



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,

Please – Much Help Needed!

Thanks to all who help to make our Emmaus Community a great personal experience of God's love.

But we need lots more of God's children to help make a good experience even better! With more help in volunteering to make this community make more disciples of Jesus Christ. We need positions filled on the board, help make great walks even greater by getting important jobs done by more people, for example, helping in the kitchen, set up and tear down, cleaning rest rooms (during the weekend and after closing) and making agape. We need small crosses made to give to the pilgrims in their Sunday packet, letters of encouragement written and many other things done as they become needed.

A note from the past – the luau was a great success with much food, entertainment and fellowship enjoyed by all who attended. There were about 40 in attendance – a great job by all who put this event together! We also need help for an informational time prior to the Illumination event on September 18, 2021 at the Darke County Fairgrounds. If you are interested in helping explain the Walk to Emmaus to the public please let Rick Gutheil or myself know. Much help is less work for everyone.

Again thanks for all that is done by many. Hope to see you helping out!

Love,

Gerald Miller

Board Members

Pastor Rick Gutheil—Spiritual Director

Community Lay Director—Gerald Miller

Asst. Community Lay Director—Betsy Berger

Leadership—Kevin Judy

Secretary—Tasha Anderson

Treasurer—Melissa Werling

Kitchen—Chris Hammaker

Logistics—Tyler Melton

Agape/Worship—Deb Gutheil

*Men's Good Shepherd—

*Women's Good Shepherd—

Purchasing—Brittany Melton

Registration/Sponsorship—Marlene Mears

Music—Todd Matthew

Kairos Rep—Jeff Shaner

Chrysalis Rep—Allison Dill

Newsletter—Connie McCabe

*Social—

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COMMUNITY NAME TAG DESIGN CONTEST

ARE YOU CREATIVE? LOVE TO DRAW? A GRAPHIC ARTIST?

We are having a contest to create the Community Name Badge for Darke County Area Emmaus Community. This badge will be the design for every walk starting with the 2022 walk weekends. The details are below:

DARKE COUNTY AREA EMMAUS NAME TAG DESIGN CONTEST

Darke County Area Emmaus is seeking your assistance in designing a community name tag for the Men's and Women's walks.

The name tag must:

Will be 3"x4" in size. (Avery 5392)

Will include the Pilgrims Name.

Will include Darke County Area Emmaus Women's Walk #__ or Darke County Area Emmaus Men's Walk #__ (the walk number will change with each walk)

All designs can be in color or black and white. Must be easy to read.

All designs submitted become property of the Darke County Area Emmaus.

The Darke County Area Emmaus Board will select the winning design.

Original design will not be returned.

All designs must be submitted by October 31, 2021

All designs must be submitted to:

DARKE COUNTY AREA EMMAUS
PO BOX 482
GREENVILLE, OH 45331
or
mwerling45304@hotmail.com

Women's Walk #52

Team Roster

October 21-24, 2021

JUDY ROTH, LD
Perseverance

JACQUE COLLINS, SD
Means of Grace

SARAH ROCK, ExALD
Fourth Day

CHRISTINA MATTHEW, ALD
Priority

TASHA ANDERSON, ALD

BETSY BERGER, ExLOG/BR
CONNIE MCCABE, LOG/BR
DEB GUTHEIL, LOG/BR
PATTY SPENCER, LOG
KIM KLIPSTINE, LOG

LORRAINE GROTE, MD
AUSTIE AUKER, AMD

CHRISTINA MILLER, ASD
Prevenient Grace

MAGGIE SYKES, ASD
Justifying Grace

MIKE SCHAEFFER, ASD
Obstacles to Grace

KEITH BERGER, ASD
Sanctifying Grace

KAREN DUNCAN, TL
Priesthood of All Believers

DAWN SHEPHERD, TL
Changing Our World

AMY DENLINGER, TL
Discipleship

KATHY GRAGORACE, TL
Christian Action

TRISHA FEITHANS, TL
Life of Piety

BARB BAKER, TL
Body of Christ

BECKY STRAIT, TL
Growth Through Study

BRITTANY MELTON, ATL
EFIE NEFF, ATL
PATTI CHEADLE, ATL
JESSICA FRECH, ATL
PHYLLIS MILLER, ATL
SHEILA BOONE, ATL
RUBY LUTZ, ATL

Please keep the team and the Pilgrims God is preparing
to attend the weekend in your prayers.

Keep an eye on the website and the Facebook page for the Pilgrim list.

A message from our AGAPE Chair—Deb Gutheil

It will be here before we know it...Women's Walk #52! Is there someone you would like to experience God's love for 72 hours? I have several friends I have asked, But I know it's all in His time. I have been blessed by Emmaus over and over. I invite you to get your ideas ready for Agape and bless these women on their journey. Can't wait to see all your ideas of Agape, I know they'll be great!! Thank you for all you do.. Don't forget to come out on the weekend for send off, candlelight, and closing and all in between, too!!

Deb Gutheil
Agape Chair



A word from our Registrar/Sponsorship Chair— Marlene Mears

Women's Walk #52 is quickly approaching! Please pray 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 for the women's walk. If you have an application, you may mail it in with the deposit to:

Darke County Area Emmaus PO Box 482
Greenville, OH 45331

Lets make the women's walk a full walk!

De Colores,
Marlene

Thanks from Luau Coordinator Todd Matthew

Greetings brothers and sisters!

The luau gathering was a blessed event. The weather was perfect.

Great fellowship and good food. Praise God!

This picnic could not have been possible without the hands and feet of many. DJ shine, Everett and Jim comedy relief, camp staff, and event servants. Most of all, thanks to everyone who came and joined in a time of fellowship.

Praise be to God!

Todd Matthew

Some reminders from your AGAPE Chair—Deb Gutheil

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

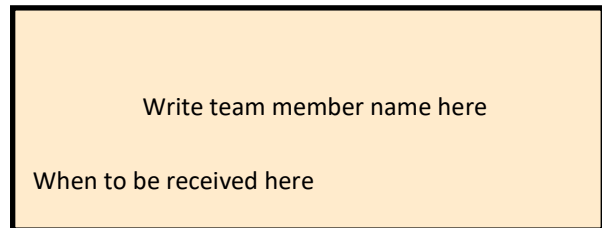
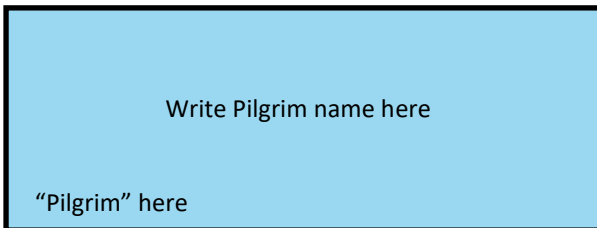
#1 Please put your name on your agape and on agape containers/bags, leftovers will be available to pick up at the closing of the weekend and for 2 gatherings afterward. Whatever hasn't been claimed after that will be donated to the Chrysalis community.

#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.

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PERSONAL AGAPE ENVELOPES



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

We love to see your creativity for table and for bedtime agape.

Remember pilgrims do not receive personal notes at bedtime but team does.

If you make/provide table and/or bedtime agape make sure there is enough for the entire team and all pilgrims and it needs to be all the same thing.

We are asking the community to donate candy/salty snacks and soda for the weekend.

Please remember we have some team members and pilgrims who can only eat sugar free



A message from our CSD— Pastor Rick Gutheil

A Concern

As I sat down to write this note to the Darke County Emmaus Community I felt a sadness in my heart. While I know that there are many who have attended these powerful weekends and have had their lives changed by the love that has been shared, too often we forget about certain **Priorities** that the weekend taught us. Maybe I am struggling because something very dear to me seems to be falling apart and I am feeling, too often, lost and alone when I need to be encouraged and strengthened.

As a pastor, I know how difficult life can be for all of us. The busyness of the world taking us here, calling us there, emergencies that instantly change plans and all of this tends to make us tired and we just need to rest. And quite often this is true. But how do we regain our strength? How can we get encouraged to keep on going? To face each day knowing we are not alone; that Christ is with us? The answer: Share/Accountability Groups!

I am speaking on this because I have seen how our community has seemed to forgotten the importance of what is a priority and how over the last 6-8 months my own personal share group of which was started back in 2005 or 2006 has found multiple reasons/excuses to not meet to encourage and strengthen one another, and I am floundering a bit. I need to be strengthened and encouraged. How about you?

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (NIV) tells us: “Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: if one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up! Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can we keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.” This passage is telling us that we, not just as Christians but as humans, we need each other to be able to face any challenge that may come our way. To remind us that Christ Jesus is that third strand in and unbreakable cord! SHARE GROUPS ARE A PRIORITY FOR A BETTER LIFE! Let’s do life together!

Hebrews 10:19-25 is a cry out for believers everywhere, including our own Emmaus community. Coming together with fellow believers draws us closer to Christ and a Christlike life. Please hear this encouragement from Hebrews 10:23-25 (NIV), “Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another -- and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

To love God is to gather together with your brothers and sisters on a regular basis. It strengthens us, it strengthens our Emmaus Community, and it strengthens our walk with God.

SHARE GROUPS - MAKE IT A PRIORITY!

In Christ’s Unfailing Love,

Pastor Rick Gutheil

Community Spiritual Director



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.

Encouragement

To encourage someone is to give them courage or to embolden them. It is to increase their confidence of success or to inspire them with courage. It is to intentionally embolden someone into positive action.

...that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Colossians 2:2-3

Paul reveals here that encouragement is meant to encourage the hearts of others. It is not flattery. It is not manipulation. It is not self-fulfilling. It is truly and genuinely caring for the heart of the other person. We are motivated by a desire for that person to come closer to Jesus, to understand Him more, to love Him more. We want them to grow in the knowledge of who He is, learn how to walk closer with Him, and how to live a life that glorifies Him. Biblical encouragement has the underlying implications of drawing near to another person, comforting them, holding them up, strengthening them, sustaining them, restoring them, sustaining them, and to holding strongly with them.

We all should encourage one another, and we all should know how to graciously receive encouragement from others. A couple months ago, a young lady came up to me at church on a Sunday morning. She handed me a small note that said she could see Jesus in me. I cannot describe how encouraging that was to me! Such a simple, small act, and yet a huge blessing to me. Encouragement doesn't have to be a huge act on our part, but it does take intentionality and a genuine care for others.

But who should we encourage? Everyone! It doesn't take much. A kind word. A card. A touch on the shoulder. A smile. A coffee date. A compliment. If you can't think of someone to encourage or how to encourage another person, ask God to open your eyes to the opportunities in your life. And be willing to take that step. To point others to Jesus gives a big boost to your day, as well.

Be an encouragement to someone today!

-Betsy Berger, Community Assistant Lay Director

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 *Men's Good Shepherd *Social**

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 Sunday for tear down after the walk is over. Since we are in a larger location there is more to tear down and put away, we need many more hands after the walk is over to get things back to how we found them. Many hands make light work! We also need help with making sure the restrooms are clean. There are many more toilets to clean and the LOGS shouldn't have to do it all themselves after serving the entire weekend.

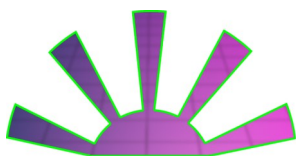
If you are interested in being on a team please fill out a willing servant form and turn it in to a current board member or mail it to:

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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



EMMAUS WILL HAVE A TENT SET UP AT THE
ILLUMINATION FESTIVAL ON
SEPTEMBER 18, FROM 12:00 - 5:00 PM
GETTING AQUAINTED WITH

THE COMMUNITY AND GETTING THE COMMUNITY AQUAINTED WITH THE
WALK TO EMMAUS.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP PASS OUT WATER AND TALK TO PEOPLE ABOUT THE WALK TO
EMMAUS.



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 Gathering will be: October 10, 2021 We will have the Prayer Vigil at the gathering to sign up to pray for the walk weekend

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

*No cell phones are to be brought to the walk weekends by pilgrims. There will be an emergency number available to sponsors if a pilgrim needs to be reached.

*Please no pictures are to be taken during the weekend by the community.

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.

Walk Weekend Reminders:

Wednesday night set up 6:00 pm

Pilgrims arrive Thursday between 5:30-6:00 pm

Dinner and send off starts at 6:00 pm bring a dish to share

Sponsor's Hour is Thursday at approximately 7:15 pm

Candlelight is Saturday night at 8:30 pm

Closing is Sunday at 4:30 pm

Our Mailing address is:

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