

From Our Co-Spiritual Director

Happy and Blessed 2014 to each of you!

In her book, "*From Advent's Alleluia to Easter's Morning Light*," author Ann Weems offers this poem, entitled, "Sticky Note the Church:"



*On my computer there is a sticky note
with these words of Jesus:
WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?
Those of us in his church
Need to sticky note the pulpit:
WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?
the Pulpit
the Sanctuary
the Church School
the Session Room
the Office
the Gathering Area
the Dining Room
the Kitchen
the Elevator*



*Sticky note the whole church!!!!
WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?*

At first glance, this poem caught my attention because of its odd title. But then, as I pondered her refrain, "*Who do you say that I am?*" (from the Gospel accounts in Matt.16:15, Mark 8:29, Luke 9:20), her point had a chance to sink in! Those of us who call ourselves "Christian," or "Disciple" or "follower," or "Believer," should ask this question, each and every day. After all, doesn't our answer reflect the true source of who we are and what we do?

I say that Jesus is the source of love and forgiveness. I say that Jesus is my savior, my friend, my guide, my light, and my life. Jesus gives me the energy to get up in the morning, and Jesus is the reason I live through the day, doing what I do, when I do it. Jesus is the reason for *every* season!

And yet... sometimes, after I get up and plow into my day, I wonder if anyone looking at me could tell you who I say Jesus is? I sincerely hope they could!

So, for 2014, I added a sticky note my upstairs bathroom mirror: "*WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?*" My goal for the year is to answer this question, every day, and then strive to live so people will know who I say Jesus is. For 2014, I ask you, "*Who do you say Jesus is, and what are you doing to live so people know the answer to that question?*" I believe that, each time we correctly answer the question, we create God's kingdom right where we are.

In 2014, let's sticky note the Emmaus community: "*WHO DO WE SAY JESUS IS?*"
De Colores!

Pastor Sherri

From Our Community Lay Director



Happy NEW Year! We greet each other with this greeting every year. I would like to challenge all of us to put the "New" back in the New Year. As we close out 2013, I look forward to all the New things that 2014 brings. I am excited to get started with New daily devotions books for 2014, from different authors to get a New perspective. Vic and I are going to do something New for us --- to read through the Bible in the year together, as guided by a devotional book we have. I am starting the New Year with a New look – I donated my fourth 10+ inch pony tail to Locks of Love and am greeting 2014 with a New short hair style.

Perhaps you are looking for New ways to serve **the** Lord in 2014. The Emmaus kitchen has leadership opportunities for several meals through the weekend; perhaps God is calling you to something New in the kitchen. There are needs for helpers on the Wednesday evening before each walk, as well as Thursday morning and Monday morning after each walk. Perhaps that is a New way to serve for you. Perhaps God is calling you to reNew your commitment to your share group, or join a New one if yours has faded away. Perhaps there is someone New in your life that God is calling you to sponsor on an Emmaus walk.

Romans 12:2 says "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the reNewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect". In Isaiah 43:18 and 19, the Lord says "Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old. I am about to do a New thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" Remember the Newness you felt after your Emmaus walk? It is my prayer that we each embrace the Newness God offers us for this coming year, and step out in faith to do whatever New thing He has in mind for us.

Peace,

Sue Neves

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Our Father, who makes all things New, open our eyes to see the glory and wonder of each New day. Give us New ears to hear the Holy Spirit awakening our hearts to feel how good and wonderful the sounds of laughter and music really are. Committing all to You, Lord, in Newness of life, Amen.



Chrysalis News

Got a young person between ages of 15 and 21 who could be encouraged in Christ by attending a Chrysalis Flight? We have both a girls and boys flight coming up and room for participants. Not sure how to get registered? — Contact me at 937-244-9166.



Girls Flight # 57 will be held the weekend of January 18 to 21. Betsy Leighty is the Lay Director. **Boys Flight # 57** will be held the weekend of January 15 to 17, Jeff Jackson is the Lay Director. Both flights will be held at the Piqua Greene Street United Methodist Church. Please be in prayer for these flights, team and caterpillars.

Tom Dever
Chrysalis Representative



SPRINGFIELD AREA EMMAUS WOMEN'S WALK #69

February 20-23, 2014

Tentative Team List

POSITION	NAME	TALK
Lay Director	Karen Packer	Perseverance
Board Representative	Sue Neves	-----
Co-Spiritual Director	Pastor Walter Mock	Means of Grace
Co-Spiritual Director	Pastor Bill Kelley	Obstacles to Grace
Assistant Lay Director	Cathie Finchum	Priority
Assistant Lay Director	Shannon Moerch	Fourth Day
Assistant Lay Director	Yolanda Bell	Fourth Day Example
Logistics	Shawn Clark	-----
Logistics	Becky Frantz	-----
Music Director	Sarah Cogan	-----
Assistant Music Director	Stacy Cameron	-----
Table Leader	Kasi Green	Changing Our World
Table Leader	Carolyn Cook	Life of Piety
Table Leader	Joni Nettleingham	Priesthood Of All Believers
Table Leader	Cyndi Bishop	Grow Through Study
Table Leader	Julie Koivisto	Christian Action
Table Leader	Jean Ferryman	Discipleship
Table Leader	Amy Lauber	Body of Christ
Assistant Table Leader	Tabetha Dillavou	-----
Assistant Table Leader	Barbara Luttrull	-----
Assistant Table Leader	Faith Skidmore	-----
Assistant Table Leader	Kristol McDonald	-----
Assistant Table Leader	Vivian Lester	-----
Assistant Table Leader	Gina Monroe	-----
Assistant Table Leader	Diane Herzog	
Assistant Spiritual Director	Pastor Carolyn Peacock	Justifying Grace
Assistant Spiritual Director	Pastor Cindee Johnson	Prevenient Grace
Assistant Spiritual Director	Pastor Ben Webster	Sanctifying Grace

Please keep Karen, the team, and Pilgrims in prayer. The Pilgrim list will be available in the February newsletter.

Kitchen—Help!!

Well it's time to get geared up for our Women's Walk (February 20-23). I'm excited and I hope you all are. The sign up Board is ready for your names. Remember there is a need on Wednesday (February 19) about 4:00-5:00 to check in all the supplies. I only need one or two for just a brief time.

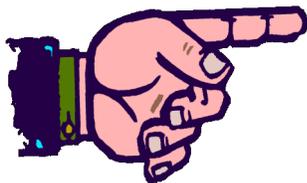
On Thursday there is plenty to do. Getting all the kitchen equipment out of storage and setting up the kitchen to make it just right for all of us, placing the tables, preparing trays for the evening reception of the Pilgrims, preparing the breakfast casserole for Friday morning, just to name a few things. I will be there about 8:00 a.m. and will appreciate three or four dedicated people to help out.

Be sure to place your names where it is most needed. Too much help discourages new members of the community to come. We must all see that everyone who wants to help will have the opportunity to be a part of such a fulfilling service to these new Pilgrims.

Please pay attention to the need for meal supervisors for Friday evening's dinner, Saturday Lunch and Dinner and assistance would be appreciated for Sunday morning's breakfast and lunch, We each have been called to Serve the Lord, now is one of those special times. Bless all of you willing to help.



Jean Grumbing



ATTENTION



The deadline for men's application for the tentative Men's Walk in April is coming upon us VERY quickly --- we need 30 additional applications by February 7, 2014 or the men's walk in April will not be held.

SKILLET REPLACED



A big Emmaus **Thank You** goes out to all those who sought out a replacement skillet for the kitchen! I had so much response to that request that I got my information confused. The anonymous donor of the skillet does not wish to be reimbursed. We thank God for this example of unconditional Agape love - to the Glory of God!

...Sue Neves