s Prayer in future articles.
DeColores,
Ricci Arthur, Spiritual Director

Pray for Mens Team- Dwayne T, Bill B, Terry M, Rick H, Bob K, Brian M, Phil R, Charleton B, Randy D, Dennis E, Tom H, Dean C, Jason B, Robert S, Mike Q, Paul H, Walt G, Rodney R, Dave S, Gary C, Nathan W, and Steve R.

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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