



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 October 2019



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ~

“Kymmy Jo, if you can learn to say, “Thank you,” and a person’s name, you will know two of the three most important things people need to hear in their lives.” I have never forgotten my Mother’s words! You call someone by their name because you know them. You know both their strengths and their weaknesses. The Lord knows you are thankful for them and that taking the time to share this with them will encourage their hearts.

In the early 1990’s many churches started to acknowledge what has now become known as Pastor’s Appreciation Sunday or month. My Aunt Nancy has taught me that an attitude of gratitude need not be limited to a season. I have known the joy of being Pastor Frank’s wife for the last 40 years, and for the past twenty years I have also served as a pastor. Only the Lord, a pastor’s parents, their spouse and children know the precious joys and hidden demands of this Call. Appreciation is not just a one day or month a year for any one person, it is a way of life and loving all people.

Friend pray for your pastoral family! This is a priceless gift we can all offer one another because of the One who not only hears but also answers our prayers. I am not sharing all this just so that you will appreciate your pastor this month, but that genuine appreciation for your pastor will flow naturally from your constant intercessions. And do not just stop at praying for and appreciating your pastor. *Remember to pray for and appreciate also your parents, spouse, children, friends, church family, co-workers and neighbors!!!*

Appreciation is like a cool breeze on a hot summer day. Appreciation is like a hot cup of cocoa on a cold winter day. Appreciation helps to lift up the hands that have fallen down. (Exodus 17). My hubby just ran his fifth and final 26.2-mile marathon. For years Frank has tried to describe to me what the last six miles feels like. Seasoned runners often refer to this as “hitting the wall!” A runner has vigorously trained, and no matter how bad the pain may get they are determined to endure to the finish. All of us “hit the wall” at some point in our lives. A pastor’s first six months in ministry can be just as grueling as their last six months. *Press on, Pastors!!!* Only by the grace of God can we too experience the words of the famous Baptist preacher George Whitfield, who often said, “I am tired in the Lord’s work, but not of it!” Encourage your pastor to take a day of rest each week, a few weeks a year. These times apart will help your pastor find refreshment so as to continue to serve joyfully and be a blessing to others.

One of my favorite books is Gary Chapman’s book, “The Five Love Languages.” Each one of us has our own love language(s). Whether its words of affirmation, physical touch, receiving gifts, quality time, or acts of service. When I read this book years ago, I learned that acts of service is my key love language. I love it when someone washes my car. I felt loved when someone offered to watch our children for two weeks so that we could leave in the middle of a snowstorm to go to the Holy Land. When we returned, we learned that school had been cancelled the whole two weeks we were gone! Despite that they are still our friends today! Ha! Thank you, Greg and Marcia!! I also have learned Frank’s, our children, our friends, relatives, and especially each of our church members’ love language. To discover your love language simply go on line at [www.5lovelanguages.com/profile](http://www.5lovelanguages.com/profile) and take a quick quiz. Ask others to take the quiz too and share their results with you. To learn more just read one of the many books on The Five Love Languages. (quizzes also in books)

If your pastor’s love language is words of affirmation you can easily offer kind words. Writing funny skits or songs about them will help them lighten up and laugh at themselves.

If your pastor’s love language is physical touch a handshake with both hands can speak volumes along with a “well done” pat on the back.

If their love language is gifts just pay close attention to their interests. For the past 8 years people have given me dozens of fans for my hot flashes. Although receiving gifts is not my love language I smile when I realize that the Lord has blessed me with a ministering “fan club.” Ha!

If quality time is their love language invite them over to visit or go on a fun outing together.

Dear Ones, please know how much your church pastors, church family, Emmaus family, and your own family and friends truly APPRECIATE EACH ONE OF YOU as well!

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Rev. Kym T. James

Community Co-Spiritual Director

P.S.

Invite your Pastor, and their spouse if they have one, to attend a Gathering. If they have not already gone on their Emmaus Walk, encourage them to consider doing so. Perhaps you could even offer to sponsor them as an act of agape and appreciation.



**A Note from our Community Lay Director:**

Why go to Gatherings?

Circle of Blessing - you can be a blessing to others without realizing it! And they can be a blessing to you!

How? - Being in the presence of other brothers and sisters in Christ; sharing common experiences; rekindling relationships and possibly building new ones; showing one another that you are not alone and that they are really happy to see you! You can lift each other up in community prayer and be lifted up in prayer. You can also find others to start or join a Share Group.

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.

Are you good at sewing? - The use of foil to cover the kitchen windows for Saturday night's candlelight dinner is time consuming. A request has been made to purchase curtain rods for the windows and we are asking for an act of agape from the community to make curtains for them that will block out the light. Let myself or any Board member know if you can help.

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Hello, my name is Derf Page and I attended the Springfield Area Emmaus Men's walk #1 and sat at the table of Matthew. I have been married to my high school sweetheart, Diane, for 46 years. We have 3 sons, Aaron, Andrew and Matthew. They too are married and have blessed us with 11 grandchildren; 7 boys and 4 girls. Their ages range from 14 to 2.



I retired from Fulmer Supermarkets in May of 2015 with 41 years' service. In January of 2018, I started a part time job with Retail Odyssey doing shelf resets/maintenance for the Kroger Co.

I currently hold the position of Music Director on the board, in my 3<sup>rd</sup> year. Music has been a passion of mine since back in high school. I like all genres, but Christian music is what I have been called to do. As most of you know, I have served on many walks doing music. It has been very rewarding to me through the years. If you want to hear more of my story, come to this month's gathering, October 13. I will be giving the fourth day talk. Men's walk #1 was in January 1991, so I have a lot of years to cover during my fourth days.

See you then! Decolores, Derf

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please Mail to Springfield Area Emmaus, 230 East High Street, Springfield OH 45505, or drop off at the back table at any Gathering.**

**Revised: Sep 2013**

**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 \_\_\_\_\_