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Interested in becoming part of the Sidney Emmaus Board for 2009?? Please start praying about where God wants you to serve. See any current board member for details.

STEAMBOAT

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.

- 1 CORINTHIANS 15:58 NLT

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A note from your Chairman

Greetings to All GSA Fellow Emmaus members!

This is really an odd feeling for me, to be writing a note to all of you as the Chairman of the GSAE Board. It is so humbling to have been blessed as I have been over the years, especially by this Emmaus Community! I know we all say it, but wouldn't it be fantastic for everyone to experience an Emmaus Walk and feel the Love of Christ extended by so many!

It has always been a blessing to attend the Weekend Walks, either as a server, sponsor, prayer partner or team member, but I have to say that attending as the Chairman gives me an even greater sense of Pride in this Community and a greater sense of the Love of Christ. If you have not attended a Walk for a while, I encourage you to go to a send-off on a Thursday night and then go to the closing to watch and listen to those Pilgrims. What a difference 72 hours makes in so many lives!

I would like to report that we the GSA Emmaus community are very blessed to have the present members of the Board! We have wonderful people serving in every aspect of need. They are perfect examples of 1 Peter 4:10-11, "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in it's various forms. If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ." The last two Walks were perfect examples of this. As with every Walk, I'm sure there were glitches and "OOPS" along the way, but the main concern – the Pilgrims – were always shown Christ's Love for them. If you attended either one of the closings, you know what I mean.

We were also blessed to have such caring people in the Lay Directors positions and both of them gave tremendous feedback to the Board after their specific Walks. They have provided ideas to help smooth out "rough spots" and provided ideas that the Board has decided to incorporate.

One of the suggestions we decided to accept has to do with Candlelight services on Saturday nights. Beginning with the June, 2008 Women's Walk #45, the Candlelight service will be starting at 8:30 PM, instead of the normal 8 PM. Saturday has always been a busy day for the Teams & Pilgrims and it seemed that the poster presentations were always rushed or cut short. In order for the Pilgrims to have a more effective time of bonding during the "Poster Party" or to "make up" lost time, we decided to give them the additional 30 minutes. Please help all of us in the community by passing on this change. Of course, if you happen to get there at 8 PM anyway because you forget, what a better time to renew "old" friends or meet new ones!

Another concern mentioned is the lack of a focused follow-up with the Pilgrims after their walks. Yes, we have a specific Reunion Gathering after their walks for the Team & Pilgrims to meet, but there was discussion as to whether this was sufficient. There was also a request for a picnic or function for the community to allow for more get-together time. As a result, we are in the planning stages for a "Gathering at the Park" for August 12, 2008. Mark your calendars! The initial plans call for a Gathering near Tawawa Park in Sidney, with the Board providing hamburgers & hot dogs and the Community to fill in everything else! We hope to have a mini-Gathering with singing, a focus on the previous six (6) Walks and of course more EATING! We wanted to get some information out about this now, as we know families are very busy during the summer. However, we hope this will be a beginning of many community blessings in years to come. Please help spread the word about eh Gathering in the Park on August 12, 2008!

Again, thank you for all the love and grace you all share at every Walk & Gathering with Pilgrims and each other! So many are building up blessings in Heaven for all this love shared with so many. We are so blessed to have such caring people on the GSA Emmaus Board – please be sure to let them know how much you appreciate all their work!

God Bless, Bob Blythe

Women's Walk # 45 Pilgrim List

Ruth Coy	West Liberty	Rhonda Suttle	Sidney
Jennifer Davis	Elizabethtown, Pa	Debra McGreevy	Sidney
Cathy German	Bellefontaine	Rebecca Jacobs	Celina
Shelly Hinegardner	Lima	Andrea Stratton	Wapak
Patricia Hoellrich	Sidney	Bernadine Culp	West Liberty
Marsha Kindig	Sidney	Jann Klopfenstein	Wapak
Sharon Lenhart	Jackson Center		
Angela Opperman	Sidney		
Edwinna Thomas	Sidney		
Kimberely Winans	Celina		
Vickie House	Lima		
Mary Wright	Bryan		

Women's Walk # 45 Team

Lay Director

Iva Lenhart (Perseverance - Sun. 1:00pm)

Lay Director in Training

Jennie Blythe

Board Representative

Sue Kaufman

Assistant Lay Directors

Shirley DeWeese (Priority - Fri. 9:15am)

Kay Kuck (Grow Through Study - Sat. 8:45am)

Deb Wright (Changing Our World - Sun. 8:25am)

Music Director

Maurya Ryan

Assistant Music Director

Nadine Tussing

Logistics

Diane Snider, Corrine Olson

Dawn Pulfer, Meghan Serr, Keesha Smith

Table Leaders

Lisa Whittenberger (Priesthood of all Believers - Fri. 1:45pm)

Deb Kaufman (Life in Piety - Fri 6:30pm)

Ginger Holtkamp (Christian Action - Sat 3:00pm)

Ellen Grieshop (Discipleship - Sat. 7:00pm)

Lisa Neer (Body of Christ - Sun.10:30am)

Deb Serr (Fourth Day - Sun. 2:00pm)

Diane Reese

Assistant Table Leaders

Rita Metz, Audrey Overly, Angela Lenhart, Cindy Davis, Vicki Hamlin, Kelly Snider, Jane Langston

Spiritual Director

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

Assistant Live-in Spiritual Director

(Justifying Grace - Fri. 3:00pm)

Assistant Spiritual Directors

Prevenient Grace - Fri. 11:20am

Obstacles to Grace - Sat. 4:30pm

Sanctifying Grace - Sunday 9:35am

He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary and young women stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:29-31

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Upcoming Events

Gathering June 10th 7:00 p.m.
WW #45 June 12 — 15
Gathering July 8 7:00 p.m.
MW #41 July 17—20
Gathering in the Park August 12th

We're on the web!
www.sidneyemmaus.org

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.

