

S I D N E Y E M M A U S

El Quijote

NEWSLETTER

Feb. 2018

Note from Chairman

It is February - the month of **LOVE**. We all long for that warm feeling we get around Valentine's Day.

When we hear the word "**LOVE**" the first thing we think about is our spouse, our family, and people that hold a special place in our hearts. But during our Emmaus Walk we learned about another **LOVE**. That is the **LOVE** our Heavenly Father extends to us and the **LOVE** He calls us to have for one another. Not to just feel **LOVE**, but to show **LOVE** and share **LOVE**. Over the next two months we have the opportunity to share our **LOVE** with pilgrims and team members that will be part of Women's walk #74 that will take place February 22-25 and the Men's Walk #70 which will be held March 22-25. You can come be a part of these weekends by serving in the kitchen, providing agape to the team and pilgrims and you can be praying during the 72 hour prayer vigil. You will be a blessing, and be blessed at the same time, by attending the Candlelight service Saturday evening and closing ceremony on Sunday. Check out the Greater Sidney Area Emmaus website at www.sidneyemmaus.org for more details. Please come and share the **LOVE** to others that was share to you!! Just in case you have not been told lately. **JESUS LOVES YOU** not just the month of **LOVE** but every day, every month and all the time.

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Diane Snider

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To The Emmaus Community.... Pilgrims of Women's Walk # 73-----Oct. 19-22, 2017

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To the Emmaus Community,

I have been honored to serve as a Lay Director for the October Women's Walk #73. The process for the walk does what it is supposed to do and prepare us to uplift church leaders, to be the hands and feet of Christ. This walk has brought 22 ladies together to listen and act for Christ!! The team worked well together they put Jesus first for this walk. They loved on these ladies and each other. I selected the verse of 1 Corinthians 13:13 "Now these three remain: Faith-Hope-and Love, but the greatest of these is Love." There was plenty of Love to share. I appreciated the community and the board for the prayers, agape you shared, and for allowing me to serve God in this manner. I have felt so close to Jesus through this process. I have been blessed! Our one say was "Live like you're Loved."

Thank you

Lisa Whittenberger

To the Emmaus Community.... Pilgrims of Men's Walk #69—Nov. 2-5, 2017

Kevin Adamsky

James Baker

Josh Baughman

Phil Betzner

Marv Cornett

George Delong

John Godwin

Mark Hagan

David Jackson

Trent Kline

Kim Laughlin

Robert Lengerich

Todd Manning

Neal Marchal

Tim Newberg

Eric Olson

Jim Revelos

David Seibert

Todd Shreve

Mike Smith

T.J. Smith

Ernie Tilley

Mark Walker

Matt Wenger

Dick Wise

To the Emmaus Community,

I want to personally thank the Emmaus community for once again coming out and sharing their own personal agape love with the pilgrims and team of walk #69. The love that this community brings forth each and every walk cannot be understated, because when the pilgrims walked into the sanctuary for candlelight their excited song turned into a gasp not out of fear, but out of a sense of undeniable love. These men talked about the importance of candlelight during the walk, at closing, and many during their gathering. Thank you once again Emmaus Community!!! God blessed the 25 pilgrims immensely, they came, they saw, they found love and it is my prayer that they continued to share that love in their own church communities.

God blessed the pilgrims with a fabulous live in team from all walks of life and three different Emmaus communities. The food was once again excellent and abundant, thank you kitchen crew. Hats off to the Agape, literature and sponsorship groups to say you were amazing would be a "Mega" understatement.

The Lord was in the house the entire weekend, thank you to all that were involved in making Men's Walk #69 a success.

Mark

HELP! HELP!



The board is asking for anyone who is willing to help with clean-up after closings and gatherings! It would be greatly appreciated!!! This won't take much of your time, the more hands the less time. All that is involved is cleaning the kitchen up after gatherings, and after closings it is putting the tables and chairs away in the conference room.

Women's Walk #74 Feb. 22-25, 2018 Team & Pilgrim Roster

Please check website www.sidneyemmaus.org for current list

Men's Walk #70 March 22-25, 2018 Team & Pilgrim Roster

Please check website www.sidneyemmaus.org for current list



SERVING IN THE KITCHEN

If you would like to serve in the kitchen during an Emmaus weekend please contact Sandy Freewalt at sfreewalt@gmail.com Thank you!



Don't forget we need volunteers for ice cream after candlelight services. Please contact a board member for information!!



NO MEGA AGAPE! NO MEGA AGAPE!

We hear it announced at Gatherings as each walk approaches. But WHY no mega agape?

The pilgrims' Sunday Agape packets are meant to be filled with personal letters of love by those who know the pilgrims best. It is meant to be a gift from the heart, not a gift from the wallet.

Anything not a card or letter in an envelope is considered mega Agape.

One pilgrim receiving wrapped packages while others at their table do not may become an obstacle for the pilgrims who don't receive special gifts. God loves each of us equally and that is the message of Agape Love we would like to share with our Sunday packets. **Agape in the Sunday packets should NOT include personal gift item that are given to one pilgrim but not to all.**

Yes, please buy a special gift for your pilgrim, if you would like. But give them that gift after closing on your way home. Or make special plans to get together with your pilgrim so he/she may share with you their experiences of the weekend. You can present your gift to them at that time.

So, when you are bringing your letters for your pilgrims on walk weekend, please remember, no mega agape. Let all the pilgrims on the walk experience God's love and Grace equally.

De Colores,

Agape Chairpersons

Scott and Lisa Newcomer

P.S. Only team members can be in the teams sleeping quarters! This means don't take any agape and put it on team's beds during the weekend. If a team member needs something, please give it to the logs and they will give it to the team member.

Community Information

The Greater Sidney Area Emmaus Gatherings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. We meet at the First United Methodist Church, 230 E. Poplar St. –Sidney, OH. Please come join us in the worship and fellowship.

We will be serving a small snack for the kids in the nursery so they can eat earlier. Everyone else can eat after gathering.

MARCH IS MATTRESS MADNESS



ALL DONATIONS AT THE GATHERING IN MARCH GOES TOWARDS NEW MATTRESS FUND!

BOARD MEETINGS

4TH Thursday of each month, meet in Chapel at 6:45 pm

SPECIAL SERVICES ON WALK WEEKENDS:



******CANDLELIGHT SERVICE IS AT 8:30 PM SATURDAY NIGHT IN THE SANCTUARY*

******CLOSING IS AT 4:30 PM SUNDAY AFTERNOON, PLEASE ARRIVE AT THE CHURCH AFTER 4:00 PM AND MEET IN THE TABERNACLE ON THE 2ND FLOOR.*

WILLING SERVANT / SHARE GROUP FORMS

We are still trying to get the NEW database updated with information. If you have never filled out a Willing Servant form or have not filled one out since the new form has been revised in January of 2015, please fill out the Willing Servant/Share Group form attached and send it in. Or you can go to the Emmaus website: www.sidneyemmaus.org, under forms or on the Facebook Page. You can mail it in to Sidney First UMC at the attached address or send to princess_lumc@yahoo.com. Or bring it to a Gathering and put it in the collection plate. We need this information so we can contact you to serve on future teams, and to keep you updated on events.

THIS MEANS EVERYONE!!

Share Group Roster

So that we may serve you better, we want to be sure we keep updated Share Group information on file. We would love for everyone reading this newsletter to email the following information to Rhonda Wildermuth, Women's Good Shepherd (rdwild@wcoil.com) or Mark Rudasill, Men's Good Shepherd (mrudasill@yahoo.com).

Your Name
Share Group Name
List of Everyone in your Share Group
Where you meet (church, someone's home, etc)
Primary Area/Region where you meet (city/village)
What day of the week & time you meet
How often you meet (weekly, monthly, etc.)
Is your share group accepting new members?

** If you are NOT in a Share Group, what is the primary reason? And would you like us to help you get connected with a Share Group in your area?

Are there ANY other Share Group comments and feedback that we should be aware of?
THANK YOU for taking the time to keep us informed!

PLEASE UPDATE PHONE NUMBERS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



**GREATER SIDNEY AREA EMMAUS WALK
WILLING SERVANT FORM 2015**

The service that you perform is not only supplying the need to God's people, but it is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have provided yourself, men will Praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the Gospel of Christ, and your generosity in sharing with them. 2Cor9:12-13

We ask you to PRAY about your commitment and to serve in any way you can.

Remember that it should be done in God's timing and not your own. Christ is counting on you!

The following are ways that you can serve throughout the year and during walk week-ends. Please mark the areas you are willing to serve in.

(See Committee/Board Members to see where you can help in these areas)

www.sidneyemmaus.org for Board List

AGAPE ROOM (HELP SORT WITH TRAINING)

AGAPE--72 HR. PRAYER VIGIL

AGAPE--FURNISH MEAL TIME AGAPE

AGAPE--SNACK TABLE SNACKS

AGAPE--BEDTIME (NO MEGA AGAPE)

GATHERING--SPECIAL MUSIC

GATHERING--GIVE FOURTH DAY TALK

GATHERING--MEAL SET-UP

GATHERING--PROVIDE COMMUNION ELEMENTS

GATHERING--TEARDOWN/CLEANUP

KITCHEN--COOK

KITCHEN--SERVER

OTHER _____

LOGISTICS--SET UP FOR SEND-OFF (WED NIGHT)

LOGISTICS--TEAR DOWN SUNDAY MORNING

LOGISTICS--CLOSING TEARDOWN AND CLEANUP

MUSIC--PLAY GUITAR/PIANO/OTHER INSTRUMENT

MUSIC--DINNER MUSIC FOR CANDLELIGHT

MUSIC--SATURDAY NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT

MUSIC--SERVE ON LIVE IN TEAM AS MUSIC DIR

SOCIAL--SETUP/TEARDOWN FOR SENDOFF MEAL

SOCIAL--SUPPLY ICE CREAM ON SATURDAY

TEAM--SERVE ON LIVE IN TEAM SOMEDAY

CLERGY--GIVE TALK DURING WEEKEND

CLERGY--SERVE ON LIVE IN TEAM AS SD/A

NAME _____ BIRTHDATE _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY STATE ZIP CODE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____ CHURCH _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ CELL _____ HOME _____

WHEN AND WHERE OF ORIGINAL WALK _____

ARE YOU IN A SHARE GROUP? WOMEN MEN BOTH

NAME OF SHARE GROUP _____

MEMBERS OF SHAREGROUP _____

WHEN (DAY/TIME) AND WHERE (CITY) YOU MEET _____

PLEASE HELP US TO UPDATE THESE RECORDS SO WE CAN CONTACT YOU FOR FUTURE WALKS. MAKE COPIES AND PASS THEM OUT TO OTHERS IN YOUR SHARE GROUP OR CHURCH THAT HAS ATTENDED THE WALK TO EMMAUS.

YOU CAN SEND THESE INTO THE CHURCH AS ADDRESSED ON THE OTHER SIDE, OR

EMAIL TO EMMAUS_OUTREACH@YAHOO.COM

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Emmaus

The focus of Emmaus is God as known in Jesus Christ and how that finds expression in the local church. The object of Emmaus is to inspire, challenge, empower, and equip local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, and places of work. Emmaus lifts up a way for our grace-filled life to be lived and shared with others.