



#### 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 EREA EMMAUS APRIL 2023

From your Co-Community Spiritual Director

As we are getting ready for the Men's Walk in May, there has been one word on my mind, "TIME". It seems like, no matter where we go or what we do, we are governed by "TIME". It's time to get up. It's time to go to bed. It's time to feed the dogs (or cats). It's time to have dinner. It's time, it's time, it's time..... Everything we do seems to be focused around time.

This reminds me of a scripture found in John 11:17-37.

17 On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. 18 Now Bethany was less than two miles[a] from Jerusalem, 19 and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. 20 When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. 21 "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask." 23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." 24 Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; 26 and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" 27 "Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world." 28 After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. "The Teacher is here," she said, "and is asking for you." 29 When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. 30 Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. 31 When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there. 32 When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." 33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. 34 "Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied. 35 Jesus wept. 36 Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" 37 But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Many people look at this story in so many different ways. Some see the compassion of Jesus. I agree. Some see the hurting from Mary and Martha. I agree. Some people observe the crowd who is just watching to see what Jesus will do. I look at this story a little differently. We know that Jesus loved Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. He felt compassion for the family and felt their sorrow in a time of loss. However, we also look at the fact that Jesus waited a few days, to let the story play out. Once he had heard the news about Lazarus, he could have stopped what he was doing, but he didn't. He waited. Why did he wait? Because he had a plan. By this point, some of you are asking, "What are you talking about?" Here is my point. Some of us want God to act on our timeline. We want Him to do what we want Him to do, on our timeline. We don't want to wait. We don't want to see what God's plan is. We want Him to act when WE want Him to act. When instead....We need to remember that God doesn't act on our timeline. He acts on His perfect timeline. Could He have stopped Lazarus from dying? Sure, He could have. But it wasn't His plan and it wasn't His timing. As we go through the Easter Season I ask you, are you demanding God to work on a timeline that is convenient for you? Or, are you willing to work on God's timeline? This involves faith, hope, and trust in God. Whose timeline are you working on?

De Colores, Pastor Ben



*Happy Resurrection!*  
*“For God so loved the world.”*  
*John 3:16*

Thank You God for sending your Only Son to die for our sins. Thank You for the shedding of His Blood to cleanse us whiter than snow. Thank You for the Birth, Death, Burial and Resurrection for everything to be made brand new.

Thank You for a new serving of Grace and Mercy each and every day. I can't Thank You enough even if I had 10,000 tongues.

**THANK YOU, HEAVENLY FATHER FOR EVERYTHING!**

**AMEN!**

Your Sister in Christ,  
Verna

PS – I love each and every one of you and there ain't nuthin you can do about it!



**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

**APRIL'S GATHERING WILL BE ON THE 3rd SUNDAY**

**(APRIL 16 th )**

**MAY'S GATHERING WILL BE ON THE 3RD SUNDAY**

**(MAY 21st ) MOTHER'S DAY IS ON THE 2nd SUNDAY**

**Fellowship in Conference Room 6:30p-7:00p**

**Gathering begins promptly at 7:00p in Sanctuary.**



Dear Emmaus Family-

Shelly Canan is leaving our Board as Secretary on June 30th. She has served faithfully for four years, and we thank her for her service.

This means we are in need of a new Secretary. The Secretary takes the minutes of our board meetings and distributes them to all board members.

If you'd like to join us on the board, please call, text or email me.

Thank you.  
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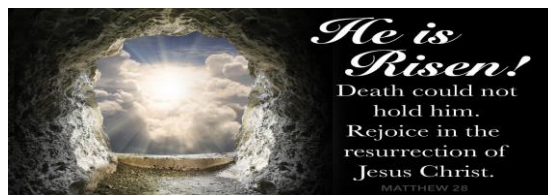


Matthew 28:5-7 NIV

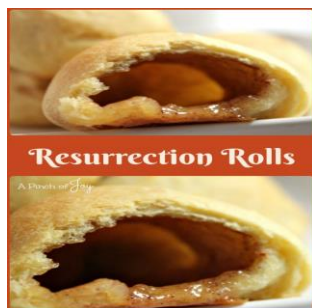
<sup>5</sup> The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

Hi,

I'm Kim Bachman, SAWWE #21, Table of Ruth! I am serving with my husband Greg as Kitchen Coordinators. We love serving the Lord and our Emmaus Community with good meals on the weekends, - Men, the first weekend of May, and Women, the first weekend of November. We would also love to see your smiling face and servant heart in the kitchen. While cooking experience is helpful, there are other things to do, like setting up the dining room, serving, and doing dishes. If you would like to be the hands and feet of Jesus for a meal on the next weekend, May 4-7, call us or send a text so we can coordinate the meal and time. Kim – 937-206-7213, Greg 937-284-1584.



PURHASING is asking for community to bring in little lotions, shampoos, tissues, etc for the supply bin. These will be made available to the Pilgrims on the upcoming Walks as needed on the supply table. Thank You.



## Resurrection Rolls

<https://www.apinchofjoy.com/2012/04/resurrection-rolls/>

OR

<https://www.the-girl-who-ate-everything.com/empty-tomb-rolls/> OR

<https://faithgolden.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Resurrection-Rolls.pdf>

# SPRINGFIELD AREA WALK TO EMMAUS

(Please PRINT and fill in ALL blanks)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M F  
(as preferred on name tag)

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Married Single Separated Widowed Divorced

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Walk spouse attended \_\_\_\_\_

Church now attending \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

Church Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSOR'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Walk attended \_\_\_\_\_

Any Dietary/Medical/Disability Concerns:

Name of a close friend \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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 deposit of \$25.00, which applies to your \$100.00 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 Rec'd _____	Card sent to: Sponsor _____	Pilgrim _____	
Deposit Rec'd _____	Cash _____	Check # _____	Rec'd from _____
1 <sup>st</sup> Invite _____	2 <sup>nd</sup> Invite _____	3 <sup>rd</sup> Invite _____	Inactive _____

Springfield Area Emmaus Willing Servant Sheet

Please Print:

Name:

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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)

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===== 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.