



SPRINGFIELD  
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EMMAUS  
NEWSLETTER  
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**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

### FROM OUR CO-SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

Oh, the beauty of Spring! The green grass, budding and flowering trees, blue skies, and fresh air are always welcome after the cold dark winter months. Recently, I saw a child playing with a kite in an empty farm field. The wind was blowing just right and the kite, with its long tail, was soaring higher and higher. It was a beautiful sight to see the child with a big smile on his face as his arm moved about trying to keep the kite from getting away from him. Just seeing this scene unfold before my eyes took me back to a simpler time in my life. – To the days of roller skating with clip-on, key-tightened skates, on the sidewalk in front of my childhood home. Grabbing onto a nearby forsythia bush when I was unable to come to a stop. Falling and getting back up only to fall again! I also loved playing hopscotch, hide, and seek, and jumping for hours with my friends as we played jump rope, in my driveway, singing silly rhymes at the top of our lungs! As a child, I had a lot of fun playing outside in the spring and I think that's why I enjoy this season so much, even today. Spring brings with it a lot of beauty, fond memories, peace, and joy.

It also reminds us of God's promise of renewal, answered prayers, and entire sanctification. Recently, I asked a few of the children that I know, who attend church, what they like to do for fun. Many of them said they like to play video games, soccer, basketball, and other sporting activities. So, I asked them if they had ever flown kites. Some said yes and knew exactly what I was talking about. Others answered no and said that they didn't like kites because they could never get them to fly. Then there were the ones that just looked at me confused. Sadly, these children had never heard of kites, let alone experienced flying one. One of the children asked me to explain what a kite was and how it could fly. So, I did what most people do when they don't know how to describe something, I turned to Google for some help. Now the article that I turned to talked about the lifting force of the wind, the drag force, which is always in the same direction of the wind, as well as the tension created by the line.

Realizing this explanation was too complicated for an eight-year-old to understand, I turned to God for an answer. I told the children, "Kites are like how God works in our lives. The kite, with its tail, is like Father God, the string is like Jesus who connects us to the Father, and the wind is like the Holy Spirit who keeps the kite flying in motion. Like the kite, we are unable to function without the wind. We need the Holy Spirit to lead us and guide us on our faith journey. Then I added it's all about the wind and it's all about the Holy Spirit!" This seemed to satisfy the questioning child and PHEW, was I ever glad that they received my explanation!

As we look forward to celebrating Pentecost on May 19<sup>th</sup>, my prayer for all of us is that we will remember the great gift that we have received in the Holy Spirit. Often this part of the Trinity is overlooked and misunderstood. It is the Holy Spirit that helps us in our weakness (Romans 8: 26-27). The Holy Spirit has the power to protect believers so that nothing can take away our salvation (Ephesians 4:30). The Holy Spirit leads us, guides us, and sanctifies us (Matthew 3:11). The Holy Spirit can empower us to choose what will bring us peace and life (Romans 8:5-6). Finally, the Holy Spirit is our personal, advocate (John 14:26) a gift that has been given to us to empower us to continue the great commission, make disciples of Jesus Christ, and bring transformation to our corner of the world. Friends, let us be mindful of the amazing miracle who walks with us and lives in us, every, single, day. Because without the gift of the Holy Spirit, we would be unaware of our need for God and we would miss out on the free gift of grace, as well as God's promise of eternal life.

De Colores and Happy Pentecost my dear friends.  
– Pastor Mary Beth



## FROM OUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

Spring is finally in the air, and we are coming up on an exciting time for our Emmaus Community. The Men's Walk will be May 30th - June 2nd. Please put this on your calendar so you can plan to serve and or attend the events over the weekend. The team meetings are going very well, and they are looking forward to getting the list of pilgrims that will be attending. It is not too late if you have someone that you would like to sponsor. Team development and calls was a bit of a challenge for this walk as it appears many no longer have the land line or cell phone that is listed in the Emmaus Database. If you have changed your number or address in the last few years, please reach out to Libby Hammond who manages the database for the community to update your information. Please don't forget that we are having the May Gathering on May 19<sup>th</sup> as Mother's Day is the second Sunday and we did not want to interfere with that special day.

DeColores,  
Rick



From the Kitchen Coordinators

Thanks to all who have signed up to work in the kitchen for the Men's Walk, May 30-June 2. There are still a few openings, if you would like to work, please text Greg at 937-284-1584.

We would welcome Share Groups to share some treats for the weekend. If you would like to bake cookies, muffins, or sweet breads for the weekend, please contact Kim at [gkbach20@gmail.com](mailto:gkbach20@gmail.com), or text 937-206-7213.

Thanks for being Willing Servants,

Greg and Kim Bachman



## WHO IS ON THE EMMAUS BOARD, WHAT DO THEY DO?

We're starting a series on this topic this month.

**Community Lay Director:** Community Lay Director leads the Emmaus board meetings and numerous other needed meetings. They lead the Gatherings and is the primary person who communicates with the Upper Room Ministries through the Area Communicator on all Springfield Area Emmaus walks and other correspondence. The Community Lay Director arranges with High Street for all walks, Gatherings, and board meetings. Kim Bachman will be the new CLD beginning in July. Rick Clark is our current CLD.

**Leadership:** The Leadership chairperson is the Community Lay Director from the previous year. The Leadership Chairperson assists the Community Lay Director as needed. They are also responsible for the Team selection Committee. This year it is Verna Reed, next year will be Rick Clark.

**Treasurer:** The Treasurer is the keeper of the funds and accounts. The treasurer also assures that our books get audited by an independent (non-Emmaus-affiliated) person each year. Our treasurer is Jennifer Webster.

**Fourth Day Coordinator:** Helps people get into Share Groups, particularly Pilgrims who have just completed their walk. Jim and Melody Leonard are our fourth day coordinators. Jim 937-572-7481; Melody 937-572-7482. Contact for info.

**Music:** The Music chairperson assures that there is music provided at all Gatherings, including communion. Also, the Music chairperson arranges for communion music at walk candlelight services and closings. The music chairperson offers assistance to walk Music Directors as needed.

**(This position will be open beginning in July. Please pray and seek The Lord's will in serving in this area. Chairperson means you head the committee, not do all the work yourself. We are The Body, and each has a place and a work!)**

Included in the newsletter is a **Willing Servant** application. Seriously seek The Lord's will and check all that you feel He can use you in to be the hands and feet of Jesus in the Springfield Area Emmaus family.



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 \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Church now attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Married \_\_\_\_ Single \_\_\_\_ Divorced \_\_\_\_ Widowed \_\_\_\_ Separated \_\_\_\_

Spouse's name \_\_\_\_\_ Walk spouse attended \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Walk attended \_\_\_\_\_

Any Dietary, Medical or 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. (you may use the back, also)

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 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

Springfield Area Emmaus Willing Servant Sheet

Please print name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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 Weekends

Help Registrar (contact pilgrims before walk)    Help Set up/Tear Down for Weekends

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:

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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.