



Darke County Emmaus Community Newsletter

From Our Community Lay Director—Betsy Berger

A Little at a Time

Immediate. That is what we expect in almost every area of our lives, isn't it? We live in a society where almost every need and desire are met right away. We're hungry and we stop at a convenience store or a fast-food restaurant, and the hunger is satisfied. We run out of vitamins, we order them from Amazon, and have them by 10pm. the same day. We want to escape the crazy schedule that we live every day, so we book a flight and are in another country within a few hours. There are many desires that we can have fulfilled almost before we fully think of them. We live in a life and land of abundance and all we need to do is reach out and take hold of basically anything we want. God, however, does not work that way with us most of the time. How many times do we find in the Bible the phrase "Wait on the Lord"? Just as a child takes many years to mature into adulthood, so it takes us many years to mature spiritually. Can we even go so far as to say that our maturing is only complete when we are called home? The longer I walk with Him, the more I see that there are constantly areas of my heart and life that need to be aligned to the will of the Father. This verse from Isaiah 28 has long held my interest. First, it is easy to memorize and the rhythm just kind of sticks in my mind. But secondly, there is a deeper meaning here that begs to be understood. God most often does not move us from the bondage to the freedom in an instant. Just like He didn't take the Israelites out of Egypt one day and into the promised land, so He often works with us. He teaches us a little bit today, a little bit tomorrow and a little bit the following day. He gives us some understanding today, more tomorrow, and even more each day following. He writes one line of our lives, and then the next: line upon line, line upon line. He does a little work here, and a little work there, until soon we stop and wonder in awe of where the Lord has brought us. We look back and see His Prevenient Grace woven throughout our lives. We see a definite path that He planned and slowly led us upon. We see all the little things coming together to create a beautiful picture. It is a picture that brings glory to Him because there is no way we could have taken so many little things, pulled them together, and created anything beautiful. God, however, somehow does just that. A little teaching, here a little, there a little God is writing our story one line at a time. He is working all things for good a little at a time. He is fulfilling all His promises to us just a little at a time. Keep trusting Him to finish the work He has begun in you. He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ (Philippians 1:6).

In His Time

Betsy Berger, Community Lay Director

For it is precept upon precept, precept upon precept,
line upon line, line upon line,
here a little, there a little.
-Isaiah 28:10-

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

Board Members

Pastor Rick Gutheil—Spiritual Director
Community Lay Director— Betsy Berger
Asst. Community Lay Director— Jacque Collins
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Treasurer—Melissa Werling
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Logistics— Tyler Melton
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Men's Good Shepherd— Mitchell Cheadle
Women's Good Shepherd— Patti Cheadle
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Registration/Sponsorship—Marlene Mears
Music—Todd Matthew
Kairos Rep—Jeff Shaner
Chrysalis Rep—Allison Dill
Newsletter—Connie McCabe
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Database/Historian—Heather Medve

A WRAP UP FROM TODD MATTHEW ABOUT OUR 2ND ANNUAL POND PARTY

Greetings brothers and sisters! Thanks to everyone who came out and blessed us with your presence. Thanks to all who helped out for our 2nd annual pond party. The Lord opened up the skies and cleared the rain off for our event. It was a great time of food, fellowship and friends. Thanks DJ shine and He Knows Our Name for providing music.

Blessings, Todd

BY OUR LOVE

The Church in Ephesus was established by the Apostle Paul and became one of the most prominent churches in the early days of Christianity. Paul ministered in Ephesus for three years (Acts 19:1-20), and a few years later wrote the church a special letter of encouragement and instruction (the book of Ephesians); "Ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers" (Ephesians 1:15).

The Ephesians were doing most things "right." They had strong programs, an acute awareness of sin, and a work ethic which should characterize any thriving church: "I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked men, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. You have persevered and have endured hardships for My name, and have not grown weary" (Revelation 2:2-3).

The hard work of the Ephesian church was readily acknowledged; and yet, they had forgotten that "only one thing is {truly} needed" (Luke 10:42). Though they maintained an outward appearance of devotion, and may have actually accomplished many "Kingdom-driven" goals, the once burning love in their heart had begun to fade.

Revelation 2:4

"Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love."

When we first understand the ugliness of our sin, the death our sin deserves, and how Jesus died to make us clean, we cannot help but be filled with thankfulness...and love. But sadly, in our attempt to "mature," we often shift our focus to the "doing" of outward activities and forget the love which once consumed our heart. We may study more, attend more, and serve more (all of which are good), but we have forgotten how to simply be still and worship at His feet.

As we mature in Christ, we must never outgrow our ability to love; "Repent and do the things you did at first" (Revelation 2:5). Dear Lord, forgive us for setting up barriers which keep us from truly loving others. Forgive us for being so busy that we forsake our intimate love for You. And forgive us for trying to work for what You so freely give. Help us to always remember the MOST important!

Let's return to the place of simple devotion - the place of true worship and all-consuming love. There will always be opportunities to express our faith in good works and service to God. These should not be neglected! But as we work hard, resist sin, and possibly endure great hardship, let's remember that what Jesus truly desires is our heart. In the end, when we see Him face to face, He will look deep within and He will know us by our love.

Have a Christ Centered Day!

Steve Troxel
God's Daily Word Ministries

A message from our CSD— Pastor Rick Gutheil

Seeking Leaders!

When Jesus first began His ministry here on earth, He didn't have an army of followers or a Board of Directors to tell Him how to go about His business. He knew what the plan was through connection with His Father and He went off to share the plan with others.

What others? Who did He seek out? The current leaders, kings or rulers?

No, not at all! He looked for common folk like you and me. The hard working, everyday man or woman, many without power or prestige. He walked among the people and as He went, He spoke to the ones He knew had some sort of ability that maybe they did not even know about themselves. He looked at their heart and saw a passion in the way they went about their daily tasks. He chose the twelve by simply saying; "Follow Me!" And as they followed, He taught them how to share what He was offering with others . . . The love and goodness of God, so that they, too, could go out and reach others for the Kingdom. To bring back those who may have wandered away from the protection of God's grace, and to teach them how to be not just a follower of Jesus, but to become a leader and teacher.

That is what a disciple is: a learner and a teacher at the same time. Does that sound familiar to you? Does that sound like the true purpose of the Walk to Emmaus ministry? YES IT DOES! Jesus is the model for all we do on these weekends and He is still walking through our lives saying "Follow Me!" We are His disciples and He has sent us out into our communities to seek out those leaders for the continuing transformation of the world for His sake. Like Jesus was the sponsor for the twelve original disciples/apostles. He reached out, invited, walked with them, talked with them, taught them the true ways of loving one another and how to share and create new leaders for their communities and the future kingdom. He continued to walk with them and shared with them until He was confident that they were ready to continue the mission He set out to establish. He has taught you and prepared you, me and all who believe and follow His glorious plan of service of developing His Kingdom here on earth.

Someone sponsored you because they believed you were capable of becoming a true disciple of Christ who can reach out to those who are leaders or have the capability of becoming leaders. GOD CHOSE YOU through your sponsors because He trusted you to do it, God has confidence in you to be the leader and disciple to walk beside those you sponsor throughout their entire walk. We don't sponsor and abandon; we continue to walk beside those who we sponsor and disciple.

The next Women's Walk is scheduled for October 20-23, 2022 and the team is already at work praying and preparing for those we see as potential leaders for God's Kingdom.

Sponsorship is the key and may be the most important part of maintaining and strengthening this powerful ministry. You are God's eyes, hands and feet here on earth and you are a part of His leadership team as well as our Emmaus community. If you are interested in sponsoring someone and are uncertain of the responsibilities of that position please email me at rickgutheil@gmail.com and I will send you a copy of the responsibilities and expectations of being a good sponsor. Remember your comment at the cross ceremony: You were told "Christ is counting on you." and your reply was "I am counting on Christ." Are you following His command?

Blessings to you all! Pastor Rick

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

***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.

***Worship**— Provide the bread and juice for gatherings and for walk weekends.

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....

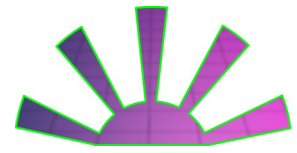
***We are looking for a couple more people who would be available to **take the picture** on the Friday of walk weekends. We would like to have 2 or 3 names & numbers that we could have on a list that we can give to the LD to have it arranged before the weekend starts. You don't need any special equipment, 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 with you.**

Servant Opportunities continued:

There will be an outreach and 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.



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

DARKE COUNTY EMMAUS COMMUNITY
WOMEN'S WALK #53
TEAM ROSTER
OCTOBER 20-23, 2022

Sarah Rock – LD *Perseverance

Jacque Collins – SD

Betsy Berger – ASD

Christina Matthew – Exp ALD

Tasha Anderson – Exp ALD *4th Days

Trisha Feitshans – ALD

Kim Klipstine – ALD *Priority

Patti Cheadle – BR

Teresa Wolf – Exp LOG

Barb Baker – LOG

Lora Albright – LOG

Tara Crafton – LOG

Sue Voke – MD

Heather Medve – Co MD

Ruby Lutz – TL *Priesthood of All Believers

Alisa Beisner – TL *Life In Piety

Jan Thatcher – TL *Discipleship

Katie Hammaker – TL *Growth Through Study

Jeannette Shuff – TL *Changing our World

Lea Stigleman – TL *Christian Action

Carla Detling – TL *Body of Christ

Leslie White – ATL

Cheryl Riffell – ATL

Effie Neff – ATL

Rachel Duncan – ATL

Michele Henninger – ATL

Beth Hines - ATL

GRACE TALKS

Christina Miller – Prevenient Grace

Jim Morehouse – Justifying Grace

Jacque Collins – Means of Grace

Keith Berger – Obstacles to Grace

Betsy Berger – Sanctifying Grace

Some weekend reminders from your AGAPE Chair—Deb Gutheil

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

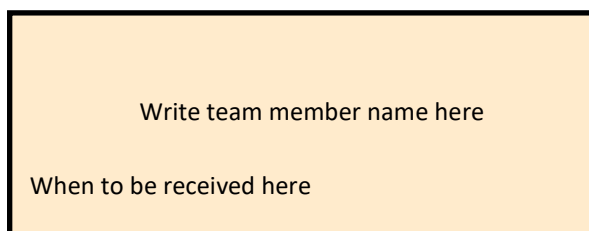
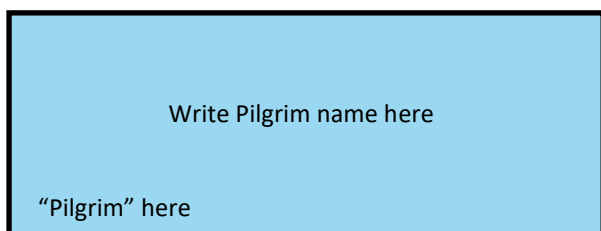
#1 Please put your name on your agape and on agape containers/bags, leftovers will be available to pick up at the closing of the weekend and for 2 gatherings afterward. Whatever hasn't been claimed after that will be donated to the Chrysalis community.

#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.

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PERSONAL AGAPE ENVELOPES



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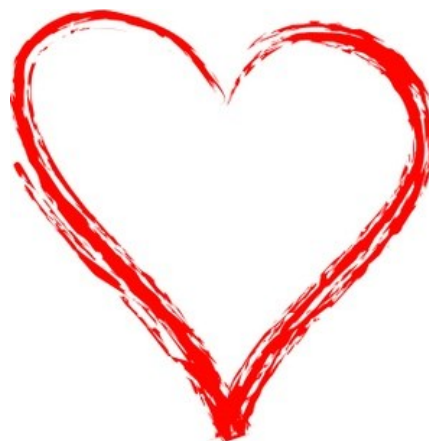
We love to see your creativity for table and for bedtime agape.

**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



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: **September 11th & October 9th** at Radiant Lighthouse Church
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.

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.



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