



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,

Greetings in the name of Jesus! I write this article with great anticipation of the wonderful things that God has in his marvelous plan for the Darke County Area Emmaus Community in the making disciples for Jesus Christ!

Since the last newsletter article our Emmaus Community has taken a major leap in progress: at the last gathering there was a vote taken to change the location of future walks to the Ludlow Falls Camp. The vote was 100% in favor of this change.

Along with that vote comes much work to be done before the next men's walk on April 15-18, 2021. The equipment must be moved to the camp and that will take much help...many hands make less work...from everyone, not just a couple people. So please, when the time comes (Tyler Melton and Keith Berger will decide when that time will be) please pitch in.

We also need a few board positions that desperately need filled. They are: Secretary, Women's Good Shepherd, Worship, Kairos Rep, Historian and Social.

So please, if you feel God tugging at your heart follow his direction and fill those much needed positions so we can glorify God in our efforts to put on successful weekends. We can all still be the hands and feet of Jesus.

I know I am asking for a lot, but if everyone steps up and helps out, much can and will be done without anyone having to do too much.

Thank You,

Gerald Miller

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Agape—Deb Gutheil

Men's Good Shepherd—Jeff Feitshans

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Registration/Sponsorship—Carla Detling

\*Worship—

Music—Todd Matthew

\*Kairos Rep—

Chrysalis Rep—Allison Dill

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# Live In Team—Men's Walk #36 April 15-18, 2021

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If you know of someone who would love to spend the weekend with Jesus please go to our website [www.dcaec.org](http://www.dcaec.org) and download a pilgrim application and get it filled out and sent in with the deposit, asap. Send applications to:

Darke County Area Emmaus Community  
PO Box 482  
Greenville, OH 45331

# A message from your AGAPE Chair—Deb Gutheil



We're Back!!! With new beginnings, It's time for a new walk, in a new location, with a new team but the same Loving and Almighty God. Let's get started! Anyone, share groups, and couples let's make this the year of Agape Love, anything that God lays on your heart to bring within the guidelines, table and bedtime but remember it's only 3 days, make sure you read the rules. NO personal agape for the pilgrims until Sunday after the walk. It will be more special coming from you in person, anyway

Come and serve on the weekend of the Men's Walk in April, if you can't make it to serve, come to the Candlelight and/or the Closing. Hope to see you there!!

DeColores, Deb Gutheil

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, please give these items to them after their walk. 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.

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

## PERSONAL AGAPE ENVELOPES

"Pilgrim" here

Write Pilgrim name here

When to be received here

Write team member name here

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



## A message from our CSD— Pastor Rick Gutheil

### Priorities

As we face each day, we all have things to do, a schedule to keep, places to be, you know . . . life! Some days it seems that once we wake up we do not have time to breathe, only time to do; go, Go, GO!!! And quite often, we get to the end of the day after running around doing many things, many good things, and we climb into bed exhausted from all that you accomplished and think, “I didn’t get a chance to do all I wanted today. I wish there was more time! I didn’t even get a free moment to talk with God.”

Does that sound like your day? Too often it resembles mine. I do get up each morning and read my devotionals, but sometimes I read it but don’t take time to meditate on it, to confer with my Heavenly Father on what He would like me to do with what He just shared with me. Too often I hop into the busyness of the world (yes, even doing things for the church or the members), knowing it is good work, but not necessarily what God had planned for me to do. And then, when I am done, I am too tired to take time to rest in His arms, in God’s precious Presence, or I take a “break” to relax and watch TV or check all the “important stuff” I missed on Facebook or other social media outlets. Sometimes it is just getting on the computer to fill my mind and time with games that do nothing to further my relationship with Christ Jesus.

This probably sounds like a lot of us, wouldn’t you agree?

As I am writing this we are in the Season of Lent where we should be letting go of the things in life that do not draw us closer in our relationship with Jesus, but instead, we continue on our own chosen path. It is time to stop these practices. We are God’s children, chosen before time began to be His disciples, His followers, His hands and feet to a world that doesn’t know Him because of people like us who know Him and yet do not invite others to come along on the journey and walk beside them as they learn more and more about His love for them and us. A gift of eternal life which God invites us to come along, believe and receive. But to follow Him means we must give up something of ourselves so it can be filled with more of Him.

Are you truly giving up something so He can fill your life with something better than this world offers. Jesus gave His all for each of us. Are we giving Him what He alone deserves?

Reflecting On Priorities,

Pastor Rick

### **Men’s Emmaus Walk #36**

I am excited to announce that we are back to holding weekend walks again! That’s right, we are inviting you to pray for whomever God has laid on your heart to invite to be a pilgrim on the upcoming Men’s Walk to Emmaus #36 being held Thursday April 15 - Sunday April 18, 2021 at our new location . . . Ludlow Falls Camp!

Think of the blessing you received from your original walk and invite others to experience God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit through the same gift: Emmaus!

God has laid someone on your heart that could benefit from this experience. Don’t cause them to miss it because we forgot to invite them and sponsor them. Let’s give the gift of Jesus’ love to someone we know and love.

Thanks for your service to God and our Emmaus Community!

In Christ,

Pastor Rick

## What Faith Looks Like

(Open your Bible to Hebrews 11 and follow along)

- V. 1 Faith hopes.
- V. 2 Faith is commended.
- V. 3 Faith gives understanding.
- V. 4 Faith offers righteous gifts.
- V. 5 Faith protects from death- both natural and spiritual.
  - V. 6 Faith pleases God.
  - V. 7 Faith brings life.
  - V. 8 Faith obeys.
  - V. 9 Faith is active.
  - V. 10 Faith looks beyond.
  - V. 11 Faith strengthens.
  - V. 12 Faith revives.  
Faith multiplies.
  - V. 13 Faith persuades.  
Faith embraces.
  - Faith turns away from the world.
  - V. 14 Faith declares plainly.
  - V. 15 Faith forgets the past.
  - V.16 Faith looks ahead.
  - V.17 Faith sacrifices.  
Faith receives the promises.
- V. 18-19 Faith believes beyond circumstances.
  - V. 20 Faith blesses.
  - V. 21 Faith worships.
- V. 22 Faith has a passion for the wayward.
  - V. 23 Faith overcomes fear.
  - V. 24 Faith separates.
  - V. 25 Faith suffers.
  - V. 26 Faith esteems Christ.
  - V. 27 Faith forsakes sin.
  - V. 28 Faith keeps God’s laws.
  - V. 29 Faith delivers.
- V. 30 Faith reveals and overcomes sin.
- V. 31 Faith protects God’s people.
- V. 32-38 Faith surrenders this life for God’s will.
  - V. 33 Faith subdues Satan’s kingdom.  
Faith works righteousness.  
Faith obtains promises.  
Faith stops the mouth of the lion (Satan).
- V. 34 Faith quenches the fires of life (the hard times).
  - Faith gives a way of escape.
  - Faith gives strength.
  - Faith makes valiant (strong, mighty, courageous).
  - Faith turns the enemy to flight.
  - V. 35 Faith revives.  
Faith obtains resurrection.
- V. 36-38 Faith enables you to bear humanly unbearable circumstances.
  - V. 39 Faith brings a good report.
  - V. 40 Faith brings better things.
- Faith perfects (enables us to carry through completely).

**faith** (fāth) *n.* **1.** Confident belief in the truth, value or trustworthiness of a person, an idea, or a thing. **2.** Belief that does not rest on logical proof or material evidence. **3.** Loyalty to a person or thing; allegiance. **4.** Often **Faith**. *Theol.* The theological virtue defined as secure belief in God and a trusting acceptance of God’s will.

This is the definition of faith that can be found in the [American Heritage College Dictionary](#). This is what we often think of when we consider faith. This makes faith seem pretty simple, fairly easy to obtain. This gives a nice little answer to the question, “What is faith?” While this gives us a little piece of what faith is, I believe that faith is so much more than what we can find explained in a dictionary. Faith includes knowledge. And knowledge includes faith. As confusing as this seems, you can’t have one without the other. When doing math, you need to have faith that simple addition really works. Through reality, you have been convicted that addition is fact (you have this knowledge). This principle then gives you the knowledge to go on into deeper math. There are so many set laws in our lives that we have faith in. Most often we don’t even stop to think of these laws. We just have faith in them. Math is one. Gravity is another. We can’t see gravity, but we understand it enough to believe that it exists.

Knowledge and faith go hand in hand but you cannot gain spiritual faith through knowledge. God alone reveals knowledge of Himself and His ways. After He gives us knowledge of Himself, it then becomes our responsibility to respond to that revelation by having faith in Him.

There is an element of faith that is intellectual, but faith is so much more than reaching a certain amount of knowledge. Faith has results, as we can clearly see in Hebrews 11. There are various and different ways that faith is displayed in the lives of true believers, but ultimately it is *the practical submission of the entire being to the guidance and control of Truth as God makes Himself known to us*. So, we can see that we cannot have faith in God until He reveals truth to us.

These are just a few random thoughts on a very deep and wide subject. I pray this will stir up deeper thoughts and convictions as you grow in the faith of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

-Betsy Berger, Community Assistant Lay Director

## A Note from Registrar/Sponsorship—Carla Detling

Sponsors: The men's walk has been scheduled for April 15 - April 18, 2021. I have reached out to all the pilgrims that were scheduled to go on the walk before it got canceled and made contact by either talking to them, leaving a message or sending a text. Please make sure you or your pilgrim let me know if they are or are not able to go on the walk so I can send out the needed information that is needed before the walk

Carla Detling, Registrar/Sponsorship

## Some Words from our Men's Good Shepherd—Jeff Feitshans

I was shivering in the large, cold, empty, building. The wind was brutally cold coming off the lake in early February of 1980. I was dressed in a t-shirt, shorts, and tennis shoes, as were the other 70 young men. We were in Great Lakes, Michigan, just beginning our journey through 2 months of boot camp in the United States Navy. The reason for our being in the large building was to run. Our company commander flatly told us we all were going to run several miles together. I began to panic, realizing I had never run even one mile before in my life. How in the world was this going to happen?

The commander blew the loud whistle. Like a train, our group slowly started moving. As we entered a quick jog, it took a few minutes to find our pace. Then I heard it - the cadence of our footsteps - clop, clop, clop. I matched my own pace to that sound - clop, clop, clop. Very quickly the sound became mesmerizing. My attention was fixated on that repetitive sound. We ran. And we ran. And we ran. I remember two of the men were falling behind. A few of us nearby tried to help by encouraging them, getting ahold of their arms, and shouting, "C'mon! You can do this!"

Eventually, the company commander blew the whistle again, signaling for us to stop running. He informed us we had run the required distance and would be here the next morning to do it again. I must admit, that caught me by surprise. We all ran, together, as one unit for several miles.

The point of this story, as I'm sure you've guessed, is the incredible things we can accomplish as a unified team. God designed us to work together, to live together, to function together as one body. Oftentimes, we imagine we'll go it alone. But our best efforts, while noble, cannot reach the heights of what we can do together.

The upcoming men's walk planned for April 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> will require us to work together as one body, one team. Only God knows what can really happen if we set our minds to this. Following the walk, then we'll understand the strength and power of the Emmaus Community in a refreshing way. It could potentially spark the fire we long to see once again. I challenge you to consider how God is asking you to participate. This could prove to be something of a modern-day miracle! We will never know until we match our pace to the clop, clop, clop of the Holy Spirit's cadence.

De Colores,  
Good Shepherd,  
Jeff Feitshans



If you have a Facebook account, please go like the Darke County Emmaus page and keep an eye out for updates. The newsletter will be posted on it and we will be posting the pilgrim list for the upcoming men's walk.

Also, check out our website at [www.dcaec.org](http://www.dcaec.org) it will also have updated information as well as the newsletter.

## 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 \*Kairos representative \*Logistics \*Worship \*Secretary \*Social, \*Historian

Or you could.....

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

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

\*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 download one from the website [www.dcaec.org](http://www.dcaec.org)

Thank You

## A Few Reminders:

We are now holding our Walk Weekends at Ludlow Falls Camp:

2535 Ohio 48 Ludlow Falls, OH 45339

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: March 14, 2021

Gatherings begin at 6:00 pm with fellowship afterward.

We have brought back the meal and fellowship after the gathering!  
We would love for you to bring a dish to share and get to know your Emmaus community

**WHEN EMMAUS MEETS, EMMAUS EATS!**

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[dcaecnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:dcaecnewsletter@gmail.com)

### ***Reminder:***

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

***Childcare is not provided***