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NEWSLETTER

February 2020

God is at work in our Emmaus community and 2020 is off to an exciting start. The Gathering in January was well attended. The praise and worship to our God was spirit filled and uplifting. Also, our first board meeting brought in several new members with fresh ideas and input. Our community has been blessed with a board who love God and are eager to serve Him. Finally, the live-in teams supporting Women's Walk #80 and Men's Walk #75 have been sharing their time, talents, wisdom and love for Jesus preparing for the upcoming Walk weekends.

In Ephesians 5:2 Paul writes, *"Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God."* We have the opportunity to follow Christ's example by sharing His love with the pilgrims attending Women's Walk #80, February 20-23, and Men's Walk #75, March 12-15. You can support these weekends by serving in the kitchen, providing table or bedtime agape, participating in the 72-hour prayer vigil, attending the Saturday evening Candle Light service and Closing on Sunday afternoon. Come and be blessed while you are blessing others! More information can be found on the Greater Sidney Area Emmaus website - www.sidneyemmaus.org

I feel God has an exciting year planned for our Emmaus community and I am looking forward to following His lead!

De Colores!
Scott Newcomer

Board of Directors

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Literature-Abby Wagner & Pam Wagner

Social-Jessica Skinner

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Music-Sue Kaufman

Outreach-Joe Sutton

Newsletter-Michelle Rudasill

Kitchen-Melody Schneider/Lisa Anderson/Dave & Deb Loewer



To The Emmaus Community.... Pilgrims of Women's Walk # 79-----October 17-20, 2019

Julie Barrett Roberta Bonifas Nancy Brown Michelle Bruner Melody Cortese
Jessi Eddy Diane Freshcorn Chrissy Hall Asazalia Hawkey Danae Hendrickson
Valerie Hilgefort Hope Hillard Naomi Jones Cheryl Klaas Holly Maier
Chrystal Mann Lindy Martin Nancy McLain Marty Robinson Ashley Smith
Susan Walters

GOD CALLED – I ANSWERED

Almost all lay directors say the same things: serving was a true honor and blessing and it was amazing to watch God form the team and work through the team. I believe the reason all lay directors say the same thing is because it's true. Also serving as Lay Director is almost like being a pilgrim or in my case a butterfly on your original walk. It's almost impossible to explain what the weekend meant to you. From day one God was on the move and working to form a team that worked for his glory and honor. The weekend was just amazing God brought women from all walks of life together to worship, praise Him, we were blessed with an amazing spiritual directors who shared their love of God and Gods love for us. The weekend and experience was especially a blessing to me, after the walk I took a huge step of faith and quiet my full time Job and accepted a new position as the Children's Director at our church God used the weekend to show me that he wanted me to move further into ministry. Through the leadership skills and the spiritual guidance of the Emmaus I know God has big plans for me. Thank you for the life changing weekend and for allowing me to serve as lay director.

DeColores,

Abby Wagner

To the Emmaus Community.... Pilgrims of Men's Walk #74—November 7-10, 2019

<i>Frank Adams</i>	<i>Dean Bachelor</i>	<i>Stephen Baker</i>	<i>Cody Bonifas</i>	
<i>Kevin Brown</i>	<i>Paul Cafe</i>	<i>Adrian Calhoun</i>	<i>Brent Clinehens</i>	<i>Leroy Eddy</i>
<i>Eric George</i>	<i>Scott Grieshop</i>	<i>Brad Hall</i>	<i>Terry Hostutler</i>	<i>Chris Hughes</i>
<i>Ben Konop</i>	<i>Bryan Lynch</i>	<i>Bill Martin</i>	<i>Nathan Overley</i>	<i>Jason Perkins</i>
<i>Dietrich Rinehart</i>	<i>Jacob Smith</i>	<i>Kolyn Wiehe</i>	<i>Mark Young</i>	

To the Greater Sidney Emmaus community:

I want to sincerely thank the Sidney Emmaus Board, the Emmaus community, and the families of the men who were pilgrims on Men's Walk #74 in Sidney. Your trust, faith, support, prayers, and love you provided all of us were overwhelming and full of Christ's spirit. I want to express my most sincere thanks to the families who were patient and supportive of the Team as we prepared to be His hands and feet for this walk. That preparation allowed us to meet the men of this walk right where God needed us, and that was made even more perfect by the servers, cooks, cleaners, prayers, and friends who joined with us to serve the pilgrims of Men's Walk #74. The peace and joy that flowed through this weekend was a blessing that was palpable.

Since I had stood by the music guys in July of 2011 during my pilgrim walk, I had dreamed of being a lay director for an Emmaus Walk. I was not able to do this without my friends and Emmaus family. The great thing about God is that he takes your dreams and says "Watch this!" – our best dreams still limit God as who He is, and what He can do for us or through us. I can still close my eyes and feel the small engraved plaque on that prayer cross in my hand from the closing ceremony of Men's Walk #74. Thank you for being a part of that dream, thank you for sharing the love of Jesus with these men, and thank you for being that smile someone needed to feel worthy of Christ's love.

With Christ's Love,

Joe Sutton

Lay Director MW#74

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 the less time. All that is involved is cleaning the kitchen up after gatherings are over. After closings is to put the tables and chairs away in the conference room.

Women's Walk #80 February 20-23, 2020 Team & Pilgrim Roster

Please check website www.sidneyemmaus.org for current list

Men's Walk #75 March 12-15, 2020 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 Dave and Deb Loewer at daloewer@gmail.com. Thank you!



Hello Emmaus Community,

Just a few reminders as we kick off this Emmaus weekend:

1. If you have bedtime Agape, there needs to be 60 pieces if it is for all. If you want it to be pilgrim bedtime, there needs to be 30. ****Please mark as bedtime Agape or let us know when dropping off. ****
2. Meal Agape should have 60 pieces. ****Please mark meal time Agape or let us know when dropping off.****
(*We have been short on bedtime and meal time, lately. Could your share group help? Do you have a Bible Study you meet with that could help?)
3. NO MEGA AGAPE!! What is considered Mega Agape? Anything larger than an envelope is considered mega agape. While we all know it is nice to receive these, please save for after the walk when your pilgrim is picked up on Sunday. We need to make sure that whatever is given to pilgrims, fits in their envelope packet on Sunday. (This includes for team also. If you want to do gift bags for team, please deliver them on your own as it makes more work for your logs who are passing out the bedtime agape to try to deliver these as well and we all know the LOGS (LEGS) work hard enough 😊)
4. Please make sure all pilgrim agape is marked with first and last name and adding "pilgrim" helps also. Please try to make sure there is no Agape marked, "mom", "dad", "Aunt Sally", etc. as we are not always sure who it belongs to with those markings and we want to make sure it gets to the right person.
5. PILGRIMS RECEIVE NO PERSONAL AGAPE EXCEPT ON SUNDAY IN THEIR PACKET!!
6. If agape is for team, please put first and last name and "team" on envelope. If it is for team that is giving a talk, please write "talk agape" on the envelope and we will make sure it gets in the right spot. Also, on that note, if you want them to have it a specific evening, please indicate that on the envelope as well. If you have Agape for the spiritual directors, please mark them. If they are not a live in, we have a hard time getting their agape to them after their talk, so please bring in before their talk.
7. There are baskets in the Agape room that are labeled for Agape. Please make sure to use the baskets and please do not go behind table. This can confuse things for those working in the agape room.
8. If you have brought in table or bedtime Agape, please come to the Agape room and check to see if you have extras. We are unable to use it for other walks if there is not enough. You can come and get your bag or box and make more for the next walk. If you bring in special bag and want it saved, please let us know or mark it so we can make sure it gets to the correct person.
9. There are cards, bookmarks and writing utensils available in the Agape room if you are needing to write Agape during the weekend. We ask that if you are writing Agape, please drop in the correct basket when you are finished and please put pens and unused things back in basket they were provided in.
10. If you are sponsoring a pilgrim, make sure to get their Agape packets from the Gathering Place after closings. If it is left, we will put out at gatherings or on walk weekends.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Shawn or myself!

Thank you and De Colores!

Agape Chairpersons

Valerie and Shawn McCollister

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.**

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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Ministry Manager--Database

Ministry Manager is the new Emmaus database provided by The Upper Room for Emmaus communities. It replaced all old databases that we were affiliated with in 2019.

You should have received an invitation email from, within the past year from The Upper Room asking you to Sign In to the new Ministry Manager application to create your account and verify your information for use in the community. You can go to our website and enter into the database through there. Please do so as it will be the method used for communications and membership management now that the full system is online. Having your correct information will ensure that you can remain an active and informed part of our community in the future. Be sure to mark yourself as active (if you are marked inactive) as we have gone through and inactivated several members of the community since we have not seen you around events in the Emmaus Community. We would like to see you come back if you have been gone for a while. Doors are always open.

Everyone who has been marked inactive will also have zz in front of their last name. So if you are having trouble finding your profile card enter is either as your first name and scroll down through until you find your name. The zz only drops your name to the bottom of a list so we can find those that are active much faster.

Note: Mass Email capabilities are not yet enabled in Ministry Manager so we are using Facebook in the interim to communicate with our community. Please keep your email information current in Ministry Manager.

What should I do if I did not act when I received my email from ministrymanager@upperroom.org inviting me to “join Emmaus”?

If you can still find your email (look for an email from ministrymanager@upperroom.org with the subject “Emmaus Invitation” click on the “Accept Invitation” button and it will take you to a Sign Up page where you can create your Ministry Manager account. Fill out the form and click the “Create Your Account” button to finish.

If you cannot find your invitation email, go to the Ministry Manager portal page at <https://ministrymanager.upperroom.org> and click the “Sign Up” button, fill out the form, and click the “Create Your Account” button to finish.

What should I check in my Ministry Manager Profile?

Once you are in the Ministry Manager, check your profile to ensure that all of your information is correct. There are several fields in each profile which are mandatory.

If they are left blank, you may be able to complete the verification of your account, but we will not be able to change your status. These fields are:

- First Name.
- Last Name.
- Phone Number If you only use a cell phone please enter that into both home and cell phone spaces...please use format +19375380169 as this is the format that the Upper Room has in place on their end.
- Birth Date—this is important. Everybody can put **Jan 1** as your month and day, then your actual year so we don't need your whole BD.
- Email Address.
- Mark clergy if you are a Pastor.
- Mark Music if you are interested or have served as music.
- Don't forget to mark save at the very bottom.
- Tag name if you ever serve on live in team.

After changing and/or updating any of your profile information, ensure that you get a green message stating that the update was successful before moving on. If you get a failure red message, check the profile fields for hints in red about those fields that may be filled out incorrectly or are mandatory and were left blank.

What should I do if Ministry Manager says that my email is already registered?

If you are told that your email is already registered, it may be because both you and your spouse attempted to use the same email. Ministry Manager requires a discrete email address for every member, so if you have a common email address, one of you will need to come up with a different email address, whether it is work or Hotmail/yahoo/gmail etc.

If you have any other questions feel free to contact me at princess_lumc@yahoo.com

Data Admin
GSAE
Corinne Olson

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.

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 Misty Wooddell, Women's Good Shepherd (momisty60@gmail.com) or Neal Marchal, Men's Good Shepherd (marchaljem@gmail.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?

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 CONTACT INFORMATION

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.

(See Committee/Board Members to see where you can help in these areas) www.sidneyemmaus.org for Board List

AGAPE

– IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SIGNING UP FOR THE 72 HOUR PRAYER VIGIL FOR WALKS – A SIGN UP BOARD IS AVAILABLE AT GATHERINGS PRIOR TO UPCOMING WALK

- IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN FURNISHING MEAL AGAPE OR BEDTIME AGAPE OR FUNDS TO PROVIDE AGAPE - PLEASE CONTACT VALERIE MCCOLLISTER AT VALERIECCCOLLOISTER@YAHOO.COM

MUSIC

THE FOLLOWING ARE WAYS TO BE INVOLVED IN MUSIC IF YOU SING, PLAY GUITAR PIANO OR OTHER INSTRUMENT:

-PROVIDING DINNER MUSIC FOR CANDLELIGHT, GATHERING SPECIAL MUSIC, SATURDAY NIGHT WALK ENTERTAINMENT, SERVING ON TEAM AS MUSIC DIRECTOR OR ASSISTANT

IF INTERESTED IN ANY OF THE ABOVE OPPORTUNITIES - CONTACT SUE KAUFMAN AT SKAUFMAN52@GMAIL.COM

GATHERINGS

-ASSIST WITH MEAL SET-UP OR CLEAN-UP – CONTACT JESSICA SKINNER AT JLSKIN@HOTMAIL.COM

- GIVING A FOURTH DAY TALK – CONTACT TRACY ECK AT RTKB586@WOH.RR.COM

ASSIST DURING WALKS

-SERVE IN KITCHEN BY COOKING OR SERVING- CONTACT MELODY SCHNEIDER / LISA ANDERSON / DAVE AND DEB LOEWER AT JRMDSBS@EMBARQMAIL.COM; LISACCSC@GMAIL.COM; DALOEWER@GMAIL.COM

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- ASSIST WITH SET-UP OR TEARDOWN FOR SEND OFF MEAL – CONTACT JESSICA SKINNER AT JLSKIN@HOTMAIL.COM

- ASSIST WITH SET-UP FOR CANDLELIGHT DINNER – CONTACT JESSICA SKINNER AT JLSKIN@HOTMAIL.COM

**GREATER SIDNEY AREA EMMAUS WALK
WILLING SERVANT FORM 2019**

NAME _____ BIRTH YEAR _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY STATE ZIP CODE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____ CHURCH _____

PHONE NUMBER: HOME _____ CELL _____

WHEN AND WHERE OF ORIGINAL WALK _____

INTERESTED IN SERVING ON LIVE IN TEAM? _____

ARE YOU IN A SHARE GROUP? _____ WOMEN _____ MEN _____ BOTH

NAME OF SHARE GROUP _____ ARE YOU ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERS _____ YES

_____ NO

MEMBERS OF SHARE GROUP (FIRST AND LAST

NAME) _____

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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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.