



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

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From the Co-Community Spiritual Director

One of my favorite games to play as a kid was "Hide and Seek." Do you remember playing that?

You remember, all of your friends got together, and someone had to be "IT" while the others ran and hid. Once you counted to a certain number, then it was time to go find your friends. We had so much fun playing that game, and sometimes it would last past dark, depending on what time of the year it was. This simple game reminds me of the story of Jonah. Four very short chapters, but such a powerful story to remember and reflect on. If you recall, Jonah was called by God to be a missionary to Nineveh. Jonah didn't want to go, and he ran from God. He played Hide, and God played Seek. The problem occurred when God found Jonah. God caused a huge storm to rise up which frightened all the sailors in the boat and eventually led to Jonah being thrown out of the boat and being swallowed up by a Huge Fish. Sounds like God was giving Jonah time to think it over.

Jonah obviously did some thinking and cried out to God (from inside that fish) in the following scripture found in Jonah 2:1-9:

1 From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the Lord his God. 2 He said: "In my distress I called to the Lord, and he answered me.

From deep in the realm of the dead I called for help, and you listened to my cry. 3 You hurled me into the depths, into the very heart of the seas, and the currents swirled about me; all your waves and breakers swept over me. 4 I said, 'I have been banished from your sight, yet I will look again toward your holy temple.' 5 The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me; seaweed was wrapped around my head. 6 To the roots of the mountains I sank down; the earth beneath barred me in forever. But you, Lord my God, brought my life up from the pit. 7 "When my life was ebbing away,

I remembered you, Lord, and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple. 8 "Those who cling to worthless idols turn away from God's love for them. 9 But I, with shouts of grateful praise, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. I will say, 'Salvation comes from the Lord.'"

Jonah finally realized that he needed to submit himself to the will of God and go and do what God was asking him to do. He realized that he needed to stop playing "Hide and Seek", and just to play "Seek." Are you playing "Hide and Seek" with God? What is God calling you to do in your lives? In your churches? In your Emmaus community? Maybe it's time to stop "Hiding" from God's will, and to start "Seeking" God's will for us.

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Pastor Ben Webster



32 Gentiles seek. For the Father knows that you need all these things.
33 But ^aseek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.
34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

From Our Community Lay Director

Greetings! Don't forget to set your clocks up before going to bed Saturday night. It's Spring Forward Time!! Don't want you to be late for Gathering on March 12th! 😊

Luv each and everyone of you and there ain't nuthin you can do about it!

DeColores!

Your sister in Christ,

Verna Reed



Christina Rossetti, 'Spring'.

There is no time like Spring,
When life's alive in everything,
Before new nestlings sing,
Before cleft swallows speed their journey back
Along the trackless track –
God guides their wing,
He spreads their table that they nothing lack, –
Before the daisy grows a common flower
Before the sun has power
To scorch the world up in his noontide hour...



Meet Your Board Members

Jennifer Webster – Treasurer

Hi everyone! My name is Jennifer Webster, and I attended the Springfield Area Emmaus Women's Walk number 12 and sat at the table of Mary Magdalene. (Clap)

I am honored and humbled to be serving the Emmaus Community as your Treasurer, piano player and well....in whatever other needs may arise.

I attended my walk in 1993 and have never been more grateful for the group of people I get to serve with every month. This community is amazing, and I love being here serving with you.

I am looking forward to continuing service with each and every one of you as our community is moving forward and walks are happening!!!!

By the way, my favorite food is milk chocolate, just in case anyone wanted to know. (hint hint)

De Colores,

Jennifer



Greetings Everyone~

I have been going through our Emmaus binders of the past women's walks and table lists from a few of them are missing.

I need table lists from: WW#64-LD Alison Nosker, WW#66-LD Yvonne Dobbins, WW#67-LD Debbie Mefford and WW#69-LD Karen Packer. If you were on any of these teams, would you please email me, text me or send through the mail their table lists. I would really appreciate your help. I'm currently going through the men's binders to see if any lists are missing.

Also, I am in charge of keeping and updating the Emmaus Database. If you move or get a new phone number PLEASE let me know either by text or email. I would really appreciate your help in keeping our database current.

Lastly, the Upper Room Emmaus Ministries is leading a trip to the Holy Land 2023. The dates for this trip are: Nov. 28- Dec. 7, 2023. Please contact me for more information if you are interested.

DeColores,

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4th Day Coordinator: Melody Leonard-

As you ended your Walk to Emmaus weekend, you heard about your "Fourth Day" ...the days of your pilgrimage that follow the three-day Emmaus experience. Prayerfully, your Walk helped make you a more faithful disciple and active member in your church.

The importance of the Fourth Day reunion/share group is to extend your experience beyond the weekend and encourage you to grow in a relationship with Christ and faithful fellowship of believers...to be accountable in your life in piety.

The reunion/share group meets regularly, usually weekly. The time together is spent sharing how your walk with Christ is going through study and action. You listen to each other, celebrate God's Grace, support each other, and encourage growth and plans for the days ahead. You might suggest a good Bible study, ask for needed prayers, make agape and encourage involvement for the next Walk. (hint hint)

Ask your sponsor to begin a share group or talk to your friends who are a part of the Emmaus Community and start one of your own. The reunion/share group is something to look forward to.

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Hebrew 10:24-25



P.S. And, THEN, consider the Monthly Gatherings as a large scale reunion group that provides uplift, worship, fellowship, and growth through study with like-minded Christians.

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 _____

Email _____ Married Single Separated Widowed Divorced

Spouse's Name _____ Walk spouse attended _____

Church now attending _____ Pastor _____

Church Address _____ Phone _____

SPONSOR'S NAME _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Walk attended _____

Any Dietary/Medical/Disability Concerns:

Name of a close friend _____ Phone _____

Address _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

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 deposit of \$25.00, which applies to your \$100.00 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 Rec'd _____	Card sent to: Sponsor _____	Pilgrim _____	
Deposit Rec'd _____	Cash _____	Check # _____	Rec'd from _____
1 st Invite _____	2 nd Invite _____	3 rd Invite _____	Inactive _____

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.