



SPRINGFIELD AREA EMMAUS SEPTEMBER 2024

**Prayer to the Holy Spirit** Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful, Grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy your consolations. Amen

#### FROM OUR CO-SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

"Oh, if I just had more time." Have you ever uttered these words to yourself? Perhaps when you're running late to work or when the weekend has flown right by. Maybe you've said these words at the end of a visit with your loved ones. Or when you have too many things to do and so little time!

I don't know what it is, but it seems that every fall, I find myself running on the treadmill of life. It's such a busy time of year with children returning to school. Last-minute family reunions, fall festivals, and sporting events crowd my calendar, and I find myself struggling to keep up and keep the main thing, "The Main Thing." Perhaps you struggle with this same problem.

The ancient Greeks had two words for time—Chronos and Kairos. They are two sides of the same coin, but they are as different as heads and tails. Chronos is clock time, where we get the word chronology. Chronos is sequential - it is divided into time frames of past, present, and future. Chronos is also quantitative, meaning it counts seconds, minutes, and hours. So, managing Chrono's time is incredibly important because our calendars will control us if we don't control our time. But I'd have to say that Chronos isn't as important as "redeeming our time," which is where Kairos enters the equation.

Kairos makes the most of every opportunity. It's the sixth sense that perceives the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Kairos is all about taking the time to stop and smell the roses or pause and notice a beautiful sunset. It's about listening to the water as we wash our hands or notice the joy in a child's laughter or the peace on their face when they fall asleep. Kairos is more about enjoying the journey and less about reaching a particular destination. Kairos is about seeing God within everyday life and who God is calling us to become. Indeed, God is the creator of time. God named night and day and divided time into weeks, months, and years. But God doesn't exist within our dimensions of space and time. God is omnipresent, which means that God is here, there, and everywhere God is present yesterday, today, and tomorrow. As a result, God doesn't measure time the same way we do. God desires for us to follow God's lead and measure life not in minutes but in moments of time.

God desires for us to keep the main thing, "The Main Thing" by finding God in everyday life events.

Matthew 6:33 reminds us "[to] seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness." This scripture comes with a promise that if we put God first in our lives, "all these things will be added to you." What things are promised to us? Everything we need will be provided to us: Food, water, shelter, and clothes. However, we also receive God's comfort, peace of mind, and joy when we seek God. So, slow down and spend time with God during this busy season, Friends. Only then will we be truly satisfied.

De Colores, Pastor Mary Beth



#### FROM OUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

August was a good month for the Bachmans, hope you experienced God's love as well! The cooler weather tells me that fall is coming, but we're still enjoying fresh sweet corn, so we don't want to rush it.

Many thanks to all who came to the picnic at Emery Chapel bringing wonderful food and smiling faces. It was a time of fellowship, fun, and great worship in God's beautiful creation. Thanks in particular to Kelly Williams and her friend for the special music, Jim Ehalt for grilling, and Pastor Ben Webster for hosting.

With my church, we are reading through the New Testament this year. I recently read I Corinthians Ch 12 & 13. In Ch. 12, Paul outlines spiritual gifts, with the emphasis that we are ALL part of the Body of Christ, and no one is any more important than another. It is followed by Ch 13 – often known as The Love Chapter. We may have many spiritual gifts, but if we don't have love, they are not worth anything. It closes with verse 13 – Faith, hope, and love abide, these three, and the greatest of these is love. I pray that our Emmaus Community continue to show love to one another.

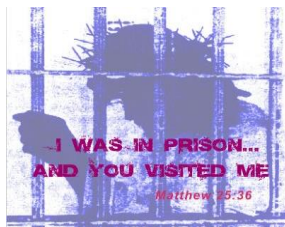
Kim Bachman, Community Lay Director

**Our next Gathering at High Street UMC is Sept 8. You may come at 6:30 with snacks to share, Gathering at 7 pm. The Fourth Day speaker is Dave Speas.**



All the Emmaus family is invited to Dave and Carlene Sands on Saturday, Sept. 28, 5 pm - ? for **Chick'n and Grinnin'**. The address is 4440 St Rt 55 (outside Urbana) - look for the pirate ship in the yard. Dave promises a good time and good food. You are encouraged to bring a talent to share - music, singing, poetry, artwork, with prizes for best show, best performance, and best to make Roger the donkey HONK. Drinks, hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans and potato salad will be provided. If you would like to bring a covered dish or dessert to share that would be welcomed. Please bring lawn chairs (the lawn will be provided ☺ ). There will also be a pirate ship to explore so bring your pirate attire for some extra fun. Please RSVP to Dave Sands @ 937-206-6201 or via Facebook so we can plan to have enough for all. Roger is looking forward to getting lots of attention! He (and we) hope to see you there!

**October Gathering – Oct 13 at 7pm will feature Kairos Ministry.**



**Fa La La...Already**

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas...okay not really but I'm planning ahead a bit and reaching out to anyone who may be interested in participating in a sing-along of Christmas -themed music for the December 8th Emmaus Gathering. Please contact Carlene Sands @ 937-206-8300 to sign up or find me at one of the upcoming Gatherings.



**HAPPY FALL!**



## **WOMEN'S WALK #78 INFORMATION**

Sherry Fout is starting team meetings soon for Women's Walk #78, November 14-17. **It's not too late to send in applications for pilgrims for the Walk! (They can be turned in until the end of October) Is The Lord laying someone on your heart to invite and sponsor?**

## **TEAM LIST FOR WOMEN'S WALK #78**

Sherry Fout LD  
Lori Bloomenschein TL  
Wendy Haynes-Britton ALD  
Lisa Case TL  
Pr. Mary Beth Cheeseman SD  
Shawn Clark BR  
Shelley Clemens LOG  
Lacy Cron TL  
Stacey Eckler ATL  
Teresa Ehalt LOG  
Sherry Fout LD  
Melissa Fowler ALD  
Beth Hurley ATL  
Shannon Moerch ALD  
Sara Monroe ATL  
Angela Patton TL  
Susan Roosen ATL  
Carlene Sands LOG  
Sandy Sowers AMD  
Jennifer Webster MD  
**LD-Lay Director; ALD- Assistant Lay Director; SD-Spiritual Director; TL- Table Lead; ATL- Assistant Table Lead; MD-Music Director; AMD- Assistant Music Director; LOG- Logistics; BR-Board Rep.**



## **PRAYER REQUESTS FOR WW#78:**

**God's Will! God's Way! God's Glory!**

That the team would be covered by His Grace, Mercy and Protection as they prepare and begin team meetings.

That the women the Lord has planned to be Pilgrims would be prayed up and ready and that their Sponsors would be also.

That all hearts would be tender toward the Lord and His Word, and great blessings would come out of this time of preparation.

SPRINGFIELD AREA WALK TO EMMAUS (Please PRINT and fill in ALL blanks)

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Church Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Any Dietary, Medical or 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. (you may use the back, also)

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 \_\_\_\_\_

1st Invite \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Invite \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd

Invite \_\_\_\_\_ Inactive \_\_\_\_\_ Revised Sept. 2013

## Springfield Area Emmaus Willing Servant Sheet

Please print name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

Regularly Attend Share Group? Y / N

Church Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Walk # \_\_\_\_\_ Walk Location \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Information is current as of: (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

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===== I Am Willing To Serve In These Areas:=====

Please Check All That Apply

Help serving meals    Be a Meal Coordinator    Help with Agape for Weekends

Help Registrar (contact pilgrims before walk)    Help Set up/Tear Down for Weekends

Help with Sponsorship (help get info to Sponsors)    Help get word out about Emmaus

Help on purchasing team for weekend    Be on a Live-In Team    Lead Music

Play an instrument: \_\_\_\_\_    Offer special music for Gatherings or Walks

Help with the newsletter    Help with social before Gatherings    Help set up Worship

Provide secretarial help at Board Meetings    Help inventory and organize supplies

Help with cleaning bathrooms during a walk    Help get people connected to Share Groups

To learn more about Emmaus by attending the Leadership Development Event (LDE)

Help in other ways:

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Please Mail to Springfield Area Emmaus, 230 East High Street, Springfield OH 45505, or drop off at the back table at any Gathering.