



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.
Through Christ our Lord, Amen

Springfield Area Emmaus November 2019



From our Spiritual Co-Director:

Dear Emmaus Family ~

Don't children just say the most precious things? Our first granddaughter Trinity Grace was actually named after the prevent, justifying, and sanctifying grace that her daddy learned about on his Chrysalis flight. I will never forget when she was little, I was trying to remind her to say please before and thank you after. She looked at me with an adorable grin on her face and said, "Grammy Kym, it's never too early to say thank you." Her words of wisdom and genuine innocence tugged at my heart strings. I have marinated in the truth of her sentence for nearly a decade now. I remember her words fondly, especially around Thanksgiving.

You and I sit down for dinner and give thanks without even thinking about it. The table is set and before we even gather, we can smell the aroma of the meal. Somehow, it's just easier to give thanks when we can see what we are thanking the Lord for. You and I are called to walk by faith and not just by sight. *What would it be like to sit down hungry at the table to eat with nothing in sight to give thanks for? There are millions of people like that in the world today. Hungry and yet somehow still thankful. Their gratitude is humbling to us. Hungry people look for jobs to provide food for their families and when there is no job, or at least a livable wage to be found, they still believe with thanksgiving that the Lord will provide.

When I was a young convert studying at Circleville Bible College, I remember one professor encouraged us when we prayed to ask God to do what only He could do and to allow us to do all that we can do. I have never forgotten these words. Perhaps that's why hungry people have learned to truly give thanks in every season. Frank and I have always been amazed how the biggest givers are not always the wealthiest people, but those who have known the pain of having so little and yet still have a deep desire to share what little they have.

This Thanksgiving we will gather around tables with our families and give thanks. Many will also gather with little to share. Let's be the hands and feet of Jesus and allow God to use us to answer people's prayers, not only at Thanksgiving, but each month of the year with an attitude of true thanks living and sharing.

Remember it's never too early to say thank you. As a community we are already thanking the Lord for the next Walk coming up March 26th-29th, 2020. Community ~ Save the Date!

De Colores! Rev. Kym T. James ~ Co-Spiritual Director

*See editor note on page three



From our Community Lay Director:

Why go to Gatherings (Part Deux)?

- Fellowship (hungry for some physical nourishment? Come to the Commons Room for light snacks before the Gathering)
- Worship (hungry for some spiritual nourishment? Come to the Sanctuary for music, singing, prayer, 4th Day speakers, and Communion).

The Kairos Community will be presenting the November Gathering. Come and see what they have to say about the prison ministry is all about.

Not yet a Sponsor? Ready to be a Sponsor? Have already been a Sponsor? There is always something new to learn and our Sponsorship Chair (Janine Sheaffer) is offering Sponsorship Training in the High Street UMC Commons Room at 5:30pm on Sunday, 10 November prior to Fellowship and Gathering.

We are falling short on Walk operating funds (\$) due to the small number of Walk participants. We don't want to raise the price of Walks; if you have it in your heart to support the Walks financially, please make out a check to "Springfield Area Emmaus" and mail it to:

Springfield Area Emmaus
High Street United Methodist Church
230 E High St
Springfield, OH 45505

Any donation will help support the cost of the walk and/or help pay the fees for pilgrims or team members who cannot afford them.

A Community member has volunteered to help sew window curtains to block out the light when needed in the Dining Room during Walks. Thank you, Lin Tranter! We are still in need of a sponsor for purchasing the material. Please contact myself or any Board member if interested.

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"Meet the board"



My name is Brian Case. I attended the Springfield Area Walk to Emmaus Men's Walk #42 and I sat at the table of Paul. With the help of my wife Lisa, I am currently serving as the Purchasing and Supply coordinator. I have served on the board previously as Treasurer and have served on several teams. Lisa and I have been married 22 years and have 2 sons, Matt is a senior and Brent is a sophomore at Graham High school. We live on a farm outside of St. Paris where I raise corn and soybeans and sell seed for Pioneer Hi-Bred. I enjoy doing most any outdoor activities and if we are not at one of our kids many athletic activities and it is a nice day, you can usually find Lisa and I on one of our local golf courses. We attend the Saint Paris United Methodist Church and volunteer as marriage mentors at Encompass in Springfield.

Serving on the board has been a rewarding experience and has been a great way to learn more about the mission of the Emmaus community. My walk has been one of the highlights on my own spiritual journey and serving on the board and volunteering on weekends is a great way to pass that experience on to others. If you would like to know more about serving on the board or volunteering on walk weekends, please don't hesitate to ask.



From Our Forth Day Speaker:

Hi to one and all.

Tradition has been, that once a year the Monthly Emmaus Gathering has a month dedicated to the Kairos Prison Ministry. Like last year, this year that happens to be our November meeting, November 10th with social at 6:30 and program at 7:00. Please come join us for an evening of learning and sharing. Come hear just how hope is being taken into a very dark place that has very little hope.

Emmaus and Kairos have a mutual supporting relationship. During this meeting we plan to share information to improve this relationship. Please plan to attend and bring any questions or concerns that you might have. Handouts and information will be available at the gathering.

If you are unable to attend, and are looking for more information, it can be found at the web sites kairosprisonministry.org or kairosohio.org or mykairos.org

Please bring a friend or someone that might like to be either an Emmaus or Kairos volunteer.

Thanks in advance for your support of Kairos. Please let me know in advance if you have any questions or comments, Steve Craig cell w/text 740-506-1002 and email sscraig@qn.net



***Editor note on** "What would it be like to sit down hungry at the table to eat with nothing in sight to give thanks for?"

“George Mueller, Orphanages Built by Prayer

"The children are dressed and ready for school. But there is no food for them to eat," the housemother of the orphanage informed George Mueller. George asked her to take the 300 children into the dining room and have them sit at the tables. He thanked God for the food and waited. George knew God would provide food for the children as he always did. Within minutes, a baker knocked on the door. "Mr. Mueller," he said, "last night I could not sleep. Somehow, I knew that you would need bread this morning. I got up and baked three batches for you. I will bring it in."

Soon, there was another knock at the door. It was the milkman. His cart had broken down in front of the orphanage. The milk would spoil by the time the wheel was fixed. He asked George if he could use some free milk. George smiled as the milkman brought in ten large cans of milk. It was just enough for the 300 thirsty children." copied from <https://www.christianity.com/church/church-history/church-history-for-kids/george-mueller-orphanages-built-by-prayer-11634869.html>



BIG NEWS!!!!



WE ARE EXPECTING!!! We don't know if it's a girl or boy!!



Now that I have your attention..... ;) RE: "As a community we are already thanking the Lord for the next Walk coming up March 26th-29th, 2020. Community ~ Save the Date!" from our Co Spiritual Directors article...

We are expecting The Lord to provide all we need for the next walk, March 26th -29th, Pilgrims, Workers, Pilgrims, Food, Pilgrims, Music, Pilgrims... It will be decided if it will be a Men's or Women's walk by the number of applications we have. We have 15 women's and 8 men's applications. We need 40 applications! Let's be in prayer, who would God have us invite? There is an application in this newsletter that you can copy and print however many you need!

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 Code _____ - _____

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

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 _____

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.

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