



The Rainbow Connection

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A Mighty Love

Debbie Brookins, Community Lay Director

Coming back from a long road trip last month, Mark (my husband) & I had listened to the Christian music channel all the way there & all the way back. Now I love my Christian Contemporary music but this channel plays the same songs over and over again & I had heard "God's Not Dead" by The Newsboys at least 4 times that day. Enough was enough!

I started searching for another channel to listen to and came to the 70s channel. As Mark & I both grew up with this music, we decided we would listen to this station. We heard songs we hadn't heard in ages: "Born to Be Wild", "Sweet Home Alabama" and many others. Then a Spinners tune came on that I had forgotten about: A Mighty Love. The lyrics speak of a time when you think you'll never find someone willing to love you but to keep on lookin' because you'll soon discover a mighty love.

This got me to thinking and remembering my Emmaus walk and how going into it, I didn't feel I should have been there, didn't feel I was worthy of the experience. I hadn't earned God's love, hadn't done enough to get into his good graces. What God's love was all about I didn't and couldn't see until I completed my walk. I left Camp Akita knowing I was definitely loved (a mighty love!) on a level I had never known and grace is not earned, it's freely given. Our pilgrims on our upcoming walks may also feel this way before they go on their walk and I pray that will change by the time they leave Camp Akita. Please keep the pilgrims and the teams in your prayers in the upcoming weeks that God's will for each and every one of them be done and they realize God's love, grace & mercy.

The lyrics continue: a mighty love can make a weak man, strong & a rich man, weak; and knock him off his feet. Think about all the 'knock you off your feet' moments you

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:
 April 24th
 May 22nd

Education Day
 April 30th @ Sixth Avenue Church
 In Lancaster @ 9 am

Sustaining The Spirit Seminar
 May 14th @ Sixth Avenue Church
 in Lancaster, 9am-12 pm

Dates for Fall Walks #61:

Women's Walk – Sept. 8 - 11
 Lay Director, Karcy Rush

Men's Walk – Oct. 27 -30
 Lay Director, Chris Dearth

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had during your walk; the nail ceremony, dying moments and candlelight, maybe, just to name a few. Each one was saying: You are loved.

Then consider the period we Christians are about to enter in the next few weeks: Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Good Friday & Easter. This is our time to say to Jesus: I love you and I know you love me. Thank you for giving your life to save me and give me eternal life.

How mighty a love Jesus had for us, all of us, to endure the ridicule, torture, humiliation and ultimately, his death! Even his disciples didn't realize till long after his death just how much he loved them.

Jesus knew the only way we could be saved was by sacrificing his own life to cover our sins.

John 15: 13: 'There is no greater love than to lay one's life down for one's friends.' It still boggles my mind to think that this perfect man, Jesus, died for me, for my sins. It makes me weak every time I think of his sacrifice. That is truly a mighty love!

Happy Easter everyone.

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Debbie Brookins

Please welcome the New Pilgrims!

Jody S. Sherry Q. Brooke S. Jessie M. Bev R. April W. Carol M. Tessa Z. Deb L. Joyce W. Lisa R. Angela S. Rebecca P. Sherry B. Patricia H. Joyce P. Cheryl G. Janet Tiffany J. Wendy L. Kathy B. Brooke E. Jenifer R. Tonya B. Selena F. Jenny B. Lela R.

Got Books? Videos? CD's?

Lena Bruno, Community Literature

Here we are again, about to enter into another Emmaus journey! The Men's Walks is suddenly upon us; and once again, I am reaching out to you, our Emmaus Community, for any books, CD's, or video's that you may want to donate to either of these Walks. This is a wonderful way to serve and be the hands and feet of our Lord and Savior. Sometimes it's hard for us to let go of these items, but just think of the blessings someone else may receive because of our willingness and our sacrifice. May God continue to bless you as you search through your personal collection or library's for these any of these items.

Whatever items you can donate, please bring them to me at either of the next 2 gatherings in The Plains. Or, you may contact me for other arrangements. Let us all be in prayer for these upcoming Walks! God bless each and every one of you.

De Colores,
Lena



An Emmaus Prayer for Easter

Karen Crawford, Assistant Spiritual Director

"They said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us.'"
- Luke 24:32

One of my favorite stories in scripture is the "Road to Emmaus" from Luke. He tells us that on that first Easter two of Jesus' followers were traveling from Jerusalem to Emmaus, about a seven mile walk. These disciples "were talking with each other about the things that had happened." While walking and talking, an amazing thing happened--Jesus Himself walked along with them. Although these two men should have recognized Him, they were kept from recognizing Him.

Then Jesus asked them, "What were you two discussing together as you walked along?" With downcast faces, they shared about the crucifixion. They informed this stranger that they had hoped that Jesus was the Messiah, come to redeem Israel. They also shared the stories they had heard from the women about angels and the empty tomb.

These two travelers to Emmaus, Cleopas and his companion, knew a lot about Jesus, but my guess is that they were not ready to believe in His resurrection from the dead. And then an amazing thing happened--this stranger began to open up for them all of the Old Testament prophecies about Him which had been fulfilled. And yet, they were not ready to accept that He had risen from the dead.

When they reached their home, intrigued by their conversation, the two disciples invited Jesus into their home for dinner. As Jesus took the bread, broke it, and blessed it, their eyes were opened and they recognized Him. Then Jesus disappeared. They asked one another "Were not our hearts burning within us while He talked with us on the road and opened up the Scriptures to us?"

The Cleopas and his companion were transformed by their encounter with the Risen Christ. They ran back to Jerusalem, to the Apostles, and shared with them that Jesus was indeed alive!

My prayer for you this Easter is that you will experience the same type of transformation, and my prayer is that your heart will "burn within you" with a renewed sense of hope and excitement, and that you will be empowered to share the Good News of Christ's resurrection with those that you encounter.

Happy Easter!
Pastor Karen Crawford
Assistant Spiritual Director

Prayer Requests

Pam M for sale of home, Jane S for a safe move home, Praise for all those who serve at the gathering. Praise for those who serve to provide music at the gathering CathyP praise. She is walking without a cane Sara Z for loss and also prayers for her grandson who is in the hospital Praise that JD and Charlene in their home church, Praise that Megan's arm is continuing to improve. Prayers for Chris C who is in a coma, Prayers for Betty S and Ann L, Prayers for Michelle who has cancer ,Prayers for the Crandel family who lost a son, Prayers for the women 's and men's walks!!!! Especially for Lena and Steve as they lead Prayers for sponsors and pilgrims, Prayers for pastors wife who is having a biopsy ,Prayers for the two month old who is having brain surgery Prayers for Robert for his blood pressure. Pray for unbelievers and also for spouses of unbelievers who are believers. Pray that eyes are opened.Candy D.heart problems

Volunteers Needed!!!! When Emmaus Meets Emmaus Eats!

Sara Zinn, Social Committee Chair

**Women or Men that are wanting to help out and serve on the social committee.
Tasks include set-up and closing for walks and being at the gatherings, to put food out and clean dishes are some of the tasks you will be doing.**



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 meet at the Grace United Methodist Church in Gallipolis at 6:30 on the fourth Thursday of the month. For more details and information please contact Rick Howell via phone 740-446-4624.

Reaching Out

Teresa Garey, Community Member

I am asking the community to reach out and make a little girls birthday wish come true! All she wants is...no, not a trip to Disney World, only birthday cards to see how many she can get. She is part of the Make A Wish Foundation and what she is asking for is something very rare. She will be 5 years old on April 17th so lets all try to get a birthday card in the mail to make this little girl smile. She likes Scoobie Doo, Goofy, Sponge Bob; so, if you can find a card with one of these characters on it, that would be great! Please spread the word! Her address is below:

❖ Alyza Rogers
2050 Sarchef Ave
Cambridge, Ohio 43725-8965

Also, she would like cards or letters sent to her son for encouragement who is stationed in Parris Island, S.C. Letters are to be **printed – no cursive – no stickers or decorations on the envelopes. Letters, cards, pictures paper items only. Nothing offensive or anti-govt. Positive encouragement please! His birthday was April 6. The last day to send him something is May 4, 2016. His address is as follows:**

❖ Rct. Garey, Layne
1st RTBN, PLT 1033 Co B
P.O. Box 16125
Parris Island, SC 29905-6125

Any questions please email Teresa at Teresa.Garey@jfs.ohio.gov



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