



Prayer to the Holy Spirit
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us
the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created. And you shall
renew the face of the earth.
O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts
of the faithful,
Grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and
ever enjoy your consolations.
Through Christ our Lord, Amen

SPRINGFIELD AREA EMMAUS APRIL 2021

FROM OUR CO-SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

My favorite season of the year is finally here. It seems like it has taken awhile to show up. We've been looking at barren trees, empty flower gardens, and brown yards. Now the sun is in the sky in just the right position that the morning sunrises are astonishing. Trees are starting to bud and tulips and lilies are starting to "pop" through the ground. Even my neighbors have emerged from their houses and started walking their dogs in the neighborhood again. For me, this time of year, is so refreshing, so full of life, and amazes me of God's creation for us to enjoy.

It also reminds me of a scripture found in 2 Corinthians 5:16-19, ***"So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation."***

As we are getting ourselves ready to celebrate Easter this month, I would like for all of us to reflect on a couple of thoughts. First, remembering that we are "Made New" every day. Every day that God gives us, every second, every minute, every hour, we are given the opportunity to be "Made New" in Him. What does that mean? Just as I have been enjoying God's creation every morning during the new Spring, we need to be remembering that we are God's creation, and we are made new every day. No matter how many mistakes we may have made yesterday, God loves us, and wants to help us to be "Made New" in Him.

The closing thought I would like to make is remembering when Jesus appeared to His disciples after His resurrection. I challenge you to read Mark 16:14-20. These men who had walked with Jesus for three years, still didn't believe what they were hearing about His raising from the tomb. Jesus actually rebuked them for their lack of faith, but then tells them to go into all the world and preach the Good News to all creation. (vs 15),

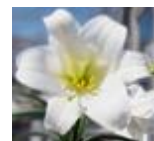
What are we doing to celebrate the fact that we are "Made New" in Him, each and every day? What are we doing to celebrate His resurrection? A basic principle that I learned in Physics class years, ago, was that for every action there is a reaction. How are we reacting to God's love for us? Are we boldly living a life in Him that helps us to be a new creation every day? Are we letting others that we come across in life see His light, in our eyes, in our smiles, in our hearts? Or are we just being comfortable? If not, we should be showing God's love no matter where we go or are. We are His people, and He is our God. Our reaction is a result of His action. We do.....because..... He did! Can showing the love of Jesus be any simpler?

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Pastor Ben Webster



HE IS RISEN
the Lord is risen indeed



Emmaus April Newsletter CLD Message

Having just celebrated Easter and the resurrection of Jesus Christ; I have been thinking about Jesus' obedience to the Father. Phil. 2:8 says, "He humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminals death on a cross." That scripture blows my mind because Jesus could have called down legions of angels to help Him in this situation, but He chose not to.

He chose to be an obedient servant.

In Richard Foster's book, Celebration of Discipline, he says, "In His intimate relationship with the Father, Jesus modeled for us the reality of that life of hearing and obeying. 'The Son can do nothing of His own accord, but only what He sees the Father doing; for whatever He does, that the Son does likewise. (John 5:19)'" Foster goes on to say in the last chapter, "In the spiritual life only one thing will produce genuine joy, and that is obedience. The old hymn tells us that 'there is no other way to be happy in Jesus but to trust and obey.'"

In my life I have seen this truth play out. When I'm obedient to the Holy Spirit, He rewards me with blessings & joy. Especially when I serve on an Emmaus women's walk! I am so blessed by all the women I meet and get to know during the team formation meetings. He usually blesses me with His spiritual energy during the walk. I think He downloads it into me Thursday night because I usually have a hard time falling asleep.

Obedience to God usually happens gradually as God molds us into more mature & faithful Christians. Paul writes in Romans 6:16-18, "Don't you realize that you become the slave of whatever you choose to obey? You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living. Thank God! Once you were slaves of sin, but now you wholeheartedly obey this teaching we have given you. Now you are free from your slavery to sin, and you have become slaves to righteous living."

When I was a child I obeyed my father. At first it was because he was bigger than I was and I didn't want to get in trouble. As I grew older, I realized that he loved me and I wanted to do what he told me out of that love.

This year I have felt God moving me to clean out my daughters' room. She passed forward nine years ago and her room had become storage for her belongings. I have been obedient to my older daughter's wishes and not done anything with the room. The room seemed stuck in the past, at least to me. I now realize I had been waiting for permission to do something with the room and God was opening my spirit now and giving me permission to bring it back to life. After I had cleaned it out, I left the door open for the first time in nine years! During the rest of the day I noticed how bright the sunlight was in her room! It was weird having her door open, however, I really like it that way. Then my husband and I brought in a bed we had in storage. It was starting to look like there may be new life in this room. I don't know what God has planned for us, but I know I have been obedient in preparing the room.

I hope that this Easter you have been renewed as you pondered what Jesus did for you.

"The Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, He will give life to your mortal bodies by the same Spirit living within you." Romans 8:11. Jesus was obedient to the Father so that we may have eternal life, John 3:16.

In His Service,

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Please be in prayer for our Emmaus Community, that we would be able to have Gatherings. God willing, we will have Women's walk #75 this year! Pray for the Lay Director, the Team, the Sponsors, and the Pilgrims, and their families.



Springfield Area Emmaus Willing Servant Sheet

Please Print:

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Zip: _____

Home Ph: _____ Cell Ph: _____ Regularly Attend Share Group? Y / N

Church Attending: _____ Walk # _____ Walk Location _____

Email: _____

Information is current as of: (Date) _____

**=====
I Am Willing To Serve In These Areas:=====**

Please Check All That Apply

Help serving meals Be a Meal Coordinator Help with Agape for weekend

Help Registrar (contact pilgrims before walk) Help Set up/Tear Down for weekend

Help with Sponsorship (help get info to Sponsors) Help get word out about Emmaus

Help on purchasing team for weekend Be on a Live-In Team Lead Music

Play an instrument: _____ Offer special music for Gatherings or walks

Help with the newsletter Help with social after Gatherings Help set up Worship

Provide secretarial help at Board Meetings Help inventory and organize supplies

Help with cleaning bathrooms during a walk Help get people connected to Share Groups

To learn more about Emmaus by attending the Leadership Development Event (LDE)

Help in other ways: _____

Please Mail to Springfield Area Emmaus, 230 East High Street, Springfield OH 45505, or drop off at the back table at any Gathering.

SPRINGFIELD AREA WALK TO EMMAUS (Please PRINT and fill in ALL blanks)

Name _____ (as preferred on name tag) Age _____

Sex M _____ F _____

Address _____

Phone _____

City _____ State _____

Zip Code _____ - _____

Church now attending:

Pastor: _____

Church Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Married _____ Single _____ Divorced _____ Widowed _____ Separated _____

Spouse's name _____ Walk spouse attended _____

Sponsor's name _____

Phone _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Walk attended _____

Dietary concerns Medical concerns Disability concerns

Occupation: _____ Company Name: _____

Name of a close friend: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City/State _____

Zip: _____

Briefly state why you want to attend a Walk to Emmaus and what you expect.

Would you be able to attend on short notice? Yes _____ No _____ Perhaps _____

I understand that this application does not reserve a position on a particular Walk but does place me on a list for future Walks to Emmaus in Springfield.

Signature _____

Date _____

Enclose a **NON-REFUNDABLE, NON-TRANSFERRABLE** deposit of \$25.00, which applies to your \$75.00 donation to offset expenses. Make checks payable to Springfield Area Emmaus. Remit to: Registrar, Springfield Area Emmaus, High Street United Methodist Church, 230 E. High St., Springfield, OH 45505.

REGISTRATION ONLY Date received _____ Card sent to:

Sponsor _____ Pilgrim _____ Deposit rec'd _____

Cash _____ Check # _____ Rec'd from _____ 1st

Invite _____ 2nd Invite _____ 3rd Invite _____

Inactive _____ Revised Sept. 2013

Message From Your CLD

Dear Emmaus Family~

We will not have a Gathering on April 11 . We are waiting until we know that Clark County is at the ORANGE level to meet. Please watch our Facebook page for more information and watch your local news for COVID-19 updates. Thanks and stay safe!

WHEN WE CAN MEET...

Please read the following very carefully.

*We will use the handicapped entrance on the East side of the church as our main entrance.

*Please bring your mask and wear it at all times while in the building. *Please come no earlier than 6:30pm.

*Upon entering, a volunteer will register you name, address, and phone number and give you a prepackaged communion. *Another volunteer will record your temperature.

*Another volunteer will guide you to your seat in the available pews. Families will sit together; otherwise you will sit three in a pew.

*You will remain seated during the service.

*After the service, you will exit from the rear of the sanctuary, one row at a time. You will exit through the double doors, East Portico exit.

*The restroom by the handicap door (entrance) will be the Only one available, but we encourage you to take care of your personal needs before arriving.

*There will be no use of water fountains. The balcony will ONLY be accessible in case of overflow.

*There will be no fellowship time, no food or drink available.

*There will not be any singing (sorry!), but there will be music.

As I said before, this is how we must worship during this time of COVID-19 to keep safe. I believe when we see each other that feeling will dissipate.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to email or call me.

In His service,

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