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A WORD FROM OUR
COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR, RICK GUTHEIL

FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS



Greetings Darke County Area Emmaus Community brothers and sisters! It is a great and glorious time in our world today as we are seeing and experiencing a powerful movement of God happening in ways many of us may have never seen before! Even in the midst of political chaos, evil running rampant in our streets, even good people turning their eyes away from truth to follow a corrupt and confused world, there is the promise of God's presence very obviously happening in our communities right now for such a time as this!

Revival is happening in Christian college towns and campuses; Asbury and several other areas in Kentucky and across the nation, even in secular colleges where liberal attitudes seem to prevail (Texas A&M among them), movies from Christian filmmakers filling the theaters, the most recent one being "Jesus Revolution," GOD IS HERE! And He is working and calling us all to stop being stagnant and to get busy following Jesus now. NOW!

Stop waiting for your Emmaus or home church families to get busy,

or someone else like a neighbor or co-worker to do something. We, meaning all of us, are called and commanded to get busy making disciples of all nations and it cannot wait any longer. We can no longer be silent or lazy. This is not a scolding for anyone in our beloved Emmaus community, but a call to reunite, to re-energize, to renew our commitment to God and His purposes FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS!

We, as the leadership of this community, must stop languishing about and **(continued on pg. 6)**

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 JACQUE COLLINS,
COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

THE POWER OF KINDNESS

Discover the double blessing that comes from being kind.

By Elizabeth Peale Allen

Who are the kindest people you know? Isn't being in their presence like sitting in sunshine? Kind people make you glad to be alive; they help you see beyond the fog of worry or discontent. "Anxiety weighs down the heart, but a kind word cheers it up" (Proverbs 12:25).

Jesus' commandment to us to "Love one another, as I have loved you" (John 13:34) was an instruction to be kind, always and to everyone. Our Lord exemplified kindness—healing the sick, pouring Himself out for the crowds who gathered to touch Him or hear Him. He was human; it must have been exhausting.

Yet, "Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed" (Mark 1:35). He replenished His strength with prayer and solitude. We can do the same.

What does living a life of kindness mean? It means curbing our impulse to speak sharply. It means praying every day: "Let the words of my mouth and the medi-

tation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer" (Psalm 19:14). If a harsh word escapes us in a moment of stress, kindness motivates us to make a sincere apology.

It means telling the hard but necessary truth in a way that builds the recipient up, rather than tears her down. (Jesus could call the Pharisees "brood of vipers" and "hypocrites" because He was God and had the Godlike right to judge, but we must not presume to have such power. We will often be totally wrong in our assessment.) We are to live our lives being "kindly affectionate to one another" (Romans 12:10).

Sometimes kindness means shading the stark truth: "You're looking so much better" to a friend going through a hard time and showing it. "I believe in you completely" to someone you care about who is struggling to get his footing in life or on the job. In this way we help to "bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2).

Kindness means refraining from complaining or gossiping, letting the other driver go first, putting your cart into the cart corral at the grocery store rather than leaving it in the next parking space. It means sending a note or card, making a hospital visit, bringing a meal to a shut-in.

It means giving to the needy a substantial part of what we are blessed to have. It means being patient with those who try that patience. And it means forgiving, with no strings attached. "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you" (Ephesians 4:32).

True kindness means being gentle in our inner, private thoughts—catching ourselves forming critical, negative judgments and nipping them in the bud. A surefire way to do that is to turn a negative thought into a prayer for that person. The Apostle James encourages us, as Christian brothers and sisters, to "pray for one another" (James 5:16).

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BETSY BERGER, LEADERSHIP

NOTES FROM A RICH WEEKEND

I spent Friday evening and all day Saturday at the IF:Gathering -- a simulcast hosted by the women of Castine Church. This was a much-needed thing for me, and God spoke deeply to my heart. He awakened my heart in ways that haven't happened for quite a while, and I am very grateful. I want to share some of the teachings and personal challenges I received over these two days. The theme? Psalm 23. The ten (or so) speakers that taught us brought this familiar Bible passage to life in a new way for me.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. Do I actually believe this? Is my sufficiency truly in Him? Do I truly hear His voice? Do I follow Him? Am I satisfied with what He has provided in my life, for me specifically? Or, do I live as if the Shepherd doesn't exist? Have I replaced the Shepherd with myself? Following the Shepherd means I often don't know where I'm going, and He takes me places I may rather not go.

He leads me in paths of righteousness. I cannot lead myself. He doesn't put me on

the path and say, "Go!" No, He walks with me, leads me on the path. However, He will never walk for me. He expects me to do the things He has empowered me to do. God determines the standard of righteousness, and it's an unchangeable standard. He says, "I don't care how far from the world you are -- I care how close you are to Me." Righteousness sometimes comes at the cost of happiness, but it is a path that leads to glory -- His glory.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death...

The things I love that have been/are taken from me are not the cost -- Jesus is the cost. God has given us promises -- do we even know what those promises are? My expectations of God are not the promises of God. God never promised that we won't have hard things. Even though... not if, not maybe... we will walk through the valley of death in life. The promise of God? His presence -- "I am with you."

You prepare a table in the presence of my enemies. This feast is a meal of celebration. This means change -- they were my enemies, but now they are

captives, watching as I eat at the banquet table of the Shepherd. Victory has been won. I am in the Shepherd's favor, feasting at His table, anointed with His blessings, sitting with Him every day. Nothing and no one can stand against this power.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me... Everywhere I go, they follow. Wherever I go, whatever I do, they are there -- no matter the circumstance. What is greater than trials and tribulation? The Lord's goodness and steadfast love follow me. This should empower me to live a life of risk to advance the Kingdom of God. The time is urgent. Jesus is returning soon. What risks will I take for others to know Him?

The Shepherd wants full possession and full submission. He desires a greater depth of holiness and consecration. What might God do if I gave all of me to Him?

I know these are random thoughts, but I pray that God will use at least one to draw your heart closer to His.

JUDY ROTH,

REGISTRAR/SPONSORSHIP

MEN'S WALK #38 IS NEARLY UPON US!

Hello, Emmaus Community! My name is Judy Roth, and I am serving on the Emmaus Board as Registrar/Sponsorship for the remainder of 2023. Men's Walk #38 is fast approaching on April 27-30, and I have been working on making sure our community registration/application form is up to date, as well as making sure we have appropriate communication in place for both sponsors and pilgrim applicants.

The registration form has now been updated to show the current weekend fee of \$100, and should be uploaded shortly on the dcaec.org website. If you happen to have the old version, PLEASE NOTE that it still shows the fee as \$80. Sponsors, please be sure the person you are sponsoring is aware of the current fee.

If you are considering sponsoring, or have an application in hand, please get those mailed in to P.O. Box 482, Greenville, Ohio, as soon as possible. Part of my responsibility as Registrar is getting information to sponsors in a timely manner, so they can fulfill their sponsorship duties. I am also responsible for providing a list of pilgrim names to the Lay Director of Walk #38 by their 3rd team meeting, so the team can make calls to pilgrims. This 3rd meeting is currently scheduled for March 30....just over three weeks from now.

I will have registration forms available at the Gathering this Sunday, March 12. Completed forms can be handed to me at that time as well.

Thanks in advance for your help in preparing for Men's Walk #38 by choosing to sacrifice your time and efforts in sponsorship! If I can help in any way, don't hesitate to call or message!

In Christ,
Judy Roth
Registrar/Sponsorship
937.417.4464

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 7!*

BARB BAKER, PURCHASING

If there is anything you need as far as candles, cross necklaces, etc., please let me know in the next week or so that way necessary items can be purchased! You can reach me at (937) 467-3542 or barbbaker89@gmail.com.

DARKE COUNTY AREA MEN'S WALK #38 LIVE IN TEAM ROSTER

Lay Director - Bill Stock

Spiritual Director - Doug Baker

ALDs - Keith Artz, Daniel Cunningham, Joel Sprinkle, & John Wion

Music Director - Todd Matthew

Assistant Music Director - Jace Feitshans

Board Representative - Gerald Miller

LOGs - Gary Baker (Exp.), Mitchell Cheadle, Ryan Holscher, & Lewis Rock

Table Leaders - Chad Bunger, Scott Eickhoff, Tony Matamoros, Bob Morrow, Scott Peele, & Jeff Shaner

Assistant Table Leaders - Scott Amspaugh, Tony Bemis, Glen Bryant, Kermit Flory, Ken Hollenberg, & Patrick Rosenbeck

If you are interested in being on a team for future walks, please fill out a willing servant form. A willing servant form can be downloaded from the website www.dcaec.org. Completed forms can be turned in to a current board member or mailed 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**

Men's Walk setup will begin at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26 at Ludlow Falls Camp for anyone willing and able to help!

**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.

**Walk Weekends are held at:
Ludlow Falls Camp
2535 Ohio 48
Ludlow Falls, OH 45339**



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FOR A TIME SUCH AS THIS

(FROM PG. 1)

complete a few things that have been on the drawing board for way too many years and get serious about doing what God has called us to, and if we don't, we need newer, more passionate members of the community to step up and help us or lead us to complete what the Father has started. Even if you don't want to be a member of the Board, you still have a very important place in being God's hands and feet to get things moving closer to completion!

To once again quote from the song I listed earlier: "Through the moving of His Spirit, through the mercy we do not deserve; We've been rescued from apathy to live a legacy of Christ in this world. For such a time as this."

Let's pull together and get the Spirit revived again in us: For Such A Time As This!

Pastor Rick Gutheil- Spiritual Director

THE POWER OF

KINDNESS

(FROM PG. 2)

The best thing about kindness is that it comes with a double blessing. The person who offers a kindness gets as much or more out of the deed as the recipient. Proverbs tells us, "Those who are kind benefit themselves" (11:17). So make a conscious effort today to be kind to everyone you meet. It will make them – and you – feel better!

From <https://guideposts.org/prayer/bible-resources/deepen-your-faith/the-power-of-kindness-2/>

**The next Gathering will be held on Sunday, March 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!



EASTER

He is Risen



Due to Resurrection
Sunday, the April
Gathering will held on
Sunday, April 16.

If have any news you'd like to
share with the Darke County
Emmaus Community,
please email us at
dcaecnewsletter@gmail.com



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 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.