



**HAVE YOU
NOT HEARD?
HE
IS
RISEN**

SPRINGFIELD AREA EMMAUS MARCH 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

Have you ever had to work really hard for something, and just felt like you just didn't get anywhere? Have you ever been extremely frustrated and just wanted to quit? I know that most of you are probably chuckling to yourself when reading those questions. Of course, we have all had times when we were taking on a challenge, something that wasn't easy for us. I would like to think that in some of those "life" challenges, we were successful. I also realize, that in some of those "life" challenges, we may not have been very successful. What does it take to be an overcomer when we face our "life" challenges.

John 5:2-9 tells us of a man who faced a very difficult challenge. "Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called Bethesda, which has five porticoes. In these lay many ill, blind, lame, and paralyzed people. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years.

When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The ill man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am making my way someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a Sabbath."

For 38 years, a man who was very ill, kept going to a place where he hoped he would be healed. 38 years of trials, frustration, and losing hope because no one would help him. Yet he remained persistent in trying. Then one day when Jesus asks the man about his story, his dreams were realized. Jesus healed him. But let's not miss the point in how this healing happened. Jesus told the man to "stand up, take your mat and walk." If the man hadn't done what Jesus told him to do, would he have been healed? I dare to say, probably not.

Sometimes, we ask Jesus to do a lot of things for us. When we pray, we ask for various things. However, that's where we stop. We just ask, but at times, aren't willing to work to get the results. When Jesus asks us to do something, we need to have the same faith displayed in the scripture and pick up our mats and walk. The man in the scripture, didn't question Jesus. Didn't make any excuses as to reasons why he shouldn't or couldn't pick up his mat. What has Jesus asked you for lately? Be more involved in your churches? More involved in your communities? Maybe to be a mentor to someone or just to be a friend to someone. Are you willing to do what Jesus is asking you to do? Are you making excuses as to why you can't? We need to "pick up our mat and walk."

De Colores



Pastor Ben

FROM OUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

The Emmaus opportunity came to me during a time when my marriage was going through a tough time. My wife actually attended a weekend first. Seeing the remarkable changes in her, led me to experience what she had shown me. The love is indescribable isn't it! God certainly touched me on Saturday night and my life was changed forever by the love of Jesus. It's still amazing to me how one weekend made a difference in my life going forward. I truly am a new person in Christ! How can I not share it? How can you share it more? Team meetings for the upcoming Men's Weekend begin in April. There's still time to offer this weekend to someone you know whose life could be changed for the better; forever! Thank you so much for all that you do.

DeColores,
Rick



He Is Risen.



Hello, my name is Betty Reed, and I attended the Springfield Area Emmaus Women's Walk #70 and sat at the Table of Mary. (clap)

My daughter tricked me into coming on the Walk, but after going on Walk #70 = I have no regrets.

I currently serve on the Springfield Emmaus Board serving in the position of "Social". I love working and serving in the dining room and kitchen when there are Walks at High Street Church. I love working in this Community and serving on this Board.

I have met a lot of new friends since my Walk and pray that God continues to give me the strength and stamina to serve in this Community.

DeColores!!



COMMUNITY PRAYER REQUESTS

MENS WALK #52, MAY 30TH -JUNE 2ND

UP COMING WOMEN'S WALK

THE FAMILY OF TOM POSTON ON HIS PASSING FORWARD FEBRUARY 24TH

From High Street Rep: Susan Roosen- The big dishwasher downstairs is broken, with no immediate plans to repair or replace it due to the cost (\$20,000 that we don't have). (God can provide a new one!)

For us, We will need more dishwashers on the kitchen crew for Walks.

HSUM will be celebrating 175 years on High Street this year, April 7th. All are invited to join us for service and lunch to celebrate.

SPRINGFIELD EMMAUS BOARD MEMBERS

Community Lay Director: Rick Clark

Secretary: Libby Hammond

Treasurer: Jennifer Webster

Leadership: Verna Reed

Co Spiritual Directors: Mary Beth Cheesman

Ben Webster

COMMITTEES :

Agape: Jeanne Lewis

4th Day Coordinator: Melody and Jim Leonard

High Street Rep.: Susan Roosen

Kitchen: Greg and Kim Bachman

Logistics: Terry Johnson

Music Jim Mayhugh

Newsletter: Rita Beedy

Nurturing: Janice Cumming

Purchasing/Supply: Bonita Dover

Registrar: Jamie Burke

Social: Betty Reed

Sponsorship: Wendy Haynes-Britton

Worship: Beth Reda

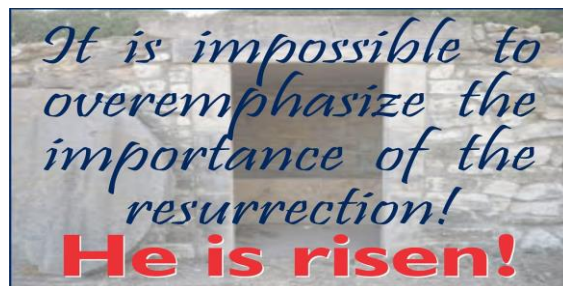
Data Base: Libby Hammond

Kairos: Dana Johnson

Webmaster: Don Leonard

Please be in prayer for these servants. **Also....**

.... **Included** in the newsletter is a "Willing Worker" form. Please, pray and ask the Lord how you can serve in our Emmaus community. Maybe there is a committee you would fit in with your gifts and talents!



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.