



Springfield
Area Emmaus
November
2024

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

As we enter the month of November which is often called “ Gratitude Month.” I started thinking about all the things I am grateful for. Things like the uniqueness of each season; especially the vibrant colors of all the fall leaves. The air that I breathe as well as the ability to love and receive love from my family and friends. But I must say that above all things that I am grateful for, the love, mercy, forgiveness, and grace of our Triune God is at the top of the list.

Salvation, after all, is the greatest gift that anyone can ever receive. Despite our sins, God’s mercy and grace have rescued us, given us freedom in Christ and provided us with everlasting life! (Ephesians 2: 4-5). This grace is freely given to all who believe. So, salvation is a gift it cannot be earned. I think so often much of what we do is driven by the idea of earning – earning a paycheck, earning recognition, even earning affection. – But what makes salvation the greatest gift of all is that it isn’t something we can earn. We could never be good enough or work hard enough to deserve it. – The beautiful and humbling truth is that salvation is a gift, given out of the abundant grace and love of Christ Jesus. – I thank God daily, that it’s not based on my merit but on God’s mercy alone.

The other thing that comes to my mind about salvation is that it isn’t just about securing a place in heaven; it’s about being transformed here and now. Sadly, many Christians miss this point. – We think we are waiting to spend eternity with God. – But as followers of Christ, we are all called to become a new creation in Christ: right here, right now. So, salvation is more than our future hope – it is our present reality. As followers of Christ, we are called to surrender ourselves to the changing power of Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. We hear many times on the Emmaus weekend that we are either growing or dying. – So, it is our responsibility to continue to grow into the people God has created us to be. So that we can reflect the love of Christ Jesus to others.

We are given the Holy Spirit – one of the persons of God to live in us. So, we don’t have to wait to make it to heaven, we have full access to God in the here and now! (I get so excited when I think about that!)

Finally, I am grateful that salvation is not something reserved for a select few. God’s grace is available to anyone who chooses to believe. No one is excluded, based on their background, their past, or their failures. The gospel message is inclusive – God welcomes the sinner, the broken hearted, and the lost. – Everyone is invited to the banquet of God. Imagine a great banquet, with a table full of food, and the doors flung wide open. Everyone is invited to sit down, regardless of their social status or what they’ve done. – There’s a seat at the table for everyone. – The Bible tells us the people that society rejects...when we invite them in, we will be blessed. (Luke 14: 12-24). So, as we sit down at our Thanksgiving tables may we be reminded of the future banquet but also remember that God’s kingdom is both now and not yet. Friends it’s our responsibility as followers of Christ to invite everyone we meet to the banquet of God - because we are the hands and feet of Christ, and Christ is counting on us.

De Colores, Pastor Mary Beth



Our next Gathering is November 10 at 7 pm at High Street Methodist Church.

Libby Hammond will be our Fourth Day Speaker.

All are welcome to come early at 6:30 to share in food and fellowship. (Bring a snack to share!)

FROM OUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

Community Lay Director Thoughts

I don't know about you, but I am getting so excited for the Women's Walk #78, Nov 14-17. At last count, there were 20 pilgrims signed up, with maybe more to come. This will be the largest group we have had in a long time. Praise God!! Please be in prayer for the pilgrims and the team.

If you would like to contribute agape, please contact Jeannie Lewis, 937-631-0130. If you would like to help with logistics, Terry Johnson, 937-206-7136. Last, but certainly not least, kitchen help is being coordinated by Greg Bachman, 937-284-1584.

De Colores,

Kim Bachman

Community Lay Director



PLEASE KEEP W.W.#78 IN PRAYER!

NOVEMBER 14TH-17TH

The Candlelight is November 16th at 8:30 pm. Hope you can come and let your light shine. The Front entrance is closed, please enter through the east parking lot or the lower office door.

Closing is at 4:30 pm on November 17th, meet downstairs through the lower office door.

AGAIN:

If you would like **to contribute agape**, please contact Jeannie Lewis, 937-631-0130. Remember your agape and how it made you feel? The next column is the names of Pilgrims and Team members. Feel free to personalize your agape. For a count there are 20 Pilgrims and 21 Team Members, so to cover all would be 41 pieces of Agape. There will be a tub in the kitchen during the weekend if you wish to donate Agape also.

If you would like **to help with logistics**, contact Terry Johnson, 937-206-7136.

Last, but certainly not least, to help in the kitchen, contact Greg Bachman, 937-284-1584.

ESPECIALLY THURSDAY AND FRIDAY



WOMEN'S WALK #78 NOV. 14TH-17TH

PILGRIM LIST!

MAXINE SHROYER	JOANNE JUDSON
SARA RACHEL GRUNDY	MARILYN MARTIN
PEGGY JENKINS	DEANNA FENTON
DIANA TIMMONS	CATHY SUMMERS
TSCHINESH McNEILL	MARJORIE BURTON
NORA CHARNEY	PAM CHENOWETH
JENNIFER FINLEY	SHELBY SEGER
LINDA ASEBROOK	ANGIE MULLINS
MARY OLMSTEAD	KENDRA ECKLER
BROOKE SCHMID	JESSICA STURGEON

WOMEN'S WALK #78 TEAM MEMBERS

PASTOR VICKI DOWNING

PASTOR MARYBETH CHEESEMAN

SHAWN CLARK	SHERRY FOUT
ALISON NOSKER	CARLENE SANDS
SHELLEY CLEMENS	TERESA EHALT
MELISSA FOWLER	SHANNON MOERCH
JENNIFER WEBSTER	SANDY SOWERS
LORI BLUMENSCHNEIN	SAMANTHA LADD
LACEY CRON	BETH HURLEY
LISA CASE	SUSAN ROOSEN
ANGELA PATTON	STACEY ECKLER
MELODY LEONARD	



PLEASE, REMEMBER THE PILGRIMS, THEIR FAMILIES, THEIR SPONSORS, AND THE TEAM IN PRAYER AS THEY GET CLOSER TO CHRIST THIS WEEKEND!

1 Thessalonians 5:17-18 NIV
17 pray continually, 18 give thanks in all circumstances: for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

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 _____

Email Address _____

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. (you may use the back, also)

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 Weekends

Help Registrar (contact pilgrims before walk) Help Set up/Tear Down for Weekends

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 before 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.