



Darke County Emmaus Community Newsletter

*They asked each other,
"Were not our hearts
burning within us while he
talked with us on the
road and opened the
Scriptures to us?"*

Luke 24:32

From Our Community Lay Director—Gerald Miller

Dear Emmaus Community,

When God laid it on my heart to get back into the leading portion of the Darke County Emmaus Community, I prayed about and thought about that commitment many weeks before answering God's tapping me to help in this leadership role. I remembered back when the community was being formed and how much time and effort was put in by many, many persons. What a blessing we all got out of all those hours of prayer, exchanging of ideas from different communities and the way God used everyone was just amazing. There were persons from the surrounding areas such as Springfield, Richmond, Sidney, Dayton, Cincinnati, and Marysville communities involved and God used ideas from all to form this community in Darke County. We cried, discussed and prayed for long times and finally the work was done and the first walk in Darke County finally happened! With much help and volunteers it was a great success! The only glitch in the weekend was there was no picture so only memories we have from that weekend-- but prayer was the key as it is in the weekends we have today. I am so amazed at how when there is a need, a position to be filled, a helping hand to be lent, how through prayer and God's amazing love, people step up to the plate and meet that need. So I am saying to the members of the Emmaus communities - GOOD JOB - thanks for the helping hands and the loving hearts.

May God Bless!

Gerald Miller

Board Members

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Purchasing—Jennifer Artz/Brittany Melton

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Lonely Sheep

*Out of the meadows; out in the cold,
I hear a bleating--one from the fold?
One who is distant, far, far from the pen,
Off on the hillside, where has he been?
Wandered away, 'ere unnoticed he went,
While the shepherds were focused on mending the fence.
Their unbroken fences they viewed as all bent,
And they argued their points, the day long spent.
The lambs, now neglected, began 'ere to roam,
Farther and farther from shelter and home.
'Till off in the distance, we hear their faint cry,
And the shepherds rise up, and they wonder why....
"Why have they wondered from that which they knew;
Why have they left what's securely fenced true?
And how did they get there, so unnoticed by man,
Perhaps they just ambled, or perhaps they just ran?"
It's true they have fences now firmly in ground,
But while they've been mending, the sheep are not found.
For out on the hillsides, they've wandered away,
And found a kind Shepherd with water and hay.
One who has found them, all hurt and alone,
One who has compassion and gave them a home.*

Anonymous- Written November 2008

Betsy Garber



Emmaus Women's Walk #51

Team Roster

Heather Medve—LD

Linda Enicks—TL

Jacque Collins—SD

Julie Baker—TL

Wendy Thompson—EXP ALD

Pat Baker—TL

Carla Detling—ALD

Becky Addington—TL

Krista Adams—ALD

Lora Albright—TL

Sue Voke—EXP LOG

Sharon Price—TL

Shelly Harrison—LOG

Brittany Melton—ATL

Jan Collins—LOG

Jen Pearcy—ATL

Teresa Wolf—LOG

Jan Thatcher—ATL

Annette Sheppard—MD

Tish Caldwell—ATL

Sarah Rock—AMD

Vanessa Eickhoff—ATL

Chris Matthew—BR

Marlene Troutwine—ATL

Allie Dill—TL

Betsy Garber—ATL

Please check on our website and our Facebook page for updates on the Pilgrim list

www.dcaec.org

Servant Opportunities:

Are you looking for a way to serve in our Emmaus Community?

We have a few board positions open that need a servant heart to fill.

We need:

*Women's Good Shepherd—This person helps women get into a share group if they cannot find one.

(A board position is a 3 year term)

* Women's Walk #51 is coming up October 17-20. We will need help setting up on Wednesday evening, carrying luggage on Thursday evening, preparing and serving meals, Sponsoring a pilgrim, extra help cleaning the church...it's a lot bigger than Oakland was! Show the pilgrims your servant hearts and come support them at the candlelight and the closing too! See you there!

If you are interested in being on a team please fill out a willing servant form and turn it in to a current board member or mail it to: Darke County Area Emmaus Community P.O. Box 482 Greenville, OH 45331 so the selection committee will have an updated list of who has been on teams and what position they have filled. You can also email it to Chris Matthew at secretary@dcaec.org and she will forward it on. You can also download one from the website www.dcaec.org



A Few Reminders:

We have 3 walk weekends under our belts in our new location and they went as smoothly as we could expect as we are learning to work with First UMC and they with us and learning to navigate in a new building and where things are.

With each walk weekend we will work out a few more details and things will get better and better! God is Good!

We are now holding our Weekends and Gatherings at:

First United Methodist Church
202 W. 4th St.
Greenville, OH 45331

Family and friends are always welcome at
Praise Gatherings
No child care is provided for the Community
during Praise Gathering .

The next Gathering will be:

Sunday, October 13, 6:00 pm with fellowship after.

***If you would like to receive our newsletter, please send your email address to: dcaecnewsletter@gmail.com**

Walk Weekend activities are open to Emmaus
and Chrysalis members only.
Please No Children.



Date completed _____

WILLING SERVANT FORM

*Please mark with an * any new information of which we should be aware.*

Name: _____

Address: _____ City & State _____ Zip _____

Phone #: _____ E-mail _____

Walk you attended and where: _____

Date of your walk: _____

Day and time my Share Group meets: _____

I am interested in being considered as a live-in team member. Yes ___ No ___

I have done:	Please list Talks you have given:
_____ Assistant Table Leader	_____
_____ Table Leader	_____
_____ Logistics	_____
_____ Assistant Lay Director	_____
_____ Lay Director	_____
_____ Assistant Music Director	_____
_____ Music Director	_____
_____ Assistant Spiritual Director	_____
_____ Spiritual Director	_____

If you have participated in any of these areas in a different Emmaus Community, please list the Community or Communities: _____

Church I am active in _____

Pastor _____ Telephone _____

Ministries of this church I am active in (list):	Role/responsibility in each ministry:
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Mail to: Darke County Area Emmaus, P.O. Box 482, Greenville, OH 45331

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A message from our GOOD SHEPHERD—Jeff Feitshans and our SPONSORSHIP/REGISTRAR—Carla Detling

Sponsorship

Being an Instrument of Prevenient Grace

The “Why” of Good Sponsorship

It would be difficult to overstate why the role of good sponsorship in the Emmaus Community is significant. The reason undergirding the value of good sponsorship can be shown in at least 3 ways:

Good sponsorship is the first act of agape for the pilgrim before a Walk ever begins.

Good sponsorship undergirds the whole weekend with sacrificial love on behalf of the pilgrim.

Good sponsorship is foundational for growing a healthy, effective Emmaus Movement that is fulfilling its true purpose.

The “How” of Good Sponsorship

Understanding how to properly sponsor a pilgrim is our next task. Below are the 10-Steps of sponsorship. The Upper Room’s guidelines provide instructions that ensure you can be a good and effective sponsor (if you prefer a fuller treatment, see the booklet *Day Four: The Pilgrim’s Continued Journey. Then locate the chapter – The Next Generation: Sponsorship*).

Pray for the pilgrim’s openness to God’s call to discipleship.

Set up a time to meet with the pilgrim (and their family, if they so desire) and explain what it means to participate in an Emmaus Weekend.

Be invitational. Share with the pilgrim how the Emmaus Community is part of the larger family of faith. Explain the basic elements of the Walk and take the attitude that you are offering the pilgrim a wonderful gift rather than an obligation to attend.

Assist the pilgrim in completing the registration form. If the pilgrim is married, encourage them both to remain committed as they await the upcoming Emmaus Walk. Many distractions will attempt to dissuade them from following through.

Begin conversations with the pilgrim’s extended family members, their pastor, friends and so forth, to provide letters of agape.

Remember to pray for your pilgrim daily, filling a slot in the 72-hour prayer vigil, being present at Send-Off, Sponsor’s Hour, Candlelight, and Closing. Be ready to support your pilgrim’s family over the weekend if necessary (i.e. picking up mail, house-sitting, feeding pets, checking in with a spouse, etc.).

Following the Walk, help your pilgrim find a share group to join, bring them to the 4th-Day Reunion, and be a willing listener.

Keep in contact with your pilgrim as they reenter their church family, encouraging them to discover new possibilities of service.

Let your pilgrim know of the variety of ways they can serve in the Emmaus Community.

Finally, be available to help your pilgrim sponsor others.

Sponsorship continued...

If you have participated on an Emmaus Walk, you can sponsor another person. In addition, because sponsorship is so important and vital to the overall flourishing of an Emmaus Community, the Board asks that those desiring to sponsor someone be willing to attend a sponsorship training session. Sponsorship is a sacred role that allows a person the privileged opportunity to be Christ's ambassador to a prospective pilgrim. It is our goal to help the Sponsor be an example of God's marvelous grace and love, assisting the pilgrim in their journey as they experience an authentic encounter with the risen Christ.

De Colores!

Carla Detling, Registration/Sponsorship

Jeff Feitshans, Good Shepherd

A message from our ASD— Pastor Rick Gutheil

Still the Same

Over the last 6 months to one year we have seen some changes in our Darke County Area Emmaus Community. A new host church for our Walk weekends, new faces and returning faces to our Board of Directors, and always something new with our communications with our new host church board as well.

Through it all we have been able to adapt and change as has been necessary. And we all know that whenever change happens sometimes there is misunderstanding and uncertainty. But it doesn't mean that change is bad. Sometimes God is allowing change to return to the main reason and focus of what He is doing. While the world is constantly changing, God does not change....EVER! Hebrews 13:8 tells us "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

The goal, direction, and focus of God and the ministry of the Darke County Area Emmaus Community is to strengthen and encourage believers to go back to their churches and become leaders in their churches and communities.

Come and be a part of what is going on as Jesus leads us to shine God's light in everyone's heart wherever He sends us, just like when this community started all those years ago.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Rick Gutheil

A message from your AGAPE Chair—Deb Gutheil



Thank you so much for the response to the Men's walk, the agape was wonderful!

Women's Walk #51 will be here before you know it. October 17-20.

Get your creative juices flowing, there are lots of ideas for table or bedtime agape.

Here are a few guidelines to follow for writing and making agape:

#1 Please put your name on your agape and on agape containers/bags, leftovers will be available to pick up at the closing of the weekend and for 2 gatherings afterward. Whatever hasn't been claimed after that will be donated to the Chrysalis community.

#2 NO personal agape for pilgrims until Sunday for their packets. This can be only letters, notes and cards, or whatever will fit into an envelope. No large agape will be accepted such as mugs, t-shirts, framed pictures or books. Agape can be no larger than what will fit into a 9"x12" manila envelope.

#3 Team and pilgrim agape must have first and last name on the front of the envelope. And for team agape it also must have the day you want them to receive it or it will be put in the Sunday packet. There have been times when we have had more than one person with the same first name and your agape could go to the wrong person.

Lets show these women what agape love is all about!

Thank You, Deb

PERSONAL AGAPE ENVELOPES

Write Pilgrim name here "Pilgrim" here

Write team member name here When to be received here

PLEASE REMEMBER TO WRITE FIRST AND LAST
NAMES ON AGAPE ENVELOPES.

Free In The Fire



King Nebuchadnezzar made a large statue of gold and commanded that everyone must worship the statue whenever they heard the royal music; they must worship the statue, or face terrible consequences! "Whoever does not fall down and worship will immediately be thrown into a blazing furnace" (Daniel 3:6).

Daniel's friends, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, were determined to live with an uncompromising faith. They believed God's Word and obeyed His commands: "You shall have no other gods before Me...you shall not bow down to them or worship them" (Exodus 20:3,5). These three young Jewish men took a stand and refused to worship the golden statue. Their devotion to God was greater than their fear of the fire; "If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it...But even if He does not, we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up" (Daniel 3:17-18).

Nebuchadnezzar was furious and followed through on his threat: "He ordered the furnace heated seven times hotter than usual and commanded some of the strongest soldiers in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and throw them into the blazing furnace" (Daniel 3:19-20). But when Nebuchadnezzar looked inside the furnace, he was amazed by what he saw.

Daniel 3:25

"Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods."

As they were facing the fire, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego saw no chance of escape, but they placed their complete trust in God - a trust which would not falter even if they were burned. But rather than being burned by the fire, these three men were freed from their binding ropes and walked with "a son of the gods," who many believe is an Old Testament reference to Jesus Christ! (The KJV renders this verse "...like the Son of God.") In their time of greatest need, God comforted these young men and set them free.

The fires in our life WILL come. The heat will seem intense! But we must not fear, or abandon what we know to be true. Our faith is ALWAYS refined and made stronger by fire; "the testing of your faith develops perseverance" (James 1:3). Fire will always teach us to trust more deeply and worship more sincerely. When we really believe this truth, it will become possible to actually rejoice in the face of fire. We can rejoice because we KNOW He will walk beside us, no matter how hot the flames - this is true freedom! Let's walk with a bold faith, knowing our Father is there to comfort and protect us, knowing He will strengthen us and set us free in the fire.

Have a Christ Centered Day!

Steve Troxel

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Change of Mailing Address? New Email Address?

Please contact Connie McCabe at:
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Reminder:

***The Thursday potluck dinner,
Candlelight and Closing Service
are for members of the Emmaus
Community only.***

Childcare is not provided