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# *El Quiqui*

NEWSLETTER

**November 2023**

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# Welcome

To the Emmaus Community. Pilgrims of Women's Walk #88 -October 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and Men's Walk #81-November 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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## **A note from the Lay Directors:**

First and foremost I want to praise God for "pushing" me. I was fairly confident that I wouldn't ever be a good choice for a Lay Director. It was an experience that has changed my life forever. And I want to thank the Board and Emmaus Community for believing in me. It was a joy and a privilege to serve as a Lay Director. And OF COURSE to the team members that agreed to go on the ride with me. They were and are an awesome group that never hesitated to do whatever was asked of them. Best group of misfit toys ever!!!

Starting on Thursday night, the pilgrims connected and bonded with each other and with the team. And it kept getting better from there. They were open to God's guidance and were willing to commit to everything the weekend had to offer. A few struggled at first but the warmed up fairly quickly. I have been told there were more books and materials sold on walk 88 than ever before.

I always say on an Emmaus Walk you never laugh so hard or cry so much. And Walk 88 was no different. They even chose interpretive dance over posters. The emotions started at the Emmaus Road experience and carried thru the rest of the weekend. At dying Moments many of the women unloaded a LOT of baggage. And after candlelight one of the pilgrims re-dedicated her life to Christ. The pilgrims blessed the team so many times.

There were issues with scheduling, after a meeting just today Nov. 4, I believe those issues will be resolved. I really can't think of any other problems. God put the right people in the right places. Whenever something came up, there was always someone on the team that knows the fix or had the phone number of the person to help us.

AGAIN, Thank God and the Emmaus Community for the privilege of being Lay Director for Walk #88 De Colores,  
Deb Hagan

Thank you, thank you, thank you Community! 25 Pilgrims from Men's Walk 81 experienced your love through your prayers, agape, entertainment, hard work in the kitchen, set up and tear down, etc..... I would also like to thank the Board for the opportunity to be Lay Director which allowed me to grow in my Faith. God helped put this special Team together to grow in their faith too. From the Pastors to the ALD's and others at Grace Table, the Table Leaders and ATLS and Logs all made the Walk a memorable time for all. The music on the walk was a Blessing to all. The Pastors and team saw the Pilgrims experience God's Grace and Love. Many were seeing a path forward through Jesus. Thank you to all that helped Walk 81 be a success for the Pilgrims. As REO Speedwagon said "Keep Pushin!"

Scott Swartz, Lay Director



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

**Women's Walk #89 February 22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Men's Walk #82 March 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Please check website [www.sidneyemmaus.org](http://www.sidneyemmaus.org) for lists of current and past team members and pilgrims.**

**Message from our Chairman:**

As we come to the end of 2023 and all of our weekend walks are completed, it is my pleasure to share with you that we welcomed 108 new people into the Greater Sidney Area Emmaus this year. That is amazing and very encouraging that so many people want to grow closer to Jesus in their own Christian walk of faith.

Looking at our world today, America sometimes appears to be a nation of individuals, and this impacts the way we live, think and believe. There is nothing inherently wrong with individualism; but, like all worldviews, individualism impacts our relationship with God, in both good and bad ways. Christians understand the importance of a relationship with God being personal and that growth comes through personal study, prayer and worship. We must all make a conscious effort to practice these in our lives. But, our individualism can sometimes blind us to the importance of a community, leaving us lonely and disconnected from one another. Being an active participant in Emmaus activities plays a very

important role in keeping us all connected as a body of Christ. It still amazes me that people show up on Thursday night as strangers and leave as friends on Sunday night.

Emmaus is a powerful platform for discipleship. Our community helps followers of Christ grow in their understanding and application of the Word, in prayer, in sharing their faith with others, and in true character growth. As we move into 2024, we, as a ministry, need to maintain our focus on building our community by inviting our friends and family members to attend a Walk to Emmaus weekend. I encourage you to take the initiative in 2024 (even if you're stepping out of your comfort zone) and sponsor at least one pilgrim for a walk weekend. Make 2024 your year to share the gift of Emmaus with someone you love.

Dawn Pulfer

Chairman



## 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 signup.

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.  
[https://www.sidneyemmaus.org/v2\\_kitchen.htm](https://www.sidneyemmaus.org/v2_kitchen.htm)
3. Don't have Facebook? You can contact Deb Loewer and she can sign you up. [daloewer@gmail.com](mailto: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 no 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](mailto:daloewer@gmail.com).



Hello Emmaus Community,

Just a few reminders as we kick off the next 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 at least 30.

**\*\*Please mark as bedtime Agape or let us know when dropping off. \*\***

2. Meal Agape should have 60 pieces.

**\*\* If you want it to be for meals, Please mark meal time Agape or let us know when dropping off! \*\***

(\*\*We have been short on bedtime and mealtime, 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. (There is a sample of this on the Emmaus Facebook page!)

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. (Often there is a few with the same name so first and last names help us when sorting that Agape)

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. 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.

9. 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 contact Jill or Tim Burden and they will be happy to help you!

Agape Chairpersons,  
Tim and Jill Burden

**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. If you have team agape for your prayer partner and it won't fit in their brown lunch sack, please deliver yourself.**

## Reminder Emmaus Etiquette

### Emmaus Community Etiquette

- 1) Try to always wear your name tag to Emmaus functions
- 2) Be considerate that Only speaker requested prayer partners should listen to talks
- 3) Keep the holy atmosphere at candlelight.
- 4) No photographs at any Walk weekend Emmaus activity. We need to honor the pilgrim's privacy.
- 5) No one other than pilgrims and live in team are allowed in the conference room.
- 6) No one other than pilgrims and live in team are allowed in sleeping quarters.
- 7) When volunteering during the weekend you should have minimal contact with pilgrims and live in team.
- 8) Working in the kitchen as support of the weekend you should keep your intended contact with the pilgrims within the task or service you are performing. Some examples:
  - This is the pilgrim's weekend and not yours, but that does not mean you should be silent to them or ignore them in a disrespectful way. Be loving, be a good listener, be flexible, but also understand that in serving the pilgrims as part of the weekend, you need to be genuine and focused on serving the walk. Focusing too much attention on particular team members or pilgrims may pull the focus of the weekend away from moving the pilgrims towards the love Christ has for each of us.
  - Christ is all about relationship and this weekend is about moving the pilgrims to a deeper relationship with Christ. You are Christ's representative as part of the kitchen's support to the weekend. Be of service but also be aware of the bigger picture.
  - If a pilgrim talks to you or initiates a conversation, don't push them away or cut them off. It is not "illegal" or "punishable" to talk to a pilgrim or team member, but we need to be aware that we should not be the ones to pursue it or maintain it longer than a moment or two.
  - The team members are working to a schedule and the pilgrims are working to that schedule also. As kitchen team members, we need to try and not hold up the team members or pilgrims. Breaks or "downtime" are not free time for the kitchen team to simply pull a pilgrim or team member aside for lengthy conversations.



- 9) When to wear your purple cross? It is not against the rules to wear it any other time, but we ask you to make sure you bring it to closing as a showing of community.
- 10) Respect the wishes of Sidney 1st Methodist. We are their guests.
- 11) If you move something in the church building, please put it back when you are finished.
- 12) Please Leave the church building as clean or cleaner than you found it.
- 13) Wednesday night setup per Sidney 1st UMC requirements
  - a. Setup to start on 1<sup>st</sup> floor at 8:30PM
  - b. No one allowed on 5th/6th floor until after 8:30PM
- 14) No live in team member in the church before 3PM on Thursday afternoon during walk weekends
- 15) When volunteering use the "buddy system". Do not go anywhere alone.

#### Sponsor Responsibility/Etiquette

- 1) Honestly answer all pilgrims question and explain what goes on at weekend. There are no secrets
- 2) You are responsible to make sure pilgrim has at least 15 pieces of personal agape letters. These should be brought to the Agape room at sendoff on Thursday night. No pilgrims name should be read at Candlelight for lack of agape.
- 3) Personally bring your pilgrim to Thursday night sendoff. It is your responsibility to bring them and help them settle in.
- 4) If your pilgrim is unable to attend the weekend immediately contact the Registrar or Sponsorship board member so we are not waiting for them to show up.
- 5) Attend Sponsor's Hour Chapel immediately after Thursday night sendoff. It is your responsibility to pray over your pilgrim's cross as part of the extended weekend team.
- 6) Attend Candlelight and greet your pilgrim. (No cell phones!!!)
- 7) Attend Closing. (No cell phones!!!)
- 8) Take your pilgrim home.
- 9) Help your pilgrim get into a share group. If help is needed, the board Good Shepherd will help if contacted.
- 10) Follow up with your pilgrim after walk to see how their 4th days are going.
- 11) Bring pilgrim to the walk reunion gathering (typically next gathering after walk weekend)**

**\*\*Please make sure there are no phones at candlelight or closing!! No photography or videos are permitted at gatherings, candlelight or at closing! We also ask that there be no children at Candlelight or Closing and these events are also only open to those that have attended a walk! Gatherings are open to anyone!!\*\***

# *Community Information*

The Greater Sidney Area Emmaus holds a monthly gathering.

Gatherings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm.

Gatherings are open to anyone!! We meet at the Methodist Church, 230 E. Poplar St. –Sidney, OH. Please come join us in the worship and fellowship. Remember, when Emmaus Meets, Emmaus Eats! Bring a dish to share at the Meal which begins at 6 pm with service following and beginning at 7 pm.

We have a gathering December 12<sup>th</sup>!!

2024 dates are: January 9<sup>th</sup>, February 13<sup>th</sup>, March 12<sup>th</sup>, April 9<sup>th</sup>, May 14<sup>th</sup>, June 11<sup>th</sup>, July 9<sup>th</sup>, August 13<sup>th</sup>, September 10<sup>th</sup>, October 8<sup>th</sup>, November 12<sup>th</sup>, December 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **Board Meetings**

Meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, meet in Fellowship Hall at 6:45 pm.

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

We can now accept credit card payments for the weekend and for book table!! If you have any questions, please see Kathy Huseman or any board member!

## **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](http://www.sidneyemmaus.org), under forms or on the Facebook Page. You can mail it to Sidney First Methodist 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.



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**WILLING SERVANT FORM**

*This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. - 2 Corinthians 9:12-13*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Year \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

**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 during the year and walk weekends. Please mark the areas you are willing to serve.  
You can also contact your Emmaus Board to see where you can help. Visit [www.sidneyemmaus.org](http://www.sidneyemmaus.org) for current board list.*

**Walk Weekends:**

- \_\_\_\_ Serve in Kitchen by Cooking or Serving
- \_\_\_\_ Assist with set-up or teardown for Send Off meal
- \_\_\_\_ Assist with set-up for Candlelight dinner

**Weekend Agape:**

- \_\_\_\_ 72 Hour Prayer Vigil
- \_\_\_\_ Meal Agape
- \_\_\_\_ Bedtime Agape

**Music:**

- \_\_\_\_ Sing / play guitar / piano / other instrument
- \_\_\_\_ Special Music at Gatherings
- \_\_\_\_ Dinner music for Candlelight dinner
- \_\_\_\_ Saturday night entertainment
- \_\_\_\_ Serve on live in team as Music Director/Assistant

**Monthly Gatherings (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday each month):**

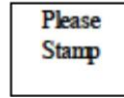
- \_\_\_\_ Assist with Meal set-up or clean-up
- \_\_\_\_ Give a Fourth Day Talk
- \_\_\_\_ Special Music at Gatherings

*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 mail this form to the church as addressed on the other side or email to [chairman@sidneyemmaus.org](mailto:chairman@sidneyemmaus.org)*

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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.*