



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,

What can be expected when the storm of covid-19 is over? I don't have a clue the future holds, but I know who holds the future and I am perfectly fine with His decision. The fact of the unknown future is for sure in God's master plan for this world, whatever he has in the plan is sure to be the best that is yet to come. We can reflect back on some bible characters and see the bumps in the road during their lifetime and the outcome was usually in their best interest and for the benefit and God's glory. I have no doubt but that the same will be true for our storms of life. When we trust God to be the Creator of the universe, he will use those bumps and ruts in our path to make us appreciate the good times. We need to continue to give thanks for all things (Ps. 31:12). We need to assemble for thanksgiving, praise and worship, not just stay home and worship. It is a direct order from God that we mingle ourselves together for worship! Speaking of being together for worship, we have a place to hold gatherings—they will be held at the Radiant Lighthouse Church campus on Sebring-Warner Rd on September 20th at 6:00 pm, and you might want to bring a covered dish with some goodies in it because we are bringing back the fellowship and meal time after the gathering. And remember When EMMAUS MEETS, EMMAUS EATS! Hope to see everyone then!

Gerald

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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

Thank You

A Few Reminders:

We are now holding our Weekends and Gatherings at:

*Temporary change of venue:

We will be holding monthly gatherings at:

Radiant Lighthouse Church
5256 Sebring Warner Rd.
Greenville, OH 45331

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.

The next Gathering will be: September 20, 2020

Gatherings begin at 6:00 pm with fellowship afterward.

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

We are bringing back the meal and fellowship after the gathering!

WHEN EMMAUS MEETS, EMMAUS EATS!

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



A message from our CSD— Pastor Rick Gutheil

Greetings brothers and sisters!

Here we are again a couple months after our last Emmaus Newsletter and we are still dealing with the effects of and reactions to the COVID-19 health issue and it seems sometimes that we will never be meeting again, almost like we are in exile under the thumb of some unkind ruler. I understand those feelings well as I have often felt that I was under house arrest and not being free to do what God has called me to.

Let me tell you something. DON'T FRET! DON'T WORRY! God's plan is still in place and it is a plan of triumph and victory for all who believe in and follow our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jeremiah 29:11 tells us, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Do you remember what God did for the Israelites while they were captives in Egypt and the rulers kept piling more work on them when they complained about not having enough supplies to make the bricks and increasing the amount of bricks expected of them? God gave them the strength and perseverance to stay strong through the oppression until He set them free to return to their homeland.

We serve the same loving, kind, faithful God now that the Israelites did then and His plan is to strengthen us to face the troubles and battles of today and know that our release from these current restrictions is imminent and coming soon! He will not leave us, nor forsake us.

Let us praise Him for this day and worship Him for His grace and mercy that is upon us every day. Read His Word! Sing His Praise for the Lord is with us and we will soon gather together as a family of faith-filled believers!

See You Soon,

Rick Gutheil

A Note from Registrar/Sponsorship—Carla Detling

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

*The Emmaus Board and Community would like to Congratulate
Keith and Betsy (Garber) Berger on their recent wedding!*

*Betsy is our Community Assistant Lay Director and Keith has
been an active member of Emmaus. We wish you many blessings as
you begin your life together!*

Congratulations!



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.

Also, check out our website at www.dcaec.org it will also have updated information as well as the newsletter.

A Word from our Leadership Chair—Kevin Judy

Greetings and Blessings, DCAEC Community!

My my, what a year we are having! Amid sickness scares, lockdowns and multiple political upheavals, we are living in a very confusing time. I cannot remember a time when this country has experienced so much polarized division over every little bit of subject matter.

For all the unrest we can see and hear, we can only be scarcely aware of the spiritual war that is driving the current state of our world. There is no doubt that Satan is doing all he can to hide the Light of God from unbelievers, and create as much discord and division among the brethren as possible.

At this point, nothing feels normal, nor does it seem like things will return to a state that we see as normal. There are even those that say we must accept a "new normal" as we move into the future. I do not know what the future on this Earth may look like, but I do know that there is a new normal that awaits us as believers in Christ. I cannot say it any better than it is stated in God's Word, so here is what John expresses in Revelation 21:

The New Jerusalem

"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son."

Who among us shall sorrow over anything when we have this to look forward to???

Hopefully very soon, we can gather together and break bread once again. Until then, may God shield you from all the lies and deceptions of the evil one. Let us continually cast our cares upon the Lord Jesus, and trust Him to walk us through the fire unharmed!

De Colores!

Kevin M. Judy, Leadership

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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