



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

Fall 2020

Ed. Note. Please accept my apologies for the timing and lack of newsletters. I dropped the ball. We are in the process of finding a new Newsletter person. Thank you for your patience. This is August/September issue.rmb



eNews from Emmaus Ministries

THE UPPER ROOM

Renewing Christian Disciples • Strengthening Local Churches

AUGUST 2020

WORDS FOR REFLECTION

In a speech in June 1966, Robert Kennedy said,

“There is a Chinese curse which says, ‘May [you] live in interesting times.’ Like it or not we live in interesting times. They are times of danger and uncertainty; but they are also more open to the creative energy of men than any other time in history.”

The Chinese curse has never been able to be verified, but it doesn’t take away from the truth of the statement. Anyone who lived through the 1960s (and can remember) will recall, those times were nothing if not interesting. And yet, today times are even more ‘interesting!’

Even more than the ’60s, these are times that are more open to the creative energy of God and the refocusing of our purposes and resources. New ways of staying in touch with families, friends, and colleagues are a part of the everyday rather than the exception. God has doors standing wide open for us to walk through and find new ways to reach people with God’s grace, love, and power and the promise of a Fourth Day lifestyle.

So, I’d like to invite you to reflect on the following: How is God helping us all to see new ways and new paradigms for us to **Renew Christian Disciples** and **Strengthen Local Churches**?

Hess B. “Doc” Hall, Jr.

Associate Director of Emmaus Ministries at The Upper Room

Thoughts From the CLD

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ~

Hope you all are enjoying your summer and staying safe while doing so.

At our July meeting, due to the uncertainty of the COVID-19 virus, we voted to postpone the WW#75 until next year. We are still hoping to have a gathering in October, but that is tentative.

How are you handling this time of living with COVID-19?

For me it's been a time of study, reflection, and sadness. My father passed forward just as the virus began to break out. I believe God meant it for good and His timing was perfect. My sister & I didn't have to be concerned about him in his nursing home because we knew he was with Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

The world also lost a great man of God, in Ravi Zacharias, on May 19th.

When Ravi was 17 and on a bed of suicide in a hospital, a local Christian worker brought him a Bible and told his mother to read to him from John 14:19. "Because I live, you also will live." This opened his eyes to a new way of living and he committed his life to Christ, praying, "Jesus, if you are the One who gives life as it is meant to be, I want it. Please get me out of this hospital bed well; and I promise I will leave no stone unturned in my pursuit of truth."

Ravi wrote many books, and from [The Grand Weaver: How God Shapes Us Through the Events of Our Lives](#), he wrote the following: "Someone once elaborated on each line of the well-known and much-loved Psalm 23:

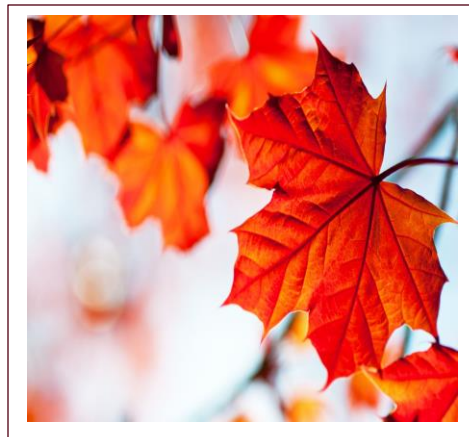
The Lord is my Shepherd—that's relationship! I shall not be in want—that's supply! He makes me lie down in green pastures—that's rest! He leads me beside quiet waters—that's refreshment! He restores my soul—that's healing! He guides me in the paths of righteousness—that's guidance! For His name's sake—that's purpose! Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death--that's testing! I will fear no evil—that's protection! For You are with me--that's faithfulness! Your rod and the staff, they comfort me—that's discipline! You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies—that's hope! You anoint my head with oil—that's consecration! My cup overflows—that's abundance! Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life—that's blessing! And I will dwell in the house of the Lord—that's security! Forever—that's eternity! "

"The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace." Num. 6:24-26

With Love & Blessings, Libby

Fall, Leaves, Fall Emily Bronte

Fall, leaves ,fall; die, glowers, away ;
Lengthen night and shorten day;
Every leaf speaks bliss to me
Fluttering from the autumn tree.
I shall smile when wreaths of snow
Blossom where the rose should grow;
I shall sing when night's decay
Ushers in a drearier day.



**A fallen leaf is nothing more
than a summer's wave**

Goodbye....



(Ed note: Again, apologies. The following article was for the August newsletter.. I don't think it would be too late to send Mr. Worley greetings... I will be.)

Hello again to all,

Rarely do I get the chance to pass along any good news. I am excited about finally being able to do that, especially with all the ways that the virus has changed all our lives. The good news has to do with a very special day for **Dan Worley, his 90th birthday which will take place on September 3rd.**

Like many of us, the virus has not allowed us to do many of the things that we were so used to doing. Dan also misses being able to get together with his many Kairos friends and being able to go into the prison for any of the Kairos events.

His daughter Danette and her husband Richard Cunningham came up with a great idea to allow each of us to celebrate Dan's incredibly special day. Their idea was to shower Dan with **cards, letters, and pictures** from each of you. After Dan's birthday Danette and Richard plan to put together a scrapbook of the of the various things that were sent to hm for his birthday celebration.

So, it is now up to each of you to be a part of this joyous celebration. **Please send your cards, etc. directly to Dan. His address is 321 Clifton Rd., South Charleston, Ohio 45368. In case you would like to contact him, his phone number is 937-462-7148.**

I have heard that the virus has resulted in slower mail delivery, so please allow a little extra time for snail mail delivery.

Please keep Dan and his wife Betty in your prayers. Like many of us older people, they suffer with many of those age-related issues. Dan recently had hernia repair surgery and is having some foot issues. Your prayers for their healing and a joyous celebration would be greatly appreciated.

I am sorry to report that the news for the prison is not good. There has been no word from the prison as to when Kairos activities may once again take place. Please keep all the **residents and support staff at MaCI** in your prayers since the virus has hit them quite hard recently. If you would like to keep up to date about the prison situation you can see it at this web site <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/reports/DRCCOVID-19Information.pdf>

Please let me know if you have any questions, comments, or thoughts about Dan's celebration or the prison.

Thanks,
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Our 4th Day Coordinator is Melody Leonard. No one has contacted her regarding share group needs. How are you all doing with meeting? May we suggest Zoom meetings? One ladies' group is doing this and it seems to work for them, How about meeting in the park with lawn chairs as long as the weather stays decent! Some restaurants are letting people in.

We can't let Covid keep us apart! :)



NOTE: November is the 30th anniversary of WW#1 in Springfield. We will plan to invite and recognize team and pilgrims from that walk and possibly from the men's walk. Need to find names of those people, possibly from the database, and if you have any information to share, please do. Thank you.

The October walk is postponed until Spring 2021.

Revised: Sep 2013

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 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 _____

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.