



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

Greetings to Everyone,

As I write this, it seems like forever since we have been together. I cannot even imagine being locked away in prison somewhere for a very long time! These past three months without much contact with my brothers and sisters in Christ is almost more than I can tolerate. I guess that is why Emmaus is so special to me. Even with no share group meetings for 13 weeks it seemed like an eternity! I guess that is why faith in Christ is so important and the fact that we know God is still in control. It is my desire that very soon we all can get together again and do what we do best...make disciples of Jesus Christ. Let us continue to seek God's answer to all our questions and to restart communities of Emmaus!

Love Ya All,

Gerald

If you have a Facebook account, go like the Emmaus page and keep an eye out for updates. The newsletter will be posted on it and any news about when gatherings will start again or updates about the Women's Walk scheduled for this fall will be posted.

We are all ready to get back together and start meeting in person and fellowship with our Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

Board Members

Pastor Rick Gutheil—Spiritual Director

Community Lay Director—Gerald Miller

Asst. Community Lay Director—Betsy Garber

Leadership—Kevin Judy

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Treasurer—Melissa Werling

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Agape—Deb Gutheil

Men's Good Shepherd—Jeff Feitshans

Women's Good Shepherd—

Purchasing—Brittany Melton

Registration/Sponsorship—Carla Detling

Worship—Jim Thompson

Music—Todd Matthew

Kairos Rep—

Chrysalis Rep—Angie Hill

Newsletter—Connie McCabe

Social— Steve Price

FUMC Rep—Shirma Pence

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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. (A board position is a 3 year term)

We need:

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

*Kairos representative

Or you could.....

*Fill out a Willing Servant form and be a team member

*Come and serve in the kitchen prepping and serving meals.

*Help the LOGS clean the church—this is a big place!

*Come on Wednesday for set-up, Thursday for send off (help carry luggage and get pilgrims settled), or Monday for tear down.

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 download one from the website www.dcaec.org

A Few Reminders:

We are now holding our Weekends and Gatherings at:

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

The next Gathering will be: TBD

Gatherings begin at 6:00 pm with fellowship afterward.

We would love for you to bring a snack to share and get to know your Emmaus community.

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

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

Walk Weekend activities are open to Emmaus and Chrysalis members only.

Please No Children.



A message from our CSD— Pastor Rick Gutheil

What is Written on Your Heart?

In these strange and troubled times that we are experiencing now and over the last few months it is easy to become troubled and concerned about whether it will ever return to some sort of peace or normality again, and if so, when? How has a nation, gone so far from what was created with love, to a nation of nothing but hatred, disrespect, and destruction?

I definitely do not have all the answers, but I do know this: We all have fallen short of the Kingdom of God. We have allowed the sin of this world to claim a spot or a stronghold over certain areas of our lives, whether it be letting the lies of the evil one fool us into thinking that certain sins are acceptable and normal, or the sin of apathy, i.e. “if others want to live their life that way it’s okay as long as it doesn’t affect me.” That kind of thinking changes us from someone who tolerates wrong living to accepting it as proper.

We are God’s children and as such we, yes, you and me, are called to be like Him, to walk like Him, to teach like Him. 2 Corinthians 3:2-3 says, “You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everybody. You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.” Have we taken the time to truly read what is written on our hearts? Have we allowed the world to change the message God gave us to share? Is not His message a message of love, peace, grace, mercy and forgiveness?

How well have we shown the world, especially our beloved United States of America, the love of Jesus instead of what the world expects. What more is God calling us to do and be for this scared, mixed up nation? How can each of us personally help be the change that is so desperately needed? Read His Word. Write it on your heart so that you will be prepared in season and out of season to speak God’s love to someone in need. Allow Jeremiah 29:11 be a promise of courage for you to step out in faith and go where God sends you. We can help Jesus change the world for the better if we follow the words of 2 Chronicles 7:14. Take time to read these two Scriptures and write them on your heart today.

In God’s Peace,

Pastor Rick Gutheil

PILGRIMS WANTED!

Even though we are currently not having walk weekends because of what is happening in our world, you can still invite your friends and loved ones to attend a future walk to Emmaus. When we are all clear to again hold walk weekends we will have pilgrims waiting to come and spend an entire weekend feeling and seeing the love of Jesus! How amazing would it be to have a waiting list again?

Please pray about who you would like to ask to be on an upcoming walk and pray for that person.

Application deadline is 2 weeks before the walk. Dates TBD

Sponsors please make sure applications are completed in full before they are mailed in.

Thank You.

Carla Detling,

Registrar/Sponsorship



Men's Good Shepherd— Jeff Feitshans

“Let us hold on to the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us be concerned about one another in order to promote love and good works...encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day drawing near” (Hebrews 10:23-25).

Even though the Emmaus Community Gatherings have been on hold, God continues to speak. Even though we may not have specific answers on when the Community can resume all of the various activities, God continues to move.

For example, I have recently learned of another tragic church split. I have visited the church and thought it was a very vibrant and growing community of believers. I was astonished to hear that it was succumbing to the heartbreak of division. So, I spent some time asking God about the matter. Graciously He answered. He reminded me that every community, no matter how small or large, are built upon the multitude of relationships within. Our relationships are fostered and nurtured in those intimate groups where our conversations are deeply heartfelt, honest and transparent. During this time, continue meeting in small groups as you are able. With each conversation, intentionally decide to connect richly with your brothers and sisters in Christ. This temporary situation may be difficult, but it is not able to tear asunder the interrelationships we purposely develop and maintain. Our loving Father is actively pursuing this very same goal - keeping us together as a Community of believers.

DeColores,

Jeff Feitshans

Social Chair—Steve Price

Hugs, something we want to do and is an easy way to share God's love.

I broke this down to:

H = Help

U = us

G = grow

S = spiritually

Help us grow spiritually and learn from this eye awakening covid-19 pandemic. 2020 is perfect vision. What a way to start the first part of the year 2020. I pray that the year 2020 has opened a lot of eyes in the right direction to God.

We are not perfect but our vision and heart can be if we keep our eyes on God. The end will be that 2020 vision.

Steve Price—Social chair

GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO EAT

Our world is full of people in deep spiritual need. Most have never placed their trust in Jesus for the forgiveness of sin and are literally starving right before our eyes. But even many Brothers and Sisters who love the Lord are desperately hungry to know Him more, or they have been wounded and are in need of long term spiritual nourishment.

God's Word tells us to have open eyes and a soft heart such that we can recognize the needs and bring them before our Father in prayer; "In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God" (Philippians 4:6). But then we are told to carefully listen for God's leading and fully expect to be put to work.

One afternoon, a crowd of over 5000 people had gathered to hear Jesus teach; "He welcomed them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed healing" (Luke 9:11). The disciples saw it was getting late and would soon be time to eat. They recognized the need of the people, came before Jesus, and "presented their request."

Luke 9:12-13

"Late in the afternoon the Twelve came to Him and said, 'Send the crowd away so they can go to the surrounding villages and countryside and find food and lodging, because we are in a remote place here.' He replied, 'You give them something to eat.'"

When the disciples approached Jesus, they presented the need...but they also presented their solution. They knew the people were growing hungry, but their solution was to send them elsewhere for food. We often make this same mistake when we limit God by our own vision and understanding. Jesus' solution to this need was to bless the few provisions the disciples could gather and then accomplish His work through their hands; "They all ate and were satisfied" (Luke 9:17).

God never asks us to do something without also providing the necessary tools to accomplish all He desires. We have been empowered by His Spirit and equipped through His Word. Yes, we must continue to pray; but our prayers ought to be with an understanding that God may very well direct us, you and me, to carry His life-giving food and be a vessel for His healing.

There can be no greater work here on earth than to take part in restoring someone's relationship to our Heavenly Father. Only God can truly heal, but He has invited us to join Him in this awesome work. Let's continue to lift up the many needs to God in prayer, but then let's prepare for His answer - His invitation - which calmly says, "You give them something to eat."

Have a Christ Centered Day!

Steve Troxel

God's Daily Word Ministries

This is a daily devotion I receive in my email. Most times it is exactly what I need, when I need it. With the way things are at the moment and the ugliness that is happening in the world, we as Christians need to remember who we represent and look at how we are representing our Lord. We need to remember that God is in control, God is still on the Throne even when it feels like everything around us is out of control. In Emmaus we show Agape love through serving, fellowship, hugs and little gifts given to the pilgrims and team. Are we showing Agape love outside of the Emmaus community? When our fears rise up within us or our patience runs low do we show our friends and family that Agape love we are so willing to show for 72 hours on an Emmaus weekend? I am guilty of being impatient or intolerant or frustrated at times, and for that I ask forgiveness.

Going along with the message of the devotion above, are we allowing ourselves to be a vessel that God can use to feed his people? What kind of 'food' are we giving them? Is it life-giving and satisfying? Or is it something that leaves a bad taste in their mouths?

I pray with this time we have had to slow our lives down you have been able to grow your relationship with God and discover different ways he can use you to 'feed' his people.

DeColores, Connie McCabe

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Change of Mailing Address? New Email Address?

Please contact Connie McCabe at:
dcaecnewsletter@gmail.com

Reminder:

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

Childcare is not provided