



# The Rainbow Connection

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## Sponsorship

*Jeff Bender, Community Lay Director*

The days are growing shorter signaling the start of Fall and our Fall Walks. It is time to focus our energies and our prayers on the pilgrims and the teams. Also, those sponsoring pilgrims after much prayer need to get ready to fulfill the responsibilities of a sponsor. If you attend a closing, you will hear the Lay Director talk about how Sponsorship is the back bone of the Walk. My wifew and I are sponsoring a young man that I know at work, and have found it to be a blessing along with a great responsibility.

We had the young man and his family over for dinner on a Sunday evening a couple weeks ago. We did this so my wife, who will be watching over his family, could meet his wife and children since the young man, along with myself, will be on the Walk. They hit it off so well, his children were asking him when they could come back. This was a great blessing to us. Also, however, that means a relationship has been formed that is for a lifetime.

You will be the first contact on Thursday with your pilgrim. You will bring in their bedding and luggage, and making their bed. You will provide them with their first meal of the weekend and their last. You will pray over their cross, and during the weekend pray for your pilgrim and the others through the weekend. You will be there on Saturday night to give them a big hug and smile. On Sunday you will either get the blame or blessing as your pilgrim gives their first Fourth Day talk. You will share communion with your pilgrim. You will take your pilgrim home. And you will bring your pilgrim to his/her first gathering on the following Sunday at The Plains UMC. For the rest of your pilgrim's life, and into eternity, you will always be your pilgrim's sponsor.

### 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 27<sup>th</sup>

November 1<sup>st</sup>

December 6<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Party)

#### \*\*\*Education Day\*\*\*

**November 14<sup>th</sup> @ The Plains  
UM Church at 9 am**

#### Dates for Fall Walks #59:

**Women's – September 17-20  
Debbie Brookins, LD**

**Men's – October 22-25  
Jeff Bender, LD**

**Sponsorship Forms, Applications,  
Newsletters and Additional  
Information Available at:**

**[www.southernohioemmaus.com](http://www.southernohioemmaus.com)**

**Prayer Vigil sign-up on Emmaus  
Website for Fall Walks #59**



In the Justifying Grace talk we find out from Luke 15:7 (NIV), “I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.” We are joyous in sponsorship as with each conversion or renewal there is “a party in heaven.” Let the party begin.

De Colores,  
Jeff Bender, Chair

### **New Members**

*Jeff Bender, Community Lay Director*

When I was at the end of my Walk, what the Community Lay Director said is a blur. In fact, I do not even remember who the Community Lay Director was that spoke at Closing. So, hopefully, I was able to communicate one main thing to you, *Read* the Newsletter!

Let me again welcome you to the Southern Ohio Emmaus Community. As a member you can now attend all the events of the Community (i.e. summer picnic and monthly gatherings) and weekend events of each Walk. It is highly recommended that you attend the next Education Day on November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. which is currently scheduled at The Plains United Methodist Church where the monthly gatherings are held. No RSVP is required, just show up. At Education Day you will get a top-down outline of the Team, Agape, and Logistics responsibilities when working a Walk. Also, you will get a quick description of the Board positions and how a Walk is put together. Finally, you are now eligible to sponsor a pilgrim for future Walks. We ask that you not sponsor anyone, without an experienced co-sponsor, until receiving training on Sponsorship at Education Day. If you cannot make the next Education Day, there are other Education Days held twice per year in the month following the Men’s Walk.

As is stated during the Walk and at Closing, your first responsibility is to your individual church and family. Also, it is important that you take time to stay in touch with others of the Community through Gatherings (both Community and Local) and Share Groups. However, if you have the time and energy, we would love for you to work on the Walks. Before becoming a team member in the Conference Room we require that your Walk have taken place one year prior, and as aforementioned, attend Education Day. You may work Agape or Logistics at the next Walk. If you are thinking of working in the Conference Room, it is highly recommended to stay a weekend doing Agape or Logistics in order to see what goes on during a weekend first. I found it very helpful, both as a new Assistant Table Leader and soon as a Lay Director.

Keep reading the monthly Newsletter for more information.

De Colores,  
Jeff Bender, Chair



## Pray For Pilgrims and Team

*Barb Harkless, Community Newsletter*

It has been brought up in the past that Community members would like to be praying for the pilgrims and for the Team as the Walk approaches and if possible for the list of names be put in the Newsletter; so, trying to honor that request, and yet at the same time respecting the privacy of the pilgrims, here are the first names and first initial of their last name (pilgrims), and first and last names of the Team. I hope this is helpful to everyone for their prayer time and for agape. The list is subject to change as we know some pilgrims come in late and situations can arise for Team members as well, being someone may have to be replaced. This is why prayer is important, but also realizing that each individual and each Walk is part of God's plan, not ours. God's grace is sufficient and His blessings enormous if we continue to put our faith and trust in Him. The list for Team and Pilgrims are as follows:

- ✚ **Team**...*Lay Director*, Debbie Brookins; *Spiritual Directors*, Sharon Hausman and Walt Goble; *Board Rep.*, Heather Pullins; *Asst. Lay Directors*, Lena Bruno, Karcy Rush, Sara Zinn, Cathy Powell; *Music Directors*, Teresa Garey and Penny Peters-Guest; *Table Leaders*, Peggy Crane, Robie Wilson, Kimberly Thomas, Yessika Barber, Jean Jeffries, Kelly Pullins; *Asst. T.L.*, Vanessa Ogg, Karen Mills, Becky Zurcher, Shena Barkhurst, Pat Butterworth, Debi West; *Agape*, Kathy Boucher, April Butterworth, Peggy Ervin; *Logistics*, Rita Rinehart, Bill Butterworth, Phil Greenlee, Bobbi Bragg.
- ✚ **Pilgrims**...A. Burnside, L. Bustillos, J. Davis, T. Davis, J. Duncan, A. Ebersbach, D. Halstead, D. Hoffman, S. Hoisington, L. King, W. Kinney, P. Larabee, S. Lundy, D. Leedom-Layne, C. McKinley, B. McMannis, A.S. Muller, D. Perkins, T. Rainey, B. Saunders, K. Smith, T. Snodgrass, C. Stalder, J. Stangle, M. Stewart, D. Stump, S. Taylor, B. Vickroy, D. Wamsley, K. Werry, D. Wilson, T. Inboden, T. Edwards, A. Ferguson, S. Webber, and L. Burgett. A total of 36 pilgrims which is a FULL Walk!! PTL ☺

## Satellite Gatherings

### Lancaster Area

The Lancaster area holds their monthly gatherings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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 Thursday of the month. For more details and information please contact Rick Howell via phone 740-446-4624.



## 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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