



SPRINGFIELD AREA
EMMAUS
JULY 2022

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 OUR CO-SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

As your Pastor, I can't help but to take a moment and reflect on this past year. I am grateful to admit that I am blessed by all of you! When I first heard the call to be your Community Spiritual Director, I had no idea what God had in store for us. You have all been a blessing to me and my family.

Can you believe that it is July already? So many things have happened, and let's admit it, some of us didn't think they would ever happen again. We continued to work together through the Covid Pandemic. We have held both a Men's and a Women's walk and have more scheduled. We continue to support our community, and our local churches, and to reach out to those in need. I am humbled and can feel the presence of God at work, at Springfield Area Emmaus and in our community. He is using each and every one of us to carry out His mission.

As I think of all the ways that God has blessed us, I am reminded that in the month of July, we will be celebrating our Independence. To me, the fourth of July is a very important day in the life of every American citizen. It's a day when we celebrate our independence as a country, the ability to live in freedom, and we remember our independence because Jesus lived for us to receive it.

We are all familiar with the scripture found in Acts 2: 1-21. However, for just a moment, I would like to focus on one particular verse. It is Acts 2: 1, "When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place." Let me say that again, "When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place." WOW! A lot of us, when we think about Pentecost, think about the Holy Spirit coming down and everyone that was there on that day feeling the power that only the Holy Spirit can give. We even remember the amazing message that Peter preached on that day that resulted in so many people being saved. But have you ever thought about the fact that none of this would have happened, if they weren't all in one place? If they weren't all together? Maybe, a better way to relate to this scripture is to say, "They were all united for one purpose!

On this day, no one cared that Peter had "foot in mouth syndrome". No one cared that Matthew was a tax collector. No one cared that John was referred to as "The Beloved". No one cared that Thomas doubted. They put aside their own ego's, their differences, their ambitions, and as a result, they were all in one accord. They were all United!!!! One Cause, One Purpose! That purpose was to serve Jesus Christ.

As we celebrate our independence, and as we move forward as a church.... let us remember what our mission is...found in Matthew 28, "Go and make disciples" This is a mission that we must all remain "United" in, no matter what the world is throwing at us. Just as the disciples were together, let us remain together and may God anoint us with the Holy Spirit to go and do the work He has called us to do.

De Colores!

Pastor Ben

[John 8:36 NIV](#)

So, if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

John 8:31-32 MSG

If the Son Sets You Free

Then Jesus turned to the Jews who had claimed to believe in him. "If you stick with this, living out what I tell you, you are my disciples for sure. Then you will experience for yourselves the truth, and the truth will free you."



FROM OUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

Dear Emmaus Family~

Another year of service on our board is coming to a close for many faithful members who have served on our board for many years (mostly due to Covid). I'd like to thank: Larry Lytle (HSUMC Board Rep.), Dana Johnson (Kitchen), Rita Beedy (Newsletter), Sandy Johnson (Nurturing), Brian Case (Purchasing & Supply), Sherry Porter (Worship) and Terry Johnson (Treasurer) for their many years of service to our community!

At our next gathering on July 10th at our 7pm gathering, we will be installing the new officers and those continuing on in their positions. They are:

[Verna Reed-Community Lay Director](#)

[Libby Hammond- Leadership](#)

[Shelly Canan-Secretary](#)

[Jennifer Webster-Treasurer](#)

[Jeanne Lewis-Agape](#)

[Melody & Jim Leonard-4th Day Coordinator](#)

[Susan Roosen- HSUMC Representative](#)

[Greg & Kim Bachman- Kitchen](#)

[Terry Johnson- Logistics](#)

[Tracy Wilson- Music](#)

[Chris Haggy- Newsletter](#)

[Janice Cumming- Nurturing](#)

[Bonnie Dover-Purchasing & Supply](#)

[Jamie Burke- Registrar](#)

[Betty Reed- Social](#)

[Wendy Haynes-Britton- Sponsorship](#)

[Pr. Ben Webster and Pr. Mary Beth Cheeseman- Spiritual Directors](#)

Come join us at the gathering and support our new board members as they begin their service to our Emmaus Community and pray for God to guide them in their positions.

We have had two successful walks (women & men) in the last year. Our goal is to have a women's walk in November 3-6, 2022, and a men's walk May 4-7, 2023. The Lay Director for our WW#76 in November is Viki Hyslop. Please pray for her as she forms her team. Please continue to bring or send in applications for both walks.

See you in July!

DeColores~

Libby Hammond

[Luke 4:18 KJV](#)

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

Kitchen Corner News

Greetings to my Emmaus family as of July 1, 2022, my term as Kitchen Chair ends. I want to thank all of you who came when the Lord called you to serve this community. We faced many challenges together our enemy worked overtime to stop this Ministry from doing God's Will He Failed! Through our faith in Jesus were still here serving all who wish to strengthen their relationship with the Lord. taking over the Kitchen Chair duties are Kim and Greg Bachman. They need our prayers and their Emmaus Family to support them and continue to be the Hands and Feet of this Community. Once again Thank You All. God Bless You.

In his Service

Dana Johnson Out going Kitchen Chair.

P.S on July 10,2022 we will be installing all our new board members Please come and welcome them and show your support!

It is that time-time to say farewell as the Springfield Area Emmaus Community treasurer!

My term has expired, and it is time for a new treasurer—Jennifer Webster. When you see her, congratulate her, and let her know that she will be in your prayers as she continues to serve the Lord.

I have enjoyed being a part of the board these last several years and getting to make new friends. To be honest though, it took me a while before I would agree to serve; I didn't want the extra work or responsibilities, but the Lord had other plans.

As I prayed about whether to serve or not, the words that kept going through my head were "it's time for you to step up and take your turn in serving in this manner". So, I did, and I have never regretted it since.

This Emmaus Community, OUR Community, has been around for quite a few years and will continue to do so but we need YOU. Don't count on somebody else to do the work; step up and get involved! Remember, the Lord has said "the harvest is great, but the laborers are few". There are many people that still need to feel God's love and be renewed.

If you have ever considered serving or would like to serve again, just think of these lyrics from a popular song 'City on our Knees' by Toby Mac:

"if you gotta start somewhere, why not here,

if you gotta start sometime, why not now"

DeColores!

Terry Johnson (outgoing treasurer)

My name is Sherry Porter, and it has been a pleasure to serve in the position of Worship for the Springfield Emmaus Community. Preparing the Lord's Communion meal for the Community and for the Emmaus Walks has been a Spiritual blessing. Thank you for allowing me to be of service to our Emmaus Community.



It has truly been an honor to serve as the Newsletter person. When I was asked to do the newsletter, I said "sure"" without even thinking, or praying.... I'm not very smart on the computer but I did the best I could, finally I got kinda good at it, but please know, it was The Lord when it was good. ;^) (the rest was rita the queen of procrastinators...) I said that last part so you would pray for our new Newsletter person, Chris Haggy. I am praying he knows computer stuff and isn't a procrastinator!

Thank you for your patience and prayers. It was truly a joy to serve on the board and put out the newsletter. DeColores!! Love and prayers, Rita Beedy

2 Corinthians 3:17 Contemporary English Version

¹⁷The Lord and the Spirit are one and the same, and the Lord's Spirit sets us free.

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.

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