



SPRINGFIELD AREA EMMAUS JULY 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 OUR CO SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

De Colores Emmaus Family,

I can't believe we are welcoming the month of July already. It never ceases to amaze me how fast time keeps moving on! Recently, I've been doing a worship series called "Changing Soils". This series is based on the kind of discipleship that moves us to the next level of following Jesus by answering The Great Commission to "make more disciples". I believe most followers of Christ have some difficulty stepping out of their comfort zones to make disciples for Jesus. After all, we tend to worry about how we will be received when we talk to others about our faith in Christ. We wonder if the person we talk to about Jesus will welcome our conversation or if they will become angry and upset. Will they listen intently or totally shut us out? Will they accept the invitation to come on an Emmaus Walk or will another application find its way into file 13?

Certainly, it's no secret that the pandemic has left its mark on Christianity. Many people see the church as irrelevant today. The younger generations seem to be drawn to spiritual practices outside of the church, finding their higher power in nature, through podcasts, social media articles, and posts, that promise to give them peace. However, Jesus tells us in John 15: 5-17 that it's imperative to remain in Him because apart from Jesus, we can do nothing.

Author Jim Britts explained that "prayer is the foundation of disciple-making because prayer is not what we do before the work [of making disciples]. Prayer is the work [itself]" In other words, praying to God about who to share our faith with is essential because disciple-making is a deeply spiritual act. You see, prayer connects us to God and empowers us to remain in Christ Jesus. Just as a branch is connected to a vine and enabled to stay vibrant and alive, we are empowered to be spiritually alive when we are connected to God.

Since prayer is the foundation of discipleship, Britts suggested that there are three ways in which we must pray. First, we are called to pray for ourselves, that we will be totally connected to God. Then, we are to pray for others, that their hearts will be open to receive God's invitation. Finally, we must pray WITH others and come into the very presence of God, the One who knows who we should disciple and who is ready to accept God's invitation. You see, prayer isn't just an afterthought or reserved for the weekend.

Prayer is the firm foundation of discipleship! It's inviting God into the invitation itself. It's asking God to go before us and pave the way for the work of discipleship to be successful.

Our world is in desperate need of our prayers. Our communities are in desperate need of our prayers. Our families and friends are in desperate need of our prayers. So, who are we praying for? Who are we disciplining? This is our call; after all, as followers of Jesus. To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

In the Grace of Christ,

Pastor Mary Beth



FROM OUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

Hello Emmaus Family!

As your recently elected Community Lay Director, I thought I would begin July with a greeting to everyone. It is an honor to be selected to this position, and I hope to build on the wonderful spirit that Rick Clark has been developing over the last year...as well as others before him.

On June 24, my husband Greg and I (and Pastor Ben) were able to attend a Gathering of Emmaus brothers and sisters in London, Ohio. As well as folks from Madison County, there were people from the Sidney Emmaus, Central Ohio/ Marysville, and Greater Columbus. We had a terrific time of sharing and singing, and The Holy Spirit did not disappoint and also filled the room! It was a real blessing to be with all of them and made me realize how BIG our Emmaus community is! We have a wonderful Springfield community, but we don't need to stop with those borders. We have amazing brothers and sisters ready to share God's love, throughout Ohio and the WORLD! We will have information in future newsletters about Gatherings and Candlelights, if you would like to go and share.

in God's love.

Kim Bachman



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 _____

Email Address _____

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: _____

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 Weekends

Help Registrar (contact pilgrims before walk) Help Set up/Tear Down for Weekends

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.