



EMMAUS

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 MARCH 2022



From Your Community Co-Spiritual Director

Do you ever wake up in the morning with a song going through your head? I do it all the time. Sometimes it is a song I heard on the radio the day before. Sometimes it may be a jingle off of a TV show I had recently watched, or a song from a recent church service. Well, this morning I had it happen again.....but this time it wasn't something I had recently just listened to, it was something completely random. I woke up with a song in my head in which the lyrics responded to the sounds that certain farm animals might make. You know them.....quiri, quiri, quiri. How about pio, pio, pio, pi? Now you have that very same song in your head don't you. You're welcome! Hee hee!

Normally, when this happens to me, I try to think of something else to get the song out of my head. Not today. Today it caused me to spend some time reflecting on my walk. It made me think about the upcoming Men's Walk. It also made me think about this community. The thoughts that came to my head were thoughts of joy, fellowship, and God's Grace for me. It also made me think about how important it is for us to gather together as an Emmaus Community.

In Hebrews 10:23-25 we are reminded about how important it is for Christians to gather together. "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as in the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."

When we gather together, either at our local churches, through share groups, or Emmaus gathering, won't you admit that you feel encouragement from one another? I know that I do. I feel the love from my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, and when I leave, I feel charged up and ready to go. Let's face it, living a life for Christ can be tough. We all need to stick with each other, feed each other, encourage each other, and pray continually for each other, while holding ourselves accountable to each other. As I write these words, I am reminded of Psalm 133:1 which reads, "How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity." Those words are so true. When we live in unity in Jesus Christ, words can't express how good it is.

If you haven't been to a gathering lately, I invite you to join us on March 13 at 7pm for our next community gathering. Are you feeling God nudging you to use your talents and abilities in His service? We have opportunities available to serve on the next Men's walk as well as within the community. Let us remember who we are and whose we are. He wants us to gather together in His name, and to gain strength from each other as we are serving as His hands and feet here on earth.

De Colores,

Pastor Ben Webster



Let us break bread together on our knees. Let us break bread together on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink the cup together on our knees. Let us drink the cup together on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees. Let us praise God together on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us break bread together; Let us drink the cup together; Let us praise God together on our knees. O Lord, have mercy on me.

As most of you know, Rev. Bill Kelley has been an important part of the Springfield Area Emmaus Community for many years. He has been a tremendous spiritual leader who exemplifies the love and grace of Jesus Christ both with the churches he has served and in his faithful work with our Emmaus Community. In February, Pastor Bill decided to “step down” as the Co-Community Spiritual Director. This doesn’t mean that he is leaving us, as he is still willing and available to serve as a Weekend Spiritual Director. If you see Pastor Bill, please take a moment to say, “Thank You” and to pass on to him your love and appreciation for all he has done in serving our community.

In his place, I would like to welcome Pastor Mary Beth Cheeseman as our new Co-Spiritual Director for the Springfield Area Emmaus Community. Pastor Cheeseman and I will be working hand in hand, as we work to pour our hearts into the community. Most of you know Pastor Cheeseman and her husband Jeff, so please, as you see her, give her a warm welcome. We are excited to see what God has in store for our community as we all continue our journeys down the road of Emmaus.

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Please pray for the Men’s Team #50 as they prepare for the walk. Pray for the pilgrims and all the families also. Thank you.

Emmaus Family~

We had a small gathering on February 13th due to bad weather, sickness and of course the Super bowl. I was hoping the Bengals would win their first Super bowl, but now we’ll have to wait until next year.

Our nomination committee met, and we are on our way to finding new board members for the 2022-2023 year. If you are reading this and would like more information on joining our board, please email or call me. Also, please keep our committee in your prayers.

Pastor Bill Kelley is stepping down as Co-Spiritual Director for our Springfield Community. We will have the new Co-Spiritual Director coming on in March. Please come to the gathering to meet her!

Please keep Dean Settles in your prayers as he continues to put MW#50 team together. The men’s walk will be May 12-15, so come to the March 13th and April 10th gathering to sign up to pray, help in the kitchen and help with logistics.

DeColores,

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MARCH



Remember your walk? So much to take in. One of my most favorite things was when the clowns came in. They were so funny! The ones at my walk, John, and Mary Ahlborn, were SO cute together. I don’t remember his clown name, but can’t forget hers, “Lashes” because hers were beautiful! Then they got heart wrenchingly serious....

Please be in prayer for Mary and their family. John went home to be with the Lord 3/1/22. He will be dearly missed.

Service will be at Grace UMC 3/9/22; visitation 10-12 service at 12

His obituary can be found on the Littleton and Rue website.

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:

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.