



SPRINGFIELD AREA EMMAUS JUNE 2021

Message From Your CLD

Dear Emmaus Family~

We are scheduled to have a Gathering on June 13th at 7pm- Finally!

Please read the following~

*We will use the handicapped entrance on the East side of the church as our main entrance.

*Masks are optional if you are fully vaccinated.
than 6:30pm, we won't have food this month.

*Please come no earlier

*Families can sit together; otherwise please sit socially distanced in an open pew anywhere in the sanctuary.

*After the service, you can exit from the rear of the sanctuary. Through the double doors, East Portico exit.

*There will be no fellowship time, no food or drink available this month. *We will discuss having food at the board meeting.

*There will be music and singing! "Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;

let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation!" Psalm 95:1

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to email or call me.

In His service,

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FROM OUR CO-SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

Hello friends. This has been an exciting month for Jennifer and I as we have just become grandparents for the first time, and then received word from our other daughter that we are going to be grandparents again at the beginning of next year..... Our excitement is on over load. As I have been thinking about being a new Grandpa, I'm sure that some of you have been in the same position that I am in. What do I want my granddaughter to call me? "Just call me Grandpa." What can I do to support my new granddaughter and her family? As I've held my Grand Daughter in my arms for the first time, all of these things were running through my head. This has made me think about our Emmaus Community.

As I went to get my Covid shot several weeks ago, this entire time I have been thinking about our community. The Governor is getting ready to "Release" us into a time that we were used to. A time when we had freedom. A time where we could go where we wanted to go and be where we wanted to be. As I think about this, I have been thinking about our community. We have been on a "lock down". We haven't been able to meet when we have wanted to, or hold walks as we have wanted. Now we have a time to be Re-Born. Maybe a better word is to be "Re-Created"?

This all reminds me of a scripture found in Isaiah 6:6-8. It reads, "Then one of the Seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it, he touched my mouth and said, 'See this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sins atoned for. Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us? And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'"

"Just Send Me?" Who am I, that the Lord of all the earth.....?" Go ahead and sing with me. This is what we should be. Cleansed with the Coal and ready to do whatever the Lord calls us to do. "Here I am Lord. It is I Lord, I have heard you calling in the night. I WILL Go Lord, if you Lead me, I will hold Your people in my heart". This is who we are, we are called and if we listen, we will hear God's voice calling in the night or day or even in the shower or even at the top of your lungs in the car.... you just have to listen for His voice calling you. He will call and you can hear Him we will stop and just listen. HE IS THERE!

John 10:3 says "He calls His own sheep by name and leads them out". He calls to us every day and we just need to listen to the Great Shepherd and we will know what to do by His voice.

Listen to the Great Shepherd, climb into His lap and enjoy the goodness of His heart and voice..... He Knows, He Hears, and He has sent the Holy Spirit to dwell within us, to help and to carry out His love, His mercy, and His grace. Don't forget, that we may be the only Bible that some people ever read or see.

Prayer: Oh Lord, you have searched me, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise. You perceive my thoughts from afar.....Please help me to remember, that I am your witness, I am your disciple. Help me to share the light that you have lit in my heart, so that others may see you in me. Please, Lord, walk with, us.

In Christ's love

Pastor Ben

REMEMBER! GATHERING ON JUNE 13! 7:00 P.M.!

FROM OUR CLD

Dear Emmaus Family~

We will finally be able to meet in person on June 13th in the HSUMC at 7:00pm! So happy to finally get to see everyone again!

This past Sunday (5/23) we, as Christians, celebrated Pentecost- when the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem. The Holy Spirit has the power to change our lives and the lives of other people. We are the hands and feet of Jesus. How are we living out our Fourth Days? Are we making a difference in our church, in our community, in our family? With this in mind, I want to share a story with you that I have read in the past, but I want to give it to you for your contemplation, author unknown.

Once upon a time there was a daughter who complained to her father that her life was miserable and that she didn't know how she was going to make it. She was tired of fighting and struggling all the time. It seemed just as one problem was solved, another one soon followed.

Her father, a chef, took her to the kitchen. He filled three pots with water and placed them each on a high fire. Once the pots began to boil, he placed potatoes in one pot, eggs in the second pot and ground coffee beans in the third pot. He then let them sit and boil without saying a word to his daughter.

The daughter moaned and impatiently waited, wondering what he was doing. After twenty minutes he turned off the burners. He took the potatoes out of the pot and placed them in a bowl. He took the eggs out of the pot and placed them in a bowl. He then ladled the coffee out and placed it in a cup.

Turning to her, he asked, "What do you see?"

"Potatoes, eggs and coffee," she hastily replied.

"Look closer", he said, "and touch the potatoes." She did and noted that they were soft.

He then asked her take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg.

Finally, he asked her to sip the coffee. Its rich aroma brought a smile to her face. "Father, what does this mean?" she asked.

He explained that the potatoes, the eggs and coffee beans had each faced the same adversity—the boiling water. However, each one reacted differently.

The potato went in strong, hard and unrelenting, but in boiling water, it became soft and weak in its environment. It was impacted by the conditions it was in. The egg was fragile, with the thin outer shell protecting its liquid interior until it was put in the boiling water. Then the inside of the egg became hardened by its environment and the conditions it's in. However, the ground coffee beans were unique. After they were exposed to the boiling water, they transformed the environment they were in.

Which one are you? I believe as Christians we are the coffee bean.

We have the power of the Holy Spirit living inside us to transform any environment we are in.

“No matter how hard things get, or how hopeless things look, don’t give up. Realize that we don’t create our world from the outside in. We create and transform it from the inside out.

If you think you are a potato, you will believe the power and forces outside you are more powerful than who you are on the inside, and you will become weaker. If you think you are an egg, you will believe the negativity in the world has the power to harden your heart and cause you to become negative like the world. But if you are a coffee bean, you will not allow the outside world to impact you. You will know that the power inside you is greater than the forces outside you, and with this insight, you will transform your environment and world from the inside out. The power is on the inside. Be the coffee bean.”

(Taken from The Coffee Bean written by Jon Gordon & Damon West)

Please come to our Emmaus Gathering June 13 at 7:00pm. I will give you a tangible reminder to make a difference wherever you are.

“Greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.” 1 John 4:4

REMEMBER!

GATHERING ON JUNE 13! 7:00 P.M.!

(editor note: not my best work ever, had work done on the computer, and am at a bit of a loss as I am electronically challenged. Praying that July will be better as I will be practicing! I'm sorry it's late. :(

God bless you, see you soon!!)

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.

Revised: Sep 2013

SPRINGFIELD AREA WALK TO EMMAUS (Please PRINT and fill in ALL blanks)

Name _____ Age ____ Sex M ____ F ____ (as preferred on name tag)

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ - _____

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

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 _____

