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NEWSLETTER

October 2021

Hello Wonderful Community!

As I sit down to write this, all I can say is, God is good all the time, all the time God is good! It was an absolute joy to see the summer walks take place! The excitement among the community was so evident in the weeks leading up to the walks, and during the entire weekend of the walks. All the servant's hearts were out and they had their game on in every aspect of the weekends! God has richly blessed this community in so many ways, so we give Him all the glory for everything! Continue to be the light to all you encounter!

- 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.

Blessings,  
De Colores!  
Ellen Grieshop, Chairperson

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# Welcome

## To the Emmaus Community...Pilgrims of Women's Walk #81-July15-18, 2021

Jamie Alexander  
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Women's Walk #81 was indeed a Walk like no other! Now, I'm not saying that WW #81 was any better than any of the previous 150+ walks that have been held in Sidney. **EVERY** Emmaus Walk is amazing because of our Great God. I am referring to the fact that, to my knowledge, no other Walk that has been held has ever been evacuated from the church! But, oh what an amazing opportunity that evacuation presented!

The journey from Sidney First United Methodist Church to the First Presbyterian Church was just part of our path on the Road to Emmaus. And just like Cleopas and the other man, Jesus was walking along with us.

Serving as Lay Director for WW #81 was a wonderful, humbling experience to serve our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. From assembling 3 different teams throughout our Covid hiatus, to the team meetings and finally the Walk weekend, blessings were in abundance and there was no doubt Who was in control the entire time. God placed wonderful women on the team and their hearts for Jesus were evident during the team meetings and the Walk weekend. After exactly 400 days from when WW #81 was scheduled to take place, the Walk weekend finally occurred and the pilgrims that participated were such an inspiration. These ladies grew in self-confidence, friendship and their love of the Lord tremendously in 72 hours. It is always such a joy to see the Holy Spirit move in the lives of pilgrims and the transformation that occurs from Thursday night to Sunday night. As always, the community showed up in full force through the wonderful meals prepared and served, the agape that was shared and the many prayers that were said during the weekend. We are very grateful for the love and support the community showed us.

Our weekend verse was Philippians 4:8. **"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things"**  
**PHILIPPIANS 4:8** The qualities of this verse were so evident over the weekend even in the midst of the evacuation when we didn't even know if we were going to be able to complete the Walk weekend. God knew exactly where each pilgrim needed to be met along the journey – whether it was at Sidney First or First Presbyterian - and was right there for each lady. Just as we find these two churches at an intersection in the road, the Christian life is lived at the intersection of truth & love, where truth defines and directs love, and where love is motivated and directed by truth.

As we all continue in our Fourth Days, we must remember that the strategy of the kingdom of God is not striking a balance between truth and love; rather, it is the powerful combination of these two virtues lived out day-to-day in response to the realities of life.

Now, our prayers and love go out to the team and pilgrims of WW #82 & MW #76. We know that our Great God will be with you as your weekends occur. We are confident that you can do all things through Christ who gives you strength and we are certain that God who began the good work within you, will continue His work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

DeColores,  
Dawn Pulfer  
Lay Director WW #81

# Welcome

## To the Emmaus Community...Pilgrims of Men's Walk #75- August 5-8, 2021

Derek Bailey  
Jefferson Bryant  
Brian Dulebohn  
Kelton Moore  
Matthew Thuman (Matt)

Terry Bateman  
James Copeland  
Cody Gish  
Nicholas Overbey  
Corey VanHoose

George Bayman  
Ron Courter  
Joshua Johnson  
Richard Paulus

Andrew Bickham  
Richard Cramer  
Cory Meadows  
George Ricks

When I was called to be the Lay Director for the Men's Walk #75 I knew that God had something special planned and I thought I knew what it was. He provided me with the verse for the walk nine years prior. It was Matthew 5:13 "You are the Salt of the Earth". The verse changed my life as it led me to take my walk as a pilgrim. As I was sitting at the Table of Grace as LDIT I heard him say very clearly you have to learn to follow before you can lead. I thought I had a good understanding of what he was trying to tell me.

As I began the team formation process it became clear that I needed to listen to the Spirit and He would provide the team members that needed to be on the walk, not necessarily who I thought I would ask. As we went through the team meeting process it was very clear that He formed the members that needed to be on the walk and we were a tight group of men set out to do God's work for 31 pilgrims. I thought Oh that is what he was trying to get through to me when he said: You have to learn to follow before you can lead." Like all teams we were on fire and ready to serve and then the pandemic hit and the walk was postponed an hour before it was scheduled to begin. A second date was set and all of the original team members were ready to serve and then the Walk postponed for a second time. Fourteen months later we were scheduled to go for August 5th thru August 8<sup>th</sup>. This time several new team members were required and we started the team formation process over again. By now I was sure I had a clear understanding of what God was telling me when he said "You have to follow before you can lead." August 5<sup>th</sup> arrived and we had 18 pilgrims who wanted to listen and be guided by the Holy Spirit and just as He always does He delivered.

The pilgrims were strong in spirit coming in and eager to spiritually grow even more though out the weekend. As we were having our wrap up meeting for the team and getting ready to pray in the next Lay Director I looked at the team members and I saw men who were physically, mentally and spiritually drained. It was as Jesus and the disciples were in the room and became evident that "You have to learn to follow before you can lead," because only he could have orchestrated such a great combination of team and pilgrims to help make his kingdom better. I thank God and the Greater Sidney Emmaus community for the opportunity to serve as the Lay Director for Men's Walk #75.

DeColores,

Mike Powell  
Lay Director MW #75



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

**Women's Walk #82 October Team & Pilgrim Roster**

Please check website [www.sidneyemmaus.org](http://www.sidneyemmaus.org) for current list

**Men's Walk #76 November Team & Pilgrim Roster**

Please check website [www.sidneyemmaus.org](http://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](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 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](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 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 you 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.**

# 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 pilgrims 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 one's 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) No mega agape. Must fit into manilla envelope
  - Consider giving a present-like agape item to the pilgrim before or after the walk.
  - Before the walk may allow the pilgrim to reflect on the gift or use it to bless their weekend.
  - After the walk may allow the pilgrim to have a deeper or more connective conversation with you.
  - The agape of the weekend, as you know, should fit physically in the normal envelope, but that does not mean the words you can express are small my any means.
- 11) Respect the wishes of Sidney 1st UMC. We are their guests.
- 12) If you move something in the church building, please put it back when you are finished.
- 13) Please Leave the church building as clean or cleaner than you found it.
- 14) 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
- 15) No live in team member in the church before 3PM on Thursday afternoon during walk weekends
- 16) 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 12 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 make 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 you pray over your pilgrim's cross as part of the extended weekend team.
- 6) Attend Candlelight and greet your pilgrim
- 7) Attend Closing
- 8) Take your pilgrim home
- 9) Help your pilgrim get into a share group if needed (the board Good Shepherd will also 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)

## *Community Information*

**We are having a gathering!!! October 12 @ 7:00**

The Greater Sidney Area Emmaus Gatherings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.sidneyemmaus.org) for lists of current and past team members and pilgrims**



## **Board Meetings**

**4<sup>TH</sup> 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](http://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](mailto: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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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](mailto: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.*