



SPRINGFIELD AREA EMMAUS SEPTEMBER 2023

From our Co-Spiritual Director.

Zaccheaus was a wee little man.....

Admit it, how many of you sang the rest of the line of that song. Some of you may still be singing, LOL. Isn't it amazing how much we look back into our childhood and have some amazing memories. Some of those memories are from Sunday School teachers, that we may never forget. Maybe a year or two of Vacation Bible school. What about a church play that you were involved in? All of us have some very significant memories of our childhood and the church that we grew up in. Over the past month, I have been doing some thinking about my childhood recollection of church experiences. There have been times when I have laughed at myself as to how young and Innocent I was, then I have memories of being a teenager in a youth group, and some of the mischief I caused. "Let me take this moment to apologize to my youth pastor for those days." LOL!!! One of my favorite stories, growing up, was that of Zaccheaus found in Luke 19:1-10. "Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short, he could not see over the crowd. So, he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." So, he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now, I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." A lot of us may look at this story from the point of view of Zaccheaus, or maybe even Jesus. Jesus doing Jesus' things and saving another soul. Zaccheaus being the sinner who was lost, and then found Jesus.

**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**

Have you ever looked at this story from the point of view of the crowd? I think that sometimes we overlook this short scripture about the crowd, "All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." Why am I even bringing this up? Sometimes we judge who is and isn't worthy of salvation. Sometimes we know about someone's past and just can't believe that they would be looking for Jesus, or that Jesus would be looking for them. All of this based on how someone looks, acts, speaks, or what they have done in the past. The crowd on that day did the exact same thing. Some of us have been in the shoes of Zaccheaus. Some of us have been hurt, judged, maybe even ridiculed. Jesus never did that to us. He simply offered to spend time with us. The crowd made a judgement based on Zaccheaus' past, not on his future. Are we behaving like the crowd, who pre-judged? Or are we striving to be like Jesus, who only cares about saving souls and inviting everyone to spend eternity with Him? What would Jesus say to you if you invited Him into your house for dinner?

De Colores!

Pastor Ben



**SEE YOU AT THE GATHERING!**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023, 7:00 P.M.

6:30 p.m. for refreshments and fellowship

In the conference room

(bring some to share)

From our Community Lay Director

I hope everyone is enjoying the last part of summer, school has started, days are getting shorter and football season is here too! With that change we also get closer to the next Women's Walk. Please continue to keep Carlene Sands, the team, our community and especially the pilgrims in your prayers as they all prepare for the upcoming weekend. I hope you see you all at the next gathering. Please remember to bring a friend with you!!! The Fourth Day Speaker for September will be Jim Ehalt. I hope to see you all in September.

DeColores,  
Rick



### **A note from the Lay Director for WW #77**

#### **The Team is Coming Together !**

**It has been such a blessing to watch how God is pulling together the team for Women's Walk #77 on November 2nd through the 5th. I am so excited for the team meetings to begin in just a few weeks and to see how God continues to draw others to serve in support of this Emmaus Walk. I appreciate all the prayers and support during this time, and I know the prayers will see the team through the time of preparation.**

**God bless and DeColores!  
Carlene Sands**

Holy Father!

We thank you that Springfield Area Emmaus is having walks again! We ask that You show up and show off, that Your Power and Spirit would be very evident in the upcoming Women's Walk #77. We know that You are pleased when we encourage one another and draw others closer to you through this ministry.

We are trusting You for the Pilgrim's safety, peace, and provision. We are trusting You for the Team Preparation, the Table Leaders and Assistant Table Leaders, the Back Table, the faithful servants in the Kitchen and the Logistics, the restroom cleaners, for the folks in charge of Agape and purchasing. We thank you for the beautiful facility available to us. We thank You Lord for all You are doing and will do in the weeks ahead! AMEN!!

### **Luke 24:13-32**

#### **On the Road to Emmaus**

<sup>13</sup> That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles<sup>a</sup> from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. <sup>16</sup> But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." <sup>25</sup> And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. <sup>28</sup> So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, <sup>29</sup> but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, "**Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?**"

**SPRINGFIELD AREA WALK TO EMMAUS (Please PRINT and fill in ALL blanks)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ (as preferred on name tag)

Age \_\_\_\_ Sex M \_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (C) \_\_\_\_\_ (H) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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. (use back)

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 \_\_\_\_\_

**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)**

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**= 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 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.**