



June 2020

I hope you and your families have been safe and healthy the past few months as we have all been dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our Emmaus Community started the year off strong with a successful God-filled February Women's Walk. But just 3 short weeks later the March Men's Walk had to be postponed due to COVID-19. That was just the beginning... over the next several weeks and months we had to postpone the June Women's Walk as well as monthly Gatherings.

**I am pleased to announce that as our state and churches start to reopen our Emmaus Community is also taking steps to resume our Gatherings and Walk weekends!**

Starting June 9, we will restart monthly Gatherings. Some things will need to be a little different. We are prayerfully evaluating protocols and safeguards to ensure we all remain safe and healthy. More information for the upcoming Gathering will be shared in another article in this newsletter and posted on Facebook. I look forward to worshipping with you all again.

Team meetings will also be starting soon to prepare for the October and November Walk weekends. Please keep the teams and our community in prayer as we adjust to the "new normal" and changes we may need to make for these walks. Also pray that COVID-19 cases decline so we will still be able to host these activities.

This pandemic is not able to quarantine the love of our God. He not only has the power to heal but will make us stronger through hardships. In Romans 8:38-39 Paul says *"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

De Colores!  
Scott Newcomer, Chairman

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*To The Emmaus Community....* Pilgrims of Women's Walk # 80-----March 20-23, 2020

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When I was called to be the Lay Director for Walk#80 I felt so honored but I had no idea the experience would be so moving and heighten my spiritual walk to the level it did. The Team formation was simply amazing to me as God placed each member one by one for a specific purpose. The scripture for the weekend was 1 Corinthians 16:14. "Let all that you do be done in love." Each Team member reflected that verse during the Team meetings and especially during the weekend. We had 29 Pilgrims that came ready to listen and be guided by the Spirit and boy did that happen. Every Walk is special but I felt like every table had a special connection showing such love and concern for each member. It was not unusual to see individual tables praying over each other. God was on the move! To help you understand how close the Tables were all of Walk #80 but 1 Team member and 1 Pilgrim, who had prior commitments, were at the Gathering the night of our reunion. That chapel was FULL! Praise you Jesus because we had no idea that a few weeks later we would all need the tools we had learned and friendships we had made to get through the Covid-19 Pandemic. I thank God and the Board for allowing me this opportunity. It was such a blessing!

DeColores,

Luanne Powell



## **We are having a gathering!!!**

**June 9, 2020 @ 7:00**

**NO MEAL/NO CHILDCARE**

In order to help everyone feel comfortable, every other pew is marked off to help with social distancing in the sanctuary. You may wear a mask if you choose. Children are welcome to attend, but you may want to bring items to entertain them while they sit in the pews. At the end of our time together, we ask that a few people from each pew help to wipe down the seating area. Sanitizing wipes will be available to use.

Communion will be offered, but it will look a little different than usual. We will have individual, disposable communion cups/wafers available for each person. There will be a gluten-free option as well. Communion will take place at your seat.

We ask that everyone be respectful of each other and their personal preferences toward social distancing, hugs, masks, etc. We are coming together with the purpose of sharing the love of Christ with one another.



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

**Women's Walk #81 October 15-18, 2020 Team & Pilgrim Roster**

Please check website [www.sidneyemmaus.org](http://www.sidneyemmaus.org) for current list

**Men's Walk #75 November 5-8, 2020 Team & Pilgrim Roster**

Please check website [www.sidneyemmaus.org](http://www.sidneyemmaus.org) for current list

*\*\*These dates are tentative, as we wait for further guidance from the state.*



In August your Sidney Emmaus Board will begin the process of searching for new board members for terms that will begin January 1, 2021

- **All positions are two-year terms with the exception of Vice Chairman, which is a three-year commitment.**
- **All board members are expected to attend monthly board meeting, which are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month.**

The following board positions, along with a brief description of some of the duties of that position, will be voted on at October's Gathering.

- **Music Chair** – The music chair serves the community by coordinating music for all monthly Gathering, including the October All-Music Gathering. The music chair also supports walk weekend music directors, maintains all music supplies (song books, CD players, etc.) and takes care of all CCLI reporting when necessary.
- **Men's Registrar Chair** – The registrar chair duties include filings applications as they are received. They are responsible for collecting fees from the pilgrims, working with the Treasurer to get the funds deposited. As the walk weekends approach the registrar contact perspective pilgrims to invited them to attend the walk weekend. They pass on the pilgrims list to the Sponsorship Chair, Agape Chair, website person, name tag person, etc. and Lay Director of the weekend. On Thursday of a walk weekend, the registrar welcomes the pilgrims, collects any remaining fees, and explains the basic weekend process and flow to the pilgrims.
- **Newsletter Chair** – The position of the Newsletter Chair is to create and publish the El Quiri Newsletter for the Sidney Area Emmaus members. The purpose of the newsletter is to get Emmaus events, news, and information out to people who have attended an Emmaus weekend. Newsletters are usually released three times per year, right before each set of walks. Articles for the Newsletter are requested from other board members, as well as the most recent Lay Directors. Upcoming teams and new members of the community are also included. The Newsletter is currently posted on the Emmaus Facebook page and [www.sidneyemmaus.org](http://www.sidneyemmaus.org) for people to view. The Newsletter Chair also works with Outreach Chair to e-mail the newsletters to community members in the database.
- **Literature Chair** – Two weeks prior to walks, gather book list from team and send to book store, pick up books, set up book table for walk weekends, collect monies from sales of walk weekend at closing, and return unsold books to store on Monday. Repair loose pages in team manuals as needed and insert changes and updates (new board member list etc). Copy and put together pilgrim packets for the walks. Order all the literature that goes in packets when needed and order Chi Rho crosses when needed.

- **Agape Chair** – Print other community agape letters that are shared on the weekends and send out our agape letter to other communities. Print out the 24-hour prayer vigil and distribute it at Gathers for sign up. Sort out agape for team and pilgrims on walk weekends. Organize and solicit table and bed time agape. Set up and take down Agape room on walk weekends.
- **Supplies Chair** – The duties of the Supply Chair is to maintain an inventory of supplies used for each weekend – ink pens, binders, paper, votive candles given to each pilgrim, etc. They are also responsible for purchasing items for the “table of forgotten.” They also assist other board members in ordering they materials they need to do their jobs. They are responsible for getting all invoices to the community treasurer.
- **Worship Chair** – Recruit and schedule Fourth Day speakers for each Gathering. Set up Holy Communion for Gatherings and for the monthly board meeting. Clean up any Communion crumbs after Gathers, board meetings, and Sunday closings on walk weekends.
- **Treasurer Chair** - The Treasurer position is responsible for collecting all money for the community and depositing it at the bank, picking up the bills at the church office and paying them in a timely manner. This person should attend all monthly Gatherings, send offs, Candle Lights, Closings, monthly Board Meetings and quarterly Exec. Board Meetings. The Treasurer is to provide a monthly Treasurers report to the Chairman prior to the monthly Board meetings so it can be copied and distributed for review at the meetings.
- **Men's Good Shepherd Chair** – Aggressively promote, register, and maintain records of active share groups by towns, locations, and meeting places. Make your position as good shepherd known to the community by attending Gatherings, candlelight services, send offs, etc. You need to be able to talk to people, asking if they are in a share group, or if they need help getting into one. Attend closings of men's walks; this helps new members know who you are. Use social media (like Emmaus’s Facebook page and email) to reach out and contact people for share group connections.
- **Kitchen Coordinator Chair** – This position includes shopping for the food for all meals served on Emmaus weekends, coordinating menus for each meal, and preparing for any special diet restrictions. This role is also responsible for scheduling and overseeing a team of workers in the kitchen who cook, serve and clean up after each meal during the walk weekend. There are two teams of Kitchen Coordinators who rotate this responsibility on alternating walks.
- **Vice Chair** – The Vice Chair is a three-year commitment. The first you year serve on the board you are the Vice Chair and your duties include hosting the monthly Gatherings. For your three years on board you are also part of the Executive Board and are required to attend Executive Board meetings when scheduled. The second year you move up to Chairman and your duties include running the monthly board meetings, trouble shooting community issues, assisting other board members with their duties, chairing Executive Board meetings, representing the community at walk send off and closing services. Your third year on board your move up to the Leadership position. Your duties include compiling ballots for lay director votes at board meetings, attending Emmaus activities, trouble shooting issues, and assisting other board members with duties. This position requires an extensive working knowledge of the Sidney Emmaus Community and is usually filled by someone who is a past Lay Director and has previously served on the Emmaus Board.

If you would like to serve your Emmaus Community by considering a board position, would like more information about a board position, or have any questions, please contact Vice Chair Ellen Grieshop, Chairman Scott Newcomer, Leadership Phyllis Rump, or any other board member. Please keep the Emmaus Board is your prayers as we work to fill these important board positions.



## SERVING IN THE KITCHEN

### **NEW Kitchen Sign Up**

We are testing out a new, 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. 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://signup.com/go/LMqaQaf>
3. Don't have Facebook? You can contact Deb Loewer and she can sign you up. [daloewer@gmail.com](mailto:daloewer@gmail.com) or 937.570.0798
4. There will also be a manual sign up sheet at the monthly gatherings.

Some features of the new sign up process:

1. Allows you to sign up yourself and also sign up 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 not 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).

We are hoping the new 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](mailto:daloewer@gmail.com).





Hello Emmaus Community,

Just a few reminders as we kick off this Emmaus weekend:

1. If you have bedtime Agape, there needs to be 60 pieces if it is for all. If you want it to be pilgrim bedtime, there needs to be 30. **\*\*Please mark as bedtime Agape or let us know when dropping off. \*\***
2. Meal Agape should have 60 pieces. **\*\*Please mark meal time Agape or let us know when dropping off.\*\***  
(**\*\*We have been short on bedtime and meal time, lately. Could your share group help? Do you have a Bible Study you meet with that could help?**)
3. **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 as 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 😊)
4. 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", 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.
5. **PILGRIMS RECEIVE NO PERSONAL AGAPE EXCEPT ON SUNDAY IN THEIR PACKET!!**
6. 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.
7. There are baskets in the Agape room that are labeled for Agape. Please make sure to use the baskets and please do not go behind table. This can confuse things for those working in the agape room.
8. If you have brought in table or bedtime Agape, please come to the Agape room and check to see if you have extras. We are unable to use it for other walks if there is not enough. You can come and get your bag or box and make more for the next walk. If you bring in special bag and want it saved, please let us know or mark it so we can make sure it gets to the correct person.
9. There are cards, bookmarks and writing utensils available in the Agape room if you are needing 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.
10. If you are sponsoring a pilgrim, make sure to get their Agape packets from the Gathering Place after closings. If it is left, we will put out at gatherings or on walk weekends.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Shawn or myself!

Thank you and De Colores!

Agape Chairpersons

Valerie and Shawn McCollister

**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

The Greater Sidney Area Emmaus Gatherings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the 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.

Please check website [www.sidneyemmaus.org](http://www.sidneyemmaus.org) for lists of current and past team members and pilgrims

## BOARD MEETINGS

4<sup>TH</sup> Thursday of each month, meet in Fellowship Hall at 6:45 pm

## 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](http://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](mailto: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.

## 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](http://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](mailto: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.*