



SPRINGFIELD AREA EMMAUS NOVEMBER 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

Spiritual Director's Corner

As most of you know, I just recently had my right knee replaced. I just had my other knee replaced this time last year, so I kind of felt like a veteran when it was time for this surgery to come around. I had an idea of what recovery time would be, and the "long road ahead" in order to get this new knee healed and ready to go. However, things haven't gone "exactly" as planned this time. I had some difficulties after the surgery and experienced some setbacks during Physical Therapy. It's been a much more difficult journey trying to recover from this surgery than it was last year with my other knee. After a particularly difficult day last week, my wife reminded me of the words of my surgeon, "Don't compare this surgery to your last one. They are all different." Those are hard words to remember, when all I want to do, is to be able to walk again without the assistance of a cane or crutches. I have had to learn some patience and remember that healing takes time.

I share this story with you to remind you that we have Women's Walk #77 coming up. Everyone is getting excited, the team is together, and this should be one of the largest attended walks we have had in years. However, let's take a moment to pause and re-read the scripture that this entire weekend, and community is based on..... "The Road to Emmaus" in Luke 24:13-35. We have all read this scripture, but let's take a moment to focus on verse 31, **"They asked each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?'"** As you read this text, you read about two people who were walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus.

They were discussing current affairs, and then suddenly had an encounter with Jesus, yet they didn't know it was Him. After a meal and conversation, Jesus finally reveals himself to them. Why didn't He do this earlier? Maybe they weren't ready yet? Maybe they needed to do some "spiritual therapy?" Some of us are seasoned veterans of the Emmaus experience. We have served on numerous teams, or in many other different ways.

We know how things should be, how things should go, the timing of everything, and what is coming next. However, have you ever thought that some of us may need to "learn how to walk again". Sometimes, we get so tied up in how things have always been, that we fail to see how things could be. We need to remember that we have Pilgrim's, giving of their time as well, to spend a weekend with God. As we support those Pilgrims, there is no reason why we can't slow down and feel this weekend as a brand-new experience for each of us as well.

There is a reason that we call our Fourth Days just that. Not Fifth Days, Sixth Days, etc. Every Fourth Day is brand new. Every Fourth Day, we have the opportunity to experience God's Grace anew, to renew ourselves in God's presence, and to learn how to walk again. Do you need to learn how to "Walk Again" or are you too busy comparing to your previous experience?

De Colores!

Pastor Ben

Co- Spiritual Director



FROM OUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR!

I would like to welcome again the women of the Springfield Emmaus Women's Walk #77 to our community. We are truly blessed to have a community of so many loving, giving, talented and just great people that showed up to be His hands and feet over the weekend. It is very humbling to be a part of all this. We also had a very good turnout at our November gathering. Please remember our next gathering will be on December 10th at 7:00. We will have fellowship before the gathering at 6:30 and don't forget the reunion at 6:00 for the pilgrims and team from Women's Walk #77. I hope everyone has a very blessed and happy Thanksgiving with family and friends and hope to see you at the next gathering.

Decolores,
Rick Clark

DECEMBER GATHERING 12/10/23

Reunion for Women's Walk #77 6:00 P.M.

Sponsors, remind and bring your Pilgrims

Fellowship before Gathering 6:30 P.M.

Gathering promptly at 7:00 P.M.



SHARE GROUPS

The Emmaus share group is a small accountability group of 2-6 persons who have participated in the three day Walk to Emmaus. It encourages a life of discipleship and support of faithful friends, as you look at how your fourth days reflect piety, study, and action.

You can meet weekly or monthly. You can pray, reflect on closest to God moments (a fave), talk about how you may have been the hands and feet of Christ, and sometimes, how you may have denied discipleship.

Continued fellowship with like-minded Christians is important. Sharing recent studies can encourage your friends to grow through study.

We have pilgrims from the last walk interested in being in a share group. Let us know if you are in one, have openings, or are interested in starting one. May God bless your time together as you continue through your Fourth Days.



Melody and Jim Leonard
4th Day Coordinator

Thankful

For

Share groups!



KAIROS NEWS

This is Dana Johnson and I served as Leader of LOCI 19 11/02/2023 - 11/05/2023 at London Correctional Facility. We hosted 24 participants and had an amazing and Joyous weekend together. Surely the presence of the Lord was with us all weekend. Total strangers on Thursday night became friends and family by Sunday. We got a surprise visit by The warden and deputy warden on Saturday bringing support for all involved and promising to continue these weekends for the future. Our next weekend will be in April, and we need Volunteers please consider serving you will be Blessed.

God Bless you all

GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME



Give Thanks



1 Chronicles 16:34

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."

Colossians 3:15

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful."

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

Psalms 28:7

"The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him."

Hebrews 12:28-29

"Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our 'God is a consuming fire.'"

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 _____

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.

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: _____

Email: _____

Regularly Attend Share Group? Y / N

Church Attending: _____

Walk # _____ Walk Location _____

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.