

# The Rainbow Connection

August 2017

## Gathering August 27, 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](http://www.southernohioemmaus.com)

*Bill Butterworth, Community Lay Director*

Hello my Emmaus brothers & sisters,

I'd like to thank everybody that attended the picnic at Lake Hope, another good day of food, fellowship. If you were unable to attend, we missed seeing you.

I would like to remind everyone of the upcoming walks. Womens walk is September 14-17 and the Mens walk is October 12-15. Please keep the teams and pilgrims in your prayers. Please sign up for the 72 hour prayer vigil.

If you have anyone in mind to sponsor, the sooner the better, remember how much the walk impacted you.

I'd like to remind everyone of the upcoming elections for board member, we would love for 8 or 9 nominees to vote on for the open positions. I'm very excited for the upcoming walks and the gathering.

**De Colores, Bill Butterworth**

**LOOKING FOR TROUBLE** , Rev. Dr. Karen Crawford

*"Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing." James 1:2-4*

Have you noticed that the villains always seem to have the best lines? In the movie, *The Fifth Element*, one of my favorite cheesy sci-fi Bruce Willis movies, the evil John Baptiste Emmanuel Zorg (enough biblical, Christian references there ?) played by Gary Oldham, has a great line. He says, "Whatever doesn't kill you makes you stronger."

### 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:

August 27 The Plains

#### 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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I think his character liked to say this because he generally trying to cause mayhem, kill people, ruin their lives, and unleash the Ultimate Evil in the universe (as all villians are prone to do). The saying has some truth in it. But for Zorg, it was a justification for his evil life. The same could be said for many people today-this kind of attitude excuses indifference, complacency, callousness, injustice, and evil.

I have been rereading the book of James. One of my favorite sections of this book is James 1:2-4. James writes about keeping joy when faced with trials and temptations. It almost sounds like the same sort of sentiment from the movie, but really they are not. The first saying, from the movie, is a very sotic, self-reliant justification for evil in the world (and often participation in it.) James' advice to Christians is very different. By placing our trust in God and relying on him for strength, for growth and for direction, we actually WILL grow and mature through the difficult times of life. Further, we can so completely rely on God's grace and love, that we can be joyful when we see difficult times ahead.

Is that an overstatement? Should we be saying, *Oh goody Another miserable day! More rotten stuff is happening to me I'm so Happy*”? Maybe that's a little over the top, but if we can move in the direction of seeing God's hand guiding us through those difficult moments, helping deepen our faith and trust in him, helping our character and endurance grow, then perhaps we can see where James is trying to lead us.

Should we look for trouble in life? I don't believe we should. But, you needn't fear it either, because as we move through life in faith, acting in love and living in forgiveness, we can truly know that growth and blessings will come—not on our schedule (*chronos* time), but on God's schedule (*kairos* time). So, don't fear the trouble that comes by living faithfully, for Christ and Paul both warned us that we may actually get ourselves into some hot water when we are doing Kingdom work! By God's grace, we become strong, we endure, grow and mature. And, as we grow stronger we experience his Kingdom of grace, love and forgiveness, as it grows in and through us.

**Blessings and Peace,**

**Rev. Dr. Karen Crawford, Assistant Spiritual Director**

**Pray for the Womens Team-Karen C, Karen M, Sue P, Richard P, Lena B, Rita R, Pauline C, Robie W, Peggy C, Barb H, Penny C, Mellissa C, Ricci A, Steve K, Pam M, Kelly B, Megan M, Tammy B, Peggy E, Ann G, Pennie S, Barb H, Tammy H, Lou C, and Kathy H.**

**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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