

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 FEBRUARY 2022













### GREETINGS FROM OUR SPIRITUAL CO-DIRECTOR:

I am so excited about how 2022 has started. I am excited to see what God has in store for us. We are currently gearing up for a Men's Walk. Dean Settles will be the Lay Director and has been hard at work getting the team ready. Team meetings will begin shortly. Please keep Dean and the Team in your prayers as they are opening their hearts and minds to God's will. It is truly amazing how God always knows just the right people to serve at the right time, however it takes willingness on our part.

This reminds me of a favorite scripture found in 1 Corinthians 12:12-13, "The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So, it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit, into one body – whether Jews or Greeks, slave of free – and we were all given the one spirit to drink."

In the text written by Paul in verses 1-11, prior to the ones I listed above, Paul outlined some of the Spiritual Gifts that God has given to each of us. He continues in verse 11 by saying, "All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and He gives them to each one, just as He determines."

Could you imagine if we all had the same gift? There wouldn't be any variety! What a different world that would be, and I don't believe that much would be accomplished for the body of Christ. God has a plan for each and everyone one of us (Jeremiah 29:11). To execute God's plan, we all need to pull together as one, and use the gifts that God has given each of us in order to grow Christ's Kingdom here on earth. One body, unified in Jesus Christ, working to love and care for those around us.

What kind of gifts do you have? As you know, planning and executing a Weekend Walk takes help from everyone in the community. Is God calling you to use your gifts to serve? Are you willing to serve God with your gifts?

As we move further into 2022, my prayer is that we will all continue to work together, pulling together, and being the Body of Christ.

God Bless,

Pastor Ben Webster













I CORINTHIANS 13:1-8 "If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast.

but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup> It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup> Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails."

### GREETINGS FROM OUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR:

# Dear Emmaus Family,~

This is the time of year when we give our nominations committee the task of finding new Emmaus members to replace the outgoing Emmaus Board members.

Because of COVID-19, some of these board members have served 4-5 years! A normal term of service on the board is 3 years.

To help you decide which positions or areas of service you want to help with, I have supplied a description of what each position is and does.

You may want to join with one or two others to serve in the same position. If you would like more information, you can come to our next board meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30p in the commons area of the HSUMC. The Board representatives will be there to answer any questions you might have. The Gathering for that day will be at 7pm.

If you are unable to come to that meeting, please feel free to email or call me: <a href="mailto:ebshamm@aol.com">ebshamm@aol.com</a>, 937-238-9883.

Please pray on how you can help on our next men's walk May 12-15.

Please keep Dean Settles, LD for this walk, in your prayers.

We are still accepting men's applications for this walk.

Remember: we are the hands and feet of Christ.

Love & Blessings to you∼

Libby Hammond













# WHO IS ON THE EMMAUS BOARD AND WHAT DO THEY DO?

Have you ever wondered that? Well, here are the answers:

**AGAPE:** The Agape chairperson coordinates all the agape that is received and assures that it gets distributed during the walk. This includes the table agape, the personal agape and the community agape.

**COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR:** The Community Lay Director (CLD) leads the Emmaus board meetings and numerous other needed meetings. The CLD leads the gatherings and is the primary person who communicates with the Upper Room Ministries through the Area Communicator on all Springfield Area Emmaus Walks and other correspondences. The CLD arranges with High Street UMC for all the walks, gatherings & board meetings.

**TREASURER**: The Treasurer is the keeper of the funds and accounts. The treasurer also assures that our books get audited by an independent (non-Emmaus-affiliated) person each year.

**4**<sup>TH</sup> **DAY COORIDANATOR:** Helps people get into Share Groups, particularly pilgrims who have just completed their walk.

**HIGH STREET REPRESENTATIVE:** The High Street Representative is the liaison between High Street UMC and the Emmaus Community. The High Street Rep. brings to the board any relevant information or concerns regarding Emmaus' use of the building, and relays information back to High Street UMC as needed.

### WHO IS ON THE EMMAUS BOARD AND WHAT DO THEY DO? Cont......

### **NURTURING: KAIROS AND CHRYSLAIS**

KAIROS: Similar to Chrysalis, the Kairos chairperson is the liaison between Emmaus and Kairos (the Emmaus-like prison ministry). The Kairos community helps with one of the gatherings each year by offering a 4th Day Speaker and music that is used on the Kairos weekends. The Kairos chairperson keeps the board apprised of upcoming weekends so that the board can support them with prayer, or other ways.

**CHRYSALIS:** The Chrysalis chairperson is the liaison between Emmaus and Chrysalis (Emmaus for high school aged people). The Chrysalis community helps with one of the gatherings each year by offering a 4<sup>th</sup> Day (Next Steps) Speaker, and music that is used during Chrysalis walks. The Chrysalis chairperson keeps the board apprised of upcoming flights so that the board can support them with prayer, or other ways.

**Purchasing/Supply:** The Purchasing Chairperson is responsible for shopping for the groceries and supplies the Kitchen coordinator identifies as well as the purchasing of the purple worship books and other materials for the walk. The Supply chairperson assures that all the supplies used during a walk are available. This includes Pilgrim notebooks, pens, craft supplies, personal items, aspirin, and other medical items, etc.

**REGISTRAR:** The Registrar receives the pilgrim applications and contacts the pilgrims to confirm their attendance for the walk. The Registrar also manages the registration table on Thursday evening of each walk.

**SECRETRY:** The Secretary takes the minutes at every board meeting. The Secretary is the keeper of the board history and records.

**SOCIAL:** Social Chairperson arranges for the social gatherings before every gathering, as well as the Thursday night Send-Off meal and the post-closing Sunday meal of walk weekends. This includes set up, tear down, preparation of drinks, taking trash out and other tasks.

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS:** Spiritual Directors lead the communion service of the gatherings, as well as the candlelights, and closings of a walk. Spiritual Directors arrange for Walk Spiritual Directors, and support the team selection, the conduct of the walks, and the Emmaus community in many ways.

**SPONSORSHIP:** The Sponsorship chairperson provides periodic sponsorship training for Emmaus community members. The Sponsorship chairperson provides information to sponsors when their pilgrims have committed to a walk.

**WORSHIP:** The Worship chairperson arranges for the communion for gatherings, candlelights, and closings. The Worship chairperson also sets up the prayer chapel for the walks.

**ALL BOARD MEMBERS** benefit from having helpers. So, there are many ways for someone to help. If you have questions, or would like to help out in some way, feel free to contact anyone on the board. They would love to hear from you! We are all God's hands and feet together; no one person does it alone.

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# **PRAYER REQUESTS**

MEN'S WALK #50

Dean Settles LD (lay director for Men's walk #50)

the Team for the Men's walk

Applications for the men's walk

Sherry Porter, recovering from shoulder surgery (2/03)









Springfield Area Emmaus Willing Se	ervant Sheet	
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Help with Sponsorship (help get	info to Sponsors) Help get	word out about Emmaus
Help on purchasing team for we	ekend Be on a Live-In Team	n Lead Music
Play an instrument:	Offer special music	for Gatherings or walks
Help with the newsletter Help	p with social after Gatherings	Help set up Worship
Provide secretarial help at Board	d Meetings Help inventory a	and organize supplies
Help with cleaning bathrooms d	uring a walk Help get peopl	e connected to Share Groups
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