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NEWSLETTER

October 2020

Greater Sidney Emmaus Community,

My prayers are that you and your families stay safe and healthy as we continue to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic.

As you know after prayerful review by our Community Leadership and Spiritual Directors it was determined we needed to postpone the 2020 fall walk weekends due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. This has been an unusual and challenging year but we are faithful that God has a plan and is in control of this situation.

God willing we are making plans for the February 2021 Women's and March 2021 Men's walks. We need to trust God and keep our Emmaus Community strong so we are ready to resume Walk weekends when this pandemic is over.

- 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.

We also have new board candidates who offered to serve our community for the upcoming 2021 term. The community will be voting on these nominees at the October 13, 2020 Gathering:

- Vice Chair - Brian Wagner
- Supplies - Dawn Baily
- Literature - Diane Snider
- Agape - Kelli (Dan) Elliot
- Treasurer - Dawn Beelman
- Kitchen - Rita Baumer
- Men's Registrar - JJ Riffell
- Newsletter - Samantha McCoy
- Men's Good Shepherd - Chris Ashby
- Worship - Jessi Eddy
- Social - Chelsea Frederick
- Music Chair - Ed Skidmore

God has given us faithful and dependable people to help keep our community strong. Thank you to all who volunteered for these positions.

Psalm 91:1-2 says, "Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord," "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." We need to keep our faith in God. His healing hand will see us through these difficult times and make us stronger.

De Colores!

Scott Newcomer, Chairperson

Board of Directors

Leadership-Phyllis Rump

Chairman-Scott Newcomer

Vice Chairman-Ellen Grieshop

Treasurer-Dawn Hepperd

Secretary-Audra Sutton

Sponsorship-Amanda Taylor

Men's Registrar-Gray Cron

Women's Registrar-Maurya Ryan

Agape-Valerie McCollister

Men's Good Shepherd-Judd Ritter

Women's Good Shepherd-Misty Wooddell

Supplies-Lisa Jenkins

Logistics-Rick Brubaker

Literature-Abby Wagner & Pam Wagner

Social-Jessica Skinner

Worship—Tracey Eck

Music-Sue Kaufman

Outreach-Joe Sutton

Newsletter-Michelle Rudasill

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

A Note from our Spiritual Directors

Times have been difficult for all during the coronavirus pandemic. As an Emmaus Community, we continue to pray for healing in our world. Let us never forget that the whole purpose of Emmaus is to raise up Christian leaders in God's churches. I say this knowing how difficult it has been to keep our focus and maintain our normal enthusiasm when we haven't been able to hold Emmaus Weekends. But, can't we as individuals continue to make Jesus Christ known in our world?

I shared with the Emmaus Board at a recent meeting what I share with you now: we need to have a "Paul" attitude, writing to the Philippians while in prison. "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice." (Phil. 4:4) If Paul could generate this level of enthusiasm for the mission while in prison, can't we do the same – especially since many feel they are 'prisoners' to this virus?

We tend to be a people who love it when things are going well. Emmaus Walks bring many 'mountain top' experiences, but we all know there is work to be done in the valleys. As an Emmaus Community, we are in one of those valleys right now. The 23rd Psalm reminds us that we will get *through* this. (...though I walk *through* the valley...-Psalm 23:4). This is a great reminder that our Shepherd is still with us, walking through this with us. Let us never forget this and let us continue to walk through this life as those who truly believe this.

We *will* hold Walks to Emmaus again! Let us not get to the other side of this and realize we missed opportunities to share Christ with someone just because there wasn't a Walk to get them on. Look for ways to share how Christ is leading you to make disciples through Facebook, at a Gathering, or even through our newsletter. Paul reminds us in Philippians 4:13 that we can do all things through Christ who is our strength. Let us continue to look for opportunities to share Christ with *Paul's prison enthusiasm!*



We are having a gathering!!!

October 13, 2020 @ 7:00

NO MEAL/NO CHILDCARE

In order to help everyone feel comfortable, every other pew is marked off to help with social distancing in the sanctuary. You may wear a mask if you choose. Children are welcome to attend, but you may want to bring items to entertain them while they sit in the pews. At the end of our time together, we ask that a few people from each pew help to wipe down the seating area. Sanitizing wipes will be available to use.

Communion will be offered, but it will look a little different than usual. We will have individual, disposable communion cups/wafers available for each person. There will be a gluten-free option as well. Communion will take place at your seat.

We ask that everyone be respectful of each other and their personal preferences toward social distancing, hugs, masks, etc. We are coming together with the purpose of sharing the love of Christ with one another.



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

Women's Walk #81 February Team & Pilgrim Roster

Please check website www.sidneyemmaus.org for current list

Men's Walk #75 March Team & Pilgrim Roster

Please check website www.sidneyemmaus.org for current list

***These dates are tentative, as we wait for further guidance from the state.*



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 <https://signup.com/go/LMqaQaf>
3. Don't have Facebook? You can contact Deb Loewer and she can sign you up. daloewer@gmail.com or 937.570.0798
4. There will also be a manual sign up sheet at the monthly gatherings.

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 Shawn or myself!

Thank you and 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.

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)

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.