



SPRINGFIELD AREA EMMAUS MAY 2023

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

Happy Easter Emmaus Family! We are in the liturgical season of Eastertide, which means that we celebrate the Risen Christ, until the day of Pentecost, when we will rejoice for the coming of the Holy Spirit. So, the celebration of Easter isn't over yet!

I absolutely love Easter. The symbols that we have are very beautiful. The cross represents Jesus' love and his sacrificial death. The eggs that we color depict the empty tomb; the white lilies signify the purity of Jesus and the fuzzy baby chicks indicate new life. However, one of my favorite symbols of Easter is the butterfly since its whole life cycle symbolizes the life of Christ. The first stage of the caterpillar, crawling along on the ground, stands for Jesus' life on earth. The second stage is when the caterpillar is in the cocoon, which depicts the crucifixion and burial of Jesus. The third and final stage, of the life of the caterpillar, is when it's changed into a butterfly, and this signifies Christ rising from the dead in a glorified body. Then finally, the butterfly itself represents peace.

You know, when I think about butterflies I am reminded of a time when I went camping with my family and my daughter Andrea, who was only four years old at the time, found a dead monarch butterfly. Andrea brought me the dead butterfly and asked me to fix it stating that "it's only a little bit dead mommy; it's too pretty to be really dead; I know you can fix it." I looked into her innocent eyes, and I just could not disappoint her. So, I tried to explain that God might need the butterfly in heaven; but she was very persistent, and showed an enormous amount of faith, for a child her age. My husband was of no help at all in this situation. Jeff agreed that I could fix this butterfly because he could not bear to tell our four-year-old about the heartbreak of death. So, together we decided to go along with Andrea's plan to "fix" the butterfly. Andrea brought me a box with some pine needles and leaves to make the butterfly a comfy bed. Next, she decided that the butterfly needed something to eat, so she gave it some pieces of "Bubble Gum" and some water to drink. Then she said a little prayer and asked God to make the butterfly well. After Andrea went to bed, Jeff and I discussed how we should handle this situation; and as I debated what to do Jeff picked up the dead butterfly and threw it in the fire! Naturally, we both hoped that Andrea would forget about this situation in the morning. However, as soon as Andrea woke up, she went to the box and found it empty, and shouted "It worked! The butterfly got better mommy and it flew away!" Later that day, as we were resting in the sun, the most beautiful monarch butterfly came and fluttered right in front of Andrea's face. She got so excited and yelled "see mommy I knew that it would live; it was just a little bit dead, and God made it all better!"

Friends, this a resurrection story and it exemplifies just how much our God loves and cares for us. Our God saw the tremendous faith of a little child and God nourished that faith by letting her see a monarch butterfly the very next day. God loves us all so much that nothing in our lives is too big for God to handle nor too small for God to care about.

So, as you continue to celebrate the Risen Christ this Eastertide just know that God loves you and there is nothing impossible with God! The Bible declares, "Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure." (Psalm 147:5) This alone, my dear friends, is something to celebrate and rejoice about!

DeColores! - Pastor Mary Beth Cheeseman





ANNOUNCEMENT:
MAY'S GATHERING WILL BE ON THE 3rd
SUNDAY (MAY 21st)
MOTHER'S DAY IS ON THE 2nd SUNDAY
Fellowship in Conference Room
6:30p-7:00p
Gathering begins promptly at 7:00p in
Sanctuary.



FROM OUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

MAY - Is the month for special recognition of Mothers or those who have become Mother figures. HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to each of you! May God Bless and continue to strengthen you.

I was out doing some grocery shopping the other day and ran into a member of the Springfield Area Emmaus Community. We hugged and very so happy to see each because it had been years. I ask how things had been going and stated I miss seeing them at the monthly Gatherings and volunteering during Walks. This member's response to me was, *"I was told that if I had not been vaccinated for COVID, I could not attend. So, I stopped coming."* I got a heaviness in my chest I could not explain. I was so hurt to hear that someone from this Community had made that statement. Whether the comment was stated, or not stated, misinformed or even somehow misunderstood, why?

I am asking every one of the Community to remember that we are still all parts of the Body of Christ. But most of all, We Are His Hands and Feet, whether we were vaccinated or not. We must love one and another no matter what choices were made. Let us check our temperatures, come together, and continue to serve our Lord.

DeColores!

Your Sister in Christ,

Verna

PS - I love each and every one of you and there ain't nuthin you can do about it!

Hello! I am Jamie Burke. I attended SAE WW#71. I'm currently serving as Registrar. I really enjoy this position. To hear the excitement and yes, the anticipation, just lifts my heart. Through Emmaus, I have a fantastic support system now...my awesome share group and the Emmaus community. I enjoy reading, puzzles, concerts, and my dogs. I have spiritually grown so much since my walk. Thank you, Springfield Area Emmaus Community, for all your support. But most importantly...
THANK YOU, JESUS!!!!!!!

DeColores

HI, THESE FELLOWS WILL BE ATTENDING SPRINGFIELD AREA EMMAUS MEN'S WALK # 51!!

Just a little practice for the weekend... "Hi, my name is _____, and I am attending the SAEMW #51" (clap) ;)

PILGRIMS

James King
Bruce Hull
Ron Tillberry
Ron Henze
Jeff Gleason
Greg Holland
Christopher Martin
Terry Courtney
David Garrett
Tyler Mullins
Scott Pollard
Luke Peart
Neil F Williams
Terry Sowers
Austin Auckerman
Gene Seifert

TEAM

Jeff Canan LD
Rev Walter Mock SD
Rev Ed Fugate Co-SD
Rev Ken Woode
Rev Mary Beth Cheesman
Rev Ben Webster
Rick Clark ALD
Anthony Blackburn ALD
Jeff Montgomery ALD
J C Howell MD
Derf Page Co-MD
Dean Settles Board

TEAM CONT.

Dene Vorhees LOG
Dana Johnson LOG
Brian Fout LOG
Jim Ehalt TL
John (JT) Applin TL
Dana Hope TL
Jim Mayhugh TL
Reed Welsh ATL
Tom Dever ATL
Daniel Worley ATL
Pinky Pendleton ATL

Remember your walk Emmaus Family? How blessed you were? How well fed you were? How comfy you were?

← ← ← We, as the Family of these Pilgrims want them to get all God has for them from their Weekend too. Please be in prayer for them. I know there are a lot of ways to serve in Emmaus, but to me the biggest is praying for the Weekend!! Remember the Team in prayer also that they would serve well, by Holy Spirit power! Thanks!



Ephesians 3:20-21 NIV
²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Matthew 7:7-11NIV

Ask, Seek, Knock⁷ "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ⁸For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

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.