



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 MAY 2022

FROM OUR CO-SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR:

I don't know about you, but I am so happy that the temperatures are starting to rise. I love this time of year when nature is coming back to life. The sun is staying out longer, the trees are budding, birds are returning, and I'm not even going to complain "much" about the yard needing to be mowed. (I may need to revisit that statement as June gets here and I'm tired of mowing the yard.) Back to what I was saying, this is a time of year that brings things brand new. There is a freshness in the air, and amazing beauty as we enjoy God's creation.

With those thoughts I would like to share a scripture with you from John 21:15-19

15 When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"

"Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

16 Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

17 The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. **18** Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." **19** Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"

Peter had been going down a pretty rough stretch of time over the past few days. He had seen Jesus die, heard of the resurrection, which is great but there had to have been one thing on his mind that he just couldn't shake. He denied Christ, even though he said he wouldn't. Even worse is that he didn't just deny Jesus once. He did it three times just as Jesus had told him he would, and the last time he had looked Jesus in the eye was after the third denial (Luke 22:61). Can you imagine how difficult that must've been? Now, in our scripture we see Jesus asking Peter, "Do you love me?" He doesn't ask this just once, He asks Peter three times. Of course Peter responds with, "Yes Lord, I Love You." Then Jesus says, "Feed my sheep" Feed my sheep. Peter denied Jesus three times, and Jesus restored Peter three times, but each time asked Peter to do something because of his love for Jesus.

I am excited to see the direction we are going as a Community. With a Men's Walk coming up, I ask all of you to keep the team and pilgrims in your prayers as we work to Feed God's Sheep. Please pray for those who so graciously give of their time and efforts to work "behind the scenes" to make the Walk so special for those attending. Feeding His Sheep. Pray for those serving on the Board, for those who attend Gatherings, for those who would like to attend but can't.

The point I am trying to make is that we have all denied Jesus at one time or another. He has also asked each of us if we love Him. What is your answer? Hopefully, it's a resounding YES! If so, then what is he asking of you? Feed My Sheep. Are we actively looking to Feed His Sheep by sharing the Gospel with everyone we meet? The funny thing about Feeding is that it takes work. It takes time. Are you giving of your time, talents, and gifts to 'Feed His Sheep'? Or are you sitting on the sidelines waiting for and/or expecting someone else to do it?

De Colores

Pastor Ben

REMEMBER THE GATHERING is the third Sunday this month due to Mother's Day,

May 15,2022!

SEE YOU SOON!



FROM OUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR:

Emmaus Family~

We have Men's Walk #50 coming up this month 5/12-5/15~ How exciting! We haven't had a men's walk since 2018!

Remember at the closing when you got your cross on the lanyard? The statement on it reads, "Christ is counting on you".

Your help is needed May 12-15 for the sake of the new pilgrims. I will post the signups for the 72-Hour Prayer Vigil, the Kitchen and Logistics on our Facebook page, "Springfield Area Emmaus". You can text or call me (937)238-9883 or Dana Johnson (Kitchen)937-831-6014 to sign up or send me a message via Facebook messenger and I will write your name in the time slot you want.

Also, we are combining the MW#50 closing with the May Gathering to support our new Emmaus brothers. Please enter the HSUMC OFFICE door for the Closing/Gathering between 4p-4:15p. A member of the team will let us know when we are to go up to the sanctuary. You can drop off your dish to share beforehand in the kitchen.

Please keep Dean Settles (LD MW#50), the team and pilgrims in your prayers.

See you soon!

DeColores,

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4th Day Co-Ordinator prayer

Dear Jesus,

As the Men of Walk #50 are nurtured through their 72-hour experience, may they draw closer to you along the way. Fill them with your Spirit to be encouraged to grow through study and then, go and share your Truth through their Fourth Days.

May your Light shine through them.

In your name we pray.
Amen.



Mother's Day is a celebration honoring the mother of the family or individual, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society.

While some countries have a multi-century history of a day to celebrate mothers, the modern American version of the holiday began in the United States in the early 20th century at the initiative of Anna Jarvis, who organized the first Mother's Day service of worship and celebration at Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia, which serves as the International Mother's Day Shrine today.^[1]

The American version of Mother's Day has been criticized for having become too commercialized.^{[7][8]} Jarvis herself, who began the celebration as a liturgical observance, regretted this commercialism and expressed that this was never her intention.^[1]

(From Wikipedia)

THANK YOU, MOMS FOR SHOWING US THE WAY

"MY MOTHER WAS A PERSONAL FRIEND OF
GOD'S. THEY HAD ONGOING CONVERSATIONS."

DELLA REESE



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.