

S I D N E Y E M M A U S

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NEWSLETTER

June 2018

Dear Members of the Greater Sidney Emmaus Community

It is always such a joy to get together and celebrate our Fourth Days in conversation and serving together on weekends! I so enjoy seeing all of you and being a part of the hands and feet of Jesus Christ in sharing with one another in this glorious journey together!

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Sidney Emmaus Board as a follow up to a discussion we had at the last meeting. Emmaus leadership has been functioning under the understanding that following service on an Emmaus team that the time before you can serve again is following a one year wait. With much prayer and discussion, we are reducing the waiting period from one year to one walk in between serving on a team. This guideline will become effective on March 1, 2018. This will not affect the one year waiting period following your pilgrim walk.

Please, if you have any questions for clarification, see me or talk with Diane Snider, Dave Heinz or Phyllis Rump.

DeColores,
Pastor Bill Halter
Assistant Spiritual Director

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Literature-Sherri Herring & Mindy Settlage

Social-Dan Elliott

Worship—Kevin Doty

Music-Amanda Shaffer

Outreach-Kelli Skidmore

Newsletter-Audra Sutton



To The Emmaus Community.... Pilgrims of Women's Walk # 74-----Feb. 22-25, 2018

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Hello Emmaus community!

I must tell you, I'm still coming down from my high! I miss the amazing women on the team (and Randy!) I was so blessed with the team God set up even before I knew who they were! Plus, the spiritual guidance I received from two special pastor friends, Eileen and Randy. I don't know why God chose who He did for the team or why He chose the pilgrims that came on the weekend, but I can tell you the ease we had with each other and how God moved in everyone. Ask me to describe it, I wish I could! I wish I could tell you how incredible the team meetings were, or the God moments I had with Him making decisions (which Eileen will tell you, I bounced off much of my Indecisiveness on her. Poor thing!) I wanted it to be close to perfect, I wanted not to fail, I wanted to make it special for the team and pilgrims! Boy, that "I" word was making me crazy! Finally, God redirected my thoughts to, Jesus will be there no matter what "I" do! Thank you for allowing me to serve in this capacity and to everyone who said yes to my request and answered my sometimes-silly questions, to those who gave me advise, to the special music we were all so blessed with, the entertainment, the moving evening with the clowns, the wonderful pastors who gave their time to pour into us with the talks on grace, the hands and feet in the kitchen, and so much more! Thank you! Thank you! I was humbled to be a small part of the pilgrims lives for walk #74. I will hold it close to my heart. Love you community!

Your sister in Christ,

Rita Thurman

To the Emmaus Community.... Pilgrims of Men's Walk #70—March 22-25, 2018

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| <i>Shane Boggs</i> | <i>Rick Cantrell</i> | <i>Dave Cron</i> | <i>Ron Eck</i> | <i>Mark Foor</i> |
| <i>Storm Harman</i> | <i>Monte Heppard</i> | <i>Randy Horsley</i> | <i>Keith Jessup</i> | <i>Brandon Loewer</i> |
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| <i>Brad Pennington</i> | <i>Matt Rinehart</i> | <i>Larry Trusty</i> | <i>Jason Waite</i> | <i>Oscar Walton</i> |
| <i>Ken Wiehe</i> | <i>Doug Wilson</i> | <i>Rob Wooddell</i> | <i>Jeff Yahl</i> | <i>Alex Yodar</i> |

I had the tremendous honor of being the Lay Director for Men's Walk #70. I was blessed beyond words by the preparation time, Men's Walk #69 and #70. It was a once in a lifetime experience that I wouldn't trade for anything.

I went into the formation process telling myself that it probably wouldn't go as I planned, and it definitely did not. I had several team members drop off the week before the first team meeting, and a couple after the first meeting. But my team was extremely flexible and had huge servant's hearts and took on other roles without hesitation. And I had a few come-on board two meetings in.

We had an awesome group of pilgrims. We had several that either gave their lives to Christ or recommitted their lives to him after candlelight. Several things didn't go as the team planned, but God had it all worked out and it was even better than we planned. All the Men grew in their faith and built strong relationships as brothers in Christ. We even had a team member who refused to pray out loud the whole weekend, unless the Spiritual Director did an interpretive dance, which he had also refused to do. Then the final meeting after closing, the SD did a dance, and the team member lead the prayer over the next LD! It was an awesome experience and I highly recommend it to those who haven't experienced it yet!

De Colores!

Brian Wagner

HELP! HELP!



The board is asking anyone who can and is willing to help with clean-up after closings and gatherings would be greatly appreciated!!! This won't take much of your time, the more hands the less time. All that is involved is cleaning the kitchen up after gatherings are over. After closings is to put the tables and chairs away in the conference room.

Women's Walk #75 June 14-17, 2018 Team & Pilgrim Roster

Please check website www.sidneyemmaus.org for current list

Men's Walk #71 July 19-22, 2018 Team & Pilgrim Roster

Please check website www.sidneyemmaus.org for current list



SERVING IN THE KITCHEN

If you would like to serve in the kitchen during an Emmaus weekend, please contact Sandy Freewalt at sfreewalt@gmail.com Thank you!

If anyone has any Roosters that they would like to donate for decorations, please see Sandy Freewalt or Janelle Welker. They would like to change up the table decorations. Thank you!



Don't forget we need volunteers for ice cream after candlelight services. Please contact a board member for information!!



NO MEGA AGAPE! NO MEGA AGAPE!

We hear it announced at Gatherings as each walk approaches. But WHY no mega agape?

The pilgrims' Sunday Agape packets are meant to be filled with personal letters of love by those who know the pilgrims best. It is meant to be a gift from the heart, not a gift from the wallet.

Anything not a card or letter in an envelope is considered mega Agape.

One pilgrim receiving wrapped packages while others at their table do not may become an obstacle for the pilgrims who don't receive special gifts. God loves each of us equally and that is the message of Agape Love we would like to share with our Sunday packets. **Agape in the Sunday packets should NOT include personal gift item that are given to one pilgrim but not to all.**

Yes, please buy a special gift for your pilgrim, if you would like. But give them that gift after closing on your way home. Or make special plans to get together with your pilgrim so he/she may share with you their experiences of the weekend. You can present your gift to them at that time.

So, when you are bringing your letters for your pilgrims on walk weekend, please remember, no mega agape. Let all the pilgrims on the walk experience God's love and Grace equally. **Please remember Pilgrims only get personal Agape in their Sunday Agape packets. Any bedtime Agape must be the same and given to all Pilgrims.**

De Colores,

Agape Chairpersons

Scott and Lisa Newcomer

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.

Community Information

Board Positions that will need filled at the end of the year:

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| Vice Chairman | Treasurer | Men's Registrar | Men's Good Shepherd |
| Agape | Worship | Music | Supplies |
| Literature | Newsletter | | |

The Greater Sidney Area Emmaus Gatherings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. We meet at the Sidney First United Methodist Church, 230 E. Poplar St. –Sidney, OH. Please come join us in the worship and fellowship.

***We will be serving a small snack for the kids in the nursery, so they can eat earlier. Everyone else can eat after gathering.**

Please check website www.sidneyemmaus.org for current list of team members and pilgrims

BOARD MEETINGS

4TH Thursday of each month, meet in Chapel at 6:45 pm

SPECIAL SERVICES ON WALK WEEKENDS:



***CANDLELIGHT SERVICE IS AT 8:30 PM
SATURDAY NIGHT IN THE SANCTUARY***

***CLOSING IS AT 4:30 PM SUNDAY AFTERNOON, PLEASE ARRIVE
AT THE CHURCH AFTER 4:00 PM AND MEET IN THE
TABERNACLE ON THE 2ND FLOOR.***

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, 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. 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.

THIS MEANS EVERYONE!!

Share Group Roster

So that we may serve you better, we want to be sure we keep updated Share Group information on file. We would love for everyone reading this newsletter to email the following information to Rhonda Wildermuth, Women's Good Shepherd (rdwild@wcoil.com) or Mark Rudasill, Men's Good Shepherd (mrudasill@yahoo.com).

Your Name
Share Group Name
List of Everyone in your Share Group
Where you meet (church, someone's home, etc.)
Primary Area/Region where you meet (city/village)
What day of the week & time you meet
How often you meet (weekly, monthly, etc.)
Is your share group accepting new members?

** If you are NOT in a Share Group, what is the primary reason? And would you like us to help you get connected with a Share Group in your area?

Other Share Group comments and feedback that we should be aware of?
THANK YOU for taking the time to keep us informed!

PLEASE UPDATE PHONE NUMBERS, email addresses so we can contact you to serve on a team if so desired!!!!!!!



**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)

www.sidneyemmaus.org for Board List

AGAPE ROOM (HELP SORT WITH TRAINING)

AGAPE--72 HR. PRAYER VIGIL

AGAPE--FURNISH MEAL TIME AGAPE

AGAPE--SNACK TABLE SNACKS

AGAPE--BEDTIME (NO MEGA AGAPE)

GATHERING--SPECIAL MUSIC

GATHERING--GIVE FOURTH DAY TALK

GATHERING--MEAL SET-UP

GATHERING--PROVIDE COMMUNION ELEMENTS

GATHERING--TEARDOWN/CLEANUP

KITCHEN--COOK

KITCHEN--SERVER

OTHER _____

LOGISTICS--SET UP FOR SEND-OFF (WED NIGHT)

LOGISTICS--TEAR DOWN SUNDAY MORNING

LOGISTICS--CLOSING TEARDOWN AND CLEANUP

MUSIC--PLAY GUITAR/PIANO/OTHER INSTRUMENT

MUSIC--DINNER MUSIC FOR CANDLELIGHT

MUSIC--SATURDAY NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT

MUSIC--SERVE ON LIVE IN TEAM AS MUSIC DIR

SOCIAL--SETUP/TEARDOWN FOR SENDOFF MEAL

SOCIAL--SUPPLY ICE CREAM ON SATURDAY

TEAM--SERVE ON LIVE IN TEAM SOMEDAY

CLERGY--GIVE TALK DURING WEEKEND

CLERGY--SERVE ON LIVE IN TEAM AS SD/A

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

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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.