

## SPRINGFIELD AREA EMMAUS NEWS

### Message From Your CLD

Dear Emmaus Family~

At our October gathering, we had a small remnant of our community attend our first gathering since COVID-19 began last March. We followed HSUMC guidelines and it all went very well. I know it will take us a while to feel safe getting back together, but we've had a good start! We are still having worship, a fourth day speaker and prepackaged communion. Pastor Bill Kelley will give the message as Pr. Sherri Blackwell has been moved to a church near Columbus.

Please keep praying for our community—God is still working to make ALL things possible! We will have a women's walk in 2021, just not sure when. Emmaus Gathering November 8<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm.

**Please read the following very carefully.**

- \*We will use the handicapped entrance on the East side of the church as our main entrance.
- \*Please bring your mask and wear it at all times while in the building.
- \*Please come no earlier than 6:30pm.
- \*Upon entering, a volunteer will register you name, address, and phone number and give you a prepackaged communion.
- \*Another volunteer will record your temperature.
- \*Another volunteer will guide you to your seat in the available pews. Families will sit together; otherwise you will sit three in a pew.
- \*You will remain seated during the service.
- \*After the service, you will exit from the rear of the sanctuary, one row at a time. You will exit through the double doors, East Portico exit.
- \*The restroom by the handicap door (entrance) will be the Only one available, but we encourage you to take care of your personal needs before arriving.
- \*There will be no use of water fountains. The balcony will ONLY be accessible in case of overflow.
- \*There will be no fellowship time, no food or drink available.
- \*There will not be any singing (sorry!), but there will be music.

As I said before, this is how we must worship during this time of COVID-19 to keep safe. I believe when we see each other that feeling will dissipate.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to email or call me.

In His service,

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**THERE WILL BE NO  
GATHERING IF CLARK  
COUNTY IS LEVEL 3/CODE RED.**

## What Are You Thankful For?

With Thanksgiving holiday this month; ask yourself, "What am I thankful for?" This may be especially hard during this time of COVID-19 or easy for you. I made a short list to remind me to be thankful for even the most basic necessities in my life.

- \*Being able to be at home more
- \*Electricity
- \*Good Health
- \* A hot cup of tea/coffee
- \*Time to read a whole book
- \*A warm shower
- \*My pets
- \*A beautiful sunrise or sunset
- \*Time to read God's Word and ponder it's meaning
- \*Old photographs
- \*Thankful someone took those old photographs
- \*Getting a full night's sleep
- \*Time to knit or crochet or craft a project
- \*Good health
- \*Doctors & nurses for people and pets
- \*A roof over my head
- \*Friends to share a meal or talk on the phone

I could go on and on with the things and people I am thankful for.

God's Word tells us, "Let us come before His presence with a song of thanksgiving; let us shout joyfully to Him with songs." Ps. 95:2

His Word also says, "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1Thess.5:16-18.

I know this last verse is hard; however, the key is to be

**in Christ Jesus.** He died for us so we can have a close relationship with Him. For me, during this COVID-19 period, I have come closer to Him and love spending time with Him as much as possible. I am very thankful for Jesus dying for me on the cross and I'll spend the rest of my days in response to that fact. Take care and may God bless you as only He can.

Love, Libby

We still need to fill the Newsletter Position . Please pray and seek God about doing this.  
Thank you.

