



June 2024

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Welcome To the Emmaus Community.

Pilgrims of Women's Walk #90 June 6th-9th, 2024

Jen Adams	Angie Elsass	Connie McEldowney	Brandy Schulze	Audrey Wolaver
Teresa Baker	Felicia Feazell	Ruby Newsome	Moe Shaffer	Shelli Wroda
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A message from the Lay Director:

Women's Walk #90 was the most beautiful experience and something I will never forget. I am so humbled to have been asked to serve the community in this capacity. From the time I was asked, I prayed God would give me a team filled with servant's hearts and boy did He deliver! The team formation process went exactly the way HE intended, as the perfect person came into the perfect position and HIS team was formed. The team meetings were so well attended, training was able to take place and questions clarified ahead of time; the weekend flowed very well. The goal of serving our Lord Jesus was met and exceeded by these beautiful ladies. At the meetings when hiccups occurred, my motto was "we'll take a big drink of water and a deep breath", so we did and moved on. Even when something happened that I had not anticipated on the weekend, my first thought was "that's not in the script!", God provided to remind me He was in control – praise Jesus!

The change that took place from Thursday at send-off until closing at Sunday for the pilgrims left no doubt our Lord was moving in mighty ways! Some were apprehensive, nervous and unsure of what to expect, others were excited and eager for what was to come – the Holy Spirit blew in and surely kindled in them a fire that I pray never burns out. Having a front row seat to what God was doing all weekend is truly a blessing, and hearing the pilgrims speak at closing is always my favorite part of the weekend. What a pleasure it was to get to know these 22 Supremely Good ladies! It always amazes me how my family grows after every walk as I get even more sisters to share this journey with. The support from the community all weekend left me speechless – thank you to my entire Emmaus family for supporting this weekend. You helped with set up, came to send-off, shared agape, served in the kitchen, came to candlelight, came to closing, sponsored these pilgrims and prayed continually for all of us – the Body of Christ in action at its best!!! Thank you for making this a special weekend none of us will ever forget. We have a strong Emmaus family and my prayer is for it to keep growing, we can all do our part to make heaven crowded! 😊

Our verse for the weekend: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

I pray this hope, joy, peace, trust, and the love of our savior floods every one of us with His grace that is sufficient; today, tomorrow and always. Thank you for trusting me to serve as Lay Director for WW#90, this has been the most humbling and rewarding blessing ever!

DeColores from your sister-in-Christ, Dawn Heppard



We are prayerfully planning for the next set of walks!!

Women's Walk #91, October 10th-13th, 2024

Men's Walk #83, November 7th-10th, 2024

Please check website www.sidneyemmaus.org for list of past team members and pilgrims. Team rosters will be posted well before the walk and pilgrims for upcoming walks will be posted 3 weeks before the walk.



SERVING IN THE KITCHEN

NEW Kitchen Sign Up

We have an online kitchen crew sign up process. This online site will allow everyone the opportunity to sign up to serve and cook in the kitchen during the Walk weekends. Although, there are a couple of ways to sign up.

1. There is a link on the Emmaus Facebook page that will take you to the signup web site.
2. You can click on the link below and that will also take you to the signup web site.
https://www.sidneyemmaus.org/v2_kitchen.htm
3. Don't have Facebook? You can contact Deb Loewer and she can sign you up. daloewer@gmail.com
or
937-570-0798

Some features of the sign-up process:

1. Allows you to sign up yourself and others. (friends and family)
2. Provides everyone a view of the spots that are open and still need willing servants. (Note - even if all spots are filled, you are welcome to join the kitchen crew and lend an extra hand).
3. Allows everyone to remove themselves from a spot if he/she is no longer able to serve.
4. If you enter your email address, you will receive a reminder email 7 days before your time to serve. (Note - their privacy policy states they will NOT sell your email address to other marketers).
5. We ask that you have attended an Emmaus weekend or Chrysalis flight before serving in the kitchen.

We are hoping the online process gives everyone more opportunities to serve and be part of the kitchen crew during the Walk weekend. If you have any questions, problems, or concerns, feel free to contact Deb Loewer at daloewer@gmail.com. Please remember that you must have attended an Emmaus or Chrysalis Weekend to serve in the kitchen.



Hello Emmaus Community,

Just a few reminders about Agape for weekends:

1. If you have bedtime or meal Agape, there needs to be 60 pieces if it is for all. If you want it to be just pilgrim bedtime, there needs to be at least 30.
- **If you have a preference, please mark accordingly or let us know when dropping off. ****
2. **NO MEGA AGAPE!!** What is considered Mega Agape? Anything larger than an envelope is considered mega agape. While we all know it is nice to receive these, please save for after the walk when your pilgrim is picked up on Sunday. We need to make sure that whatever is given to pilgrims fits in their envelope packet on Sunday. (This includes for team also. If you want to do gift bags for team, please deliver them on your own, if on team. It makes more work for your logs who are passing out the bedtime agape to try to deliver these as well and we all know the LOGS (LEGS) work hard enough)
 3. **Please make sure all pilgrim agape is marked with first and last name** and adding "pilgrim" helps also. Please try to make sure there is no Agape marked, "mom", "dad", "Aunt Sally", "Uncle Joe", etc. as we are not always sure who it belongs to with those markings, and we want to make sure it gets to the right person. (There is a sample of this on the Emmaus Facebook page!) Please remember: PILGRIMS RECEIVE NO PERSONAL AGAPE EXCEPT ON SUNDAY IN THEIR PACKET!! Please see Facebook page for "how-to's" if you have questions.
 4. **If agape is for team, please put first and last name** and "team" on envelope. If it is for team that is giving a talk, please write "talk agape" on the envelope and we will make sure it gets in the right spot. Also, on that note, if you want them to have it a specific evening, please indicate that on the envelope as well. If you have Agape for the spiritual directors, please mark them. If they are not a live in, we have a hard time getting their agape to them after their talk, so please bring in before their talk. (Often there is a few with the same name so first and last names help us when sorting that Agape)
 5. There are baskets in the Agape room that are labeled Agape. Please make sure to use the baskets or leave them on the table and **please do not go behind table**. This can confuse things for those working in the agape room as they have their own system.
 6. There are cards, bookmarks and writing utensils available in the Agape room if you need to write Agape during the weekend. We ask that if you are writing Agape, please drop in the correct basket when you are finished and please put pens and unused things back in basket they were provided in.
- If you have any questions, please contact Jill or Tim Burden and they will be happy to help you!

Agape Chairpersons,
Tim and Jill Burden

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, or leave in Agape room and they will give it to the team member. If you have team agape for your prayer partner and it won't fit in their brown lunch sack, please deliver it yourself.

Emmaus Etiquette Reminders

Emmaus Community Etiquette

- 1) Try to always wear your name tag to Emmaus functions.
- 2) Be considerate that only speaker requested prayer partners should listen to talks.
- 3) Keep the holy atmosphere at candlelight.
- 4) **No photographs at any Walk weekend Emmaus activity.** We need to honor the pilgrim's privacy.
- 5) No one other than pilgrims and live in team are allowed in the conference room or sleeping quarter.
- 6) When volunteering during the weekend you should have minimal contact with pilgrims and live in team.
- 7) Working in the kitchen as support of the weekend you should keep your intended contact with the pilgrims within the task or service you are performing. Some examples:
 - This is the pilgrim's weekend and not yours, but that does not mean you should be silent or ignore them in a disrespectful way. Be loving, be a good listener, be flexible, but also understand that in serving the pilgrims as part of the weekend, you need to be genuine and focused on serving the walk. Focusing too much attention on particular team members or pilgrims may pull the focus of the weekend away from moving the pilgrims towards the love Christ has for each of us.
 - Christ is all about relationship and this weekend is about moving the pilgrims to a deeper relationship with Christ. You are Christ's representative as part of the kitchen's support to the weekend. Be of service but also be aware of the bigger picture.
 - If a pilgrim talks to you or initiates a conversation, don't push them away or cut them off. It is not "illegal" or "punishable" to talk to a pilgrim or team member, but we need to be aware that we should not be the ones to pursue it or maintain it longer than a moment or two.
 - The team members are working to a schedule and the pilgrims are working to that schedule also. As kitchen team members, we need to try and not hold up the team members or pilgrims. Breaks or "downtime" are not free time for the kitchen team to simply pull a pilgrim or team member aside for lengthy conversations.

- 8) When to wear your purple cross? It is not against the rules to wear it any other time, but we ask you to make sure you bring it to closing as a showing of community.
- 9) Respect the wishes of Sidney 1st Methodist. We are their guests.
- 10) If you move something in the church building, please put it back when you are finished.
- 11) Please Leave the church building as clean or cleaner than you found it.
- 12) Wednesday night setup per Sidney 1st UMC requirements:
 - a. Setup to start on 1st floor at 8:30PM
 - b. No one allowed on 5th/6th floor until after 8:30PM
- 13) No live in team member in the church before 3PM on Thursday afternoon during walk weekends
- 14) When volunteering please use the "buddy system". Do not go anywhere alone.
- 15) No children or others that have not attended a weekend may attend Candlelight or Closing.

Sponsor Responsibility/Etiquette

- 1) Honestly answer all pilgrims question and explain what goes on at weekend. There are no secrets.
- 2) You are responsible to make sure pilgrim has at least 15 pieces of personal agape letters. These should be brought to the Agape room at sendoff on Thursday night. We really don't want to have to read off a pilgrim's name at Candlelight.
- 3) Personally bring your pilgrim to Thursday night sendoff. It is your responsibility to bring them and help them settle in.
- 4) If your pilgrim is unable to attend the weekend immediately contact the Registrar or Sponsorship board member so we are not waiting for them to show up.
- 5) Attend Sponsor's Hour Chapel immediately after Thursday night sendoff. It is your responsibility to pray over your pilgrim's cross as part of the extended weekend team.
- 6) Attend Candlelight and greet your pilgrim. (No cell phones!!!)
- 7) Attend Closing. (No cell phones!!!) Don't forget to grab your pilgrim's Agape packet from the Gathering Place after closing. Anything that is left will be available at gathering or on the next weekend.
- 8) Take your pilgrim home.
- 9) Help your pilgrim get into a share group. If help is needed, the board Good Shepherd will help if contacted.
- 10) Follow up with your pilgrim after walk to see how their 4th days are going.
Bring pilgrim to the walk reunion gathering (typically next gathering after walk weekend)

****Please make sure there are no phones at candlelight or closing!!**

Photography or videos are not permitted at gatherings, candlelight or at closing! We also ask that there be no children at Candlelight or Closing as these events are also only open to those that have attended a walk or Chrysalis flight! Gatherings and Sendoff are open to anyone!!**

Community Information

The Greater Sidney Area Emmaus holds a monthly gathering.

Gatherings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Gatherings are open to anyone! We meet at the Methodist Church, 230 E. Poplar St. – Sidney, OH. Please come join us in the worship and fellowship.

Remember, when Emmaus Meets, Emmaus Eats! Bring a dish to share at the Meal which begins at 6 pm with service following and beginning at 7 pm.

2024 dates for gatherings are: March 12th, April 9th, May 14th, June 11th, July 9th, August 13th, September 10th, October 8th, November 12th, December 10th.

Board Meetings

Meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of each month, meet in Chapel at 6:45 pm.

PLEASE NOTE:

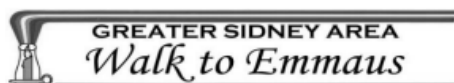
We can now accept credit card payments for the weekend and for book table!! If you have any questions, please see Kathy Huseman or any board member!

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 to Sidney First Methodist at the attached address or send to princess_lumc@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.

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WILLING SERVANT FORM

Date: _____

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

Name _____ Birth Year _____

Mailing Address _____

City State Zip code _____

Email address _____ Church _____

Phone Number: Home _____ Mobile _____

When and where of original walk _____

Interested in serving on Live in team? _____

Are you in a share group? _____ Women _____ Men _____ Both

Name of share group _____ Are you accepting new members _____ Yes _____ No

Members of Share Group (First and Last Name) _____

When (Day/time) and where (City) you meet _____

**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 during the year and walk weekends. Please mark the areas you are willing to serve.
You can also contact your Emmaus Board to see where you can help. Visit www.sidneyemmaus.org for current board list.*

Walk Weekends:

- _____ Serve in Kitchen by Cooking or Serving
- _____ Assist with set-up or teardown for Send Off meal
- _____ Assist with set-up for Candlelight dinner

Weekend Agape:

- _____ 72 Hour Prayer Vigil
- _____ Meal Agape
- _____ Bedtime Agape

Music:

- _____ Sing / play guitar / piano / other instrument
- _____ Special Music at Gatherings
- _____ Dinner music for Candlelight dinner
- _____ Saturday night entertainment
- _____ Serve on live in team as Music Director/Assistant

Monthly Gatherings (2nd Tuesday each month):

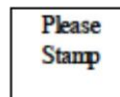
- _____ Assist with Meal set-up or clean-up
- _____ Give a Fourth Day Talk
- _____ Special Music at Gatherings

*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 have attended the walk to Emmaus.
You can mail this form to the church as addressed on the other side or email to chairman@sidneyemmaus.org*

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GREATER SIDNEY AREA EMMAUS WALK WILLING SERVANT FORM 2015

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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.