

## A Word from the Community Co-Spiritual Director

### FROM THE MIDST OF THE MAELSTROM

**"I HAVE LEARNED THE SECRET TO BEING CONTENT IN ANY AND EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE ... I CAN ENDURE ALL THESE THINGS THROUGH THE POWER OF THE ONE WHO GIVES ME STRENGTH."** -PHILIPPIANS

4:12-13

In her book, *Jesus Calling* (which she writes with Jesus speaking in the first-person), author Sarah Young offered these words for August 17: "Find me in the midst of the maelstrom. Sometimes events whirl around you so quickly that they become a blur. Whisper My Name in recognition that I am still with you ... Accept each day just as it comes to you. Do not waste your time and energy wishing for a different set of circumstances..."

I read those words during a particularly discouraging, chaotic time, and realize now how important Young's words really are. What a blessing it is to belong to a God who doesn't abandon us in the turbulence of our lives, but simply waits for us to come to our senses, to open our eyes and hearts, and look for God. During life's challenging moments, when we fail to whisper God's name, and when we are unable to accept each day just as it comes, we forfeit a multitude of blessings.

When we neglect the spiritual disciplines Jesus taught us—when we shave time off our devotions to hurry off to work, class, or recreation, and when we don't make time to study the scriptures and pray—we begin to develop daily habits that are not God-centered. With God de-throned, it can be next-to-impossible to sense God's presence in the midst of anything!

Whisper God's name. Find God in the midst of your swirling difficulties. Stay close to God, and pray often. Study the scriptures and live your faith daily. By God's grace you can accept each day just as it comes without wishing for different circumstances; you can trust God to work out the details. The closer we stay to God, the easier it is to discern God's presence, in whatever circumstance we may find ourselves.



**"The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble;  
and He knows those who trust in Him."** Nahum 1:7

*Pastor Sherri Blackwell*

## Additional Opportunities!!

**MAKE AGAPE TO SHARE WITH THE PILGRIMS**

**PRAY FOR THE PILGRIMS AND TEAM TO FOLLOW THE HOLY SPIRIT'S LEAD  
TO A MORE DEDICATED, HOLY LIFE OF GRACE  
BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER THE WALK**

**HELP THE KITCHEN AND LOGISTICS TEAMS CLEAN AND RESTORE THE  
CHURCH ON MONDAYS — MEET AT 8:30 A.M.**

## From Our Community Lay Director

### RE-ally?



Our experience on the Emmaus walk mirrored the events of the Road to Emmaus scripture, Luke 24:13-35. As scripture describes the events: Jesus joins those two believers on the road to Emmaus, Jesus RE-explained the scriptures to them, they RE-experienced God's grace in the interactions with Jesus, and they RE-turned to Jerusalem to tell the world what they just experienced.

The purpose of Emmaus is to RE-new the church. During the Emmaus weekend, Faith is Re-explained, Grace is Re-experienced, Christian Community is Re-alized, the Body Of Christ is Re-newed, and people are Re-turned to the Christian community to share their experience with Christ. And most people feel that the experience has been RE-ally awesome! God is Good!

I, like many of you, am sad that the November Women's walk was cancelled. I want all my brothers and sisters in Christ to experience the RE-newal that I experienced on my walk, but I know that many of them just aren't in a place in their life where they can be fully open to the Emmaus walk experience. So I pray, and I will continue to pray. But I remind myself to pray that the Lord's will be done here on earth – and not to pray from the perspective of what Sue wants to have happen. God has a plan for each of us (Jeremiah 29:11). His timing is perfect; He makes everything fit beautifully in its appropriate time (Ecc 3:11). So I pray "Lord, who are You calling to come on the walk? Lord, who are You calling me to reach out to?" I ask that you continue to hold the Springfield Emmaus community in your prayers, and that we continue to seek out God's guidance in who He is calling us to sponsor on an Emmaus Walk.

Peace,

*Sue Neves*

**"Lord Jesus, as you gave yourself so generously to others, may we look for ways to serve others. Let us put the needs of others above our own. Let us be gracious examples of your love. In Your precious and glorious name, Amen"**

## Want to help on a weekend?

One of the many opportunities to serve the Lord in a very special way is helping to prepare meals for the Pilgrims. Not only will you receive thanks and compliments from the Pilgrims, but it also affords you to have fellowship with other Emmaus servants plus a BIG SMILE FROM GOD!

Please stop by the sign-up table at the September Gathering on Sunday the 8th and see what times are available and which ones are low in numbers.

If you feel God's call to be the Friday dinner kitchen coordinator, please call me.



Praying and Cooking for Jesus, *Jean Grumbling*  
Tel: 937.399.8074

*"These things I command you, that you love one another."* John 15:17

## Pilgrim List Men's Walk # 46, September 19-22, 2013

<u>Pilgrim</u>	<u>Church Affiliation</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Jeff Abbott	Renewed Strength	Steve & Janie Haddix
Howard Burton III	The Rock Community Church	Robert Martin
John Catencacci	St Teresa	Mary Caputo
Carl Chaffin	First Christian Church	Nicholas Fowler
Jason Channels	Uniting Faith Church	Charles & Pam Pendleton
Rick Cook	None Listed	Eddy Freshour
Larry Fierbaugh	LaFayette United Methodist Church	Ken Peacock
Jacob Erne	Grace United Methodist Church	Stacy Erne
Duane Grigsby	None Listed	Juanita Jenkins
James King	New Hope Four Square Church	Dan Moss
Don Leonard	Enon United Methodist Church	Jim & Melody Leonard
Craig Milligan	St. John Missionary Baptist Church	Norman Moore
Clayton Musick	None Listed	PA Rummel
Justin Pitstick	None Listed	James Nott
Christopher Powell	None Listed	James Nott
Tyler Reisinger	Renewed Strength	Madison Fisher
Gary Sollars	LaFayette United Methodist Church	Karen Ressler
Pete Upshaw	Zion Hill Baptist Church	Roscoe Lester
Harry Vasquez	St. John Missionary Baptist Church	Norman Moore
Jack Yeager	Grace United Methodist Church	Cindy Yeager

## Team List

Norman Moore Sr. LD  
 Rev. Walter Mock SD  
 Rev. Eddie Freshour ASD  
 Rev. Chad Group ASD  
 Rev. Denny Moritz ASD  
 Rev. Ken Woode ASD



Gene Bell TL  
 Dana Johnson TL  
 Larry Pack TL  
 Rob Pinkerton TL  
 Terry Johnson TL  
 Fred Zerkle TL

Jeff Canan ALD  
 Brian Fout ALD  
 Dan Moss ALD  
 Vic Neves MD  
 Ken Peacock AMD  
 Dwight Dobbins LOG  
 Dan Warren LOG

**ALD—Asst Lay Director**  
**AMD—Asst Music Director**  
**ASD—Asst Spiritual Director**  
**ATL—Asst Table Leader**  
**BR—Board Representative**  
**LD—Lay Director**  
**Log—Logistics**  
**MD—Music Director**  
**SD—Spiritual Director**  
**TL—Table Leader**

Brian Case ATL  
 Tony Faust ATL  
 Steve Haddix ATL  
 Dave Johnson ATL  
 Rick Rockfield ATL  
 Kevin Smith ATL  
 Brian South ATL  
 John Ahlborn BR

## Meet Your Board Members

***Know myself as a beloved child of God, despite my human short-comings!***

I attended the Springfield Area Emmaus Women's Walk #36 (Table of Esther) and on that walk, accepted my call to full-time service to God. My sponsoring congregation (my home church at the time I began the ordination candidacy process) is Covenant United Methodist Church (UMC) here in Springfield.

In 2006 I graduated from United Theological Seminary in Dayton with an MDiv (Masters of Divinity) and in 2007 with a degree in Care-Giving (what schools used to call "Pastor Care and Counseling")

My first assignment in the training process was working with Rev. John Pollock at St. John's Lutheran where I was involved in the college outreach ministry they had there at that time. I then worked as a Seminary Intern/Student Associate Pastor with Rev. Julie Carmean at Central UMC (now Faith UMC) in Springfield.

I served as Visitation Pastor assigned to both Central and Covenant UMCs, and I was pastor at Central when they merged with Lagonda, and Story-Hypes UMCs to become Faith UMC in 2010.

Currently, I am pastor of the Yellow Springs UMC in Yellow Springs, Ohio. I also serve as the Executive Director of the Open Hands Free Store in Springfield. I have been with the Free Store since 2008.

I am honored to serve as your Co-Spiritual Director.

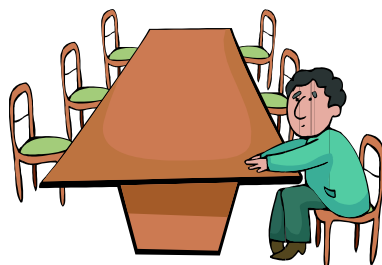
*Pastor Sherri Blackwell*

♪ *Here I Am Lord* ♪

### Is Emmaus Scripturally Balanced?

Emmaus maintains balance between concepts of the whole gospel that belong together but so often are not. The model unites true knowledge and vital piety—the head and the heart—holding together the inward journey of personal piety and the outward journey of Christian action in the world. The Walk to Emmaus also makes it clear, both through talks and the communal experience of the three days, that personal Christian growth is not a solitary affair; spiritual growth involves the support of other Christians and attention to relationships in congregation and community. Finally, The Walk to Emmaus stresses the importance of church involvement at the congregational level, while also seeking to renew the church through a recovery of its spiritual tradition and openness to God's Spirit who gives birth to the church.

—*The Upper Room Handbook on Emmaus*, 2nd Edition 2011, p 4



**WE NEED APPLICATIONS!!**

# **Important Dates**

## **2013 Walk Dates**

Men's Walk #46—Sep 19-22

**Norman Moore**, Lay Director

## **Next Gathering**

**Sep 8, 2013**

### **Future Dates**

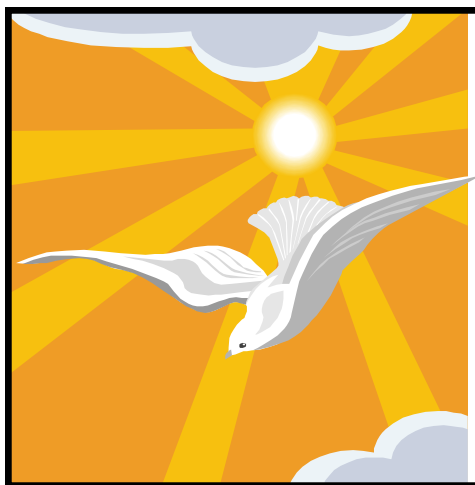
Oct 13, 2013

Nov 10, 2013

Dec 8, 2013

**PLEASE NOTE:** Provide your cell phone numbers to our database manager, Rick Clark, 937-508-9740 or rclark104@woh.rr.com.

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### **A COVENANT PRAYER IN THE WESLEYAN TRADITION**

I am no longer my own, but thine.

Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed for thee, or laid aside for thee,  
exalted for thee or brought low by thee.

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.

And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in Heaven. **Amen**

# SPRINGFIELD AREA WALK TO EMMAUS

(Please PRINT and fill in ALL blanks)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_ Sex M \_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_  
(as preferred on name tag)

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Church now attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Married \_\_\_\_ Single \_\_\_\_ Divorced \_\_\_\_ Widowed \_\_\_\_ Separated \_\_\_\_

Spouse's name \_\_\_\_\_ Walk spouse attended \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Walk attended \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary concerns

Medical concerns

Disability concerns

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of a close friend: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly state why you want to attend a Walk to Emmaus and what you expect.

Would you be able to attend on short notice? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ Perhaps \_\_\_\_

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

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Enclose a NON-REFUNDABLE, NON-TRANSFERRABLE deposit of \$25.00, which applies to your \$75.00 donation to offset expenses. Make checks payable to Springfield Area Emmaus. Remit to: Registrar, Springfield Area Emmaus, High Street United Methodist Church, 230 E. High St., Springfield, OH 45505.

### REGISTRATION ONLY

Date received \_\_\_\_\_ Card sent to: Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ Pilgrim \_\_\_\_\_

Deposit rec'd \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Rec'd from \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> Invite \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Invite \_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> Invite \_\_\_\_\_ Inactive \_\_\_\_\_