



Darke County Emmaus Community Newsletter

## From Our Community Lay Director—Gary Baker

### Emmaus Brothers and Sisters

That sounds like a wonderful experience with Men's Walk #39! It's truly heartening to hear about the growth and blessings within the Emmaus community. Transitioning to a new host church is a big decision, and it's great that Cedar Grove has extended an invitation for consideration. Please keep the Board and the entire Emmaus community in your thoughts and prayers for guidance and wisdom as we navigate this decision-making process.

The Annual Pond Party at Ludlow Falls on Saturday, August 10th sounds like a fantastic way to come together as a community! It's a great opportunity to enjoy some outdoor fun and fellowship. I'm sure it will be a memorable event for everyone involved.

It's wonderful to have regular opportunities for the Emmaus community to come together, share a meal, and enjoy each other's company. We are still meeting the 2nd Sunday of each month at the Radiant Lighthouse for gatherings beginning at 6pm. Hope to see you all there.

Since we are going to follow God's lead to finding a Host church, it brings up a need in our community..... BEDS!! In the past, we used inflatable air mattresses. Those were handy but they were also a lot of work. And the years of storage have left them cracked and dry rotted. They had a tendency to need pumped up quite often. So, we have decided to go with cots. The cots are on Amazon they hold up to 450 pounds, they are collapsible, and have a carrying bag for easy handling. If you are on a team or sponsor a pilgrim you can use one of the cots or you can use your own twin size inflatable mattress, whichever you choose. We are praying that we can purchase 50 cots. The price is actually \$48.99 we just rounded the price to an even \$50 for easy figuring. By sponsoring a cot, you can pray for those sleeping on your cot during the weekend... (we could number the cots) Say for instance Hank sponsors cot #17. Hank can pray for whoever is sleeping on cot #17 that weekend. If you would like to sponsor a cot more details are in this newsletter.

Gary Baker

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*

### Board Members

Spiritual Director—Pastor Rick Gutheil

Community Lay Director—Gary Baker

Asst. Community Lay Director—

Leadership—Kevin Judy

Secretary—Barb Baker

Treasurer/Purchasing—Cindi Delk

Kitchen—Jim Mann

Logistics—Ryan Holscher

Agape—

Good Shepherd—Dan Cunningham

Registration/Sponsorship—Christina Matthew

Music—Todd Matthew

Kairos Rep—

Chrysalis Rep—

Newsletter—

Social/Worship—Marilyn Bridges

Cedar Grove COB Representative—

Web Servant—Allison Masterson

Database/Historian—

A message from our CSD— Pastor Rick Gutheil

## **In Our Fourth Days**

Having just come off the Men's Walk #39, I was spiritually flying. What an incredible blessing! One of the best walks I have ever been a part of and would pray that they all continue in this fashion in future walks. I was and am rejuvenated!

And then comes the Fourth Days. Sadly, no one can escape them. As we said on the Walk, "When you leave this weekend, know that the world has not changed, but you have!" Our Fourth Days can be difficult. The very next morning I found out that my brother was being taken to the hospital by the EMT's with possible stroke symptoms and he has been in the hospital since that time. After many tests, they still aren't sure what is going on, maybe even cancer. Tough way to start my Fourth Days. Many of us have dealt with battles like illness, tornadoes, car issues, a number of things. I have found out that two classmates of mine have passed away and another friend is in the hospital.

Fourth Days. Why? Because the Enemy is trying to shake us up and show us that Jesus isn't our Protector; Life still stinks! But we who believe know better. Christ is with us through all the trials and troubles. He is there to calm us down through the battles, to reassure us that He is there and He knows what is going on in our lives.

A couple Scriptures that God has laid before me to help me remember His Grace and love, and I encourage you to read them for yourself, are Isaiah 51:12-16 and John 16:33.

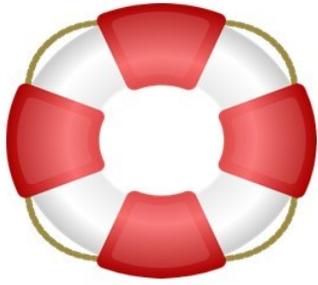
READ THEM and know He is with you. You have nothing to fear or worry about. Christ Jesus our Savior is walking with you every step of the way, through the blessings and the battles. **YOU ARE NOT ALONE!** Lean into Him. Climb up in His lap and let the Lord embrace you, calm you, and encourage you. Allow Jesus to take control of every area of your life and be confident that through His grace you live in Him and He lives in you.

Please take a moment and read those Scriptures I listed above and hear His voice speaking to you as we walk this earth in our Fourth Days!

In Christ Jesus,

Pastor Rick Gutheil

Community Spiritual Director



# Annual Emmaus Pond Party!

**Where:** 2319 ST RT 48 Ludlow Falls,  
OH 45339

**When:** SATURDAY, August 10th 4p-  
8p

**What to Bring:** Food to share,  
swimsuits, chairs, and a fun attitude!



Come enjoy fun, food  
and fellowship! Bring  
family and friends!



## From Tracey Martin, MW #39 Lay Director

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

God moved in a mighty mighty way in the lives of the Pilgrims and Team during The Darke County Area Emmaus Men's Walk # 39! God called and formed his team of 26 Godly humble servants whose Spiritual depth and maturity was evident from the very first team meeting to the final second of the walk at the camp! God blessed the weekend by sending 15 men he desired to be on Men's Walk # 39. The Pilgrims hearts, souls, and minds were open to receiving what only The Risen Christ had in store, in his timing and plans, to offer each of them during the weekend.

As always on a Walk to Emmaus Weekend; God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit demonstrates his love and grace in awesome ways beyond what we can even imagine. This was the case during the entire Men's Walk # 39. The weekend was incredibly Spirit filled.

One ALD proclaimed.

"We are witnessing miracle after miracle!"

Pilgrims commented.

"I have to change and rearrange. Moving forward God is my # 1 priority."

"That skit, when the nail was placed in my hand, tore me up. It hit me hard and was a powerful moment I'll never forget."

"When I get home, I'm going to be the man God has been calling me to be for my wife and kids. No more running away for my responsibilities to lead my family."

"I've been searching for a church that's right for me, my wife, and kids. This will be my top priority the week ahead. I can't continue to neglect this any longer. We must get connected and involved in a local church."

"The experience and the change in me has been instant. The world may be the same, much of my surrounding is also the same, how I handle things is the difference. The agape, that's what it's about. Setting priorities for me has been what it's about. God first!"

"Walking into the tabernacle Saturday night and seeing all the people there for me, seeing the candle lights, and feeling the love, was a touch and taste of Heaven."

As one can tell from the above heartfelt words, Men's Walk # 39 was an awe inspiring true encounter with The Living King Jesus Christ The Lord!

The Pilgrims and Team experienced the prayers and endless acts of unconditional love and Agape from the Darke Emmaus Community all weekend. All the men on Walk # 39 are forever grateful and forever changed by your kindness and God's transforming power and love. To every person who contributed to Men's Walk # 39 - Wow, wow, wow, thank you, thank you, thank you! Well done good and faithful servants, well done! All glory to God. Less of us and more of God! And one more - Shine bright!

DeColores, In his grip,

Tracey Martin

LD, Men's Walk # 39

**MEN'S EMMAUS WALK #39  
NEW COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

Gabe Richardson

Terry McMillan

Rick Libert

Bill Garland

BJ Reynolds

Matt Wogoman

Christopher Klosterman

Bill Meyer

Tyler Neitzelt

Michael Bocanegra

Joel Lynch

Dillon Clark

Danny Chowning

Dave Wogoman

Kyle Thacker

**Mens Walk #39 Reunion is June 9th at 5pm at Radiant Lighthouse in Greenville.**

# Sponsor a cot!

Darke County Emmaus is currently in need to purchase some cots for team and pilgrims to sleep on. If you are willing to sponsor a cot for \$50.00 please send a payment in to our Treasurer or give to a board member as soon as possible. Send payments to PO Box 482 Greenville, OH 45331



## 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)

We need:

- \*Assistant Community Spiritual Director
- \*Assistant Community Lay Director
- \*Agape
- \*Kairos Representative
- \*Newsletter
- \*Chrysalis Representative

Or you could.....

- \*Fill out a Willing Servant form and be a team member
- \*Pray for the upcoming Women's Walk and for our Emmaus Community

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 also email it to Barb Baker at [secretary@dcaec.org](mailto:secretary@dcaec.org) and she will forward it on. You can also download one from the website [www.dcaec.org](http://www.dcaec.org)

Thank You

## A Few Reminders:

**Our next Walk Weekend will be held at:**

**Cedar Grove Church of the Brethren  
373 Love Rd  
New Paris, OH 45347**

We are now holding our Gatherings at:

Radiant Lighthouse  
5256 Sebring Warner Rd  
Greenville, OH 45331

**The next Gathering will be: Sunday June 9th.**

Gatherings begin at 6:00 pm with meal and fellowship afterward.

We would love for you to bring a covered dish to share and get to know your Emmaus community.

**\*If you would like to receive our newsletter, please send your email address to: [dcaecnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto: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.**





Date completed \_\_\_\_\_

### WILLING SERVANT FORM

Please mark with an \* any new information of which we should be aware.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City & State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Walk you attended and where: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of your walk: \_\_\_\_\_

Day and time my Share Group meets: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in being considered as a live-in team member. Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

I have done:	Please list Talks you have given:
_____ Assistant Table Leader	_____
_____ Table Leader	_____
_____ Logistics	_____
_____ Assistant Lay Director	_____
_____ Lay Director	_____
_____ Assistant Music Director	_____
_____ Music Director	_____
_____ Assistant Spiritual Director	_____
_____ Spiritual Director	_____

If you have participated in any of these areas in a different Emmaus Community, please list the Community or Communities: \_\_\_\_\_

Church I am active in \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Ministries of this church I am active in (list):	Role/responsibility in each ministry:
_____	_____
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Mail to: Darke County Area Emmaus, P.O. Box 482, Greenville, OH 45331

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## PILGRIMS WANTED!

The next Women's Walk is #55—Christina Matthew is Women's Walk #55 Lay Director.

It will be held October 31-November 3, 2024 at Cedar Grove Church of the Brethren, 373 Love Rd, New Paris, OH 45347.

Please pray about who you would like to ask to be on the upcoming walk and pray for that person.

Application deadline is 2 weeks before the walk. Which will be October 17, 2024!

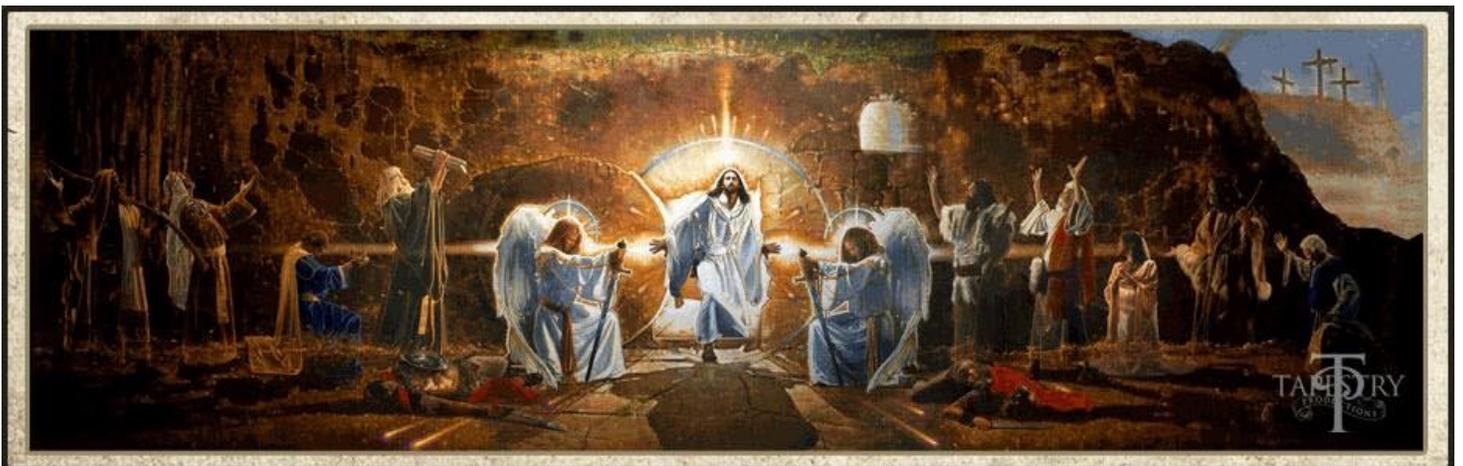
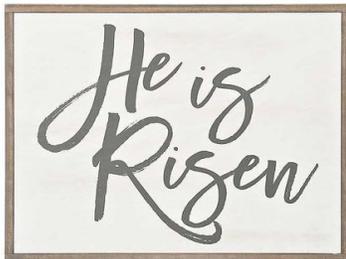
Sponsors please make sure applications are completed in full before they are mailed in.

You can see updated team and pilgrim list @ [dcaec.org](http://dcaec.org) under the women's walk dropdown menu.

Thank You.

Christina Matthew

Registrar/Sponsorship



## AGAPE Reminders—



Women's Walk #55 will be here before you know it. Oct. 31– Nov. 3, 2024.

Get your creative juices flowing, there are lots of ideas for table or bedtime agape.

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.

Lets show these pilgrims what agape love is all about!

Thank You!

### PERSONAL AGAPE ENVELOPES

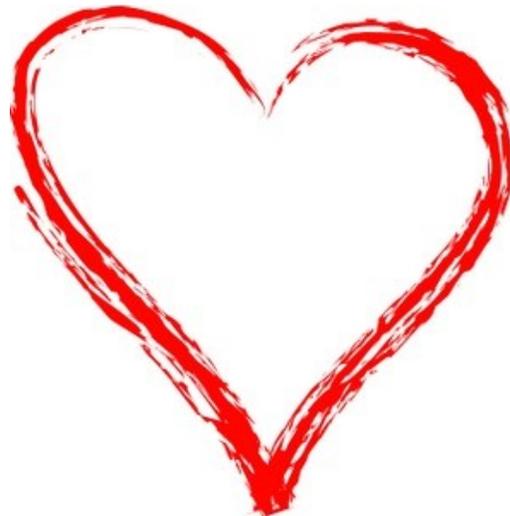
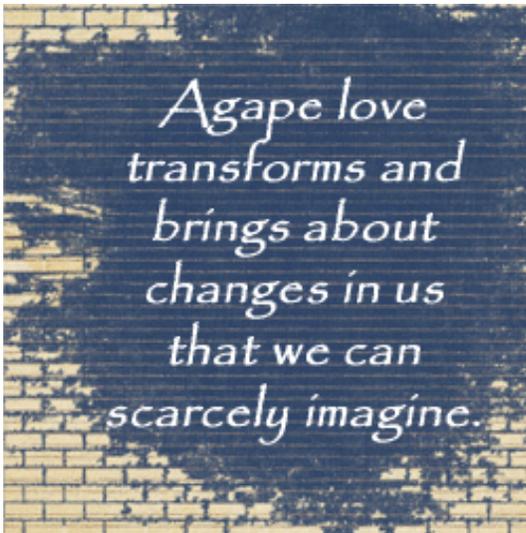
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"Pilgrim" here

Write team member name here

When to be received here

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



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[www.dcaec.org](http://www.dcaec.org)

## **Change of Mailing Address? New Email Address?**

Please contact a board member at:  
[dcaecnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:dcaecnewsletter@gmail.com)

### ***Reminder:***

***The Thursday potluck dinner,  
Candlelight and Closing Service  
are for members of the Emmaus  
Community only.***

***Childcare is not provided***