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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 us know. We'd love to find a place where you can talk with Jesus. Call **Diann Gault**, Women's Good Shepherd at 937-465-0452 or email cggault@embarqmail.com, or **Doug Ware**, Men's Good Shepherd at 937-596-6733 or email dpware@centurylink.net.



Share Group Opportunities

Decorating Tables for candlelight dinner on Saturday night of a Walk. Set-up and tear-down. Contact Iva Lenhart at ivalen_1970@yahoo.com or 937-497-8852.

Mealtime Agape Get your creative minds together and provide mealtime agape for walks. Contact Ellen & Larry Grieshop at lgrieshop@gmail.com or 419-582-3706.

Mattress/Cot Project If your group is interested in contributing to help replace the existing cots/mattresses used during the weekends, contact Abby Wagner at abbymarie101@gmail.com or 937-492-0812.

Women's Walk #53 February 24-27, 2011

Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine....you are precious and honored in my sight, and I love you.

Isaiah 43:1, 4



Prayer



To sign up for the 72-hour Prayer Vigil, contact Ellen and Larry Grieshop at 419-582-3706.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE PILGRIMS AS THEY ENTER THEIR FOURTH DAYS

Terri Beemer.....Sidney
Wendi Hampp.....Wapakoneta
Shelly Helman.....Sidney
Annette Lowther.....Pemberton
Marcia McClure.....Troy
Valerie McCollister.....St. Marys
Jodi McDermitt.....Lima
Tilda Phlipot.....Sidney
Rita Platfoot.....Maplewood
Jana Pulfer.....Anna
Corey Shreves.....Sidney
Chrissy Smith.....Sidney
Nikki Suber.....Troy
Terry Skidmore.....Troy
Wendy Taylor.....Tipp City
Deb Tester.....Wapakoneta



TEAM ROSTER

Lay Director
Diane Snider.....Perseverance-Sun. 1:00PM

Lay Director in Training
Pat Holt

Board Representative
Sue Kaufman

Assistant Lay Directors
Leslee Barhorst.....Priority-Fri. 9:15AM
Melody Schneider.....Growth Through Study-Sat. 8:45AM
Corinne Olson.....Changing Our World-Sun. 8:25AM

Music Director
Nadine Tussing

Assistant Music Director
Betsy Pleiman

Logistics
Iva Lenhart, Abby Wagner, Sarah Burley,
Kelly J Snider, Deb Kaufman

Table Leaders
Melissa Gossard.....Priesthood of All Believers-Fri. 1:45PM
Rita Metz.....Life in Piety-Fri. 6:30PM
Dawn Pulfer.....Christian Action-Sat. 3:00PM
Tami DeMoss.....Discipleship-Sat. 7:00PM
Kelly K Snider.....Body of Christ-Sun. 10:30AM
Susie Ingraham.....Fourth Day-Sun. 2:00PM

Assistant Table Leaders
Krista Conover, Linda Smith, Lisa Wilgus,
Pam Wagner, Susie Bowles, Jill Givens

Spiritual Director
Tim Reeves.....Means of Grace-Sat. 10:45AM

Assistant Spiritual Directors
Jeremy Geissing.....Justifying Grace-Fri. 3:00PM
Matt Wright.....Prevenient Grace-Fri. 11:20AM
Eileen Hix.....Obstacles to Grace-Sat. 4:30PM
Barbara Staley.....Sanctifying Grace-Sun. 9:35AM

Men's Walk #48



Prayer



To sign up for the 72-hour Prayer Vigil, contact Ellen and Larry Grieshop at 419-582-3706.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE PILGRIMS AS THEY ENTER THEIR FOURTH DAYS

Andy Algire.....Bellefontaine
 Sam Boyer.....Sidney
 Chris Bucio.....Troy
 Herb Chambers.....Sidney
 Coyle Flory.....Troy
 Aaron Helman.....Sidney
 Gary Henschen.....Sidney
 Keith Keller.....Sidney
 Andrew Landrum.....Sidney
 Robert Lichtley, Jr.....Sidney
 Jim Myers.....Celina
 Mike Powell.....Wapakoneta
 Dave Preston.....Sidney
 Dean Settlage.....Wapakoneta
 Randy Skinner.....Botkins
 Shawn Smith.....Jackson Center
 Ron Stewart.....Slidell, LA
 John Sutter.....Ft. Recovery
 Joe Welker.....Botkins
 Jim Wilkerson.....Lima
 George Wooten.....Fairborn
 Bashir Yaqub.....Piqua



I urge you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me.

Romans 15:30

A tug on my heart this morning leads me to pray for my friends who are going through difficulties. I tuck them in my mind for thought throughout the day, but You know how busy the day becomes. Starting off my day by lifting up others in prayer tunes my heart to be prayerful and mindful of these people all day - even when busy.

Grant my a prayerful nature. It takes work for me to practice this discipline, Lord, yet it also offers me a closeness with You that I long for. I draw near to You right now and pray for myself and ophthers that our trials will lead us back to You always.

from One Minute Prayers to Begin and End Your Day

Willing Servant

Now that you have completed an Emmaus Walk and understand how much work goes into a weekend... you know that this doesn't occur without help from many willing servants. If you are interested in volunteering your time to help, please complete the form and mail it to the Leadership Chairman. Do not take this commitment lightly, please pray about the way God is leading you to serve.

Mail completed form to:

Leadership Chairman
The Greater Sidney Area Emmaus Community
First United Methodist Church
230 E. Poplar Street
Sidney, OH 45365

4th Day Talks

How are your Fourth Days going? We would love to hear how your Faith Journey has been going since your Emmaus Walk.

A Fourth Day talk is a source of inspiration to those present at the Gatherings. What you share may be just what another needs to hear on their Faith Journey.

If you would like to give a Fourth Day talk, please contact List Whittenberger at 937-638-1523 or email: lwhittenberger@hotmail.com.

GREATER SIDNEY AREA EMMAUS WALK WILLING SERVANT VOLUNTEER SHEET

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

We ask you to *pray* about your commitment and to serve in any way that you can. Remember that it should be done in God's timing not ours. Christ is counting on YOU!

I would like to assist at Emmaus functions in the future. I can serve the community in the following ways

AGAPE	I Can:	_____	Help in Agape room (set-up/sorting)
		_____	Furnish table snacks
		_____	Take part in the 72-hour Prayer Vigil
SOCIAL	I Can:	_____	Help with set-up and clean-up after Gatherings.
		_____	Help with set-up and clean-up Thursday meal of a Walk.
		_____	Serve on the Social Committee.
CHILD CARE		_____	Serve in the Nursery
WORSHIP	I Can:	_____	Provide Communion elements for Gatherings
		_____	Provide <i>Special Music</i> at Gatherings.
		_____	Play Guitar / Piano (other _____)
		_____	Give a Fourth Day talk at Gatherings
KITCHEN	I Can:	_____	Serve as part of the Kitchen Staff.
LOGISTICS	I Can:	_____	Help with Wednesday night set-up for Walks
		_____	Help with Sunday morning reset for Church
		_____	Help with Sunday Closing set-up
		_____	Help with Sunday evening tear-down
TEAM	I Can:	_____	Someday serve on a live-in team.
		_____	Like to be a music director on a Walk
CLERGY	I Can:	_____	Serve on a live-in team
		_____	Like to give a clergy talk on a Walk.

Name: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 CITY & STATE: _____ ZIP _____
 PHONE: _____ WALK YOU ATTENDED: _____
 PLACE (CITY/DISTRICT): _____ APPROXIMATE DATE: _____
 USEFUL TALENTS/INTERESTS _____

Please help us update your records: If you have served on a team at anytime we would like to update our records as we are using a new computer program to compile all team service. *We will be depending on these records when considering team recommendations:*

Community	Walk#	Team Role	Talk
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SPONSOR RESPONSIBILITIES

1 PRAY – As you prepare to sponsor an Emmaus pilgrim, pray that God has led you to someone who is ready and able to fulfill the purpose of Emmaus and who will have the ability of leaving the weekend “inspired, challenged and equipped for Christian action in their home, church, workplace and community.” Remember that our community strength depends on strong leaders who can strengthen their local church and be a force for its renewal.

Prayer is the foundation of the Emmaus movement and enables it to continue. Offer prayers that will help you identify those who are ready to continue a life-long journey of faith.

2 MAKE AN APPOINTMENT – As often as you may have casually talked to a potential pilgrim, set aside some time to be intentional about answering his/her questions and to make certain they understand what they are committing to.

3 EXTEND THE INVITATION – Make it “official” so that they know you are serious and intentional about the walk. Encourage them to pray also.

4 SEEK A COMMITMENT – Seek a real commitment without being pushy. Once they have given a definite commitment, help them with the paperwork and other preliminaries

5 PREPARE AGAPE AND ENLIST PASTORAL SUPPORT – Now begins some of your most important work. Pray. Stay in touch and collect information for agape letters from family and friends. Talk to the pastor involved and let them know what is happening and ask for their prayer and support as well.

6 SUPPORT THE WALK – Make certain the pilgrim’s family has their needs taken care of during the weekend. Do they need babysitting, food, rides, etc.? Attend the send-off, sponsor’s hour, Candlelight and closing. Pray.

7 SUPPORT THE PILGRIM ON THEIR FOURTH DAYS – Begin “debriefing” on the way home; if possible, take them to dinner first. Schedule another intentional talk time to discuss the weekend.

8 HELP THE PILGRIM RE-ENTER THEIR CHURCH – Make sure they understand that Emmaus is not their new church! Perhaps even talk to them and their pastor together to share more about the weekend.

9 HELP THE PILGRIM SERVE EMMAUS – Make sure they know what opportunities for service are available and help them contact the appropriate people so that they can cook, help with the prayer vigil, etc. Give them ideas for table and bed agape.

10 HELP THE PILGRIM SPONSOR OTHERS – This brings your sponsorship full circle. Help them through the sponsorship procedure in any way you can.

Sponsoring a Pilgrim CONTINUED



BEFORE THE WALK

1. Prayerfully consider your responsibilities to the pilgrim.
2. Be available to help meet the needs of the pilgrim and family during the walk.
3. Properly prepare the pilgrim for the weekend.
4. Find friends and family to write agape letters.
5. Sign up for the prayer vigil.
6. Make certain your pilgrim knows when you are picking them up.

Don't forget to
pray!

DURING THE WALK

1. Bring your pilgrim to the walk at Sidney First United Methodist Church at 230 E. Poplar St. in Sidney on Thursday night. Arrive between 6:00 and 6:45 PM at the back parking lot entrance.
2. Bring in all luggage and other needed items. There will be persons there to assist you. There will be a light supper meal served which serves as a "send-off." Please bring a covered dish to share at this meal.
3. At check-in, check for any balance due on the fees. Make sure that those in charge have emergency contact information for family.
4. If possible, provide snacks and other foods for use during the weekend.
5. The send-off meal will be at 7:00 PM. Please remember to take your covered dishes out of the eating area immediately following the meal as the room needs to be re-set for the pilgrims and waiting would disturb the beginnings of their evening. You will NOT be able to return to the fellowship hall for your food and dishes.
6. Immediately following the meal, there will be a "Sponsor's Hour" at 8:00 PM. This brief service is an opportunity for you to pray over the actual Emmaus cross which your pilgrim will receive on Sunday and to participate in Holy Communion on their behalf. IF YOU CAN'T ATTEND ANY OF THE ABOVE, PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT THERE IS SOMEONE IN YOUR PLACE, ON BEHALF OF THE PILGRIM.
7. Attend the Candlelight Worship Service on Saturday evening at 8:30 PM in the sanctuary. If possible, please enter through the front doors of the church on Poplar St. Bring any late agape letters and place them in the baskets at the Poplar St. entrances.
8. Attend the Closing Service on Sunday at 4:30 PM DO NOT ARRIVE BEFORE 4:00 PM Gather in "The Tabernacle" directly underneath the sanctuary. Do NOT remove any luggage from there until ALL pilgrims have gone to the sanctuary, and then do so quietly and discreetly.
9. Arrange for the pilgrim's transportation home on Sunday. They will be ready to leave the church at approximately 7:00 PM. Again, if possible, a stop for a meal on the way home would be great!

AFTER THE WALK

1. BRING THEM TO THE GATHERING
 As a sponsor you are responsible for arranging for the new member (your pilgrim) to attend the first Gathering after their walk (their Reunion Gathering) and so that they can be introduced to the rest of the Community.
2. HELP THEM FIND A SHARE GROUP
 If you need assistance, contact the Good Shepherd.
3. HELP THEM WITH THEIR FIRST SPONSORSHIP
 and guide them through the process of being a GOOD sponsor.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Serve...



Logistics

Is your Share Group willing to help be the Body of Christ in action with the set up and tear down for Emmaus weekends? If you feel led to help in this way, please email Jason Snider at msnider1@woh.rr.com.

THE GREATER SIDNEY AREA EMMAUS COMMUNITIES INFO

The Greater Sidney Area Emmaus Community Gatherings are on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm for worship with fellowship afterward. We meet at the First United Methodist Church, located at 230 E. Poplar St., Sidney, Ohio. Please come and celebrate Christ's love with us.

- Special Services on weekends of a Walk to Emmaus at 8:30pm Saturday night, same location, and 4:30pm Sunday afternoon. Please come after 4:00pm and meet in the old Fellowship Hall.

- Board Meetings meet at First United Methodist Church, Sidney, in the Chapel at 6:45pm on the fourth Thursday of each month.

Kitchen

Without the entire Emmaus Community, the food and service from the kitchen would not deliver the nourishment for the body and "soul" that it does. Smiling faces bring so much to the pilgrims and team members. Your help is needed on the next Walk. To sign up, please contact Rita Metz at lrmetz1@centurylink.net



March Mattress Madness !!!



DeColores Community !!!!!

We have a need !!!

And We need your help !

The entire offering at the March gathering
is being placed in the Mattress Fund!
Yes the **entire offering!!!**

We are planning on replacing all the mattresses and cots.
A committee has been formed ...

\$ 6000 is our goal!

A local Emmaus supporting church
has started our fund
with a donation of **\$1485.85**

WOW!!!

.....Is that a *challenge* I hear?

AT the team meeting
today after hearing our
plea... and need... and our
intention... a woman on
the team handed a
\$50 bill toward the cause.

Thank you!

Can't attend the
March gathering?
mail your donation to:

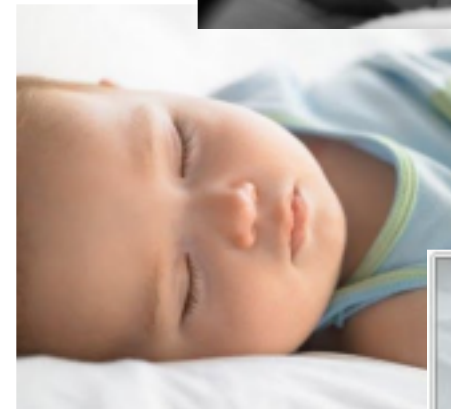
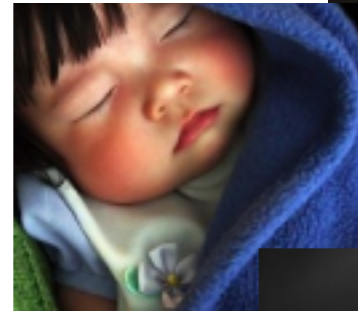
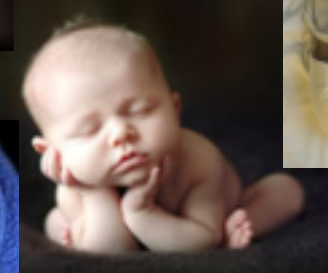
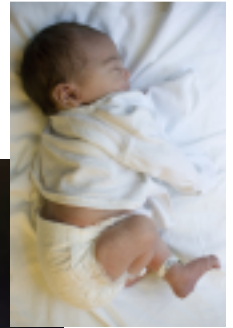
Treasurer: Abby Wagner
5677 S Knoop Johnston Rd
Sidney Ohio 45365
Please note: Mattress Fund

Does your share group want to
sponsor a mattress?

*One past assistant table leader
contacted her TABLE and with
a \$13 donation from each of them
they are able to sponsor a mattress!
Thanks Table of Mary!!!*



Change Jars



Matthew 11:28

*Come to me, all of you who are tired and have heavy loads,
and I will give you rest.*



Trust in the Lord
with all your heart;
do not depend
on your own
understanding.
Seek His will in all
you do and He
will show you
which path to
take.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Bible vs. Cell Phone

Ever wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone?

What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?

What if we flipped through it several times a day?

What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?

What if we used it to receive messages from the text?

What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

What if we gave it to Kids as gifts?

What if we used it when we traveled?

What if we used it in case of emergency?

This is something to make you go....hmm...where is my Bible?

Oh, and one more thing.

Unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill.



My Time

You have made my days a mere handbreadth, the span of my years is as nothing before you. Each person's life is but a breath.

Psalm 39:5

My focus is on my life. On what affects me. On what I need. On who I know. On how I live. My personal experiences become my foundation. This is all I know. But You who gave life to all of creation know that my time to taste, feel, laugh, cry, and pray is limited. You want me to live more fully. Lord, give me the capacity to love and feel and care with Your sensitivity and understanding. May my vision extend beyond my small world. My life is but a breath. May I celebrate it.
from One-Minute Prayers to Start and End

If you are interested in submitting an article for the Sidney Emmaus Newsletter, please send an email to kendra.krouskopsmith@gmail.com. There will be copies of the current issue at the monthly Gathering, and also we encourage you to view the newsletter online. Please help us spread the word about reading this online. Thank you!

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