

COMMUNITY CO-SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR'S THOUGHTS

As our bus climbed higher and higher up the Sacramento Mountain road, we rounded the curve and there before us was the breath-taking view of the desert sands of New Mexico, where we had just come from. The church youth were on their way to the fall weekend retreat. It was my first time as their retreat leader and I was excited to see what The Lord had in store for the youth.

After many lessons and many fun times the retreat was coming to an end. As we prepared for the Sunday morning worship it was evident that this worship service was going to be special. The youth were sent out to the mountain-side worship area in groups of two or three. They were given instructions to walk in silence and stop at the prayer signs along the path. They each had their Bible, their meditation reading and their friends with them. At each stop they remained in silence to listen for God's word to them. As each group arrived at the worship area they continued in silence as they sat down and waited for another group to join them. It was in the silence that God broke through to the spirits of those young people.

After the worship service was over one 15 year old boy looked at me with a radiant smile and said. "Oh, Mrs. Peacock I really understand now, I felt the Lord's presence. I get it now." And

indeed he had experienced the Lord in that mountaintop experience, his life changed and within a few months I was privileged to watch him bring others to that same saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Emmaus is one of those mountaintop experiences where our lives are touched and transformed by our encounter of the risen Christ. It would be wonderful if we could stay upon the mountaintop for the rest of our life, but God has work for us in the valley—where most people live. Our own mountaintop experiences will serve as a reminder to us that God's presence is real and that God's promises are true. It is our mountaintop experiences that continue to encourage us in times when we are in the valley, when we go through the testing and trials of our faith. The items that will keep you grounded in your faith in the valley times are—your Bible that you can write in, a daily devotional that applies to your life, and your faith-filled friends.

After spending time with The Lord in silence, listening for his word to you, go out and share the good news of Jesus Christ with someone new this month. The Emmaus mountaintop experience will sustain you in the valley of life.

De Colores,
Carolyn Peacock

SUPPLIES NEEDED!

Agape Room:

Requests for agape writing materials to be donated. We like to have a supply of cards, tablets, envelopes, etc. available for the community to write to any pilgrim that is short on letters. They often have a few of these needs announced at candlelight. Thank You & God Bless, Mary & Larry

Supply Room:

School Supplies are on sale now, please pick up a few extra of the following items to help the supply room costs for the walks.

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| • Folders | • 3x5 cards | • Steno pads | <i>rinse, soap, shaving cream,</i> |
| • One subject spiral notebooks | • Post-it-pads | • Combs | <i>toothpaste.</i> |
| • Pens | • Yellow High lighters | • Contact lens cleaner | • Razors |
| • Scotch tape and masking tape. | • Black sharpies | • Travel sizes of :: hair spray, shampoo, mouthwash, hair | • Ear plugs |
| | • Stapler | | |

Your generosity will be greatly appreciated!

Springfield Area Walk To Emmaus

(Please print and fill in all blanks)

Name: _____ Age: _____ Sex: Male Female

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Church you are now attending: _____

Married Single Divorced Widowed Separated

Spouses Name: _____ Walk Attended? _____

Sponsor's Name: _____ Walk Attended? _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Dietary Concerns: _____

Medical Concerns: _____

Disability Concerns: _____

Occupation: _____

Company: _____ Phone: _____

Name of close friend: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City/State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Briefly state why you want to attend an Emmaus Walk & what you expect: _____

Can you attend on short notice? Yes No Maybe

I understand that this application does not reserve a position of a particular walk, but does place me on a list for future walks to Emmaus in Springfield.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please enclose a non-refundable, pre-registration deposit of \$20.00, which applies to your \$65.00 donation to offset expenses. Make checks payable to: Springfield Area Emmaus. Remit to: Registrar/Springfield Area Emmaus Community, 230 E. High Street, Springfield, OH 45505.

For Registration Only

Date received: _____ Card Sent To: _____ Sponsor: _____ Pilgrim: _____

Deposit Rec'd: _____ Cash _____ Check # _____ Rec'd From: _____

1st Invite: _____ 2nd Invite: _____ 3rd Invite: _____ Inactive: _____

A MESSAGE FROM LARRY McMAHAN

Thank you for the confidence you have shown in me to serve as your Community Lay Director.

When I was approached by the Nominating Committee and asked to fill such an important position, I felt inadequate and full of questions. I told the Committee I wanted to pray about my decision, and they graciously waited for me to decide. As you know, I'm a big guy and eating is one of the best things I do—so, if I wanted to seriously know what God's will was I felt I needed to pray and fast. Fasting and praying is a powerful and humbling way to seek God's will for your life. It surely worked for me—for here I am “way out of my comfort zone” doing something that's impossible for me but possible with God's direction. Please pray for me as I will continue to pray for you.

I've always been a “by the book” man, so that's how we'll continue serving in our Community. God's Book first and then the Upper Room Handbook on Emmaus and the manual. Emmaus was born of prayer and through the power of the Holy Spirit. It has been an instrument for changing lives and making Christian leaders for 51 years. A good thought, “If it ain't broke, don't

fix it.” Therefore, we'll keep rolling along giving the Board the authority to act on the Community's behalf. This is your Community and the Board wants you to have ownership of it. That's why we encourage active participation in serving on the Walks and in all Emmaus activities. Please make your concerns known to any Board member. Everyone is needed to make the Springfield Area Emmaus a New Testament Community!

I attended Springfield Area Men's Walk #22 and have served as your Logistics Chair for four years (the first year was for training). My lovely bride of 23 years is Donna “Mikie.” We have 3 children and 6 grandchildren. I am retired from International. We are members of Grace United Methodist Church. Breeding and training horses keeps us very busy also. If you need to contact me with Emmaus questions, please do so at 324-4041.

In Christ,
Larry McMahan

SOCIAL POSITION OPEN!

1. The chairperson for this committee will be an Emmaus Board member and attend the monthly meetings.
2. This committee should strive to have at least 20 members, if possible, to share responsibilities.
3. The chairperson or an appointee should oversee every social function.
4. Subcommittees from the pool of committee members numbering two to four should be formed to handle one monthly gathering and one walk per year. These subcommittee members should ask two to five Emmaus community members to help them on their particular monthly gathering or walk, (e.g., Share Groups). The entire social committee should work on special fellowship activities such as the picnic.
5. Special social functions may be suggested by the social committee but must be passed by the Emmaus Board. Special approved fellowship activities will be funded by the general Emmaus fund.
6. Specifics for the monthly gathering as follows:
 - a. Set up tables and chairs in the dining room.
 - b. Set up the beverage tables and prepare coffee, tea, and cold drinks utilizing available supplies from walks, gatherings, or provided by purchasing.
 - c. Necessary additional purchase receipts should be given to the social chairperson who will submit them to the treasurer.
 - d. Coordinate and properly store all food brought in by the community for fellowship time.
 - e. Have all food and drinks ready when the community comes to the dining room after the gathering service.
 - f. Clean up the kitchen and dining room, return chairs and tables to prior locations taken from, and sweep the floor
7. Specifics for the walks follow:
 - Saturday**
 - a. Set up and serve ice cream sundaes after the candlelight ceremony in the dining room. Only two or three people are needed to do the serving. All ice cream supplies will be coordinated with the supply purchases.
 - b. Clean up and restore the dining area after the ice cream party.
 - Sunday**
 - a. Help set up of the tables and chairs in the dining room for fellowship time after lunch on Sunday. The kitchen staff will set up the beverage tables and prepare coffee, tea, and the cold drinks.
 - b. The social committee will coordinate and properly store food brought in by the community for fellowship time.
 - c. Have all the food and drink ready when the community comes into the dining area for fellowship time after the Closing.
 - d. Clean up the kitchen and dining room after the fellowship time. Return the chairs and tables to former locations where they were taken from earlier. Sweep the floor and store social equipment.

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UPCOMING GATHERINGS!

Sunday, July 20, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 10, 7:00 p.m.—specials by Chrysalis

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP:

After each gathering, there will be a time of fellowship and food.

If you plan to stay, please bring a dish to share.

REUNION

Sunday, July 20, 6:00 p.m. - Women's Walk #53

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September 7, 2008

UAW Park on Derr Road near Moorefield

Time and more information next month!

SHARE GROUPS

If you don't have a share group, please contact our good shepherds:

Women: Mary Ahlborn (937) 322-1958

Men: Sim Bowen (937) 605-1066

WALK DATES:

Men's Walks

#36 August 14—17, 2008

#37 April 23—26, 2009

#38 August 13—16, 2009

Women's Walks

#54 November 6—9, 2008

#55 February 19—22, 2009

#56 June 18—21, 2009

#57 November 5—8, 2009

**All Walk Dates Are Tentative*

Lay Directors on upcoming walks:

Men's Walk # 36

David Southward

Women's Walk #54

Betty Yoakem

Emmaus Walk Applications needed!

We are in need of more men's and women's applications to fill the upcoming walks. There is an application included!!