



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 2024

FROM OUR CO-SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

Those who wait for the Lord...

Waiting...Waiting...Waiting! It seems that we are always waiting for something. We wait in line at the grocery store. We wait at traffic lights, stop signs, and in busy fast-food restaurants. We wait at the doctor's office, on phone tree answering systems, and on our children to do their chores. We wait for the robins, and the crocuses to sprout, for warmer weather and for the fresh smell of spring. And frequently we find ourselves even waiting on God. Perhaps to answer our prayer requests in a timely manner, and exactly the way that we want them to be answered. So, waiting is usually something we do not like to do. It's very time-consuming and quite often appears to be very, unproductive. But what if we're thinking about the wrong mode of waiting.

What if the prophet Isaiah means something more?

Certainly, Isaiah reminds us that "those who wait for the Lord will have renewed strength and soar on wings like

eagles. [The patient waiters will also] run and not grow weary, they will walk and not faint. (Isaiah 40:31) Indeed, it

sounds like God likes people who wait on God. But what does that even mean? – To wait upon God?

Theologian Richard A. Puckett pointed out the fact that the waiting that Isaiah speaks of is less about waiting on God to act and more of a call to remember the power and majesty of God. Our God is always present and always working things together for good. But like Isaiah, when things are going well in our lives, we tend to forget to praise God for God's faithful presence. We start to take God for granted and fit God into our schedules only when it seems convenient. We, as Puckett put it, "get theological amnesia". The prophet states, "Have you not known?" & "Have you not heard" - and maybe this is a call to remember the goodness of God and how God is waiting on us to acknowledge the omnipotence of God. God never grows tired, or weary, or gives up on us.

God is eternal and has been and will continue to be faithful throughout all the generations.

So, Isaiah the prophet is reminding us that the powerful creator of the universe, loves us all so much and thinks that we are pretty special. So much so, that Jesus gave up his life for us and God patiently, waits upon us to turn to God and praise God for God's faithful, powerful, presence.

As we enter the forty days of Lent may we spend time with God when things are going well for us and especially when we feel too busy. Because our God is the God of love who is just waiting to spend quality time with us so that we will be filled with God's power, and we will be empowered to soar! My prayer for all of us this Lenten season is that we will grow closer to God as we recall the ultimate, sacrificial gift of life that Jesus has given to us!

DeColores Emmaus Family –

Pastor Mary Beth Cheeseman



FROM OUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

I hope everyone stayed warm through what was hopefully the worst part of winter. It was a difficult decision to cancel last month's gathering, but we believe it was the best decision based on the weather.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the February gathering where our 4th day speaker will be Gail Welsh.

Please continue to pray for pilgrims and that our list would overflow. We have 2 walks planned for this year, but it would be great to have so many applications that we must figure out how to add more walks!

DeColores,
Rick





JESUS LOVES ME THIS I KNOW

*1 Jesus loves me, this I know,
for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong;
they are weak, but he is strong.*

Refrain:

*Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

*2 Jesus loves me he who died
heaven's gate to open wide.
He will wash away my sin,
let his little child come in. [Refrain]*

*3 Jesus loves me, this I know,
as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee,
saying, "Let them come to me." [Refrain]*



THE LOVE OF GOD

The love of God is greater far
Than tongue or pen can ever tell.
It goes beyond the highest star
And reaches to the lowest hell.
The guilty pair, bowed down with care,
God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled
And pardoned from his sin.

O love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure—
The saints' and angels' song.

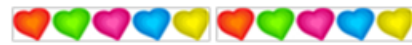
Could we with ink the ocean fill,
And were the skies of parchment made;
Were every stalk on earth a quill,
And every man a scribe by trade;
To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
Though stretched from sky to sky.



1 John 4:8-10 MSG

God Is Love

My beloved friends, let us continue to love each other since love comes from God. Everyone who loves is born of God and experiences a relationship with God. The person who refuses to love doesn't know the first thing about God, because God *is* love—so you can't know him if you don't love. This is how God showed his love for us: God sent his only Son into the world so we might live through him. This is the kind of love we are talking about—not that we once upon a time loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to clear away our sins and the damage they've done to our relationship with God.



Romans 8:38-39 NIV

³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.



2 Corinthians 13:11

Final Greetings

Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Our Springfield Area Emmaus Community,
for good health, peace, and wisdom.

The upcoming Walks, for Pilgrims, Sponsors, and Teams

REMEMBER THE GATHERING! 2/11/2024 @7P.M.

SNACKS AT 6:30; BRING SOMETHING TO SHARE

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 _____ - _____

Email address _____

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

Any Dietary, Medical or 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. (you may use the back, also)

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 \$50.00 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: _____

Email: _____

Walk # _____ Walk Location _____

___ Regularly Attend Share Group? Y / N

Church Attending: _____

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 before 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.