



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

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DeColores, I would like to introduce myself, I am Chris Haggy, and I am taking over the newsletter for Rita Beedy. I would first like to thank Rita for her service to the Emmaus community for the monthly newsletter; thank you so much Rita. Some of you may already know we have a woman's walk coming up November. 3-6. We will also be having a men's walk coming up. Try to think of who you can invite to come let's grow this Emmaus community. If you don't know someone to invite get to know someone. After creating a friendship, then invite them because it's one of the most awesome communities I've ever been a part of. **In service to Christ. Chris Haggy**

### Spiritual Co Director,

Several years ago, my daughter Mallory and her husband John went on a trip to Peru to climb Mt. Machu Picchu. They planned for the trip by going to several educational seminars at their local library and they researched and read all the information that they could find on the internet about the culture of Peru. When it was time to go on their trip, they felt very confident that they were well prepared. They bought the proper hiking equipment i.e., light weight jackets, heavy down jackets, mittens, hats, wool socks, hiking boots, enough clothes for 7 days, personal items, water bottles, zero degree down sleeping bags, a water purification kit, and of course, the most important item to take along on an adventure, a selfie stick. Now that's quite a list of gear, isn't it? I mean, that's a lot of stuff for a 7-day trip. With all that gear, strapped to their backs, I have no idea how they were able to put one foot in front of the other to walk let alone climb up a mountain! But they did it!

Now Mallory and John had been told by their guides that three meals a day would be provided for them. So, they packed just enough protein snacks to eat in-between the meals. The first day was an easy one. They ate breakfast before starting out and they hiked for long intervals and stopped when they needed to rest. At nightfall the group pitched their tents, and everyone fell asleep. Then at 3:00 in the morning Mallory and John were awakened by the guides and it was time to start hiking up the mountain, once again. Now Mallory is a bit like me in that when I wake up, I want to eat right away. And if I don't get to eat right away, I tend to get a little grumpy! Well, unfortunately the guide made the group start hiking, as soon as they got up, and they did not stop to eat until 10:00 a.m. The group climbed that mountain on empty stomachs for seven hours and Mallory became quite agitated! So, to calm her nerves a bit she started eating the snacks that they had brought along for the 7-day trip. Well, every day began that way and three days into their hike up the mountain they were out of their protein snacks. So, what exactly is my point here? Well friends, Mallory and John were ill equipped for their journey. They did not realize that the meals that were being provided would be at such odd times. They were given the information that 3 meals would be provided and understood the information from their experience, THEIR interpretation of three basic meals. Certainly, most people in America eat breakfast when they first wake up. However, some cultures choose to eat breakfast later in the day.

Ultimately, our life experiences influence us, in how we process information, and because of this we make our assumptions and conclusions based on our own experiences. Sometimes that can work out in our favor and at other times it can be a barrier that prevents us from fully allowing God to be in control. In order for us to be well informed and not be stifled by what we think we already know we must stay open to the leadings of the Holy Spirit. We must be ready and willing to put our opinions aside

and be open to learn new things and realize that all our gifts and power, to do the work of God, can only come from God. Our God is omnipotent, and God supplies us, with the gifts that we need, to do the work that God has planned for us to do.

Paul explains this premise in 1 Corinthians 12: 7-11. Paul states, “ 7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 8 To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, 10 to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, [a] and to still another the interpretation of tongues. [b]11 All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.”

Friends, this is great news for each one of us. God equips us with the spiritual gifts that we need so we don't ever need to worry about being ill equipped for our journeys. When God calls us to do something we can rest assured that we will have all that we need to accomplish God's work. This also means that though we may not have a certain gift, at some point in our life, God can still gift us with different gifts in the future. So, our spiritual gifts can change according to the will and empowerment of God. So, let's stay open to the Holy Spirit my friends and go and do whatever the Spirit leads us to do; because Christ has no hands and feet but ours and Christ Jesus is counting on us.

De Colores - Pastor Mary Beth



FROM OUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR TO MY EMMAUS FAMILY Greetings, HAPPY OCTOBER!!! IT'S PUMPKIN TIME!!! We have just stepped into the last quarter of 2022. Can You Believe It?? Where has the time gone? Just a heads up, the Community is preparing for the next Women's Walk #76. The Walk is scheduled to be held on November 3rd – 6th, 2022. The weekend Lay Director is Viki Hyslop. She has her Team and they are preparing for their duties with the Pilgrims. Please let us all be in pray for not only the Weekend Lay Director, the Team Members, the Pilgrims, the Pilgrims' family members, the Sponsors, the Weekend volunteers, but for the Springfield Emmaus Community as a whole. Remember when you were coming off your Walk? Please remember the impact the Walk had on you and that you are the "Hands and Feet" of God. All of the ladies on this weekend, Team and Pilgrims, will need your prayers and volunteer time. EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS. Go to our Lord and ask Him what He wants you to do for this Weekend. Please remember your Emmaus Weekend was a blessing to you. I am asking that you make it a blessing for the Pilgrims and Team. The enemy is busy, so let's not let him win. "If God is for us, who can be against us?" - Romans 8:31 The Community Gathering is October 9th. Fellowship is from 6:30p to 7:00p in the Conference Room. The Gathering starts promptly at 7:00p in the Sanctuary. See you then, bring a friend. Don't forget, I love each and every one of you and there ain't nuthin' you can do about it! DeColores! Love You, Verna

