



The Rainbow Connection

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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 2 May 7

Dates for Spring Walks #62:

Women's Walk – April 27-30
Lay Director, Sara Zinn

Men's Walk – March 23-26
Lay Director, Sterling Dietrich

**Save the date: Sustaining the Spirit Training for all Emmaus members
May 20, 9 A.M. -2 P.M. New Lexington. Watch for more information.**

Sponsorship Forms, Applications, Newsletters and Additional Information Available at:
www.southernohioemmaus.com

Words from our Board Chair

Bill Butterworth

Good day brothers and sister, it's March and we are working with technological setbacks that have kept us from getting the newsletter to you. Thanks to the efforts of the Newsletter Chair, Robie Wilson, and Outreach Chair Greg Rush, we think we have it figured out. The newsletter is on the website if you do not receive it.

This is my first article as Chair of the Board, so I thought I would introduce myself. My name is Bill Butterworth, Southern Ohio Emmaus Men's Walk #55, Table of Matthew. I was born in 1974 in Athens to Bill and Pat Butterworth. April and I met in 1994 and have been married since 1999. We have two children, Adrianna, 14 and Jesse, 7.

Our Emmaus Journey, April took her walk before me with her mother Ann Goins, Walk # 45. I'm a little hard headed and she wasn't able to convince me to go until 5 years later. We have been blessed beyond measure to be apart of this community, and we wanted to make sure we gave back to the community like so many have done before us.



We turned right back around and jumped back into it with both feet. We have been blessed on so many different occasions, with meeting and working with community members on teams, and getting to see the transformation of pilgrims as the weekend goes on.

April and I have both worked several times in the conference room and behind the scenes, and its been awesome everytime. April and I were elected to the board in 2014 and started our terms in 2015. April started as the Good Shepherd, and now serves as the womans registrar. I started as chair of sponsorship, it's a privilege to be able to be the first to pray over a new pilgrims cross. My second year I was elected to be Vice Chair and I am now your board Chair.

In the time span we have been a part of this community, April has seen her dad, Glen Walk # 54, and I experience the walk. We have both watched my Grandmother, my mom, two aunts, and an uncle go on their walks as well. We have watched them grow in our community.

I received another family the day my hit the gravel when I was brought to Akita. It's hard to put into words how I feel about the love and grace that this community and our God have shown me. I hope and pray that I am able to continue to serve him and this community.

De Colores,
Bill Butterworth
SOE Board Chair

From our Assistant Spiritual Director

Karen Crawford

We Are Easter People!

Imagine the most fantastic and outlandish TRUE story that you have ever heard. Maybe it was about catching a fish...maybe it was about an event...or, maybe it was about a friend. Why did you believe it?

When I am told stories that are hard to believe, I accept their truth when I trust the storyteller. For nearly 2,000 years, believers through the Church, have been telling a colossal true story. *Jesus Christ has risen! He has risen, indeed!* Christ's resurrection changed all of human history—the power of death is ended and we can live in hope of eternal life.

During the 50 days of Eastertide (from April 16—Easter, until June 4th—Pentecost), we journey with the first Christians as they come to terms with this fantastic account of Christ's coming back from the dead. Easter invites us to celebrate, connect our story of faith to that of the Church, and to pass that on to others.

Jesus' disciples did not keep the story of salvation a secret. They boldly went out to share it with the people. We are on the same mission today. As Christians, we tend to keep our faith personal and private. But, this is not what Jesus asked of us. Instead, we must talk about what we believe, as opportunities arise. We don't need perfect words to share a moment when God touched our lives, but we must share our belief!

This reminds me of a story: several years ago, during Eastertide, I received a letter from a parishioner. In it they thanked me for sharing my belief in Christ. I hardly remembered the conversation, but it had helped them to understand God in a new and life-giving way.

Sometimes, our God's grace acts through us in ways we never know. This is why we must remain Easter People...we must continue to share what we believe with others, that they might know what we know—*He is risen! Jesus is risen, indeed!*

~Pastor Karen Crawford, Assistant Spiritual Director

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

Jennifer Sinkovitz, 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. If interested or have any questions, please email me. Thank you!

Decolores,
Jennifer

Chrysalis R.O.C.S! Seeking Volunteers!

Suzette Shuster, Community Secretary

Anybody interested in helping with the ministry called Chrysalis. Chrysalis is the teen version of the walk to Emmaus. They go through some of the same activities that took place on your Emmaus Walk. If anybody is interested in helping with this ministry please contact by email Suzette Shuster for more information.

We look forward to hearing from you soon!

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 Gallipolis Area 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.

From Robie Wilson, Walk #13, Newsletter Editor

The newsletter will be posted each month on the southernohioemmaus.com website. If you want a copy sent to your inbox, please send your email address to me.

On the website page are applications for serving and sponsorship.
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2015 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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