



SPRINGFIELD AREA EMMAUS
NEWS MAY 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

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us. A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge. The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing. He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages, while another is given the ability to interpret what is being said. It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have." (1 Corinthians 12:4-11 NLT) Peyton Manning is one of my favorite football players. I appreciate how he played the game. He was known for his studying and practice habits which translated to his performance on the field. All these habits led him to become a 2-time Super Bowl Champion over a span of an 18-year career as well as his induction to the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Peyton is also a devout Christian who was known for praying before and during football games. His light shone everywhere he went and sometimes he made an impact on people that he never knew about. One day, Peyton Manning saw a groundskeeper working alone... What he did next left everyone speechless. It was the night before a big game in Indianapolis. The stadium was empty. The lights were low. Most of the players had already left. But Peyton Manning stayed late — reviewing plays, walking the field, visualizing every snap. As he walked toward the tunnel, he noticed a man in the shadows.

He was a groundskeeper, probably in his 60s, sweeping up peanut shells and hotdog wrappers left behind by the crowd during the walk-through. No one else saw him. But Peyton did. He walked over, extended his hand, and said: "Sir, thank you. I mean that." The man looked confused. "For what?" Peyton smiled. "For making this place what it is. You make the field ready, clean, safe... so we can go out there and do our jobs. I couldn't do what I do without people like you." Then, without another word, Peyton took off his cap, signed it, and handed it to him. "Just a small thank you from one teammate to another." The man didn't say anything at first. Then he wiped a tear from his eye and said: "In 27 years of working here... no one's ever said that to me." He keeps that cap — framed, in his living room — not because it's from a football legend, but because it reminded him: Even if the world doesn't notice you... the right person will. Like Manning, we all have various gifts given to us by God. All these gifts are designed to edify and grow the body of Christ. However, sometimes we get selfish with our gifts. We use them in the name of our own purposes, instead of humbly using them for God. Even a Hall of Fame quarterback took the time to think about all of those around him that are working hard for the best of the team. Are you working hard for the betterment of Christ's Kingdom, or are you holding out?

De Colores!

Pastor Ben



FROM OUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

Hello Emmaus Family,

I pray you all had a blessed Easter season – our Lord has risen indeed! Many things are going on with our Springfield Emmaus community. We have dates for the next Men's Walk, Sept 25-28, led by Brian Fout. HOWEVER – we still need more men to attend the weekend, so continue to pray and ask men to attend. We also have a walk for women scheduled for November 13-15, which will be led by Shelly Clemens. We still need more applications for women to attend, so be praying about that as well. Pastor Ben has issued a challenge to have 20 new applications for men and women, so let's see who the Lord places on your heart to ask. There will be some board positions opening in June for Logistics, Music, Purchasing, and Treasurer. Prayerfully consider volunteering to serve your Emmaus community in one of these ways. If interested, you may contact me by text – 937-206-7213 or email, gkbach20@gmail.com. If you aren't sure about what these positions entail, please ask! At our April gathering, we had a spontaneous silent auction of agape supplies from Verna Reed's family. The proceeds will fund the newsletter mailings for several more months. Many thanks to those who donated!! We also have noticed some newsletters were returned to us, torn by the postal processing. We will be using a heavier paper for the front cover, and hope that fixes the issue.

Finally, don't forget, our May Gathering will be May 18, the week after Mother's Day. Shannon Moerch couldn't share about her Fourth Days in April, so we hope she will be able to be with us then.

DeColores,

Kim Bachman

Community Lay Director

OUR NEXT GATHERING IS MAY 18TH, THE THIRD SUNDAY DUE TO MOTHER'S DAY

Libby Hammond debuted jackets with the Emmaus logo imprinted on them in April. They are a navy knit, with red or blue trim. She will be placing an order soon, contact her for sizing and pricing (the larger the order, the less expensive.) Email – ebshamm@aol.com.

PLEASE KEEP THE UPCOMING WALKS IN PRAYER!



Hello! My name is Jamie Burke. I serve the Springfield Area Emmaus Community as the Registrar. I attended SAE WW#71. I love serving in this position! It gets me out of my comfort zone by making me interact with others. I am generally a quiet, stay in the background type of person, but this position puts me up front with the applicants. I send out the commitment postcards, the welcome/confirmation letters, emergency forms, the things to bring and not bring checklist. I often call the applicants if I do not get a response card back. If a person is still undecided, these calls have given me the opportunity to share what Emmaus has done for me. It is so exciting (and sometimes emotional) to talk to them, answer their questions, share my experiences and help them decide to come on the Walk! God is so good! This Emmaus community does so much for me, I have to share! Thank you for letting me serve you!

De Colores, Jamie

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.