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Newsletter of the Darke County Area Emmaus Community

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From the Women's Walk # 48 Lay Director

We all need to first and foremost pray for the walk and all who participate; Clergy, Team, Pilgrims, Emmaus Community working behind the scenes. - DO NOT underestimate the power of prayer. We MUST keep Satan and his demons out. Prayer is the force field that blocks the enemy. Pray just like it says in 2 Thessalonians 3:3-5 NIV - *"As for other matters, brothers and sisters, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you. And pray that we may be delivered from wicked and evil people, for not everyone has faith. But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one. We have confidence in the Lord that you are doing and will continue to do the things we command. May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance."*

Would you please prayerfully consider working one or more times during the Walk? Below is a list of days and times that we need the Community support.

Wednesday night set up at 8:30—This is a time when we come together to prepare the classrooms into the sleeping quarters for the pilgrims and team, set up the kitchen, Agape Room, and Conference Room. There is a lot to do and the more hands we have to help the sooner we can be finished.

Thursday night send-off at 5:30-6:00 pm—Let us come together and fellowship with the pilgrims and the team. You do not have to have a pilgrim or be a loved one from the team to participate. All we ask is that you bring a dish to share and words of encouragement to both the pilgrims and the team. You can think of this event as a time when we are preparing as a Community to bind us together so that we are Christ to these ladies.

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Let us be
ONE
 in the
 Body of Christ.
 Not just during
 the walks,
 but in
EVERYTHING
 we do and say.

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Friday, Saturday and Sunday Kitchen Help—There are many times that you can help in the kitchen either as a cook or a server. If you can only come and help for an hour or two, this is a place where help is always needed. It is a wonderful way to meet new friends and connect with friends that you have not seen in a while.

(Just a reminder that those who serve Friday morning need to be mindful of the quiet time the ladies are still experiencing. I have been working many Fridays and I still need to be reminded to be quiet.)

Saturday night is the King's Supper—If I am not mistaken it takes about all afternoon to transform this space into a heavenly banquet. If you want to be humbled, become a server. Your heart will be touched in ways that are not easy to express.

Saturday night Candlelight is at 8:30 in the Sanctuary—If you want to fellowship, come around 8:00, it is a great time to catch up on friendships. However, afterwards please be respectful and leave the building quietly. The ladies need to take in what they just experienced and they do not need us to be loud and chatty. If we need to write Agape, we can do so quietly and leave once we are finished.

Sunday morning tear down begins at 6:00 am—We use this time to tear down the sleeping quarters and transform them back into classrooms so Oakland can use them again for their Sunday School.

Sunday afternoon is tear down—There is not much time to get so much done. If you can come to the tear down, try to arrive between 3:30-3:45 and meet in the nursery. We will wait for the ladies to enter into the Sanctuary. Once they are inside, we spring into action by sweeping up the conference room, tearing down the tables and chairs. We look at the instructions on how the room should look when we leave and we must clean the bathrooms, scrubbing out the showers and cleaning the bath mats. We are always in need of many hands for this tear down.

Closing Sunday at 4:30—For those who have pilgrims, team members or are not able to help clean up, meet around 4:00 inside the doors where the pilgrims sleep. Please bring your Spirit of cooperation with you.

It is so very important to leave the world outside the doors of the church. This means you do not bring your bad mojo into the church. Shake it off of you before you enter. Put your mind with thoughts of Christ and how much he loves you. You cannot shine your light if your flame is not lit. Light it with God's love.

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Peace to the brothers and sisters, and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with an undying love.

Ephesians 6:23

Praise Gatherings:

2nd Sunday of each month
6:00 pm
First Congregational Christian Church
115 West 5th Street,
Greenville, Ohio 45331

“Be a friend and bring a friend”

Important Times to Remember for each Walk:

Pilgrims Arrive—
Thursday, 6:00 pm
Potluck
Sponsor's Hour—
After Thursday
Potluck
Candlelight—
Saturday, 8:30 pm
Closing Service—
Sunday, 4:30 pm

From our Leadership Chair

I would like to ask the Emmaus Community to write encouraging letters of Agape to the Pilgrims and Team. Below are some tips that I think will help.

Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11

1. Count and number the AGAPE you bring in for bedtime and meals. To be safe, all walks should have 65 pieces of AGAPE for mealtime, and 35 pieces of bedtime AGAPE. Marking it as BEDTIME or MEALTIME with the item count, saves time and makes sure that the AGAPE you prepared is distributed when you want it to be.
2. When dropping off AGAPE please place it in the tote marked for AGAPE drop off in the AGAPE Room or in the basket on the table near the front doors. Please don't sort or attempt to deliver the AGAPE to pilgrims or team member's mailboxes yourselves, as each AGAPE chair has their own system for distribution and not knowing that system can cause more work instead of helping.
3. Pilgrims need AT LEAST 15 AGAPE LETTERS for their Sunday Packets. Please don't write letters and date them for Thursday, Friday or Saturday as all letters for Pilgrims will go in their SUNDAY PACKET.
4. Pilgrim AGAPE for Sunday Packet MUST BE ABLE TO FIT IN AN 10" x 13" ENVELOPE. Remember there are at least 15 letters fitting in the Sunday Packets, so there is not a lot of room for oversized AGAPE. We do our best to fit as much as possible into the Sunday Packets, but anything larger than what fits into a 10" x 13" envelope is SUPER AGAPE and will be returned to the Sponsor to be given to the Pilgrim after Closing.
5. Some don'ts!!! There have been some really neat AGAPE - but sometimes because of how it is put together, it is hard to manage and distribute. Please take extra care in packaging AGAPE that has dangling strings, or stickers attached. Putting items that easily tangle in individual sandwich size baggies, and making sure that items with stickers are firmly attached so the stickers stick to the AGAPE and not to each other helps us in delivering the AGAPE, and keeps it looking as sharp as when you dropped it off. Also, please don't make "mix tape" style CD's for Pilgrims. Copying a song without permission of the songwriter/performer is a crime, and despite the good intentions any items not bearing proof of being legal copies will be discarded.
6. It would help us if AGAPE letters have a FIRST and LAST NAME written legibly on it. This applies to BOTH TEAM and PILGRIM. Sponsors, please check any AGAPE letters that your Pilgrims children write to Mom or Dad have their full name written as well. Sometimes we have more than one person on a walk with the same first name, and even the same first name and last initial. We want to make sure that the right person gets the right agape.
7. Please pray about it, and if you are lead, write a letter or card to Clergy and Team before the talk. The Newsletter lists out who is giving what talk. Make sure that you put the name and the talk on the envelope. Remember, it does not matter whether or not you know that person who is giving a talk. Encouraging words even from strangers can strengthen the reader.

Agape Reminders

- 22 pieces Pilgrim only
- 52 pieces Pilgrim and Team only
- 30 pieces Team only
- Pilgrims receive personal agape ONLY in Sunday Packets
- Team receives personal bedtime, before talk and Sunday Packet agape
- Don't forget to write to Clergy, especially for before talks
- Pilgrim agape should be no larger than a 10" x 13" envelope will allow. If you have items such as books, T-shirts or pictures, please wait until after the Closing and give it to them personally.
- Use first and last name. Mark "Pilgrim" or "Team" in left hand corner of the envelope.
- The Pilgrims don't get any agape on Thursday night or Friday morning at breakfast.
- If Team bedtime, please be sure to write Thursday, Friday or Saturday bedtime.
- Bring agape to the Agape Room between Thursday evening and Saturday evening (BEFORE Candlelight Service) of each Walk.
- The agape that is brought in is for the TEAM and PILGRIMS ONLY. Unless you are on the Walk, please don't take any agape unless you have permission from the person who brought it in. If you bring agape for the Pilgrims only, please clearly mark it PILGRIMS ONLY agape.
- The agape is distributed Friday, Saturday and Sunday. It starts small and builds up to a lot at Sunday lunch. If you bring more than nine items, please don't be upset if more than one item is given in a day.
- Please put your name and phone number on your agape.
- THANK YOU!

Suggested Prayer Topics

Pilgrims

- Each pilgrim by name
- Good health and safety
- No problems with allergies
- Replace fear and anxiety with peace
- Spiritual protection
- Equal agape for all
- Develop vibrant relationship with Christ
- Protection for their family
- Healing, give up burdens
- Promote bonding with team and pilgrims
- To participate, sing and learn
- Finish Walk as joyful, enthusiastic believers

Live-In Team

- Each team member by name
- Speaker: strength, no fear
- Protection for families
- Strengthened relationship with Christ
- Energy, diplomacy and servant's heart
- Spiritual, emotional and physical protection
- Wisdom, peace and protection
- Song leaders: protect voices
- Good time management
- Spirit of enthusiasm
- Comfort in leading
- Clergy: wisdom, discernment

Community Workers

- Safe traveling
- Bonding, new friendships
- Spirit of charity and cooperation
- Agape: made with a joyful heart
- Kitchen: safety and plenty of workers

Details of Walk Weekend

- Harmony between host church and Walk
- No complications with weather
- Safety within church
- Comfortable temperature inside church
- Protect the weekend schedule
- Kitchen equipment in good working condition
- No problems with audio-visual equipment
- No damage to church building

**Darke County Area Emmaus Community
Women's Walk #48, October 27-30, 2016 Pilgrims**

	Pilgrim	Church	Sponsor
1	Becky Addington	Wesley United Methodist	Steve & Sharon Price
2	Gloria Boomershine	EUM	Steve & Sharon Price
3	Linda Campbell	Friends in Winchester United Methodist	Darla Orians
4	Megan Foster	Castine Church of the Brethren	Kirsten Mills
5	Jacqueline Hecht	EUM	Kim Murray & Elaine Snyder
6	Helen Hill	Wesley United Methodist	Steve & Sharon Price
7	Anna Holdeman		Jenny Crist
8	Amy Lawrence	Wesley United Methodist	Kevin Lawrence
9	Michelle Middaugh	Wesley United Methodist	Steve & Sharon Price
10	Marti Montgomery		Debra Winterrowd
11	Robyn Newberry	Srvant Ministries	Lora Albright & Kermit Flory
12	Patti Olson	EUM	Angela & Larry Eikenberry and Julie Neitzelt
13	Joanne Peters	EUM	Angie Miller
14	Danele Price	Christian Missionary Alliance	Betsy Garber & Allison Dill
15	Michelle Raffel	EUM	Jodie Bristley
16	Jennifer Root	Wesley United Methodist	Steve & Sharon Price
17	Marilyn Smith	EUM	Marvin McCabe
18	Lauren Whiteley	Wesley United Methodist	Teri Sowinski
19	Jeni Whittaker	St. Paul Evan. Lutheran	Judy Bridges
20	Kim Willey	EUM	Krista Adams
21	Frankie Newman		
22	Anni Brush		

PRAY FOR THE PILGRIMS AND THEIR FAMILIES AS THEY PREPARE FOR THE WALK TO EMMAUS.

Women's Walk #48 Live-In Team

Spiritual Director

Rev. Linda St. Myers (Means of Grace)

Lay Director

Annette Sheppard (Perseverance)

Experienced Assistant Lay Director

Cheryl Peters (4th Day Example)

Assistant Lay Directors

Betsy Erwin (Priorities)

Jan Collins (4th Day)

Experienced Log

Karen Brooks

Logs

Betsy Garber

Jenny Crist

Jody Christman

Music Director

Ruth Schweigert

Assistant Music Director

Alisa Beisner

Board Representative

Carla Detling

Prayer Servants

Sue Frame

Tammy Cline

Table Leaders

Carolyn Phillips (Body of Christ)

Shirley Harter (Life in Piety)

Ami Wyant (Priesthood of all Believers)

Jody Hufford (Discipleship)

Teri Sowinski (Christian Action)

Debi Smith (Changing Our World)

Elaine Snyder (Grow Thru Study)

Assistant Table Leaders

Chris Matthew

Sherry Sampson

Betsy Hesson

Allie Dill

Tasha Anderson

Linda Enicks

Deb Dull

Assistant Spiritual Directors

Pastor Linda Dulin-Moore (Sanctifying Grace)

Pastor Rush Rodger (Justifying Grace)

Pastor Doug Baker (Prevenient Grace)

Pastor Terry Cavanaugh (Obstacles to Grace)

Jesus made disciples by going to the places where they lived and worked and inviting them to come along. Jesus made disciples by spending time with them, teaching them and by patiently showing them a new way of living. Jesus gathered all kinds of people—fishermen and tax collectors, religious leaders and sinners, women and men, rich and poor, young and old, healthy and sick. No one was left out of Jesus' invitation to "follow me." God entrusted the disciples—and us—with making more disciples. We will be agents of God's amazing grace if we model our disciple-making after Jesus. We will extend the invitation to all no matter where they come from or what they have done. We will go where they live and work. We will spend time with them, teach them and show them a new way of living. We will introduce them to Jesus whose love is greater than anything we can imagine and whose promise is sure: *"I am with you always, to the end of the age."* Share your walk with our Lord with someone today. Encourage them to seek the same peace you have received and tell them of the gift of Jesus' Grace freely given to all of us. All we have to do is accept and believe in Him.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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**Change of Mailing Address?
New Email Address?**

Please contact Annette Sheppard
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Sheppga13@gmail.com

REMINDER:

***The Thursday Potluck,
Candlelight and Closing Service
are for members of the Emmaus
Community only.
Childcare is not provided.***