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FEBRUARY 2009

Can you sleep when the wind blows?

Years ago, a farmer owned land along the Atlantic seacoast. He constantly advertised for hired hands. Most people were reluctant to work on farms along the Atlantic. They dreaded the awful storms that raged across the Atlantic, wreaking havoc on the buildings and crops. As the farmer interviewed applicants for the job, he received a steady stream of refusals.

Finally, a short, thin man, well past middle age, approached the farmer. "Are you a good farm hand?" the farmer asked him. "Well, I can sleep when the wind blows," answered the little man.

Although puzzled by this answer, the farmer, desperate for help, hired him. The little man worked well around the farm, busy from dawn to dusk, and the farmer felt satisfied with the man's work. Then one night the wind howled loudly in from offshore. Jumping out of bed, the farmer grabbed a lantern and rushed next door to the hired hand's sleeping quarters. He shook the little man and yelled, "Get up! A storm is coming! Tie things down before they blow away!" The little man rolled over in bed and said firmly, "No sir. I told you, I can sleep when the wind blows."

Enraged by the response, the farmer was tempted to fire him on the spot. Instead, he hurried outside to prepare for the storm. To his amazement, he discovered that all of the haystacks had been covered with tarpaulins. The cows were in the barn, the chickens were in the coops, and the doors were barred. The shutters were tightly secured. Everything was tied down.

Nothing could blow away. The farmer then understood what his hired hand meant, so he returned to his bed to also sleep while the wind blew.

Moral of the story

When you're prepared, spiritually, mentally, and physically, you have nothing to fear. Can you sleep when the wind blows through your life? The hired hand in the story was able to sleep because he had secured the farm against the storm. We secure ourselves against the storms of life by grounding ourselves in the Word of God. We don't need to understand, we just need to hold His hand to have peace in the middle of storms.

Upcoming
Gatherings
February 10th
March 10th
April 14th

From the Chairman

Peace and Blessings to All.

I pray everything is going well and the New Year brings blessings from Christ our Lord.

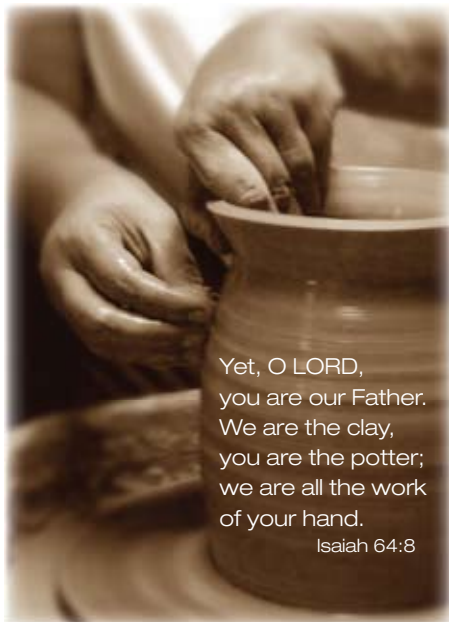
Just a reminder to pray for the team and pilgrims on Women's walk #47 and Men's Walk #43.

Hope to see you at the gatherings.

Keep persevering

Your Brother in Christ.

Larry Reed



Yet, O LORD,
you are our Father.
We are the clay,
you are the potter;
we are all the work
of your hand.
Isaiah 64:8

PRAYER

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with the set up and tear down for the
Emmaus weekends? If you feel led to help
in this way please e-mail David Heintz @
dh12690@embarqmail.com

PILGRIMS

For a complete Pilgrim List please click here

Lucy Arnett	Anna
Lori Billing	Sidney
Judy Boham	Belle Center
Janice Bruns	Jackson Center
Patty Cisco	New Bremen
Katy Dearth.....	Bradford
Cathy Dempsey	Lima
Joyce Heffelfinger.....	Troy
Benita Houck	Sidney
Jan Howard	Lima
Becky Huelskamp	Sidney
Bev Hurlburt.....	St. Marys
Michelle James.....	Lima
Wendy Keaton.....	Celina
Jozy King.....	Sidney
Donna Krech	Lima
Carla Krohn	Lima
Brenda Lazier.....	Maplewood
Maryam Lyon	Sidney
Brittany Maurer.....	Jackson Center
Deborah McQueen	West Liberty
Linda Mers	Troy
Leslie Pettit.....	Anna
Linda Philipps.....	Minster
Sandy Plaughter.....	Wapakoneta
Becky Quellhorst	New Bremen
Rachael Schrader.....	Dayton
Sue Shawber.....	Lima
Kelly Snider	Troy
Marcie Taylor.....	St. Marys
Lisa Wilgus.....	Wapakoneta
Kim Yantis	Sidney
Roberta Yoder	DeGraff

TEAM ROSTER

Lay Director

Kelly Young (Perseverance - Sun. 1:00pm)

Lay Director in Training

Tracey Hostetler

Board Representative

Teresa Reed

Assistant Lay Directors

Diane Snider (Priesthood of all Believers - Fri. 1:45pm)

Stacy Pettit (Priority - Fri. 9:15am)

Jody Prater (Changing Our World - Sun. 8:25am)

Music Director

Pat Holt

Assistant Music Director

Deb Hereld

Logistics

Diane Noffsinger, Betty Blue,

Erica Gregg, Abby Wagner, Tami Demoss

Table Leaders

Tammy Bemus

Christa Meyer (Life in Piety - Fri 6:30pm)

Shelly Hixson (Christian Action - Sat 3:00pm)

Cheryl Koewler (Grow Thru Study - Sat. 8:45am)

Carol Buck (Discipleship - Sat. 7:00pm)

Leslee Barhorst (Body of Christ - Sun. 10:30am)

Carleen Pettit (Fourth Day - Sun. 2:00pm)

Assistant Table Leaders

Utsey Shelton

Carissa Schlarman

Misty Reese

Rita Platfoot

Christen Thomas

Monica Navarre

Jill Smith

Spiritual Director

Barbara Staley (Means of Grace - Sat. 10:45am)

Assistant Spiritual Directors

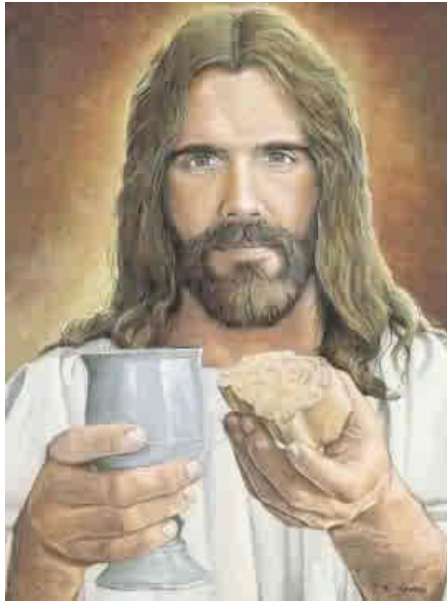
Jane Madden (Prevenient Grace) - Fri. 11:20am

Julia Ronngren (Justifying Grace) - Fri. 3:00pm)

Wayne Fowler (Obstacles to Grace) - Sat. 4:30pm

Eileen Hix (Sanctifying Grace) - Sunday 9:35am

Men's Walk #43 *March 26th - 29th, 2009*



For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

- Jeremiah 29:11

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THE GREATER SIDNEY AREA EMMAUS COMMUNITIES INFO

The Greater Sidney Area Emmaus Communities Gatherings are on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm for worship with fellowship afterwards.

We meet at the First United Methodist Church located at 230 E. Poplar St., Sidney Ohio. Please come at celebrate Christ's love with us.

- Special Services on weekend's of a Walk to Emmaus at 8:30pm Saturday night. Same location. Special Services on weekend's of a Walk to Emmaus at 4:30pm Sunday afternoon. Please come after 4:00pm same location and meet in the old Fellow Ship Hall.
- Board Meeting's meet at First United Methodist Sidney in the Chapel at 6:45 PM on the forth Thursday of each month.

SHARE GROUPS

How is it with your soul? Do you need a little encouragement, do you have questions about a Bible teaching, or do you just need to get together with someone and talk? There's no place like a Share Group! Joining together and learning is the way Jesus taught us to learn our faith. In community, there is natural teaching and accountability.

This keeps us strong in our convictions and habits. Jesus sent his disciples out in groups so they could build each other up for the task ahead. And we cannot learn spiritual qualities such as forgiveness, grace, love, justice, and humility by ourselves, but only by practicing our faith with others. May God bless you all. If you need to find a Share Group, please let me know. I'd love to find a place where you can talk with Jesus. Call Diann Gault, Women's Good Shepard at 937-465-0452 or email - cggault@embarqmail.com, or Men's Good Shepard, Ryan Ware at 937-538-8230 or e-mail - rware@wapkoneta.net

Announcements

Epiphany Ministries of Ohio

Valentine Comedy Cafe

Featuring the Comedic Talents of

Leslie Norris Townsend

Saturday, February 14

St. Paul's UMC, 119 East Fulton Street, Celina

~ Dinner & Show ~

\$25.00/person \$40.00/couple

~ Show Only ~

\$10.00



Dinner 6:00 pm Show 8:00 pm

Tickets & Information:

Rick Poppe 419-305-5338 or 419-586-5313

All Proceeds to Benefit Epiphany Ministries of Ohio



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If you are interested in submitting an article for the Sidney Emmaus newsletter please e-mail me @ twenrick@woh.rr.com There will be copies at the monthly gathering of the current issue and also we encourage you to view the newsletter online. Please help us spread the word about reading this online.
THANKS!! Teresa Wenrick

