



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 the Darke County Area Emmaus Community,

A BIG THANK YOU to all who made the men's walk #36 a great success! It just goes to prove that God is still in control!

I am sure there were a few problems, but overall it was a great weekend with many changed lives.

We also need to give God the praise for a wonderful setting and the use of the facilities of the Ludlow Falls Camp, and also the many individuals who made it happen.

It is absolutely amazing what God can accomplish when man gets out of his way and lets the Holy Spirit take over.

Lets keep up the good work, attend the gatherings at Radiant Lighthouse Church, help with set up and tear down, team formation, serving wherever needed and the next ladies walk in October – 21st-24th will be another success and our Lord will be glorified and many ladies will be blessed.

In the Service of the King,

Gerald Miller

Board Members

Pastor Rick Gutheil—Spiritual Director

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Logistics—Tyler Melton

Agape/Worship—Deb Gutheil

Men's Good Shepherd—Jeff Feitshans

*Women's Good Shepherd—

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Music—Todd Matthew

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Men's Walk #36 April 15-18, 2021



Darke County Area Emmaus Men's Walk #36

Photo Roster

Row #1

Tyler Melton, Tom Scantland, Jeff Feitshans

Row #2

Jack Mohler, Tony Bemis, Matt Kuder, CW Cruze, Tony Matamoros, Jim Beam, Everett Garland

Row #3

Dan Cunningham, Ryan Riffell, Todd Matthew, Rick Gutheil, Kevin Judy, Bill Stock

Row #4

Keith Berger, Keith Artz, Ryan Buchanan, James Reynolds, Greg Tielbur, Donovan Brown, Gary Baker

Row #5

Jerry Chrisman, Matthew Auker, Kermit Flory, Andrew Brigner, Steve Thompson, Jeff Shaner, Noah McCabe, Scott Peele

Row #6

Matthew Detling, Patrick Rosenbeck, Mark Lutz, Jim Mann, Joel Sprinkle, Mitchell Cheadle, Aubrey Rock

A message from your AGAPE Chair—Deb Gutheil

Thank you, Thank you to all who brought Agape for the Men's Walk, it was very appreciated. Keep up the great work. Get your craft ideas ready for the Women's Walk in October 21-24. I'll be looking forward to seeing you and your ideas.

Come and serve on the Women's Walk there are lots of opportunities. Kitchen, Agape Room and more. We had a great time serving together and serving our God.

The Men's walk was very successful. We had beautiful weather and the Spirit was felt all weekend. 13 new brothers were introduced into our community and they were on fire by the end of the weekend. What a beautiful place to have a Walk with God and nature.

So hope to see you there and at the next Gathering May, 9th at Radiant Lighthouse.

In Christ's Love and DeColores,

Deb Gutheil

Agape Chair



Notes from our Logistics Chair—Tyler Melton

My name is Tyler Melton. I am the new head of Logistics for the Darke County Emmaus board. A little about myself? I attended Darke County Men's walk #35 and sat at the table of Apollos. I am a father of two beautiful girls and husband to Brittany Melton. I work for Micon Construction where I pour concrete. I was born and raised in Edmonton Kentucky. Moved here in October of 2011. Gave my soul to Christ in 2003 on revival night at New Hope Baptist church in Cave City Kentucky. It's been a challenge following the path of Christ with devil trying to veer me off the righteous path with the pills, loss of friends and loved ones, and the everyday stress life brings with it. But since my walk my family has gotten bigger and has been there for me to help me on my path. I attend Eldorado Baptist church. I am excited to be a member of the board and can't wait to see what else God has in store for me down the road.

I would like to say huge thank you to all those who were able to help with the move to Ludlow Falls, set up, and even clean up for the men's walk to Emmaus. Also a huge thank you to all the volunteers who help on weekends. It was a true blessing indeed. Also thank you all those in the community for making and putting together the agape to pilgrims and team. I look forward to the women's walk and of course all volunteer to help set up and tear down. Makes things so much less stressful when the community gets involved and makes things run a lot smoother. Iron sharpens iron. So thank you all for the help and may God bless you all.

Tyler Melton

A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

Proverbs 11:25

A message from our CSD— Pastor Rick Gutheil

He Is Faithful

As I sit here pondering the events that led up to and continued throughout the Darke County Area Emmaus Men's Walk #36 which was held at Ludlow Falls Camp from April 15-18, 2021, I was constantly reminded of God's presence and faithfulness. His promises, as always, were fulfilled in so many ways. He never lets us down. And even though I know this from so many past experiences with our Loving Father, I still get overwhelmed by His unfailing love.

When we were still preparing for the weekend through our team meetings, we had a couple of the original team and clergy members that had to bow out for different reasons and God supplied replacements for them within minutes. His promise to never leave us nor forsake us (Heb. 13:5) was obvious throughout the preparation and the entire walk. Our prayers for volunteers to help in the kitchen and other areas over the weekend were answered as new people who had been on a few of the most recent walks showed up and several people from the Emmaus community we had not seen for a few years came and put their hands and feet to work for the Lord! We were blessed and very thankful as God showed again how much He loves us and how He never fails on a promise.

All in all I and the whole community experienced the promise of the Holy Spirit that God sent to guide us and keep us as we walk on this journey to eternity with our Father God. And so, as I prepared to write this article and as I finish it, one of my favorite hymns, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness", has been running through my head and my heart. Why don't you take a little time to sing the hymn yourself, focusing on God as you sing it to Him, and contemplate each word as you sing it. De Colores!

Giving All Glory to God,

Pastor Rick Gutheil

A word from our Registrar/Sponsorship Chair— Carla Detling

It was amazing being able to hold the men's walk in April and I pray the men continue to grow with their walk with Christ. It is now time to start praying for any women you would like to invite to go on the upcoming women's walk October 21-24, 2021.

Applications are being accepted now so if you have one you may mail it in with the deposit.

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Greenville, OH 45331

Lets make the women's walk just as amazing as the men's walk was.

De Colores,

Carla



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 it will also have updated information as well as the newsletter.

Living Free From Debt

If you are like me, as soon as I hear the word “debt” my mind immediately goes to the financial world. That is the obvious and most common, and maybe only, thing that we associate with that word, but have you ever thought of the smaller debts in our lives that control us as much or more than financial debt?

There is the time debt where we try to cram more into every minute of every day than can possibly fit into twenty-four hours. This causes us to borrow time from other areas of life. I personally find that time is taken first and most often from my time with God.

What about the energy debt? We go and go and go, trying to keep up with everyone else, involving our children in every program possible, involving ourselves in anything that presents itself as an opportunity, stretching ourselves so thin that we are completely drained. We paste on a good, Christian smile, tank up on caffeine and energy drinks, and continue to live beyond a healthy balance of rest and engagement.

There is also the family debt, where we only put forth the minimal effort to survive as a family, not taking the time and giving the effort that our families need to be strong leaders of the faith. We borrow from the future, planning to someday take the time and put forth the effort that is needed.

And, yes, there is the financial debt. While we may not be living with debt, we too often live in a way which uses up every penny that we have. When we get raises, we adjust our living styles to spend more money in some area of our lives. When we get a stimulus check, we are prone to go out and buy something that we don’t need but have wanted for a long time. I understand that many people have needs which God provides for through these means. I have received these blessings myself. Our nature, however, is to use any money we can in selfish ways.

All of these debts limit us to how we respond to God when He calls us to join Him in His work. Too often He invites us into a specific thing, and we have the excuses of no time, no energy, my family needs me, I have no money. What would it look like if we lived debt-free in these areas? How much different would the Church look and operate if we prepared ahead and were able to say, “Yes, Lord!” every time that He asked us to do something for us? How much more content would we be? How much more could we bless others? How much could we bless the name of our Lord?

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. Galatians 5:1

-Betsy Berger

Assistant Community Lay Director

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

The very first Walk to Emmaus for not only 2021 but since the Women's Walk in 2019, is now in the history books and it was a success! Now, please don't misunderstand me – that does not imply that everything was as smooth as silk during the weekend of April 15th-18th. In fact, the challenges were, well, challenging. Despite the many challenges and the myriad of obstacles, God's Spirit was with us and helped us to accomplish what may now be considered the pioneering Walk at our new location, Ludlow Falls Campground. Rest assured, following the Women's Walk on October 21st-24th, many of the lingering details will be addressed and handled with incredible skill and talent. The bottom line is that no matter the mountain we must climb, God will strengthen and enable us to achieve the seemingly impossible task. But we must remember – we are better together!!

Small share groups are essential in helping provide a solid foundation for a large community. Following a Walk to Emmaus, the pilgrims and team will need to connect with other believers in an environment designed to nurture intimate discussions leading to our continued spiritual growth. This is equally true for all who participate in an Emmaus weekend. If we dismiss the idea of a small share group too easily, it will provide an opportunity for our own weaknesses to blind us from the truth. And this, in turn, gives our enemy just the target he needs to "seal the deal." Let's not give our adversary even a "toe" hold – let alone a foot hold – by getting into a share group of some kind. May God richly bless each of you for all the incredible hard work that made the Darke County Area Men's Emmaus Walk #36 a resounding success!!

De Colores!

Jeff Feitshans



Some Thoughts from our Leadership Chair—Kevin Judy

Hello again, DCAEC Community!

As Springtime has arrived, it has me reflecting on newness. The celebration of the Resurrection has come and gone, reminding our hearts of the blessings that new beginnings bring. However, Before Jesus was crucified and risen again, He gave us the Great Commission:

"Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:16-20

Although we are now walking with Jesus, there was a time we were not. Each journey begins with a single step, and there was someone in our lives that encouraged us to begin the journey. Do you remember what it was like when you gave your heart to Jesus, and declared Him Lord and Savior? It was both exciting and scary, wasn't it?

Part of being human is being resistant to change, especially when it looks like one that is going to turn our whole world upside-down. We get comfortable in our routines, and do not want them disrupted. But, who ever has been able to grow and better themselves by always doing everything the same old way all the time? We must get out of our comfort zones if we ever hope to meet our full potential of serving Jesus... one step at a time.

The Emmaus experience helps us to further grow our personal relationship with Jesus, and also shows us how to be more effective leaders for the church. This can bring many blessings, but let us not forget that there are many people out there that do not know Jesus, or have never heard anything about Him outside of being some sort of curse word. Let us also not forget that mission trips do not always involve going to Africa, Guatemala or The Bahamas. Mission fields exist in your homes, neighborhoods and workplaces as well. Doing the "big work" for Jesus does not always mean long distance travel...

With all that being said, I want to ask you: is there someone you know that needs some Jesus in their life? And if so, is Jesus urging you to share His Light with them? Can you be the person that leads another to the One that can create a new Springtime in their life, one that can bring the most beautiful of change and growth to their souls? Even if you encounter resistance, put any doubt aside and show them Jesus today... I promise, it won't hurt at all to plant a seed this Spring.

De Colores!

Musings from our Chrysalis/Website Chair—Allison Dill

The kitchen has never been an area of familiarity for me and I don't particularly enjoy cooking. I have been involved in the Chrysalis and Emmaus communities since 2014. I have served on teams, been a prayer partner, helped with agape, and currently serve on the Emmaus board. In these seven years of involvement I had never stepped foot in the kitchen of either community because I felt absolutely clueless and didn't think I had much to offer. This last men's walk, #36, I made the decision to step out of my comfort zone and serve in the kitchen. I had an absolute blast!!

The time I spent in the kitchen, I learned many things:

1. You don't have to be familiar with any cooking process to show up, because there are many different things to do.
2. Chopping vegetables is actually fun in this atmosphere.
3. Lemonade is super easy to make.

*on a more serious note...

4. If you serve at an early time of the weekend and towards the end, you get to see the transformation of the pilgrims as they experience this journey.

5. Relationships are built through serving.

Friends, God has been working in many ways in my heart. He has recently reminded me that He does not call us to comfort zones! I challenge you to come out and serve through the next women's walk in October if you are available. You are wanted and needed in this community. Every one of you has a place here. Please. Come and join us in loving and serving the men and women that God has called here.

Matthew 9:37-38 "The harvest is plentiful, the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

Love and Prayers.

De Colores,

Allison Dill

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 *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

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

The next Gatherings will be: May 9th & June 13th 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!

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

Our Mailing address is:

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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.

