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JULY 2010

Upcoming
Gatherings
August 10th
(picnic) 6:00 pm
Sept. 14th
Oct. 12th

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 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



Share Group Opportunities

- **Decorating Tables** for candlelight dinner on Saturday night of the walks. 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 Jody & Ray Prater at rej@bright.net or 937-492-9105
- **Mattress/Cot Project.** If your group is interested in contributing to help replace the existing cots/mattresses used during the weekends, contact Lisa Newcomer at nuke@nktelco.net or 419-753-2121

Announcements

Picnic

Tuesday
August 10
6:00 p.m.

Tawawa Park
Geib Pavilion
Sidney, OH

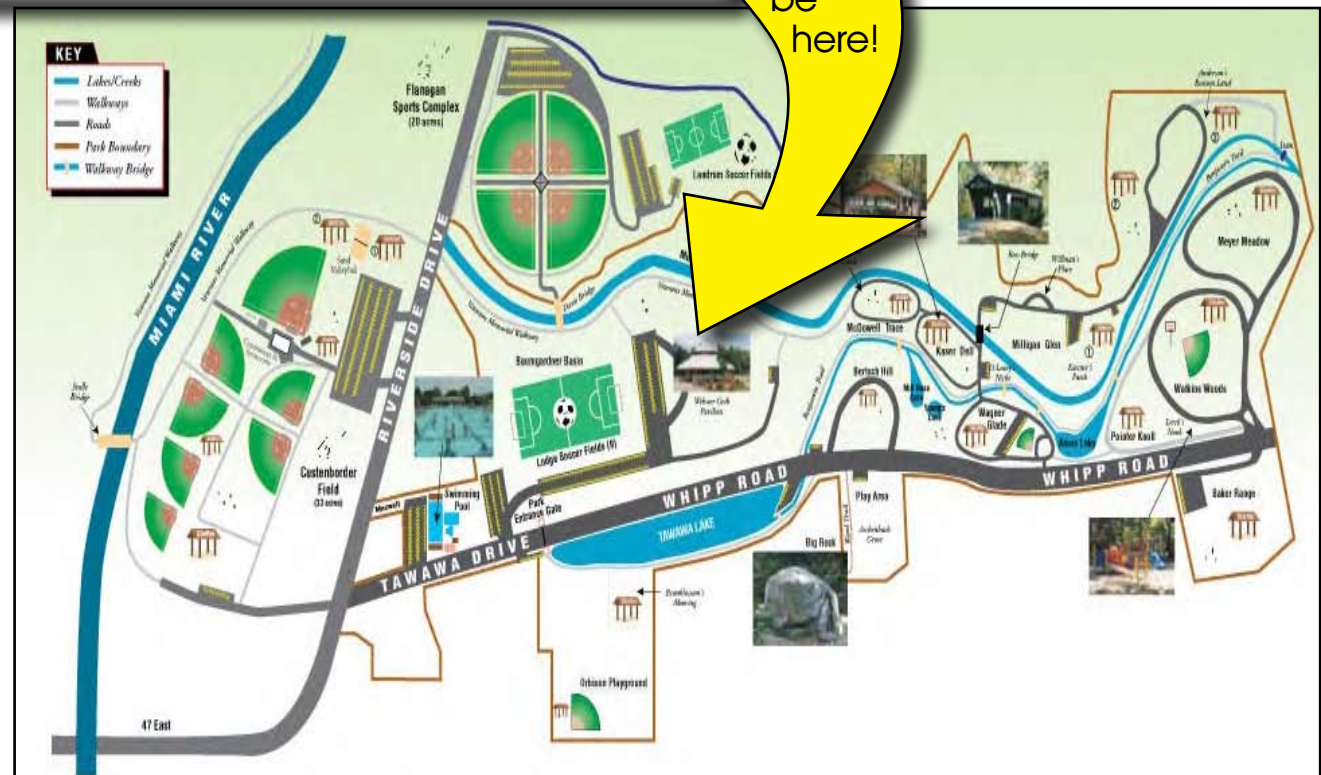
Please bring....
Covered Dish
Lawn Chair

Meat, Drinks,
Condiments, and
Dinnerware will be
provided



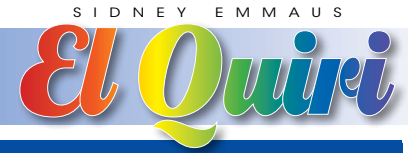
**The Gathering
in the Park**
August 10th
6:00 p.m.

We will
be
here!



Men's Walk #47

July 15th - 18th, 2010



“Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!”

1 Chronicles 4:10

PILGRIMS

Keith Klaus.....	Wapakoneta,Oh
Wayne Pope	Piqua,Ohio
Chad Tester	Wapakoneta,Oh
Doyle Flory	Troy,Ohio
Chadd Peacock	Sidney,Ohio
Lynn Persinger	St.Marys,Ohio
Jim Gudgel	Jackson Center,Oh
Todd Dailey.....	Lima,Ohio
Earl Ludwig	Anna,Ohio
Roger Zimpher.....	Maplewood,Oh
Kirk Burd	St. Marys,Ohio
Scott Smith.....	Sidney,Ohio
Stan Carter	Sidney,Ohio
Ben Johnson	Lima,Ohio

TEAM ROSTER

Lay Director

Doug WarePerseverance-Sun.1:00PM

Lay Director in Training

Mark Kaufman

Board Representative

Mark Smith

Assistant Lay Directors

Don DeWeese Priority - Fri. 9:15AM

Chad MilleChristian Action - Sat 3:00pm

Brad Esser Changing Our World - Sun. 8:25am

Music Director

Bill Halter

Assistant Music Director

Jerry Noble

Logistics

Chuck Buck, Kelly Foster, Brain Wagner, Tim Schneider,

Brad Jenkins

Table Leaders

Mark Hoersten Priesthood of all Believers - Fri.1:45pm

Glen Gault Life in Piety - Fri 6:30pm

Dan KirbyGrow Through Study - Sat 8:45am

Dave HelmanDiscipleship - Sat. 7:00PM

Todd SmithBody of Christ - Sun.10:30am

Bob Blythe Fourth Day - Sun. 2:00PM

Assistant Table Leaders

Don Marshall, Harry Noah, Raymond Zwiebel, Bruce

Bischoff, Jerry Van Horn, Dave Keener

Spiritual Director

Rob KilgoreMeans of Grace - Sat.10:45am

Assistant Spiritual Directors

David ChivingtonPrevenient Grace - Fri. 11:20am

Kent HollisJustifying Grace - Fri. 3:00pm

Scott Griswold.....Obstacles to Grace - Sat. 4:30pm

Pam HanlonSanctifying Grace - Sunday 9:35am

Prayer



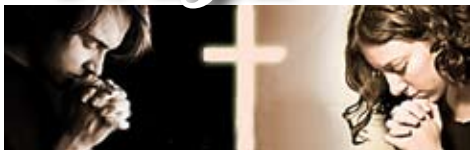
To sign up for the 72 hour prayer vigil contact Ray and Jodi Prater at 937-492-9105.



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 a hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11

Prayer



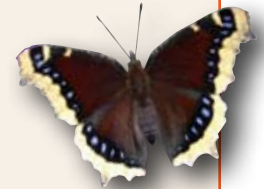
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PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE PILGRIMS AS THEY ENTER THEIR 4TH DAYS

Tawni Batdorf	Covington
Jane Brigham.....	St. Marys
Marlene Bruggeman.....	Maria Stein
Lisa Carey	Sidney
Ashley Carroll	West Liberty
Kathy Davis	Troy
Crystal Finrock.....	St. Marys
Angie Gudgel.....	Jackson Center
Kathleen Hart.....	Piqua
Cindy Helman	Sidney
Balinda Higbee	Xenia
Jane Huber	St. Marys
Beth Landrum	Sidney
Ann Mullen.....	Urbana
Kass Overley	St. Marys
Becky Peacock	Sidney
Mary Peltier.....	Piqua
Dee Persinger	St. Marys
Tracy Platfoot	Anna
Angela Presser.....	Sidney
Sandy Rabenstein.....	West Liberty
Karen Rudy	Sidney
Dolores Schultz	Piqua
Annette Schroerlucke	Sidney
Corie Steinke	Sidney
Valerie Strohl.....	Celina
Patti Terry	Troy
Nichole Truesdale	Urbana
Jackie Ward.....	Anna
Rikki Wilgus.....	Wapakoneta
Colleen Zunk.....	Celina

Reflections from the Lay Director

Jeremiah 29: 11 *"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."*



I have claimed this as my life verse for many years, but found it even more true and meaningful as I walked through the processes, and blessings, of being the Lay Director of Women's Walk #51 in June. What a wonderfully spiritual journey this has been, not just for me but for the team, and the ladies of Women's Walk #51.

God worked in so many ways; starting with prayer, searching the scriptures for His guidance, during team formation, team meetings, and the actual walk weekend, God was truly present.

I was so blessed to watch as God moved, touched, and changed lives. God did have a plan, and to be able to watch that plan unfold was truly an honor and blessing, that I will cherish forever.

I would like to thank every member of the team for all their prayers, support, and for being the people that God called them to be on this walk. I would also like to thank the board for all their support, and prayers, and was humbled to be asked to be the Lay Director for this walk. I feel that I only played a small part on this walk, God was so in charge, that all I had to do was follow and trust Him.

My prayers continue for all the ladies who were on WW #51, and for the team as they continue into their fourth days.

Thanks to everyone who supported us during the weekend by their hard work, support and prayer. You are so special to me.

In His Service, Jody Prater

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, Ohio 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 Mike and Diane Snider at 492-6343 or email: msnider1@woh.rr.com

GREATER SIDNEY AREA EMMAUS WALK WILLING SERVANT VOLUNTEER SHEET

The service that you perform is not only supplying the need for 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 *Special Music* 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
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Sponsoring a pilgrim



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.

DURING THE WALK

- 1 Bring your pilgrim to the walk at Sidney First United Methodist Church at 230 East 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 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 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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Don't forget to
pray

Serve...



Logistics

Is your share group willing to help be the Body of Christ in action with the set up and tear down for the Emmaus weekends? If you feel led to help in this way please e-mail Bryan Rowan @ n9bcr@hotmail.com or call 937-596-0622



Kitchen

To sign up to help please contact Rita Metz at lrmetz1@centurylink.net

A note from Rita...

Thank you to everyone who has worked in the kitchen and to all of those who have offered but not been able to work out a time that had openings. Without the entire community, the food and service from the kitchen would not deliver the nourishment for the body and "soul" that it does. Your smiling faces bring so much to the pilgrims and team as you service.

I could not do it without all of you and your continued support! I appreciate all you do to make it all come together! Please be sure to call or e-mail if you want to help on future Walks. My contact information is on the web site under kitchen information.

Kitchen Director, Rita Metz

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 Fellowship Hall.
- Board Meeting's meet at First United Methodist Sidney in the Chapel at 6:45 PM on the forth Thursday of each month.

God's Cake

Sometimes we wonder, "What did I do to deserve this?" or "Why did God have to do this to me?" Here is a wonderful explanation!

A daughter is telling her Mother how everything is going wrong, she's failing algebra, her boyfriend broke up with her and her best friend is moving away.

Meanwhile, her Mother is baking a cake and asks her daughter if she would like a snack, and the daughter says, "Absolutely Mom, I love your cake."

"Here, have some cooking oil," her Mother offers.

"Yuck" says her daughter.

"How about a couple raw eggs?" "Gross, Mom!"

"Would you like some flour then? Or maybe baking soda?"

"Mom, those are all yucky!"

To which the mother replies: "Yes, all those things seem bad all by themselves. But when they are put together in the right way, they make a wonderfully delicious cake!"

God works the same way. Many times we wonder why He would let us go through such bad and difficult times. But God knows that when He puts these things all in His order, they always work for good! We just have to trust Him and, eventually, they will all make something wonderful!

God is crazy about you. He sends you flowers every spring and a sunrise every morning. Whenever you want to talk, He'll listen. He can live anywhere in the universe, and He chose your heart.



Just for fun...

Jesus and Satan were having an on-going argument about who was better on the computer. They had been going at it for days, and frankly God was tired of hearing all the bickering.

Finally fed up, God said, 'THAT'S IT! I have had enough. I am going to set up a test that will run for two hours, and from those results, I will judge who does the better job.'

So Satan and Jesus sat down at the keyboards and typed away.

They moused. They faxed. They e-mailed. They e-mailed with attachments. They downloaded. They did spreadsheets! They wrote reports... They created labels and cards. They created charts and graphs. They did some genealogy reports. They did every job known to man.

Jesus worked with heavenly efficiency and Satan worked with hell's fury. Then, ten minutes before their time was up, lightning suddenly flashed across the sky, thunder rolled, rain poured, and, of course, the power went off.

Satan stared at his blank screen and screamed every curse word known in the underworld.

Jesus just sighed.

Finally the electricity came back on, and each of them restarted their computers. Satan started searching frantically, screaming:

'It's gone! It's all GONE! I lost everything when the power went out!'

Meanwhile, Jesus quietly started printing out all of his files from the past two hours of work.

Satan observed this and became irate.

'Wait!' he screamed. 'That's not fair! He cheated! How come he has all his work and I don't have any?'

God just shrugged and said, JESUS SAVES....

Daily chores...

Monday—Wash Day

Lord, help me wash away all my selfishness and vanity, so I may serve you with perfect humility through the week ahead.

Tuesday — Ironing Day

Dear Lord, help me iron out all the wrinkles of prejudice I have collected through the years so that I may see the beauty in others.

Wednesday — Mending Day

O God, help me mend my ways so I will not set a bad example for others.

Thursday — Cleaning Day

Lord Jesus, help me to dust out all the many faults I have been hiding in the secret corners of my heart.

Friday — Shopping Day

O God, give me the grace to shop wisely so I may purchase eternal happiness for myself and all others in need of love.

Saturday — Cooking Day

Help me, my Savior, to brew a big kettle of brotherly love and serve it with clean, sweet bread of human kindness.

Sunday —The Lord's Day

O God, I have prepared my house for you. Please come into my heart so I may spend the day and the rest of my life in your presence.

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