



Darke County Emmaus Community Newsletter

From Our Community Lay Director—Betsy Berger

The Rains

As I awoke this morning to the sound of rain on the roof, I immediately felt joy. Our ground had become extremely dry and the crops were showing that fact. As I continued to lie in my bed and enjoy that melodious sound, part of a verse came to mind. “For He... sends rain on the just and on the unjust.” (Matthew 5:45) Have you ever thought about how the farmer prays earnestly for rain because his crops are in need and, all the while, a young bride begs for the rains to hold off so that she can have her perfect outside wedding? One prays for a dry week of vacation so that hiking is safer while another asks for rain so the rapids are a bit livelier and the rivers a bit fuller for their rafting trip. Is one just and the other unjust? We cannot say, but God pours out His mercy on both. Is this not a sign of the goodness of the Lord? The rains come, and the rains go, but the Lord remains faithful through it all. Blessings come, and blessings go, but the Lord remains faithful. Drought and hard times come and they go, but His faithfulness remains steadfast. And sometimes it takes the dry times for us to recognize and appreciate the rains. Just this week, I have been wrestling with several things and felt like I was losing on every side. This little lesson that came with the rain has helped me to adjust my perspective and choose to once again put my trust in the One who controls the rains. And the droughts. And the storms. And the winds. The blessings are in His hand to do with as He pleases. We are called to look for the blessings in both the drought and the rainy season. And may we, along with Job, say, “The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.” (Job 1:21) Let’s dance in the rain and dance through the drought, trusting that with whatever the Lord brings into our lives, He will glorify Himself. Our hope is not in the rain or in the drought, but in the Lord Jesus alone.

-Betsy Berger
Community Lay Director



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

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Pastor Rick Gutheil—Spiritual Director
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Purchasing—Brittany Melton
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Music—Todd Matthew
Kairos Rep—Jeff Shaner
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Newsletter—Connie McCabe
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INFO FROM TODD MATTHEW ABOUT OUR UPCOMING FAMILY PICNIC AND POOL PARTY

Greetings brothers and sisters, The Darke county area Emmaus community will be having their 2nd annual picnic and pool party Sunday, August 14. This gathering will be held at the Ludlow Falls campgrounds pond and beach area the address is 2319 St. Rt. 48 Ludlow Falls. All Emmaus alumni, their children and their guests are welcome. This is a great time to invite someone who might be considering going on a walk. They can come to the campgrounds and meet the community. Hamburger and hotdogs will be provided. Please bring a covered dish or dessert to share.

There will be swimming (lifeguard on duty) DJ (DJ Shine) and live music (He Knows Our Name) Checklist of things you may want to bring: food to share, cooler with drinks, lawn chairs, swimsuit, sunscreen , towel and blanket. This will be a great summer event with fun and fellowship. Swimming and DJ will begin at 3, meal at 5 and live music to follow and will continue until 7. If you have any questions you can email me at tmatthew3@yahoo.com Have a great summer and God Bless!



August 14th

3:00 - 7:00 pm

A message from our CSD— Pastor Rick Gutheil

When Does the Celebration End?

By the time you read this all the fireworks, parties, food and fun of the celebration of the 4th of July will be over. And so we go back to the humdrum routine of daily life so often looking ahead to the next holiday where we can gather together with family and friends and have another party. Am I right?

Apparently there must be a huge day somewhere in the future, whether it is near or far, that we need to be told that now is the time to celebrate. And when that calendar day is over, the celebration ends. This is a sad reality for too many people. It should not be this way.

How many of you woke up today? Have you celebrated that event and praised God for it? Hear the words of Psalm 118:24 - “This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” Oh my! It almost sounds like we should be celebrating this day, TODAY, because God made it for us to go and do what He has called us to. I woke up and I am grateful and joyous because God gave me another day of life! That is enough to celebrate. Would you agree or not?

Scripture, especially the Psalms, tell us and remind us of the many things that God has done for us or saved us from that we should be thankful for and it doesn't have to be a holiday that is posted on a calendar! Take some time to open your Bible and read Psalm 145:7; Psalm 95:2; Psalm 126:3; Psalm 34:3; Psalm 68:3-4; Psalm 118:15 or Nehemiah 8:10. These are just a few of the many encouragements in the Bible that urge us to celebrate and praise the Lord.

I'd like to invite you and your friends to come celebrate God with us Sunday July 10, 2022 to our Gathering which is held at Radiant Lighthouse Church beginning at 6:00PM. There will be a time of food and fellowship after the worship time, and remember, “When Emmaus meets. Emmaus eats,” so bring a covered dish or dessert to be able to share with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Your attendance just makes the celebration more complete! I also want to encourage you to make plans for our Gathering/Picnic at Ludlow Falls on August 14th. We are ready to celebrate!

The celebration never ends because God is eternal! “This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it,”

Singing God's Praises,

Rick Gutheil

Community Spiritual 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)

****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 among other things

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.

***Chrysalis**—represent Darke County Emmaus Community on the Western Ohio Chrysalis board. Keep both communities informed of walks and gatherings and serving opportunities.

***Music**—Todd Matthew has been an excellent music chair several years now but he would like to hand it off to someone else. You can ask Todd for the job description for this position.

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.**

Other ways to serve....

***We are looking for a couple more people who would be available to **take the picture** on the Friday of walk weekends. We would like to have 2 or 3 names & numbers that we could have on a list that we can give to the LD to have it arranged before the weekend starts. You don't need any special equipment, the past few years it's been taken with a smart phone. All you need is a phone that takes good photos and the ability to take good photos. The account at Walmart to get the pics developed is already set up. If you are interested let us know.**

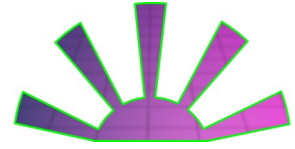
***We need more **musical people** who can serve on teams as music director/assistant music director. Also, those who can do special music on the weekends. If this is you drop us a note....**

***Would you like to be a blessing and also be blessed? If you would like to learn the **Carpenter Skit** that is done on the weekend Deb and Connie are excited to teach you how to do it. At the moment they are the only ones who do this skit, and they love doing it, but we need more people to choose from in the community to do this. If you are interested let Deb Guthiel or Connie McCabe know your name and phone number and they will get back**

Servant Opportunities continued:

There will be a serving opportunity at The Illumination Festival on September 17, from approximately 10am-4pm as Darke County Emmaus Community will be hosting the hospitality area on the midway during the day. We will be keeping the tables clean where people will be eating and making sure the trash is picked up and the area is clean. We will also have a tent to pray with people and tell others about Emmaus and how it has impacted our lives.

**We are looking for someone to coordinate a few volunteers for this.*



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 word from our Registrar/Sponsorship Chair— Marlene Mears

Women's Walk #53 will be coming up this fall!

Please pray for any women you would like to invite to go on the upcoming women's walk October 20-23, 2022.

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

There are upcoming Men's and Women's walks in the Greater Sidney Area Emmaus Community.

Women's Walk #84 is July 21st-24th



Men's walk #78 is August 4th—7th

I'm sure they could use some extra servant hands and feet for their weekends.

The Chrysalis Community is working on rebuilding their board and is looking forward to hosting flights again in the winter of 2023

Stay tuned for more information about their weekends.



Please be in prayer for our community and our surrounding communities.



**Concert
Alert**

There is a concert coming up on July 30 at Radiant Lighthouse Church. Tickets can be purchased in advance on [itickets.com](https://www.itickets.com) for \$10 and at the door day of the show for \$15. General Admission seating.

The bands are **JJ Weeks band** and **Building 429**

Doors open at 6:00 pm and the concert begins at 7:00 pm.

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.

A Few Reminders:

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

2535 Ohio 48 Ludlow Falls, OH 45339

We hold monthly gatherings at:

Radiant Lighthouse Church

5256 Sebring Warner Rd.

Greenville, OH 45331

The next Gathering will be: August 14th at Ludlow Falls Camp. This is a family carry-in picnic/pond party

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.

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