



GREATER SIDNEY AREA *Walk To Emmaus*

25th
Anniversary ~ 1994-2019

February 2019

Greetings Community,

Wow, it's February already! Soon Old Man Winter will be exiting, and spring will be here. This has been quite the rollercoaster ride of weather. Praying all of you have been safe.

I'm very excited about the 2019 year. January, we had our first Board Meeting of 2019 with our new Board Members. It was an exhilarating meeting with some fresh new ideas and input.

Greater Sidney Area Emmaus now has a Tech Team. They will be using much of their time and talents in many ways to support our community in all technical issues. Thank you, Corinne Olson, Rhonda Wildermuth, Neal Marchal and Scott Newcomer.

One of the items I'm most excited about is our fellowship time (a time to eat) at Gatherings. On March 12, we will be having carry in dinner beginning at 6:15pm followed by Gathering at 7pm. This will allow everyone to get home earlier and Reunions to meet immediately after Gathering. Don't forget to bring a dish to share.

The sad news is, we have eliminated the Men's Summer walk. Let's reach out to the men God has placed before us and sponsor them on an Emmaus Walk. It would be great if next year we had to add a summer walk back to the schedule due to an overflow of men wanting to strengthen their walk and grow in leadership in their churches, by going on an Emmaus walk.

If you are **SPONSORING** a pilgrim man or woman, it is **essential** to read your sponsors pack with your list of responsibilities that is emailed to you from our Sponsorship Chair Kelli Elliot.

There will be several board positions opening again later this year as most positions are a 2-year term. I will be sharing with you these positions soon. Please be praying about where God is leading you.

Enjoy the rest of your winter!

Chairman

Phyllis Rump

Board of Directors

Leadership-Diane Snider

Treasurer-Dawn Hepperd

Men's Registrar-Gray Cron

Men's Good Shepherd-Neal Marchal

Supplies-Lisa Jenkins

Social-Dan Elliott

Outreach-Kelli Skidmore

Chairman-Phyllis Rump

Secretary-Melody Schneider

Women's Registrar-Carly Greve

Women's Good Shepherd-Rhonda Wildermuth

Logistics-Earl Ludwig

Worship—Tracey Eck

Newsletter-Michelle Rudasill

Vice Chairman-Scott Newcomer

Sponsorship-Kelli Elliott

Agape-Valerie McCollister

Kitchen-Sandy Freewalt & Janell Welker

Literature-Abby Wagner & Pam Wagner

Music-Sue Kaufman



To The Emmaus Community.... Pilgrims of Women's Walk # 76-----October 18-21, 2018

<i>Morgan Campbell</i>	<i>Crystal Collins</i>	<i>Jane Cron</i>	<i>Teresa DiSalvo</i>	<i>Jean Easton</i>
<i>Stevie Fuller</i>	<i>McKenzie-Sue Garver</i>	<i>Diana Good</i>	<i>Marian Grossman</i>	<i>Cherish Hartings</i>
<i>Debbie Havens</i>	<i>Jessica Hayes</i>	<i>Connie Lunsford</i>	<i>Patty Mabry</i>	<i>Tiffany Mabry</i>
<i>Freda Maxon</i>	<i>Rosemary McElroy</i>	<i>Allie Mohler</i>	<i>Amanda Noble</i>	<i>Estella Nusbaum</i>
<i>Nicole Pfeil</i>	<i>Amanda Platfoot</i>	<i>Cindy Plumby</i>	<i>Barb Powell</i>	<i>Mickey Schoffner</i>
<i>Sam Smith</i>	<i>Amanda Taylor</i>	<i>Kathy Thompson</i>		

GOD CALLED – I ANSWERED

Proverbs 31:30 is just one of my life scriptures. "Charm is deceptive, beauty is fleeting but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised." This beauty is not on the outside nor is it an earthly standard or even a number on a scale to work towards. Fearing God is not about being afraid of him but about having a deep reverence for him. It is about understanding that God is GOOD, he is FAITHFUL, and he is CONSTANT. One thing I prayed for during team formation was that this team would show the ladies that God is GOOD, that he is always FAITHFUL and he is CONSTANT.

It was such a joy to be the Lay Director of Women's Walk #76. I was honored to be called and asked to serve especially during a very tough time with my mother being ill. But God gave me such strength and peace during this time. God called an amazing team, just as he always does. I was very patient (which I usually am not), I listened and I was more blessed than I dreamed possible by this team and the women who attended. Each of them will hold a special place in my prayers and my heart. I am so honored to be able to share God's love with them and walk along side of them in this journey. May you all continue to feel the Love of God daily.

Blessings,
Jessica Skinner

To the Emmaus Community.... Pilgrims of Men's Walk #72—November 1-4, 2018

Dave Ayton

James Bundy Jr.

Dustin Cole

Bill Conner

Kenny Ray Coulter

Daniel Elwood

Tim Fuller

Joseph Gebhart

Larry Hughes II

Philip Langsdon

Darren Myers

Chris Puterbaugh

Tony Ritter

Jim Stone

Tray Taylor

Joshua Wynn

Ryan Yahl

To the Greater Sidney Emmaus community.

I am humbly honored and tremendously blessed to serve God and the community as Lay Director for Men's Walk #72. Furthermore, 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 #72. The love that this community brings forth each and every walk is such a blessing. God's love poured over walk #72, especially when 72 hour prayer vigil was mentioned and the prayers that came from all around the world! Pilgrims often talked about the amazing love of the candlelight service! Thank you God and once again to the Emmaus Community! God blessed the 18 pilgrims immensely, they found love and felt God's grace alleviate many burdens just as our weekend scripture states, "Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you!" 1 Peter 5:7.

God blessed the pilgrims with a fabulous live in team. Everything was handled just as God wanted it to be, and for that, I was truly blessed! Thank you also for everyone who played a vital behind the scenes role!

God is good!

Eric

HELP! HELP!



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

Women's Walk #77 February 21-24, 2019 Team & Pilgrim Roster

Please check website www.sidneyemmaus.org for current list

Men's Walk #73 March 21-24, 2019 Team & Pilgrim Roster

Please check website www.sidneyemmaus.org for current list

There is no longer a Men's Summer Walk



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!!

**EMMAUS GATHERING TUESDAY,
MARCH 12, 2019**

**MARCH MATTRESS
MADNESS MONTH!!!!**

THE ENTIRE OFFERING COLLECTED AT GATHERING
WILL GO TO OUR MATTRESS FUND FOR FUTURE
REPLACEMENTS! IF YOU CAN'T MAKE IT NEXT
TUESDAY AND STILL WANT TO SUPPORT THIS CAUSE,
PLEASE MAIL YOUR CHECK (MADE OUT TO **GREATER
SIDNEY AREA EMMAUS** OR **GSAE**) TO:

Dawn Heppard, TREASURER

10218 CR 54

Lewistown, OH 43333



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. **Please remember Pilgrims only get personal Agape in their Sunday Agape packets. Any bedtime Agape must be the same and given to all Pilgrims.**

De Colores,

Agape Chairpersons

Valerie and Shawn McCollister

P.S. Only team members only can be in teams sleeping quarters, this means don't take any agape and put on team's beds during the weekend. If a team member needs something, please give 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.

*Beginning with the March Gathering, we will be eating BEFORE the Gathering at 6:15 pm. The Gathering will follow at 7:00 pm. We hope this will allow for more of you to join us for fellowship and still return home at a decent hour. Please bring a covered dish if you can attend the meal.

Please check website www.sidneyemmaus.org for current list of team members and pilgrims

BOARD MEETINGS

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

SPECIAL SERVICES ON WALK WEEKENDS:



*CANDLELIGHT SERVICE IS AT 8:00 PM
SATURDAY NIGHT IN THE SANCTUARY*

THIS IS THE NEW TIME!!!

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.

NOTICE

To all past Lay Directors, LDIT's, ALD's Board Members and anyone who might have the spreadsheets for the ALD/LOG schedules---There have been some changes on the schedule with the new Manuals we have in place. If you have an old version of these schedules, please destroy them and DO NOT pass them down to others as we have updated them to match the time changes. The Sept and Oct walks will be the first to use them. If they have any changes that need to be made we will do so at that time. This is very important as we have had so many different versions of the schedules being passed around that it has become a mess. We are striving to make things easier for everyone involved.

DeColores and Thank you for understanding

The Board

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 Emmaus_outreach@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.

A note From Rhonda & Neal...Your 2019 Emmaus Good Shepherds:

Let us see a show of hands...how many of you are in an active Emmaus Share Group? Well, **NOW** is the time to get connected, and we want to help make that happen!

“As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.” Proverbs 27:17

As nearly every person that has "caught fire" spiritually from a Walk to Emmaus can testify, the fire will quickly dwindle if you are left to walk your Fourth days on your own. Once you have had your eyes opened to the LOVE of God for you, the VERY best way to keep the fire burning is to unite with others.

Mark your calendars and join us for one of these five upcoming **Share Group Open Forums** that we are hosting to get you connected with other Brothers and Sisters in your area. The evenings of fun, fellowship, and sharing will also include light refreshments.

What to bring:

- Emmaus nametag
- Tri-fold Reunion Card that you received in your Sunday packet from your original Emmaus Walk. Don't worry...we will have extras available if needed ☺
- Friends, family members, or co-workers that want to get connected to the Body of Christ

Tuesday, February 26	7:00 p.m.	Sidney First United Methodist Church – Fellowship Hall 230 E. Poplar Street, Sidney, Ohio
Monday, March 4	7:00 p.m.	Troy First United Methodist Church 110 W. Franklin Street, Troy, Ohio
Tuesday, March 5	6:00 p.m.	Quest Community Church 110 South Street, West Liberty, Ohio
Monday, April 1	6:30 p.m.	Harvest Baptist Church – Fellowship Hall 1301 Navajo Trail, Wapakoneta, Ohio
Date TBD		Versailles, Ohio

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

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> AGAPE ROOM (HELP SORT WITH TRAINING) | <input type="checkbox"/> LOGISTICS--SET UP FOR SEND-OFF (WED NIGHT) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AGAPE--72 HR PRAYER VIGIL | <input type="checkbox"/> LOGISTICS--TEAR DOWN SUNDAY MORNING |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AGAPE--FURNISH MEAL TIME AGAPE | <input type="checkbox"/> LOGISTICS--CLOSING TEARDOWN AND CLEANUP |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AGAPE--SNACK-TABLE SNACKS | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AGAPE--BEDTIME (NO MEGA AGAPE) | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC--PLAY GUITAR/PIANO/ OTHER INSTRUMENT |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC--DINNER MUSIC FOR CANDLELIGHT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GATHERING--SPECIAL MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC--SATURDAY NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GATHERING--GIVE FOURTH DAY TALK | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC--SERVE ON LIVE IN TEAM AS MUSIC DIR |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GATHERING--MEAL SET-UP | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GATHERING--TEARDOWN/CLEANUP | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL--SETUP/TEARDOWN FOR SENDOFF MEAL |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL--SUPPLY ICE CREAM ON SATURDAY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> KITCHEN--COOK | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> KITCHEN--SERVER | <input type="checkbox"/> TEAM--SERVE ON LIVE IN TEAM SOMEDAY |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> CLERGY--GIVE TALK DURING WEEKEND |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> CLERGY--SERVE ON LIVE IN TEAM AS SD/ASD |
| _____ | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> CLOWNS / LUNCH SKITS |

NAME _____ BIRTH YEAR _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY STATE ZIP CODE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____ CHURCH _____

PHONE NUMBER HOME _____ CELL _____

WHEN AND WHERE OF ORIGINAL WALK _____

ARE YOU IN A SHARE GROUP? WOMEN MEN BOTH

NAME OF SHARE GROUP _____

MEMBERS OF SHARE GROUP (FIRST AND LAST NAME) _____

ARE YOU ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERS YES NO

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 HAVE 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 objective 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.