



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—Betsy Berger

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus! We have begun the year strong and are looking forward to a great year in our Emmaus community. My name is Betsy Berger and I am the Community Lay Director for this year. My term began January 1, 2022 and will end December 31, 2022. Over the last few years, we (the board) have frozen positions as we have attempted to rebuild our community. One of my hopes for this year is to get back into the original rotation of board positions. Another goal is to get all of our manuals and training up to date. I would also like to get some things into your hands that are available through Upper Room (the organization that produces and provides material for The Walk to Emmaus). For starters, you can go to <http://emmaus.upperroom.org/> to sign up for their newsletter. On this website you can also find the list of walks that are happening around the world each weekend. I especially encourage you to follow this, as I believe it is important to remember that we, The Darke County Area Emmaus, are only a small part of this worldwide movement of the Lord. Let's join them in prayer and encouragement as they share the love and grace of God in their corner of the Kingdom.

When I attended my original walk, I cannot say it was a life-changing event. I had been walking with the Lord for about twenty years or so at that point, and had a deep relationship with Him. It wasn't perfect, by any means, but it was real and authentic. However, my walk did give me a huge boost. I learned how to deeply receive the love of other people. I learned that I need to constantly and consistently follow the Lord, no matter if I had support from those around me. The time on that weekend gave me a confidence to step out in obedience to what I had learned over the years. It was time to take knowledge into action. As I have served on numerous walks over the years, God has called me deeper. Deeper into ministry. Deeper into action. Deeper into self-denial, obeying Him into whatever He calls me to do. Learning more about Him, but now through experience rather than knowledge. This has changed my walk with Him, and it has become quite the adventure!

Board Members

Pastor Rick Gutheil—Spiritual Director

Community Lay Director— Betsy Berger

Asst. Community Lay Director— Jacque Collins
Leadership—Kevin Judy

Community Liaison—Gerald Miller

Secretary— Tasha Anderson

Treasurer—Melissa Werling

Kitchen—Chris Hammaker

Logistics— Tyler Melton

Agape/Worship—Deb Gutheil

Men's Good Shepherd— Mitchell Cheadle

Women's Good Shepherd— Patty Cheadle

Purchasing—Brittany Melton

Registration/Sponsorship—Marlene Mears

Music—Todd Matthew

Kairos Rep—Jeff Shaner

Chrysalis Rep—Allison Dill

Newsletter—Connie McCabe

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Web Servant—Allison Dill

Database/Historian—Heather Medve

Lay Director cont....

On another note, the men's team for walk #37 is formed and have begun their team meetings. This is a strong team, and I am confident that God will move big in them and through them as they prepare and lead the walk on April 7-10. These dates are where we could use your help. We will have set-up on Wednesday, April 6, send-off on Thursday, April 7. We welcome your help and attendance for these events. And, of course, we need help over the walk weekend. We can use help with making agape for the team and pilgrims. Chris can always use help in the kitchen. A note on that- Saturday evening dinner with the King is well attended because many want to serve that dinner to their loved ones. This is a good thing, but we need help with the other meals, as well. With the wider-spread location of the campground, the logs have a big job. We have added another log position, having four logs for each walk. They would greatly appreciate your help, if you have a few hours to spare over the weekend.

I want to thank each of you for how you are involved in our community. Praying. Supporting. Involved in gatherings. Serving on teams and weekends. Serving on the board. May the Lord bless each of you for giving to this ministry. Darke County Area Emmaus exists only as we involve ourselves, sharing what has freely been giving to us.

-Betsy Berger

Community Lay Director

A word from our Registrar/Sponsorship Chair— Marlene Mears

Men's Walk #37 is will be here before we know it!

Please pray for any men you would like to invite to go on the upcoming men's walk April 7-10, 2022.

Applications are being accepted now for the men'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 men's walk a full walk! **We currently have 9 men confirmed**
De Colores,
Marlene

Meet our new Board Secretary—Tasha Anderson

Current Emmaus Board Secretary

Hello! My name is Tasha Anderson. I attended the DC Area Emmaus Woman's Walk #46 and sat at the table of Martha.

I am currently the Darke County Area Emmaus Board Secretary. I am married to Todd Anderson for 11 years. Between us, we have 5 children and six grandson's (5 and under), one puppy (not a puppy at all) named Grace Ann and a really cool cat named Peanut. We live just outside of Greenville on McNutt Road, which we moved from our farmhouse 3 years ago. I enjoy spending time with my favorite people who are my husband and family. I also enjoy working in the yard, gardening, reading, decorating and floral arranging. I have a little side gig which is called "Stems by Ratasha." I love to create beautiful pieces for others and spaces. Nice to meet you!

A message from our AGAPE Chair—Deb Gutheil

Hello!
Can you believe it's March already? I'm so excited the time changes this month, Spring is just around the corner..Next month April Fool's day, the Men's Walk, and you have found someone to bless by sponsoring them on the walk, right? We need pilgrims. We have a great group of guys serving on this team and they're gearing up to share God's love with other men. Please pray about it and try to sponsor someone to go on this journey. Then there's Easter, when God gave His only son to die for all our sins. What an awesome month. Don't forget the agape for the men. Come and serve on the walk in the agape room, kitchen, cleaning bathrooms, however you can serve it will be great! Thank you and I'll see you there.

Sincerely and DeColores,
Deb Gutheil, Agape chair

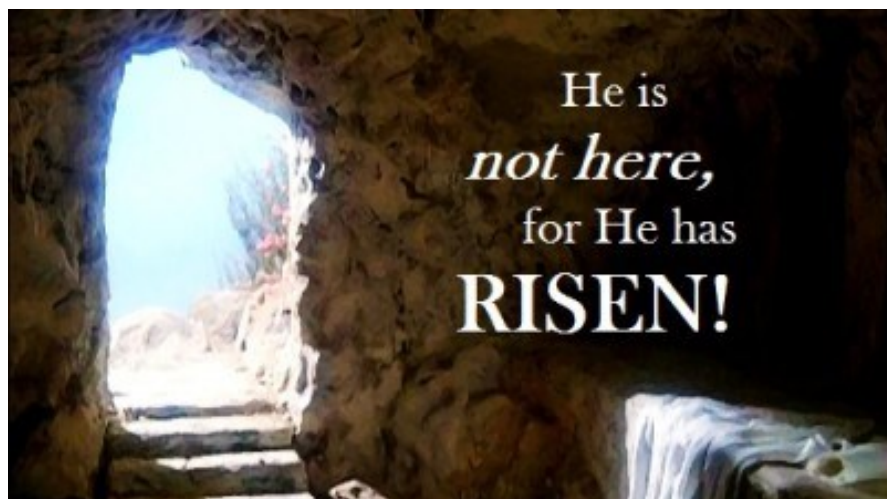
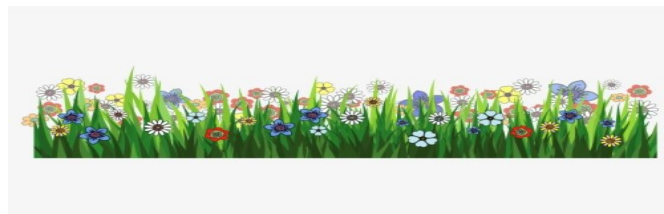


Ways to give back to the Campgrounds...

Ludlow Falls camp is a beautiful place and we are blessed to hold our walks there each year. They are between grounds caretakers and are asking for some help getting the grounds cleaned up and ready to plant flowers, and help with planting flowers after they receive them the first week of June.

Jennifer Artz is the contact person for helping with this project. 937-418-9746

What a fantastic way to show agape love from the Emmaus Community!



*Wishing our Brothers
and Sisters in Christ a
wonderful
Resurrection Sunday
April 17, 2022*

Some weekend reminders from your AGAPE Chair—Deb Gutheil

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

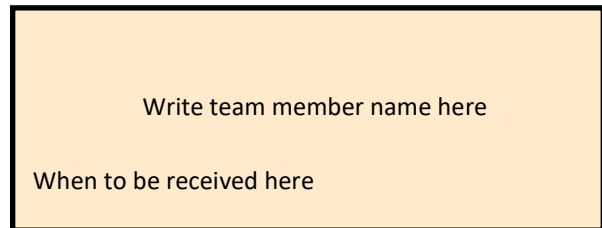
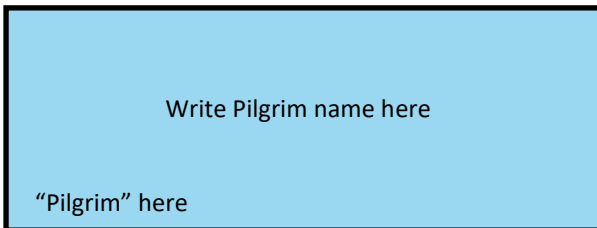
#1 Please put your name on your agape and on agape containers/bags, leftovers will be available to pick up at the closing of the weekend and for 2 gatherings afterward. Whatever hasn't been claimed after that will be donated to the Chrysalis community.

#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.

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

PERSONAL AGAPE ENVELOPES



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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



Darke County Area Emmaus

Men's Walk #37

Live in Team Roster

Lay Director

Doug Thompson – Perseverance

Spiritual Director

Rick Gutheil – Means of Grace

ALDs

Bill Stock – EXP. Priority

Keith Artz – 4th Day

John Wion – Priesthood of All Believers

Music Director

Ken Sowinski

Assistant Music Director

Evan Sowinski

LOGs

Todd Matthew Exp.

Jeff Feithsans

Dan Cunningham

Lewis Rock

Table Leaders

Mark Lutz – Christian Action

James Reynolds – Discipleship

Joel Sprinkle – Life in Piety

Mitchell Cheadle – Growth Through Study

Nick Crafton – Changing Our World

Keith Berger – Body of Christ - 4th Day Example

Assistant Table Leaders

Andrew Brigner

Tony Matamoros

Jim Mann

Tyler Melton

Tony Bemis

Bob Lockhart

Jeff Rademachir

Board Rep

Gary Baker

ASDs

Dennis Riffell – Prevenient Grace

Keith Smallenbarger – Justifying Grace

Rodney Dunn – Obstacles to Grace

Jacque Collins – Sanctifying Grace

A message from our CSD— Pastor Rick Gutheil

What If We Fasted From Laziness and Apathy?

As you read this we are already in the Lenten season hopefully taking time to examine our lives so we may learn who we are, what we truly believe and where we are in our relationship with God the Father, Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit. This is a time of surveying what we have and determining what we need and what we need to eliminate from our lives that blocks our path to Jesus or is a barrier to our drawing closer to the throne.

During this season so many of us look to see what we can “sacrifice” for a short time so we can be prepared to hear God more clearly and be able to serve Him more effectively. Many will choose to fast from some food or drink to help us be in better physical shape or choose to fast from the internet, Facebook, Twitter, television, etc., etc., . . . to hopefully hear God’s voice more clearly. Quite often when we step away from these last few things I mentioned we don’t know what to do to fill those hours and we become lazy or start to feel disconnected from life, so we “sneak” back into the same old routines.

But what if we chose to fast from laziness, apathy, or lethargy and took the now free hours to prepare ourselves for the returning King of Kings, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. What if we got off our chairs, couches and loveseats to serve Him by reaching out to the people around us to let them know the riches that a life in relationship with Christ Jesus offers? To encourage them to be a part of something eternal; something that can change lives right now in this society that does everything in its power to move our eyes off the One who brings the gift of Salvation to all. What if we got off our own self-built thrones and started scouring through the wreckage this society has strewn about and searched for those gems of righteousness that are lost in the darkness? What if we “sacrificed” or gave up our pleasures for those who need the love of Jesus so they can shine the way God created them, and us, to do?

We are set apart to serve! Jesus is calling. Actually, He has given us the command to go and make disciples of all nations. You! Me! All of us who believe that Jesus is the true Son of God! The resurrected One!

Our Darke County Area Emmaus Community needs you to step up and serve our communities and share the love of Jesus wherever He sends us and we can’t do that by just sitting around waiting for someone else to do it. Christ is counting on you and you told Him that you are counting on Him. God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit are out working in the fields. Are you willing to sacrifice your time to serve Him?

Who do you know that could be blessed by the Walk to Emmaus Weekend? Work the fields and bring in the harvest. Sponsor someone for the upcoming Men’s Walk #37. Who do you know that could use more Jesus in their life? Introduce them to Jesus!

In Christ’s Love,

Rick Gutheil

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 upcoming walks.

Also, check out our website at 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)

****All positions require attending regular monthly board meetings.**

We need:

***Social**—coordinate a team to set up for send off dinner on walk weekends and set up/tear down for monthly gatherings

Openings as of December 31, 2022

***Agape**—set up and tear down of Agape room for walk weekends, collecting and distributing Agape on walk weekends.

***Newsletter**—collect articles and design newsletter and email it out 6 times a year. Collect and enter email addresses from new community members and others in the community who would like to receive the newsletter. Post the newsletter on the FaceBook page.

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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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

Mark your calendar...

We will not be having a gathering on April 10th as this is the Men's walk #37 weekend. Come join us at the closing and support our new community members.

The May Gathering will be held on May 15th instead of May 8th and it will also be the Men's walk #37 Reunion.

The August 14th Gathering will be held at Ludlow Falls Pond and we will have a community picnic. More info will be in the July/August newsletter.

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: *We will not be having a gathering in April due to the Men's walk closing. Please join us at the closing on April 10th beginning at 4:30pm.

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

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.

*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.

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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