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
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
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

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

Please check website www.sidneyemmaus.org for current list

Men’s Walk #69 November 2-5, 2017 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 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 2\textsuperscript{nd} 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

4\textsuperscript{TH} 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 SERVICE 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 2\textsuperscript{ND} 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.
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. 2Cor.9:12-13

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)  ___Logistics—set up for send-off (Wed night)
___Agape—72 hr. Prayer Vigil ___Logistics—Tear down Sunday morning
___Agape—Furnish Meal time Agape ___Logistics—Closing teardown and cleanup
___Agape—Snack table snacks
___Agape—Bedtime (no mega agape)

___Gathering—Special Music ___Music—Play guitar/piano/other instrument
___Gathering—Give Fourth day talk ___Music—Dinner music for Candlelight
___Gathering—Meal Set-Up ___Music—Saturday Night entertainment
___Gathering—Provide Communion Elements ___Music—Serve on live in team as music Dir
___Gathering—Teardown/Cleanup___Social—Setup/teardown for sendoff meal

___Kitchen—Cook ___Social—Supply ice cream on Saturday
___Kitchen—Server ___Team—Serve on live in team someday
___Other

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 Share Group___________________________________________________________________________

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When (Day/time) and where (City) you meet__________________________________________

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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

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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.