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NEWSLETTER

June 2021

Greater Sidney Emmaus Community,

I pray you are all enjoying the goodness of God, and trusting in his plan for your life!

It's very exciting that we will welcome new members to our community this summer. Women's Walk #81 will be July 15-18, and Men's Walk #75 will be August 5-8. Please keep the pilgrims and the teams in your daily prayers. Also, ask God if there is a person that he would want you to sponsor this summer.

Even though we haven't had walks this past year, I know our community has been active in being the hands and feet of Jesus. This past December we collected food and money to donate to Agape , a local food pantry. We donated 173 pounds of food, and enough money for Agape to buy over a 1000 pounds of food. The food they purchased provided 164 meals to those in need. I know you have also continued to give to those that God has put in your path.

- I encourage everyone to attend monthly Gatherings to help us recharge and bring Christ's love into this world
- Pray for God's healing hand in our world
- Pray about sponsorship and who God is calling to attend future walks
- Pray for our Emmaus Community, weekend teams, and future pilgrims
- Continue to safely meet with your Share/Reunion Groups. If you need to get involved in a group please reach out to our community Good Shepherds or any other board member.

Psalm 46:10 Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.

De Colores!

Ellen Grieshop, Chairperson

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A Note from our Spiritual Directors

With the announcement that we will sponsor both men and women summer walks, it might be significant for us to call attention to the most important job in Emmaus: Sponsorship. The aim of a sponsor, according to our manual, should not be to reproduce one's own experience in others, fill up a weekend, or to fix people's problems. The aim of sponsorship is to build up the body of Christ. As pastors and Spiritual Directors, we look to the Emmaus community to build into the church. From experiencing spiritual revitalization, we look to pilgrims to bring new life and vision to the work of the church in the congregation, home, workplace, and community after a weekend.

The Emmaus community should not be the substitute for the church. That is why we need to be careful whom we invite to attend as sponsors. Emmaus is right for many people but not for everyone. This is not the time to get your friend "straighten out." Persons experiencing difficulty in life that has escalated to a spiritual crisis is not a good candidate. Unwise sponsorship often will produce a harvest that becomes more of a burden than a blessing for the church. Again, the fruit of a strong Emmaus experience is in the "Forth Day" ministries taking place in or through the local church. Healthy pilgrims will be in healthy, Holy Spirit centered, vital ministries in the church.

We also need to call attention to team members and sponsors own emotional health. We cannot use a weekend to get more spiritually healthy. We need to bring spiritual health to the weekend. Do not think of the weekend as the time you are going to "get fixed." If all your hope for spiritual health is a gathering, or serving on a weekend, you are missing the value of your church to draw you into a deeper experience with Jesus. I encourage every member of the Emmaus Community to be deeply involved in their local church for their own spiritual health.



We are prayerfully planning for the next set of walks!!

Women's Walk #81 July Team & Pilgrim Roster

Please check website www.sidneyemmaus.org for current list

Men's Walk #75 August Team & Pilgrim Roster

Please check website www.sidneyemmaus.org for current list



SERVING IN THE KITCHEN

NEW Kitchen Sign Up

We are testing out a new, online kitchen crew sign up process. This online site will allow everyone the opportunity to sign up to serve and cook in the kitchen during the Walk weekends. There are a couple of ways to sign up.

1. There is a link on the Emmaus Facebook page that will take you to the signup web site.
2. You can click on the link below and that will also take you to the signup web site. We have a link for each Walk.

Woman's Walk July: <http://signup.com/go/mwAcBhp>

Men's Walk Aug: <https://signup.com/go/uBzrQNC>

3. Don't have Facebook? You can contact Deb Loewer and she can sign you up. daloewer@gmail.com or 937-570-0798

Some features of the new sign up process:

1. Allows you to sign up yourself and also sign up others (friends and family)
2. Provides everyone a view of the spots that are open and still need willing servants. (Note - even if all spots are filled, you are welcome to join the kitchen crew and lend an extra hand).
3. Allows everyone to remove themselves from a spot if he/she is not longer able to serve.
4. If you enter your email address, you will receive a reminder email 7 days before your time to serve. (Note - their privacy policy states they will NOT sell your email address to other marketers).

We are hoping the new process gives everyone more opportunities to serve and be part of the kitchen crew during the Walk weekend. If you have any questions, problems, or concerns, feel free to contact Deb Loewer at daloewer@gmail.com.



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 Dan or !!

Thank you and De Colores!

Agape Chairpersons
Kelli & Dan Elliott

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

We are having a gathering!!! June 8 @ 7:00

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 eating BEFORE the Gathering at 6:15pm. 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 lists of current and past team members and pilgrims

Board Meetings

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

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.

**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)

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| <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Agape Room (Help sort with training)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Agape--72 hr. Prayer Vigil</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Agape--furnish Meal time Agape</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Agape--Snack table snacks</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Agape--Bedtime (no mega agape)</i></p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Gathering--Special Music</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Gathering--give fourth day talk</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Gathering--meal set-up</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Gathering--Provide communion elements</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Gathering--teardown/cleanup</i></p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Kitchen--cook</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Kitchen--server</i></p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Other _____</i></p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Logistics--set up for send-off (Wed night)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Logistics--Tear down Sunday morning</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Logistics--Closing teardown and cleanup</i></p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>music--play guitar/piano/other Instrument</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>music--dinner music for Candlelight</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>music--Saturday Night entertainment</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>music--serve on live in team as music Dir</i></p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Social--setup/teardown for sendoff meal</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Social--supply ice cream on Saturday</i></p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Team--serve on live in team someday</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Clergy--Give Talk during weekend</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Clergy--Serve on live in Team as SD/A</i></p> |
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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 _____

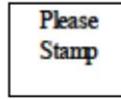
When (Day/time) and where (City) you meet _____

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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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.