



SPRINGFIELD AREA EMMAUS JANUARY 2024

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

From Your Co-Community Spiritual Director

Happy New Year everyone! I have to admit that 2023 was a year full of challenges and numerous rewards. We have accomplished so much as a Community. Speaking on behalf of myself and Pastor Mary Beth, we are honored and humbled to serve as your Community Spiritual Directors. Your selfless giving has been amazing, and look at what we have accomplished, together, for the glory of God.

We have had two successful walks this year in which we have watched God work and change lives. We are also seeing the number of Pilgrims at walks grow. This is a testament to the community as we are all sharing with others, getting applications, and then working to show the love of God to others which has allowed so many people to experience God's Grace, personally. With so many Willing Servants working on the weekends, these walks have truly been a blessing. Thank you to all who have served on the "live-in" teams, as well as everyone who has worked "behind the scenes". We have also seen the attendance at our Candlelight and Closing services grow throughout the year, as well as our attendance at the gathering. In addition, your offerings have been crucial in the success of the weekends, and not having to raise fees to attend. So many people have given in so many ways with their time, presence, gifts, and prayers. What you are doing IS making a difference in others' lives and I encourage you to keep serving in 2024. As we look forward to seeing what 2024 has to offer, let me take a moment to remind us of Revelation 21:5-6 when John heard and recorded these words, "And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also, He said, 'Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then He said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'" As we take a moment to ponder these words, let us remember how good of a year 2023 was and how amazing of a year 2024 can be if we remember the words, "God makes all things new!" As we wake up each day, let us continue in our service to the Lord by thirsting for the water of life that God offers, and allowing God to work through us and make us new every day, so we can help God to make others new every day.

In Christ,
Pastor Ben



From our Community Lay Director

I hope that everyone had a Merry Christmas and will have a Happy New Year. The new year always seems like an opportunity for a fresh start. I am so excited to see where the new year takes our community, everything is going so well, and we are really growing with new members as well as seeing many of our old friends (not old we have just known each other a long time!). 😊

I hope to see everyone at the January Gathering. Please pray about sponsoring a pilgrim for one of the upcoming weekends. It is a big responsibility, but what a blessing to be a part of. If you have never sponsored anyone please reach out to your sponsor if you need help or have questions. There are also many in the community that would love to help in any way. I am praying that we can soon go from 2 to 3 weekends in a year and would be so great to get back to having 5 like we used to.

DeColores,
Rick

Men's Walk #52 will take place
May30-June 2, 2024. Please pray.



Free Kairos Prison Ministry Info Sharing Seminar
Discover the many ways you can share the love of God with the incarcerated.

When & Where	Learn
Sunday, March 3, 2024 2:00pm to 4:pm Discover Church 2900 Martin Road Dublin Oh	- Why Kairos is important to all of us - Why your cookies are so important - 3 ways to help without ever setting foot in a prison

Featuring various testimonials, musical entertainment, light hors'd'oeuvres and a raffle

Reservations (requested) and questions can be directed to Mike Myers at Mm138630.com or 614-582-8204.

JANUARY GATHERING!
SUNDAY, JANUARY 14,2024. Time of refreshments 6:30p.m., bring something to share! Gathering promptly at 7:00 p.m.
COME, JOIN US!

Lord, we lift up our Emmaus Family in this New Year, for healing, grace, wisdom and all that You know we need. For Your honor and glory AMEN

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 \$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: _____

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.