



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. Amen

SPRINGFIELD AREA EMMAUS APRIL 2022

FROM OUR CO-SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

De Colores Emmaus Family! For those of you who don't know me, I am Pastor Mary Beth Cheeseman the pastor of New Beginnings UMC, and I recently accepted the invitation to be the Co-spiritual director of the Springfield Emmaus community. My original Emmaus walk was Woman's Walk #5 and I sat at the table of Rebekah. (Clap!)

As I sit here at my desk writing this article I am looking forward to Holy Week and the celebration of Easter. Easter is such a beautiful holiday in the church and the symbols of Easter bring with them a sense of joy and peace as they tell the miraculous story of Jesus' death on the cross and his amazing resurrection. The cross represents Jesus' sacrificial death out of his great love for all of humanity. The white lilies signify the purity of Jesus; the fuzzy baby chicks indicate new life, the eggs that we color symbolize the empty tomb as well as our new life in Christ. However, one of my favorite symbols of Easter is the butterfly. The butterfly is a very significant representation of Easter due to the fact that its whole life cycle represents the life of Christ. The first stage of the caterpillar crawling along on the ground stands for Jesus' life on earth. The second stage is when the caterpillar is in the cocoon, and this portrays the crucifixion and burial of Jesus. The third and final stage of the life of the caterpillar is when it is changed into a butterfly which represents Christ rising from the dead in a glorified body which brings us peace.

When I think about butterflies I am reminded of a time when I went camping with my family. My daughter was only four years old, and she found a dead monarch butterfly. Andrea brought me the butterfly and asked me to fix it stating that "it is only a little bit dead mommy; it is too pretty to be really dead; I know you can fix it." I looked into her innocent eyes, and I could not disappoint her. I tried to explain that God might need the butterfly in heaven, but she was very persistent and showed an enormous amount of faith. My husband Jeff was no help at all in this situation. Jeff agreed that I could fix this butterfly because he could not bear to tell our four-year-old about the heartbreak of death. Together we went along with Andrea's plan to fix the butterfly. So, Andrea brought me a box with some pine needles and leaves to make the butterfly a comfy bed. Next, she decided that the butterfly needed something to eat and so she gave it some pieces of "Big League Chew Bubble Gum" and some water. Finally, she said a little prayer and asked God to make the butterfly well. That night, after Andrea went to bed, my husband and I discussed how we were going to handle this situation and Jeff threw the dead butterfly into the fire. We both had hoped that Andrea would forget about the whole ordeal but if not then we would tell her the butterfly flew away. The next morning before we could say a word, Andrea shouted "It worked! The butterfly got better Mommy and it flew away!" Later that day as we were resting in the sun, after swimming in the lake, the most beautiful monarch butterfly came and fluttered right in front of Andrea. She got so excited and yelled "see mommy I knew that it would live; it was just a little bit dead, and God made it all better!" This, to me, is a resurrection story and it exemplifies just how much our God loves us and cares for us. Our God saw the tremendous faith of a little child and he nourished that faith by letting her see a monarch butterfly the next day. Friends, nothing is too big for God to handle or too small for God to care about. Our God is the God of new life and resurrection! Praise God!

As we journey through Holy Week and celebrate this Easter may we be mindful of the mighty miracle that the resurrection of Christ truly is. In John 11:25, Jesus said... "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die..." this reminds us that those who believe in Christ will be as Andrea said, "just a little bit dead." Let us rejoice in the fact that we serve the resurrected Christ and I have no doubt that he has great plans for the Springfield Emmaus Community!

Happy Easter!

Pastor, Mary Beth Cheeseman, Co-spiritual Director.



Mark 16:6

But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him.

FROM OUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

Dear Emmaus Family~

Happy Spring!!

Winter is over and the weather is finally warmer.

We have Men's Walk #50 on May 12-15 to prepare for. Dean Settles is the Lay Director and they have already begun their team meetings.

Please keep all of them, including pilgrims, in your prayers.

April 10th at 7pm is our next gathering so come worship with us and sign-up to help with this important men's walk. Pastor Mary Beth Cheeseman will be joining us!

We also have several board positions open, so if you'd like to join our Emmaus board, please see me or one of our current members for more information.

Our May gathering is scheduled for the Sunday after Mother's day May 15th. Men's walk #50 will be ending that same day. So, we will be combining the two events this year in order to support our new Emmaus brothers. When you arrive to this event, come to the HSUMC **Church office** door at 4:30p.m. We will wait in the downstairs hallway for a team member to lead us to the sanctuary. There will be more information on this in next month's newsletter.

*"The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace."
Numbers 6:24-26*

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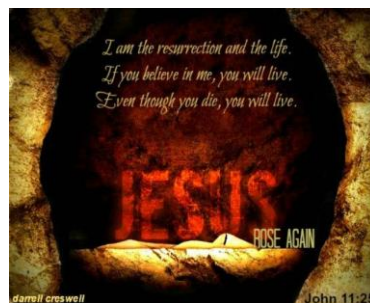
Springfield Area Emmaus

Men's Walk #50 Team

- Lay Director-----Dean Settles
- Spiritual Director-----Pastor Bill Kelly
- Co-Spiritual Director—Pastor Ben Webster
- ALD----- Dave Zimmerman
- ALD----- Terry Johnson
- ALD----- Jim Leonard
- Log----- Jeff Cheeseman
- Log----- Dan Downing
- Music Director----- Jim Mayhugh
- Asst. Music Director-----Derf Page
- TL-----Jeff Montgomery
- TL-----Jim Ehalt
- TL-----Sam Poston
- TL-----Jeremy McClure

Men's Walk #50 Team cont.

- ATL-----Dana Hope
- ATL-----Kolby Watson
- ATL-----James Nott
- ATL-----Glenn Kaffenbarger
- ATL-----Aaron Linn
- Clergy-----Mary Beth Cheeseman
- Clergy-----Sherri Blackwell
- Clergy-----Jim Lillibridge
- Board Rep.-----Terry Johnson



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

Name _____ (as preferred on name tag)

Age ____ Sex M ____ F ____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ -

_____ Phone _____

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 you may write on the back if needed

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

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: _____

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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.