



Darke County Area Emmaus Newsletter

July/August 2025

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



July 4th 1776-2025



Happy 249th Birthday America!



If My people
who are called by My name,
will humble themselves
and pray, and seek My face,
turn from their wicked ways,
then I will hear from heaven
and will forgive their sin,
and will heal their land.
2 Chronicles 7:14

I pledge allegiance to the flag
Of the United States of America
And to the Republic for which it stands
One Nation, Under God, Indivisible,
With liberty and justice for all



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Serving others as Christ served us

Greetings Emmaus Community!

Jesus performed his first miracle at a wedding in Cana. As a guest at a wedding, his mother asked him to help the host when they ran short of wine. Jesus asked the servants to fill six large vases with water then preceded to turn this water into wine. The master of the banquet tasted the wine and said it was the best (see John 2:1-11).

Jesus then traveled to Jerusalem for the Passover feast. Upon entering the temple, He noticed men selling animals for sacrifices. This offended Jesus because they had turned his Father's house into a market. Jesus then made a whip out of cords and drove them all from the temple. The original writing says this whip was made from reeds. I don't believe our Jesus was malicious and mean with the whip. I can see him tapping the cattle on their rears and gently moving them out of the temple. He overturned the tables of the money changers and told them not to over-charge for the animals meant for sacrifice, thereby disrupting their business (see John 2:12-25).

The same Jesus who we invite into our lives and homes to nurture and guide us, is the Jesus that turned water into wine, then disrupted the temple. Jesus sets our tables with the choice things in our life, and we adore and love him. That is, until this same Jesus comes into our lives and turns our tables upside down to change us. When we invite him into our lives, we give him the authority to turn our lives upside down. We must be willing to allow Jesus to change us as we grow in him.

The One who fills our tables with wine, to fill us with joy, can also turn all the tables with a divine turnaround, to cleanse us from all that turns us away from Him and then fills us with more of Himself.

De Colores!

From the heart of our

Assistant Spiritual Director,

Pastor Keith Berger



Greetings Emmaus Community!

Summer is in full swing and with that comes so many summertime activities! I hope you can make some time to come out for the Quarter Auction on July 19th. You can find more information about this on our Facebook page, the Web Page, Newsletter and Between the Pages. There is so much happening, and this is the best way to stay up to date.

Speaking of information, do you have a “Fourth Day Book”?

Your sponsor may have gotten you one as agape.

The actual title of this little book, is,

“Day Four — The Pilgrim’s Continued Journey”.

This little gem is full of good stuff!

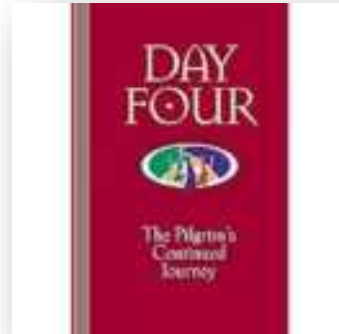
We read a small portion of it at the last Gathering.

If you have a copy, open it and take a look!

Now, true confession. I took my Emmaus Walk 20 years ago and, to be honest, haven’t looked at my Day Four book since then. I happened to pull it out just before the Gathering and was floored by all the information that was in there. It was a great refresher to my original Walk as it reminded me of things I had forgotten. I even learned a few things I didn’t know but thought I knew! So...if you don’t have one, the 4th day books are available for purchase at Send Off, Candlelight, or contact Cindi Delk.

Inside the cover of my Day Four book is an inscription from the dear Christian Sister who gave it to me: “May God continue to bless you and your witness to others around you.” I pray the same for all of you.

Acts 22:15 – “for you will be a witness for him to everyone of what you have seen and heard” (ESV).



De Colores!

From the Lay Director's Chair

Trisha Feitskans



Greetings Emmaus Community!

As the Historian/Data Base Coordinator for the Emmaus community, I update the database. How this works is that, when you were a pilgrim, or as you have volunteered to serve in any capacity during an Emmaus Walk (primarily on the team), I take your information and put it in the database. Later, the board can refer to it for the purpose of contacting you to inform you of future opportunities to serve. This is especially helpful for the Lay Director when selecting team members: we know which positions someone has served, and which talks they have given.

The problem we continue to experience is, because the Emmaus Community has been active since 1997, and many have held the Historian/Data Base Coordinator position, much of the information is either inaccurate or simply non-existent. ***I am diligently working to correct this problem, but updated information is necessary.*** Therefore, I am asking a very small favor of you. Please visit the Emmaus Website, click on forms and update your Willing Servant information. Once you have completed the form, you can send a copy to me directly at barbbaker89@gmail.com. ***~OR~*** If you prefer, you can also print and complete a hard copy and give it to myself or another board member at a Gathering.

God has blessed the Emmaus Community the past 28 years with well over 2,500 pilgrims! That is a lot of information that requires attention. If you haven't done so yet, please take a moment and provide your current address and cell phone number. We want to remain in contact with you and ensure that the next Historian/Data Base Coordinator has the right information.

De Colores!

From the Historian/Data Base Chair

Barb Baker



Hello Emmaus Community!

For the upcoming women's walk, we will provide a drop-off location for all of your Agape cards and letters. It will be well marked and I will sort it and place it in its appropriate place.

Please remember that no Table Agape is made available until Friday dinner. Additionally, no personal Agape will be given to the pilgrims until Sunday Packets are distributed (however, if you want to give Agape to a Team Member, place their full name and the day you wish them to receive it on the envelope). Lastly, if you have large Agape for your pilgrim, please hold onto that until after the Walk. Surprise them on your way home! The reason for this is that Sunday Packet envelopes are not big enough.

Thank you for all you do! You are all AWESOME, AMAZING, AND OUTSTANDING!

De Colores!

From the Agape Chair,

Pat Baker





DARKE COUNTY AREA EMMAUS QUARTER AUCTION

CEDAR GROVE CHURCH FAMILY LIFE
CENTER BUILDING

373 LOVE RD. NEW PARIS OHIO 45347

WHEN: JULY 19TH 2025

DOORS OPEN AT 3:00 AUCTION STARTS AT 4:00

ADMISSION \$5.00 INCLUDES PADDLE
EACH ADDITIONAL PADDLE IS \$1.00
FOOD CONCESSIONS - PRIZES - VENDORS

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Don't forget about this upcoming event!

It will be loads of fun

~ AND ~

Serves a great purpose

Hope to see you there!!!



f you are sponsoring a pilgrim on the upcoming Women's Walk in October, I thought the following information may be helpful. Please remember that our goal is to support pilgrims with excellence. Their first experience with the Emmaus Community should inspire their spirits to perceive the wonderful grace of Christ.

BEFORE THE EVENT

- * Pray for your pilgrim, their family, and the Emmaus Team preparing to serve. Pray for both physical and spiritual protection. Sign up to be a part of the 72-hour prayer vigil that will cover the entire walk weekend in prayer. The prayer vigil signup sheet is available at monthly gatherings, OR by contacting Kim Klipstine at 937-459-6846 (call or text) or through Facebook Messenger.
- * Prepare your pilgrim and family by answering any questions they may have about the weekend. There are no "secret" activities on the Emmaus Walk! Answer questions truthfully, but simply.
- * Collect personal agape letters for your pilgrim, from family, friends, co-workers, and church family. These letters are essential to the Emmaus weekend; it is extremely important that you follow through on this task.
- * Contact your pilgrim at least one week ahead to arrange a time that you will pick them up to bring them to the event. Assure them that you will also be there to bring them home on Sunday.
- * Offer guidance about useful items to pack for the walk weekend, including a reminder of items NOT to pack.
- * Ensure that your pilgrim's family has both your phone number, and the board rep's number in case of emergency during the walk weekend.
- * Plan for a covered dish to bring for the Thursday evening potluck mealtime.

How we choose to engage the pilgrim we sponsor will have a lasting impact on their Fourth Day experience as well as their memory of the weekend. Knowing how to sponsor a pilgrim well is a critical part of creating an environment the Holy Spirit uses to transform someone's character. If you have any questions, I would love to hear them. Find me at the next Gathering. Until then,

De Colores!


From the Registration/Sponsorship Chair

Christina Matthew





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Important Dates to

Remember:

Board Mtg.—July 7

Quarter Auction—July 19

Gathering—July 13 @ **5:00pm** *Girls Chrysalis*—July 25-27

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Important Dates to

Remember:

Board Mtg.—August 4

Gathering—August 10 @
5:00pm