



SPRINGFIELD AREA EMMAUS NEWS JUNE 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:

Have you ever been parasailing? - My husband, Jeff, and I were privileged to go parasailing many years ago when we were on vacation in Myrtle Beach. Parasailing feels like floating in a dream. Up in the air, gently drifting above the ocean, the noise of the world fades. You can hear the faint giggles of children chasing waves on the shore below, and the vastness of the horizon stretches before you, while miles of calm blue sky surround you.

Another amazing thing about parasailing was that high above the ocean, we could see schools of fish and many dolphins slicing through the water in graceful rhythm. It's peaceful up there; quiet, still, and deeply calming. You are tethered to something strong, but free enough to drift. It's a peace that doesn't make sense until you've experienced it.

This is similar to the peace Jesus promises in John 14 when preparing the disciples for his departure. Jesus says, "Peace I leave you; my peace I give to you. ...Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not be afraid." Jesus speaks these words knowing that fear, grief, and confusion are realities in life. Jesus also knows that the disciples' hearts will soon be flooded with many emotions. So, Jesus offers them comfort and peace instead of leaving them with strategies or answers. Then, Jesus tells them about the greatest gift that anyone can ever receive, the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Indeed, the peace that surpasses all understanding, similar to the peace experienced while parasailing, is directly tied to the presence of God. So, no matter what life brings our way, we can rest in God's peaceful presence that resides in us. That presence that empowers us to see things more clearly, keep things in perspective, and endure the unpredictable reality of life.

As we are blessed to celebrate Pentecost Sunday, the Birthday of the Church, this year, may we contemplate the amazing gift given to us by our loving God. The gift of the Holy Spirit to dwell in us, guide, and comfort us as we grow in our companion relationship with Jesus. Then, may we be in prayer asking the Spirit to empower us to share our stories as we continue to discern who to invite on future Emmaus Walks so that they, too, will know the never-ending, abiding love of Christ Jesus.

De Colores, Emmaus Family –

Pastor Mary Beth



John 20:21

Jesus said to them again, "**Peace** be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."

FROM OUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

Hello Emmaus Family,

While the thermometer outside doesn't indicate it, we are well into spring and approaching summer! Hopefully it is warmer by the time you read this newsletter. My garden would appreciate more sunshine and its warmth to grow. Speaking of warmth, it certainly was felt at the May Gathering. For our Fourth Day sharing, we opened the mic for the Springfield Community to share something about their Fourth Days – "May the Fourth be with you". We heard some wonderful testimonies about how the Walk to Emmaus encouraged folks to step up in a more active role in their Christian life –leading Bible studies, worship teams, and even Scouting. As most of us know, leading a program takes prayer, commitment, and study – all these things draw us closer to our Lord. What a blessing that is!! Is there someone you know who would benefit from growing closer to God? Ask them if they would like to attend an Emmaus Walk. The next Men's Walk is Sept 25-28; the Women's Walk is Nov 13-16.

I would like to express my appreciation for the support you have given me in my term as Community Lay Director. Carlene Sands will be starting in this role in June, with some other new folks in board positions. We thank those who have been serving, many for more than the three-year commitment, and pray for those stepping into new roles.

DeColores,

Kim Bachman Community Lay Director

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Psalm 128:2

You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be **blessed**, and it shall be well with you.

Committee position: Purchasing,
I am Bonita Dover, and I have been in charge of Procurement. It has been an honor to do this position. The position required making sure the food for the weekends were picked up and delivered to the church. With the help of Verna Reed and Libby, we would make sure the packets, and the products were put together for all the WALKS! It takes everyone cooperating to make the Emmaus Plan work. I thank you for the past 6 years of serving in this capacity.



2 Corinthians 6:18

and I will be a **father** to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty."



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: _____

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.