



SPRINGFIELD AREA EMMAUS OCTOBER 2021

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.

FROM OUR CO-SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

Can you believe that Fall is here already? I am actually a huge fan of fall, with the lowering of temperatures, thoughts of harvest and pumpkins, and a bon-fire in the backyard on a chilly evening. God has a plan for all of us, doesn't he? Sometimes his plan for us can change, the question to be asked, is who changed it?

As I have been thinking about the past month, I am reminded of a scripture found in Jude vs. 17-25.

17 But, dear friends, remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ foretold. 18 They said to you, "In the last times there will be scoffers who will follow their own ungodly desires." 19 These are the people who divide you, who follow mere natural instincts and do not have the Spirit.

20 But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, 21 keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.

22 Be merciful to those who doubt; 23 save others by snatching them from the fire; to others show mercy, mixed with fear—hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh

24 To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy— 25 to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

I would like to think that most of us wake up in the morning with a "Plan for the Day!" However, I can tell you from personal experience, that the original plan changes a lot during the day, doesn't it? Stuff with family, stuff with kids, stuff with our personal life. Something is always there to change our plan for the day. Sometimes we have made plans and sometimes God changes it and we have to be OK and understand what He is trying to do.

Let's face a simple truth! The last few months have been challenging. We are restarting, rebooting as a community and we need to keep our faith in each other, the same faith that we have in our God. How do we do that?

1. **Praying** – We are told in 1 Thessalonians to, "Be joyful always, pray continually". The book of James takes this one step further in James 5:16, "pray for each other so that you may be healed."
2. **Patience** – We read in Psalms 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God." Isn't it important to remember that there *is* a God, and we aren't Him? There are times that God just wants us to listen to Him. God wants us to wait in his patience. He expects us to remember that He is in control. Not us, but Him.
3. **Praising** – Psalm 147:1 reminds us, "How good it is to sing praises to our God." Sometimes in the midst of adversity we need to let go and let God. Sing with the radio, sing with what is in your heart, but always remember, we are thankful for all things that God has done for us.

Prayer, patience, and praising isn't just something we talk about. These are actually a verb, something that requires and action, meaning something we do and not just talk about doing. If we aren't praying for each other, for our families, for our community, then how can we expect God to heal us, protect us, and listen to us through our prayers? Prayer has always been a strong and passionate part of the Emmaus Community, and I encourage all of us to pray for ourselves, and of course this Emmaus Community, as well as our families, our churches and our Christian communities. Without prayer we are nothing, with prayer, we are everything through Jesus Christ our Lord.

God has a plan for us as Christians and as an Emmaus community, but if we aren't disciplining ourselves in the practice of prayer, then how do we expect God to lead us as we move forward? I encourage all of us to go to our "Prayer Closets". Time alone allows us to pray and listen to God Almighty. Time that we can allow Him to search our hearts, and give us direction. One of the things that I think we forget about most during our prayer time is that we have one mouth

and two ears. That tells me that we should spend twice the amount in listening to God and half the amount in asking God for our own wants and needs.

What is your plan? What is your plan? What is your plan for yourself, for your family, and for the Emmaus Community? What is God's plan for you? Only you will know that answer through your prayer time with our Lord. Spend some time in prayer and listen to what God is trying to tell you to do.

In His Service,

Pastor Ben Webster

Co-Spiritual Director

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2 Chronicles 7:14

if My people who are called by **My** name will humble themselves, and pray and seek **My** face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

FROM OUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

Message From Your CLD.

Do you remember your Emmaus walk? How they carried your luggage in and helped make your bed. All the delicious food they prepared for you. All the people who prayed for you while you were in the church that weekend. Remember all the Emmaus members who showed up at candlelight to show their love and support to you; wasn't it wonderful? I know the last year has been difficult, but we need to show the devil that he can't and won't take our community from us. **God is still at work in our Emmaus Community!**

We have started team meetings for WW#75 which will be held on November 4-7 at HSUMC. We need everyone to come help the pilgrims feel supported and loved.

On October 10th we will have a gathering in the HSUMC at 7pm with food to eat at 6:30pm. Please come and sign-up to help on this next women's walk. We need people to help in the kitchen, help clean bathrooms and sign-up to pray during the walk.

Thank you for your continued prayers, they really do make a difference.

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Remember on **your** walk, the little presents at the meals, the ones on your beds at night? The notes? The reward for making Agape for the Pilgrims?

PRICELESS!!

For ideas google: Ivemmas.org and click on Agape.

There are 101 ideas there!! (It is the Loudoun Valley Emmaus page)

Maybe your share groups can make some!

Some of my favorites! rita

#5. Jigsaw puzzle pieces either hot glued to a pin back or a card (You can put a piece of magnet strip on the back of the card for a fridge magnet.): “God put it all together for you.” Or “Puzzled? Talk to God.” Or “Don’t let Jesus be your missing piece!” or “If life is a puzzle, turn to the Lord.” Or “Now I know in part, then I shall know fully. 1 Corinthians 13:12.”

#10 Life Savers: “Jesus is the real-life saver!”

#19. Butterfly anything: “God changes things.”

#29. Foam heart glued to a card: “Give your heart to Jesus.” Or any heart verse.

#50. Small piece of sponge attached to a card: “Soak up God’s love”

#57. Skittles candies: “Taste the rainbow of God’s love.”

Luke 24:13-19; 28-32¹³ Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was ^[e]seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And they talked together of all these things which had happened. ¹⁵ So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶ But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him.

¹⁷ And He said to them, “What kind of conversation *is* this that you have with one another as you ^[i]walk and are sad?”

¹⁸ Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, “Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?”

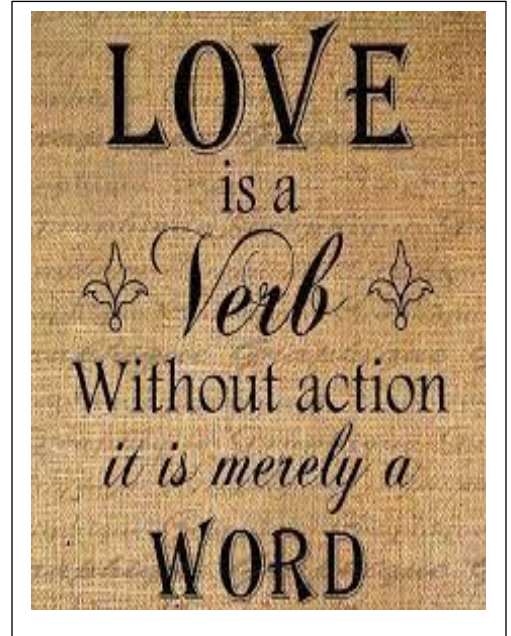
¹⁹ And He said to them, “What things?”

So they said to Him, “The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,

²⁸ Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He ^[i]indicated that He would have gone farther. ²⁹ But they constrained Him, saying, “Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent.” And He went in to stay with them.

³⁰ Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke *it*, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight.

³² And they said to one another, “**Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?**”



PRAYER REQUESTS:

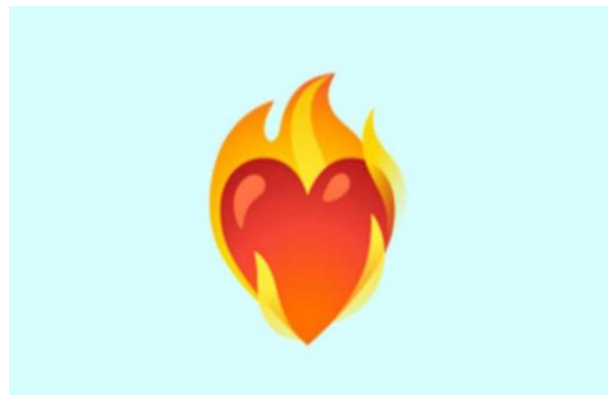
For Wilma Southward and family as her husband David passed away.

WW#75: That the Pilgrims, sponsors, team members, those serving in various ways during the walk, and everyone’s families will be safe, healthy, and covered by the blood of Christ.

That all will be blessed beyond measure!

There is a great need for workers on a walk, pray and ask the Lord how you can serve!

Springfield Area Emmaus: Health, a renewed spirit of community and service, and that our “hearts would burn within us”



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.

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 _____ - _____

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 you may write on the back if needed

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