



Springfield Area Emmaus

September 2018

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.

### **The Road to Emmaus Luke 24:13-35**

<sup>13</sup> Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. <sup>15</sup> As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; <sup>16</sup> but they were kept from recognizing him.

<sup>17</sup> He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

They stood still, their faces downcast. <sup>18</sup> One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

<sup>19</sup> "What things?" he asked.

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. <sup>20</sup> The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; <sup>21</sup> but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. <sup>22</sup> In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning <sup>23</sup> but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

<sup>25</sup> He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" <sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup> As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

<sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

<sup>33</sup> They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together <sup>34</sup> and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." <sup>35</sup> Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread. (Thoughts on verses 30-35. Their eyes were opened, their hearts were

burning as He talked to them on the road, they returned at once to tell the eleven and those with them all that happened!! Are our hearts on fire? Do we share with everyone what our walk with Christ on the Emmaus road was like? How were our eyes opened?!)

From our Lay Director:

## THE GOOD OLD DAYS

Well, first of all you have to be a little bit older to remember “the good old days” and if you’re younger you may be sick and tired of hearing about them there days. Of course, some say the reason the older days were so good is because of poor memories which has some truth to it. We tend to remember the best of times more than the things we just put up with because we didn’t know any better. I have to be very careful with my golf score because I tend to forget the shots that I wish I hadn’t made. When by some miracle I am close to the green in 2 and figuring on being there in 3 with a chance for a bogey but I dub two in the process, I may remember #3 and somehow forget #4 and #5. But to add insult to injury I will 3 put and end up with an 8 instead of the hoped for 5. But that is a whole other story you don’t want to hear.

One of the bigger items that has changed present time from the before time is the rapid advance of technology. Our phones nowadays take pretty good pictures and store them almost forever, contain our personal phone book, keep track of appointments and remind us 30 minutes before we need to be somewhere, let us see family far away while we talk to them, answer just about anything we want to ask, and connect us to things we may not want to be connected to. Mine just asked me if I wanted to see what happens when milk is added to Coca Cola.

My wife visited a dear lady in her nineties who is unable to attend church. However, she watches the services on live stream on her TV and because the sound is not good enough that way she listens on her phone. For me to figure all that out I would have to enlist the services of Derf, JC, Vic, Ed or my 11 year old grandson.

This somehow brings us to “THE GOOD OLD DAYS” of Springfield Emmaus. Ready? (or not) Here goes. We used to have 5 walk weekends a year. (We now struggle to have 1 every year) We used to have a 2 year waiting list for the ladies. (We had to postpone the next one because we don’t have the required 20 applications to continue as planned) We used to have a full house for gatherings. (suffice to say it is now about half of a house)

An expert of some kind may do a study of the why’s of what has changed – cultural shift – the millennium generation – we’ve reached a saturation point – children in too many activities – adults in too many activities – whatever, perhaps a new approach is needed.

The Emmaus weekend is basically just as wonderful as it has always been. There have been a few minor improvements because both Upper Room and Springfield are constantly reassessing the nuts and bolts. The local leadership has worked hard the last few years to realign and improve the process and the experience (a big “THANK YOU” to Allison and Sue and others).

But the problem is simple regardless of the reasons. WE DON’T HAVE ENOUGH APPLICATIONS!!! Are we as members of the community not approaching potential pilgrims? Of course, the approach is important. It doesn’t work well to say “you need this”. But “no approaches” definitely doesn’t work. I’ve been told that one thing that works very well is PRAYER for guidance and a gentle, loving approach.

The next women’s weekend is March 14-17 2019, and the LD will be Cheryl Jurkat. We couldn’t ask for a nicer, sweeter and more capable leader. The new date was chosen because it is not too close to the school spring breaks and the team meetings don’t begin so close to Christmas and New Years. The potential team list has been formed and is being contacted.

**So the ball is in our court as members of the community.** Either we approach enough people to get enough applications or we postpone again. And that goes for the next men’s weekend too.

I believe one of the keys to success for our community is attendance at the gathering. It is where we share current news, needs, prayers and Communion. Gatherings are the 2nd Sunday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at High Street. The board will be discussing ways to improve in their meetings. The reunions we had the last year or so were a very good effort and they helped temporarily but somehow didn't maintain a momentum. **So, if any of you have any suggestions,** please email, snail mail, drop notes in the box at High Street Methodist, talk to a board member, whatever.

By the way, the board members recently attended a LDE training session with material from Upper Room that was very well led by our very own Sue Neves with power point assistance from Vic Neves. And a big thank you to our newsletter editor Rita who remembered to rinse the laundry before hanging it up to dry in a previous rendering and will be late again because of me not getting this in on time.

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DECOLORES! Gene Porter

Editor note: I only know to rinse before hanging out the laundry because we grew up with wringer washers... ;^)

Also, I am known to be late a lot, so it is not just Mr. Porters fault! Forgive me, rita

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## **KAIROS KORNER**

Are you a Christian? Are you hearing the call to serve? If you answered yes, to these two questions, then you have all the qualifications you need to be a Kairos team member. As with Emmaus, there is a dire need to have new team members. The goal of each weekend prison team, is to have 20% new members. All prisons with Kairos have waiting lists of those wanting to be participants. Most prisons have weekends twice a year. Please use the contact information below to find out how you can support this worthy God led mission. Take that first step today!!!!

Here is some of the info about the 11 **local** Ohio correctional facilities: (28 total in Ohio)

Lebanon, LeCI, Lebanon, Sep 13-16, # 57

Dayton (women), DCI, Dayton, Sep 20-23, # 13

Madison, MaCI, London, Oct 11-14, # 9

Pickaway, PCI, Orient, Oct 11-14, # 12

Ohio Reformatory for (women), ORW, Marysville, October 25-28, # 49

Marion, MCI, Marion, Oct 25-28, # 44

London, LoCI, London, Nov 1-4, # 15

Warren, WCI, Lebanon, Nov 8-11, # 20

Circleville, CJCF, Circleville, (Torch), Fall 2018

Ross, RCI, Chillicothe, Feb 2019

Franklin Medical Center (women), FMC, Columbus, June 2019, # 5

Please continue to keep these weekends, the teams, and the residents in your prayers. Your support of each is greatly appreciated.

Please contact Steve if you are looking for someone to come speak about Kairos at your local church or organization. We also have Kairos brochures and DVD's available. The DVD's have various lengths of video information about Kairos that might fit your needs.

Much information can be found at 2 web sites for Kairos International, [www.kairosprisonministry.org](http://www.kairosprisonministry.org) and [www.mykairos.org](http://www.mykairos.org) and information about Ohio Kairos at [www.kairosohio.org](http://www.kairosohio.org) Specific questions as to how to get started locally in Kairos may be directed to Steve Craig [sscraig@qn.net](mailto:sscraig@qn.net) cell 740-506-1002, who serves at Madison Correctional.

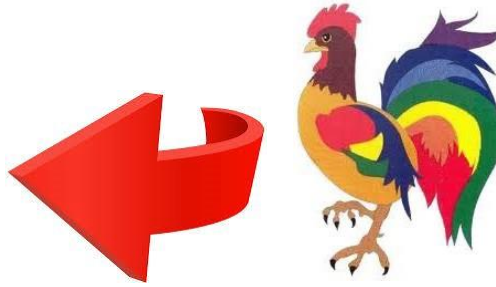
A full volunteer application may be found at <http://kairosohio.org/full-volunteer-application/>

Thanks in advance, for any support you can give, Steve.

## Hey There!! Remember ME?

I'm making my way back to the  
Springfield Area for another Women's

Walk. But I need a little HELP from my  
FRIENDS!



Greetings to all the Sisters and Brothers of the Springfield Area Emmaus Community.

Do you still remember your weekend when you were a Pilgrim on the Walk to Emmaus? Do you remember the feeling(s) you had when you came off? Were you on a waiting list for a few weeks, months or even for some of us years?

Well I am reaching out to our Community to help us to have a Women's Walk in March. We are in need of applications and I am asking you to be prayerful about your sponsorship.

Please forward applications to:

Springfield Area Emmaus Community c/o High Street United Methodist Church

230 E High St, Springfield, OH 45505 Thanking You in Advance.

Your Sister in Christ,

Verna Reed

Registration

\*\*\*Application attached

Maybe carry one in your glove box, just in case.... And for sure pray about this!

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**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 concern:

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 \_\_\_\_\_

## 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.**