



SPRINGFIELD AREA EMMAUS JULY 2025

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

“For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.” — Galatians 5:1 (NRSVUE)

As our nation celebrates Independence Day, we’re reminded of the brave steps taken to secure liberty—freedom from tyranny, freedom to self-govern, and freedom to pursue a better way. Fireworks and flags will fill the air, but as the Springfield Emmaus Community, we also pause to consider a deeper freedom—the one Christ secured for us through love, sacrifice, and resurrection. Paul’s words in Galatians 5:1 call us to a kind of freedom that doesn’t end with self-interest, but begins with surrender. Jesus didn’t just loosen chains—He broke them entirely. Not so we could do as we please, but so we could live as we were created to: in grace, in community, and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

This month, as we give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy in our country, let’s also recommit ourselves to the freedom of the Gospel. Let’s stand firm in that freedom—not looking back to the yokes of fear, judgment, or division, but pressing forward in love, unity, and humility. These are the foundations of any true independence worth celebrating.

As we gather to celebrate our nation’s independence, let us also celebrate our freedom in Christ—the kind of freedom that calls us to love deeply, serve faithfully, and walk humbly.

Cont. May our celebrations this July be filled with gratitude not only for the liberties we enjoy as citizens, but for the unshakable grace we’ve received as children of God. Together, let’s live out that freedom with renewed purpose and joy.

De Colores,
Pastor Ben



FROM OUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

Hello Emmaus Family!

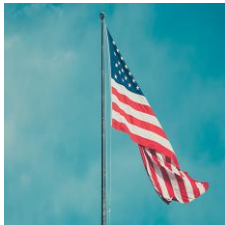
Wow, this is my last newsletter as Community Lay Director. Many good things have happened in the last year, but also some things were heart wrenching. Praise God who saw us through all of them. Many thanks to the Springfield Emmaus Board, who were so faithful!

A couple of exciting things – We have enough men and women to have Walks this fall! The Men’s Walk will be Sept 25-28, led by Brian Fout; the Women’s Walk Nov 13-16, with Lay Director Shelly Clemens. Continue to be in prayer for potential pilgrims God is putting in your path, there is room for more! Also be praying for the teams of these two walks, as they will be re-forming for the Men, and forming for the Women.

Generous Emmaus family members have contributed to continue sending the newsletter to the mailing list. HOWEVER –

– if you enjoy receiving the newsletter, please send \$10 to Springfield Emmaus, 230 East High Street, Springfield, OH 45505. Our July Gathering is scheduled for July 11 at 7 pm, with fellowship time at 6:30 at High Street UMC. We hope you can join us. The August Gathering on August 10th will be a potluck picnic at Emery Chapel UMC. The picnic will start at 6:00pm, with the board meeting at 5:00 pm. Emmaus will provide the hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, pizza and beverages. Members can bring side dishes – last year was a delicious spread! Looking forward to it!! DeColores!

Kim Bachman Gkbach20@gmail.com
Community Lay Director – through 6/30/25, then moving to Leadership position



**God Bless America,
America, bless God!**

Board Positions

2024-25	2025-26
Community Lay Director	
Kim Bachman	Carlene Sands
Leadership	
Rick Clark	Kim Bachman
Spiritual Co-Directors	
Rev Ben Webster,	continuing
Rev Mary Beth Cheeseman	“
Secretary	
Libby Hammond	“
Agape	
Jeanne Lewis	“

Board Positions, cont.

2024-25	2025-26
4th Day Coordinators	
Jim & Melody Leonard	“
High Street Rep	
Susan Roosen	continuing
Kitchen	
Greg Bachman	“
Logistics	
Terry Johnson	“
Music	
Carlene Sands	Ryan Roosen
Newsletter	
Rita Beedy	continuing
Nurturing (Chrysalis, Kairos)	
Sandy Johnson	“
Purchasing	
Bonnie Dover	Vacant
Registrar	
Jamie Burke	continuing
Social	
Betty Reed	“
Sponsorship	
Wendy Haynes Britton	“



Being the hands and feet of Christ.

Board cont.

Worship

Brooke Schmid 3/25 “

Database

Libby Hammond “

If you are interested in serving in the vacant spot speak with the Community Lay Director.

Thank you, faithful servants of the Most High God.



The Battle Hymn of the Republic
by Julia Ward Howe

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of
the Lord:

He is trampling out the vintage where the
grapes of wrath are stored;

He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His
terrible swift sword:

His truth is marching on.

Chorus:

Glory, glory, hallelujah!

Glory, glory, hallelujah!

Glory, glory, hallelujah!

His truth is marching on.

I have seen Him in the watch-fires of a
hundred circling camps,

They have builded Him an altar in the evening
dews and damps;

I can read His righteous sentence by the dim
and flaring lamps:

His day is marching on.

Chorus

I have read a fiery gospel writ in burnished
rows of steel:

“As ye deal with my contemners, so with you
my grace shall deal;

Let the Hero, born of woman, crush the
serpent with his heel,

Since God is marching on.”

Chorus

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall
never call retreat;

He is sifting out the hearts of men before His
judgment-seat:

Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him! be
jubilant, my feet!

Our God is marching on.

Chorus

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born
across the sea,

With a glory in His bosom that transfigures
you and me:

As He died to make men holy, let us die to
make men free,

While God is marching on.

Chorus

He is coming like the glory of the morning on
the wave,

He is Wisdom to the mighty, He is Succour to
the brave,

So the world shall be His footstool, and the
soul of Time His slave,

Our God is marching on.

Chorus

Psalm 33:12 NIV

Blessed is the nation whose God is the
LORD, the people he chose for his
inheritance.



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 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

Springfield Area Emmaus Willing Servant Sheet

Please print name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

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 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:

Please Mail to Springfield Area Emmaus, 230 East High Street, Springfield OH 45505, or drop off at the back table at any Gathering.