



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 JUNE 2022

### FROM OUR CO-SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

Awe, it's finally starting to feel like summer and with the season of summer comes a lot of my favorite things. The smell of fresh cut grass, beautiful blue skies, flowers galore, homemade ice cream, roasting hotdogs and marshmallows around a campfire and my all-time favorite thing to do - having cookouts and eating the yummy food, cooked on the grill. Now my husband Jeff cooks on the grill all the time, even in the middle of winter. He says, "cooking on the grill is easier because there is very little mess." But there is something about smelling the food cooking on the grill with the windows open in the summertime. I guess it takes me back to my childhood when my dad would cook on the old hibachi grill in our back yard. Back then, we didn't grill out as much as we do now, this was reserved for special occasions like Birthday's, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, and of course Father's Day. Most days we just had hotdogs and hamburgers, for our cookouts, but on Father's Day my dad would grill corn on the cob and barbeque pork chops, that tasted just like the ones at the Clark Co. Fair. My dad was a great grill master that's for sure! He also was a Christian man that tried to live his life just like Jesus; and while I'm pretty biased, I think my dad did a pretty good job! He raised me and my sisters up in the church and made sure that we knew about Jesus' extravagant love for us.

While thinking about my dad, and Father's Day, I am reminded of the story of the Prodigal Son which is found in Luke 15: 11-32. I just love the story of the prodigal son because it has such depth and such a relatable meaning. So often when we discuss this parable, we talk about the son who returns home or the older brother who does everything right and somehow feels shafted. But today I want to focus on another aspect of the story - the welcome home party. It seems like this part of the story is sort of tacked on at the end - Luke writes - "When the older brother came near the house, he heard music and dancing, so he called one of the servants to ask what was going on and the servant replied 'Your brother has come home, and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.'"

Now, there is a lot that we can glean from that servants' reply - not only has the father welcomed his wayward, lost, son home, with open arms, but he has begun a celebration. He has gathered his friends, his family, his neighbors, and called them all to a celebration. He has hung banners from the rafters, sent out invitations as quickly as he could. He is serving the best meal; he is offering the best entertainment - all for this son that once was lost but now is found.

Now of course we know that the older brother is a bit annoyed by this display of celebration. He doesn't quite understand why they would celebrate the return of his good for nothing younger brother that had the audacity to ask his father for his share of the inheritance early and then go off and waste it on wild living! And you know the older brother had always done what was right - followed the rules and been the model son. He had helped his father out whenever it was requested - stuck by his father's side did extra work around the family farm, while his brother was off gallivanting around the in the city, and he couldn't even get a small goat to party with his friends. (Sigh) It's just not fair - is it?

Sounds familiar, doesn't it? But here's the thing - and the father makes this one clear - Grace isn't fair. If it was then the younger son would get what he had coming to him. But instead, he gets the warmest of welcomes and a party - he receives the grace of his father. The undeserved, unmerited, love and acceptance of his father. You know, both brothers are loved and welcomed by their father. They are both valued for the different things they bring to the table. They are both invited to the party - they are both forgiven and celebrated.

You know I believe whenever someone who was lost becomes found again - all of heaven pauses to celebrate. And I think it's a party of epic proportions. Because our God is a God who celebrates. It's all throughout the scriptures. Our God has banquets and parties that are like none other - because our God is a God of hospitality. He rolls out the red carpet for the sinners and the saints alike, out of his great love for us all. Because our God is not a God who does things by the book right? Our God is a God of abundant surprises.

This is what we work to convey here, in Springfield Emmaus, at both the gatherings and at the walks. Friends, you are the dedicated servants that hang banners from the rafters, send out invitations to possible pilgrims. You serve the best meals... and offer some of the funniest and best entertainment that there is. – All for the same reasons, that The Father’s great love and abundant grace will be revealed and experienced by everyone who chooses to come. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to Jesus Christ! Now let’s continue to celebrate, and share the Father’s great love for us, by sending out more invitations.

De Colores, Pastor Mary Beth



**FROM OUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR**

Dear Emmaus family~

We had an amazing Men’s Walk #50 on May 12-15!

We have 8 new members in our community, so please come welcome them at our June 12<sup>th</sup> gathering at 7pm. Their names are:

[John Applin](#) [Chad Bender](#) [Charles Lantz](#) [Stan Spitler](#)  
[Curt Bauer](#) [David Holl](#) [Brian Singleton](#) [Reed Welsh](#)

Please keep them in your prayers. THANK YOU to all who helped during this men’s walk!

We are already preparing for WW#76 with Viki Hyslop as Lay Director. This walk is planned for Nov. 3-6, 2022.

Please start praying for this walk, and put it on your calendar to serve wherever you can.

I also invite you to come to our July 10<sup>th</sup> gathering to welcome our new board members. We have lots of new faces coming on the board this year. Verna Reed will be coming on the Emmaus board as your new Community Lay Director!

God is working in our community and helping us come back strong! Our God is an AWESOME God!

*“Awesome is God from His sanctuary;  
the God of Israel—He is the One who  
gives power and strength to His people.  
Blessed be God! Psalm 68:35*

See you on June 12<sup>th</sup> @7pm.

Love, Libby

**Please keep the new Pilgrims,  
new bord members, and the  
upcoming Women’s Walk # 76 in  
prayer!  
Thank you!**



## Dear Brothers of Men's Walk #50

You are invited to your walk reunion~  
**Sunday, June 12, 6 p.m.**  
in the choir room.

Come! Let us hear how your 4th Days  
are going!!

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Light refreshments at 6:30  
(When Emmaus meets....Emmaus eats!)

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Worship, music, Holy Communion, music,  
4th Day speaker and more music follows.  
At Gathering, 7 p.m.

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Wear your cross and name tag.  
We anticipate seeing you there.



de Colores!

## Praise Those Fathers

Let us praise those fathers who have striven to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice.

Let us praise those fathers who, lacking a good model for a father, have worked to become a worthy and virtuous father.

Let us praise those fathers who, by their own account, were not always there for their children, but who continue to offer those children, now grown, their love and support. As well, let us pray for those fathers who have been wounded by words and actions of their children.

Let us praise those fathers who, despite marital discord, have remained in their children's lives.

Let us praise those fathers whose children are adopted, and whose love and support has nurtured a thriving life.

Let us praise those fathers who, as stepfathers, freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and earned their stepchildren's love and respect.

Let us praise those fathers who have lost a child to death, and continue to hold the child in their heart.

Let us praise those men who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own.

Let us praise those men who have "fathered" us in their role as mentors and guides.

Let us praise those men who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children.

And let us praise those fathers who have died but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us.

- Prayer of Kirk Loadman adapted by Debra Mooney, PhD

## Father's Day Prayers - Xavier University

<https://www.xavier.edu/fathers-day-prayers>

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.



**SPONSORS** of  
our newest  
Pilgrims,

**PLEASE** remind  
them of their  
reunion:

**Sunday, June  
12, 6 p.m.**  
**in the choir  
room.**  
**THANK YOU! :)**



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:

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Address:

City:

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Zip:

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Home Ph:

Cell Ph:

Regularly Attend Share Group? Y

/ N

Church Attending:

Walk #

Walk Location

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Email:

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Information is current as of: (Date)

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===== 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:

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Please Mail to Springfield Area Emmaus, 230 East High Street, Springfield OH 45505, or  
drop off at the back table at any Gathering.