

# DECOLORES IN THE DARKE

DARKE COUNTY EMMAUS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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A WORD FROM OUR  
COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

## CELEBRATE THE NEW WITH THE OLD

As we begin this New Year we call 2023, I must say I am excited for the possibilities and new opportunities to serve our Lord Jesus Christ and all of you, His Children! I don't know the plans that God has laid out for our Darke County Area Emmaus Community, but I know there will be many blessings that come from our faithful service to Him, even through our trials that may come from an exuberance to move ahead before we have truly heard His plan. Believe me, over my 24 years of being involved with this community, we disciples have occasionally taken a misstep here and there, yet, His love, grace, and mercy have allowed us to remain and gain strength.

My hope for 2023 and beyond is we will remain a faithful and true

ministry, and one day, become an incredible stronghold for the Lord, when He will send pilgrims and future leaders, not only to our Emmaus community, but in our churches, neighborhoods and workplaces as well. This is my hope, not just because of the new year and all the "new and improved" things that will be brought before us, but mostly based on the old things that we continue to offer as gifts to God and one another. Faithfulness! Ours to God, but mostly because of His faithfulness to us!

One of my favorite hymns, if not my most favorite, speaks of God's faithfulness. Take time to read the words of "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" and think about God's faithfulness to you personally. I will just share the words from the last verse of this

great hymn as a reminder of what He has done for you, me and everyone: "Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow - blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Great is Thy faithfulness, Great is Thy faithfulness, Morning by morning new mercies I see; ALL I have needed Thy hand hath provided - Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!" That is the hope and promise for all of us who believe!

Great things are coming! Let us rejoice and be a part of all He is faithful to deliver!

In His Mighty Service,  
Rick Gutheil  
Community Spiritual 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*

# BETSY BERGER, LEADERSHIP

## NEW

*Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*

*~2 Corinthians 5:17*

### **New** (adjective)

- : having recently come into existence
- : having been seen, used, or known for a short time; unfamiliar
- : being other than the former or old
- : having been in a relationship or condition but a short time
- : made or become fresh
- : different from one of the same category that has existed previously
- : of dissimilar origin and usually of superior quality



New. What does it mean to be a new creature? This word (new) has been on my mind for several months. It first began to be a thought through the Women's Walk in October. As we went through team formation and the walk, I began to think of the necessity to become new to be fruitful in the work of the Lord's Kingdom. I know the usual explanation of this verse -- metamorphosis, and I am not arguing that perspective. However, I often think of a piano when I read this verse. A piano that was a beautiful and magnificent creation when it was made. But then, as time, use and neglect affected it, the beauty faded. It became useless. Forgotten. Completely uncared for. You know, I believe that God

creates us perfectly, but life begins to deteriorate us from the beginning. We are born with the sin nature, and at a very young age this rebellion begins to come out in attitude and action. Our choices begin to make the "piano" not so beautiful. The choices of those around us can also take away from the original beauty of us. Abuse. Rebellion. Neglect. Indifference. These all begin to destroy us and we soon look like this:

But God... The amazing (and hard-to-believe) truth is that as soon as we accept Jesus as Lord and Savior, we become this:

Completely restored to our original creation. Except better. We are no longer in rebellion

against God. Every wound that has been inflicted upon us or we have done to ourselves is healed. Every sin forgiven. We are completely clean, completely new. I think the hard parts are that we still have the same structure physically and the same circumstances here in life. It often does not seem new. There are a few changes that can be seen (by us and others) often do not seem that big. We sometimes do not see the new "piano". But there are those whom we observe who are living fully in their "newness." What is keeping us all from living in the abundant, victorious life that Jesus has promised? Could it be what we believe? How do we view ourselves? (cont. on pg. 3)

# COME AND DINE



Jesus had just fed the 5,000, then left them during the night by walking on water to the boat. The crowds found Him in the morning, looking for another miracle. Jesus offered Himself to them in this passage.

***Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." -John 6:35***

But how are you savoring your relationship with Him? Are you nibbling at The Lord's Supper or are you enjoying the feast that He offers to us? Jesus is the Bread of Life; He will sustain our spiritual growth and give us the promise of eternal life. We are welcome to His table. How often do you plan to visit Him this new year? Once a month, once a week, every day, or several times a day? Jesus wants to have an

intimate relationship with you -- are you willing to invest the time and energy it takes to grow in this relationship this year?

***Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me." -John 6:53-57***

The one who feeds on me will have eternal life. Let us give Jesus the time and energy He deserves this year and feast on His love in 2023.

## BETSY BERGER, LEADERSHIP (FROM PG. 2)

Do I see myself as the neglected, abused piano? Or do I see the restored piano? You see, it is not about what God has done or not done. His work is finished. He has completed the way for us to live restored, redeemed, new. Do you believe that? If so, has that belief changed your life? Do you walk confidently in your "new?" Not because of what you have done, but because He has made you new. As we enter into the New Year of 2023, let's each one walk "new" so that the Lord will be glorified through our lives.



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## FROM THE BOARD

# GREETINGS FROM OUR 2023 ADDITIONS

Hello Emmaus Brothers and Sisters!

My name is Barb Baker. I attended West Central Area Emmaus Women's Walk #46 and sat at the table of Abigail (Clap!!) in Marysville, Ohio in 1992. I love the Darke County Area Emmaus community! I am married to Gary Baker. We live outside of Greenville and are adapting to becoming empty nesters!! I look forward to being on the Emmaus Board as the Purchaser. Therefore, if you need anything: cross necklace replaced, candles, or Fourth Day books, let me know. I am also available anytime. My email is [barbbaker89@gmail.com](mailto:barbbaker89@gmail.com) or feel free to text me anytime at 937-467-3542. I am excited to see where God leads our community in the upcoming years! DeColores!

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My name is Gary Baker. I am joining the Board as the Assistant Community Lay Director. I will be assisting Jacque Collins on anything needed. I attended Darke County Area Emmaus Men's Walk #12 and sat at the table of Job (Clap!!) in 2003. God has blessed me so much and I love serving and being HIS hands and feet! How can you not love doing God's work? I am married to Barb Baker. I am a newly licensed Medical Massage Therapist and am looking forward to seeing where God leads me. Can't wait to see what God does with our community over the next few years! Feel free to contact me at [bakerg41@yahoo.com](mailto:bakerg41@yahoo.com) or call or text 937-467-6920. DeColores!

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Hello my fellow Brothers and Sisters! My name is Amanda Olson and I attended Darke County Area Emmaus Women's Walk #51 and sat at the table of Rahab (Clap!!) in 2019. I am taking over the Newsletter position from Connie McCabe. I know I have big shoes to fill, but I'm up for the challenge! As the Newsletter Editor and Marketing Specialist for Greenville Public Library, God has blessed me with the skills to perform this task and I will do so to the best of my abilities. As you can probably see, I'm in the process of making some changes to the newsletter, but am open to comments and suggestions. This is our newsletter, Emmaus, and it is my mission to glorify the Lord through this publication. Feel free to email me at [dcaecnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:dcaecnewsletter@gmail.com) with any feedback or news. DeColores!

## BOARD MEMBERS

**Spiritual Director**—Pastor Rick Gutheil

**Community Lay Director**—Jacque Collins

**Asst. Community Lay Director**—Gary Baker

**Leadership**—Betsy Berger

**Secretary**—Tasha Anderson

**Treasurer**—Melissa Werling

**Campgrounds Rep**—Keith Berger

**Kitchen**—Chris Hammaker

**Logistics**—Ryan Holscher

**Agape**—Sarah Rock

**\*Worship—**

**Men's Good Shepherd**—Mitchell Cheadle

**Women's Good Shepherd**—Patti Cheadle

**Purchasing**—Barb Baker

**Registration/Sponsorship**—Judy Roth

**\*Music—**

**\*Kairos Rep—**

**\*Chrysalis Rep—**

**Newsletter**—Amanda Olson

**\*Social—**

**Web Servant**—Allison Dill

**Database/Historian**—Heather Medve

**\*We currently have a number of open positions on our board. For more information on any of these, and other ways to be active in our Emmaus Community, see our Servant Opportunities on page 6!**

**If have any news you'd like to share with the Darke County Emmaus Community, or you'd like to receive our newsletter, please email us at [dcaecnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:dcaecnewsletter@gmail.com)**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The next Gathering will be held on Sunday, February 12 at  
Radiant Lighthouse Church, 5256 Sebring Warner Road, Greenville, OH 45331.**

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 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 the address below so the selection  
committee will have an updated list of who has been on  
teams and what position they have filled!**

**Darke County Area Emmaus Community  
P.O. Box 482  
Greenville, OH 45331**

**A willing servant form can be downloaded from the  
website [www.dcaec.org](http://www.dcaec.org)**

**Family and friends are always welcome  
at Praise Gatherings!**

**Child care is not provided during Praise Gatherings.**

**Walk Weekend activities are open to Emmaus and  
Chrysalis members only. Please No Children!**

**Men's walk #38  
will be held  
April 27-30, 2023**

**Please pray for any men you  
would like to invite to go on the  
upcoming men's walk!**

**Applications are now being  
accepted. If you have an  
application, you may mail it in  
with the deposit to the  
Darke County Area Emmaus  
Community address at left.**

**We are now holding our Walk  
Weekends at:  
Ludlow Falls Camp  
2535 Ohio 48  
Ludlow Falls, OH 45339**



# 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.**

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

## **Board member needs:**

- 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
- Chrysalis—represent Darke County Emmaus Community on the Western Ohio Chrysalis board. Keep both communities informed of walks and gatherings and serving opportunities.
- Music—music chair chooses music (using hymnals or other sources) to lead for praise and worship, or they may choose someone else to lead.
- 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.