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A note from the chair...

Here we are in the month of October and there are two more walks just around the corner just a few weeks apart. Once again, I ask that we show up and let God show off through our bright smiles and our servant hearts. There are still several spots open for that man who could benefit from a walk to Emmaus. We each know how much of a blessing it has been in our lives and we need you to share that with others. Let's finish the year off with a bang and fill the open spots with deserving pilgrims.

Dave Heintz

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To The Emmaus Community.... Pilgrims of Women's Walk # 72 -----July 20-23, 2017

Jackie Barton	Yvonne Bell	Mindy Brown	Jodi Bullock
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Hello Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

There are no words to describe the honor and privilege it has been being the Lay Director for the Women's Walk #72. It's kind of like when you came home from your original walk and people ask you "How was your weekend?". No words.

We were blessed by a truly amazing team. As in Emmaus fashion we sang Bind Us Together at the end of every meeting. At the first meeting, the first-time team members stood with the "deer in the head lights" look as we sang, but soon caught on. God did just that, He DID bind us together! The closeness and love our team had for each other spilled out onto the pilgrims. How often do you get 26 women together for that amount of time and all you feel is love and respect for each other? The answer is, every time you put God's will first and love like Jesus.

The pilgrims were blown away by their Emmaus experience with the help of every single person that prayed, cooked, served, entertained, sponsored and loved them. So, I personally want to thank every single one for all you did to make this walk what it is meant to do, spread Gods love and to build strong leaders in our Church.

It has been very humbling every time I have served, as the Lord has continued to refine me.

Thank you from the bottom of my Heart,

Phyllis Rump

To the Emmaus Community.... Pilgrims of Men's Walk #67--- August 24-27, 2017

Chris Ashby	Andy Axe	Tom Chapman	Rick Hahn	
Skylar Hatcher-Hook	Pete Jett	Shawn McCollister	Jeremiah Smith	
Don Vigh				

MORE OF HIM!

God tends to do mighty works with small things. This was no different for Men's Walk #68. With only 9 pilgrims we saw God move in mighty ways. One of my prayers as Lay Director was to see God stretch the team and the pilgrims in our faith, to go deeper and to realize who we are in Him. And so, He did.

The theme for the weekend turned out to be "wreck 'em Jesus." We hear all the time don't anticipate. God showed up in ways we could not imagine and "wrecked" our plans. One team member said, "God had a demolition derby on the weekend." Men prostrated themselves before God in total surrender and truly left everything at the foot of the cross. Freedom in Christ was found and thunderous worship happened throughout the weekend. And now, since we have had our reunion, these men are still living into His freedom.

It was an honor to have been asked to steward God's Emmaus Walk #68.

More of Him, less of me.

Ted Goodwin





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 #73 October 19-22, 2017 Team & Pilgrim Roster

Please check website <u>www.sidneyemmaus.org</u> for current list

Men's Walk #69 November 2-5, 2017 Team & Pilgrim Roster

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SERVING IN THE KITCHEN

If you would like to serve in the kitchen during an Emmaus weekend please contact Dan Elliott at e.dan30@yahoo.com. Thank you!

Galatians 5:13 "For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another."



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.

De Colores,

Agape Chairpersons Scott and Lisa Newcomer

P.S. Only team members can be in team 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

The Greater Sidney Area Emmaus Gatherings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm. We meet at the First United Methodist Church, 230 E. Poplar St. –Sidney, OH. Please come join us in the worship and fellowship. Bring a covered dish to share after the Gathering in the fellowship hall. Child care is available in the nursery off the parking lot until 8:30 pm.

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

BOARD MEETINGS

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

SPECIAL SERVICES ON WALK WEEKENDS:

******SEND OFF MEAL STARTS AT 6:30 PM ON THURSDAY NIGHT OF THE WALK WEEKEND. PLEASE HAVE YOUR PILGRIM THERE AND SETTLED IN BY 6:15 PM.



******CANDLELIGHT SER VICE IS AT 8:30 PM

SATURDAY NIGHT IN THE CHURCH 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!!

PLEASE UPDATE HOME/CELL PHONE NUMBERS AND EMAIL ADDRESSES!!!!! SEE FORM BELOW.

If you no longer have a land line please advise so we can put your cell phone as your main number for contact info. We do not use work numbers except for clergy personnel.



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) <u>www.sidneyemmaus.org</u> for Board List				
AGAPE ROOM (HELP SORT WITH TRAINING)	LOGISTICSSET UP FOR SEND-OFF (WED NIGHT)			
AGAPE72 HR. PRAYER VIGIL	LOGISTICSTEAR DOWN SUNDAY MORNING			
AGAPE-FURNISH MEAL TIME AGAPE	LOGISTICSCLOSING TEARDOWN AND CLEANUP			
AGAPE-SNACK TABLE SNACKS				
AGAPEBEDTIME (NO MEGA AGAPE)	MUSIC-PLAY GUITAR/PIANO/OTHER INSTRUMENT			
	MUSIC-DINNER MUSIC FOR CANDLELIGHT			
GATHERING-SPECIAL MUSIC	MUSICSATURDAY NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT			
GATHERING-GIVE FOURTH DAY TALK	MUSIC-SERVE ON LIVE IN TEAM AS MUSIC DIR			
GATHERING-MEAL SET-UP				
GATHERING-PROVIDE COMMUNION ELEMENTS	SOCIAL-SETUP/TEARDOWN FOR SENDOFF MEAL			
 Gathering-teardown/cleanup	Social-supply ice cream on Saturday			
KITCHEN-COOK	TEAM-SERVE ON LIVE IN TEAM SOMEDAY			
Kitchen-server	CLERGY-GIVE TALK DURING WEEKEND			
	CLERGY-SERVE ON LIVE IN TEAM AS SD/A			
OTHER				
NAMEBIRTHDATE				
Mailing Address				
CITY STATE ZIP CODE				
MAIL ADDRESS CHURCH				
HONE NUMBERHOME				
WHEN AND WHERE OF ORIGINAL WALK				
ARE YOU IN A SHARE GROUP? WOMENMEI	NВотн			
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 <u>Emmaus_outreach@yahoo.com</u> The Greater Sidney Area Emmaus Community First United Methodist Church 230 E. Poplar Street Sidney, Ohio 45385 Please Stamp

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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.