



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 JANUARY 2023

From Our Community Co-Spiritual Director

A New Year, A renewed Hope

I have to admit, our Christmas this year was a little different. After raising five kids, and being woken up by the kids on several Christmas mornings, this is the year, we were able to sleep in. We didn't have kids waiting on the couch and arguing about who was going to wake up Mom and Dad so they could open their presents. No, this year was different. Our kids are now grown, and we didn't get to enjoy that morning of watching the kids eagerly sitting around the Christmas tree, ready to open presents, while I took the time to wake up and make coffee, just to make them wait a little longer. This was the year when the kids came to visit us.

The best part is that we also had the opportunity spoil our granddaughters for the first time. I think we accomplished that. We were able to watch our almost 1 year old granddaughters open their gifts. We got to see the look of joy in their eyes, we got to watch them open their presents, we got to laugh with them, we got to enjoy spending time with them. While I was watching all of this happen, I was reminded of the following scripture,

"For God so loved the world....." (Jn 3:16)

This is a scripture that is very well known to all of us, and He is the greatest gift that God could have ever given us, but can I change the wording a little bit? John wrote this scripture in his time and what he knew, and he wrote it accordingly. Can I change the wording to "God so Loves us.....He loves each of us?"

God's love for us has never changed, and His gift to us has never changed! As we are approaching the New Year...so much optimism, so much hope, can we remember that we have this New Hope because of God's gift to us? His Son, that God gave to us out of His love for us?

When we celebrate the New Year, I need to ask.....what are we doing to share this new hope of God's love with everyone? His gift for us. He loves each of us.....His Son is truly that gift that keeps on giving, but only if we share it. As we enter this New Year.....what are we doing to share the love of the gift that God shared with us?

Remember, Christ is "STILL" counting on you!

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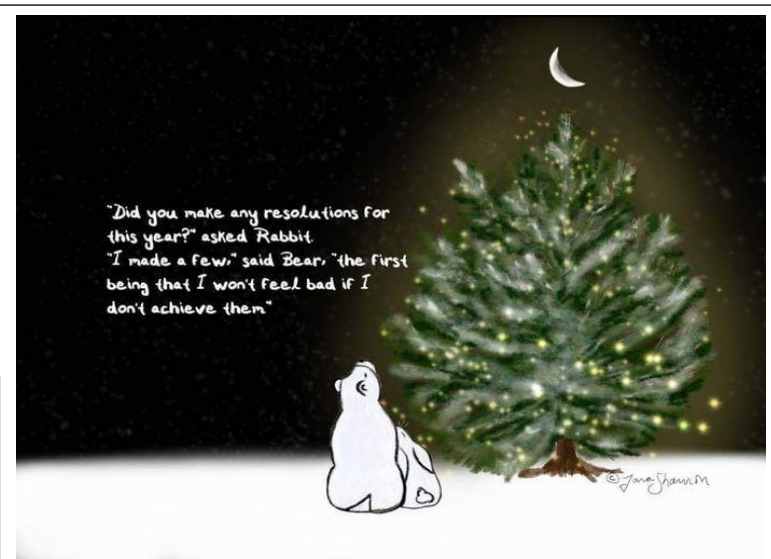
Pastor Ben

JOIN US!

The Community Gathering is January 8th. Fellowship is from 6:30p to 7:00p in the Conference Room. The Gathering starts promptly at 7:00p in the Sanctuary.

HOPE TO SEE YOU!

Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.



2023!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

It is hard to believe that year 2022 is over. Take a moment and think back over this year. Different events/situations in our lives have happened. Some good, some bad, some ugly, some totally unexpected, and some in disguise. But remember whatever 2022 handed out to you, by God's Amazing GRACE, you made it through. There may be a little bit left of whatever it is from this past year going with you into 2023, but our God's GRACE is SUFFICIENT to get you through any and all situations that HE places in your life.

Women's Walk #76 was held on November 3rd - 6th, 2022 with Weekend Lay Director, Viki Hyslop and her Team, lead 13 Pilgrims through their weekend. From what I was told, the Holy Spirit showed up and showed out! I want to thank the Team and the Emmaus Community family members for making the weekend a success. Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! And Thank You Lord for allowing us all to serve you!

Let us all pray for the upcoming Men's Walk #51. Scheduled for May 4th -7th, 2023. Brother Jeff Canan has accepted the Weekend Lay Director position and is working on getting the Team together. Let us remember, even though this is a new year, the enemy is still busy, so let's not let him win. Stay in PRAYER for every and all things.

Our December Gathering was well attended with new members from WW #76 and from MW #50. We had a Holiday Agape Program with musical selections from John Applin (JT), Pastor Ben and Jennifer, The Women's Trio (Diana Page, Sarah (Cogan) Loman, and Janene Pearson), Janene and Courtney Pearson, Dana Johnson, and Ryan Roosen. It was a great joyful and spirit filled evening. Boy!! There is some serious talent in this Community.

"If God is for us, who can be against us?" - Romans 8:31

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I am praying 2023 to be a BLESSED and PROPEROUS New Year for all of us!

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

DeColores!

Love You, Verna

"My Christmas Wishes for You"

Like an angel, may you hold Love close to your heart,
And may the Hope for Joy & Peace live in you everyday.

May the beauty of the season warm your heart -

That you may Love more,

That you may Give more,

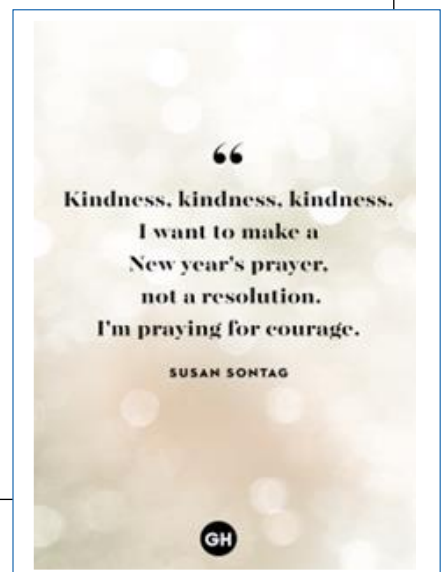
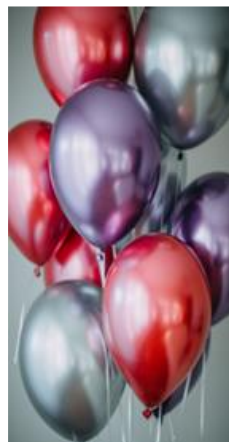
And that you shall Be more in all that you do.

In Jesus name I pray,

Yes this is my Christmas Wish for you.

Author Unknown

Shared by Verna Reed at the December Gathering



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:

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.