

The Rainbow Connection

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Upcoming Events

Emmaus Family Picnic

August 7, 2010
New Hope UMC
Gore, Ohio (north of Logan)

Satellite Emmaus Gatherings

None in August

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Keep this handy in case you would like to contact a board member.

2010 Fee Schedule

Weekend Fees

Pilgrim Fee.....	\$125
Team Member	\$120
Logistics & Agape	\$75
Extra Meals:	breakfast - \$6.00
.....	lunch - \$7.00
.....	dinner - \$8.50
Mailed Newsletter	\$7.50/year
Emailed Newsletter	Free

SOE COMMUNITY EDUCATION DAY JUNE 26,2010

Fifteen SOE community members gathered at New Hope UMC in Gore (Hocking Co) for our Education day. Although seven of that number were the presenters and eight were the recipients, all members benefitted from the information given. It was an informal setting where questions could be asked on the spot when material was presented. So over coffee and donuts many topics were discussed and I want to thank the presenters: Shirley Jadwin, Dwayne Tackett, Stacy Queen, Lynda Fink, Karcy Rush and Marna Hyett. Each gave up their Saturday morning to accommodate the schedule and to be there for our newest members benefit. Topics covered were: Agape, Logistics, Team Selection, Sponsorship, Chrysalis, Sharing Groups and Board membership and duties. One of the requirements of our SOE community is that each member must have attended a Sponsorship session before sponsoring a pilgrim for an Emmaus Walk. The only other alternative is to have a co-sponsor who has attended this session. The importance of this requirement cannot be stressed too much as it is part of the Upper Room Agreement Letter that our entire SOE Board signs every year. This letter states that we as a community agree to present the Emmaus Walk in a manner that is consistent with the copyright material as set forth in the Upper Room's Emmaus manuals. Speaking as a current board member, a past weekend lay director and past board chairperson, I cannot emphasize enough the need for adherence to the manuals. There are eight reasons listed in the "The Upper Room Handbook On Emmaus" for maintaining faithfulness to the Upper Room Emmaus manuals. I would like to set forth number 3 on page ix of the preface: "The manuals assure everyone that Emmaus, no matter where it is conducted, will be a common and trustworthy experience. We must honor the sponsor's faith that the Emmaus team will, in fact, offer The Walk to Emmaus in its integrity, not an unexpected variation on the model." As mentioned in a previous newsletter article, I'm an older SOE member who has been recruited to serve time again on our community board. I think the good Lord decided that I either didn't get it right the(continued on page 2)



(continued from page 1)... first time or there's more for me to learn. Indeed there is much to learn, not only new people but new places as I was more familiar with the Otterbein camp setting. This has been a renewing experience, as well as a memory task for me, but one thing that rings true is that we continue to present this Emmaus experience in the manner described above.

Before signing off on this article, I would like to remind you of the upcoming SOE community Picnic on Saturday, August 7th at New Hope UMC in Gore. There will be food, fun and fellowship and one added feature that I am promoting. As you all are aware, we have added new battery operated luminaries to replace the older and "odiferous" models! Hallelujah! But I just want to tell you that some older members including myself provided those smelly things and perhaps there are others who have fond memories connected with these unwanted objects—walks with members now deceased, special memories of Candlelights with actual candles flaming before the luminaries were purchased. I'm sure there are stories galore surrounding those luminaries. The SOE board has decided to have those "old" luminaries present for the picnic. For any donation to the new "battery fund", an old luminary can be yours to keep or to present to an older member as a memento. This will be your last opportunity to have one as we will be disposing of any remaining to allow more room in the supply trailer. In closing, thank you for allowing me to serve this community as your board vice chairperson, and hence the writing of this newsletter article. By the way, the birds have arrived and are raising their families in the new boxes that my hubby Jack has provided—they are delightful and entertaining!

DECOLORES,
Barbara Shiplett

A Word from the Treasurer

As we prepare for the upcoming fall walks and we're praying over who we may sponsor or recruit to go on the walk, do not let finances decide for you or the prospective pilgrim if they should go or not. There are many ways to help those who may not have the ability to pay the entire cost of the walk. As a sponsor, that is something we should help the pilgrim through. There is the possibility of the pilgrim's church helping, or a small group within their church may have funds that would help with the fee. Some share groups will help pilgrims out as well.

If the spirit is moving you to sponsor an individual on a walk, then the Lord will help with whatever needs they may have. If there is a prospective pilgrim and the only reason they don't attend is because of the cost, please come to the Board of Directors. There is a scholarship fund available and there sometimes are individuals who are willing to help out. The scholarship is obtained by contacting a board member and having them present the situation to the board, this can be done through a letter or just simply talking to a board member. The board then decides on each situation as they come forward, often the given response may require the sponsor or pilgrim to find a way to fund part and the scholarship fund will help with another part.

Please remember, if the Spirit is moving you to sponsor someone, don't let them miss the experience we've all been blessed with, due to dollars. Ask, and you will receive help, I heard something like that a couple of times. Any questions please feel free to contact me.

DeColores
Larry Moneypenny



God is Good, Even When Life Is Bad

Noreen and I have been blessed this past week with the birth of our first grandchild, Annabelle Rose Bode, on Friday, July 9. We were especially blessed to be at the hospital and able to see and hold her an hour after she was born. When blessings such as this come to us, we find it easy to say, and to believe, that God is good.

In the "Understanding the Bible" column for this month, however, we are referred to the story of Job. It asks us to think about our reactions when things don't go so well, when we are not blessed, or, perhaps worse, when our blessings are taken away from us. Perhaps it is a health issue, the loss of a loved one, or financial difficulties. How do we look on God in those situations? Are we still willing to accept the sovereignty of God in our lives?

Job was an upstanding, even righteous, individual, with a fine family and great wealth. When the divine council met in heaven, Satan challenged both God and Job, claiming that Job wouldn't be so upright if God hadn't blessed him so greatly. God allowed Satan to test Job by taking away his wealth, his children, and ultimately his health, so that Job was reduced to sitting in ashes, scratching the boils that covered his body with a broken piece of pottery.

Even Job's wife urged him to curse God and die, but Job's response was to ask why we should accept good things from God and never expect anything bad, and to continue to praise the Lord.

Perhaps there is some situation in your life right now which causes you to wonder how a God of love could have permitted it to happen. If not, no doubt there will be something in the

future that will cause you to wonder how God could allow such a painful experience. Yet in all those situations, Job shows us that the sovereign hand of God is always at work.

God is aware of, and active in, whatever situation may trouble your heart. Just because you can't see God, or understand his purposes, doesn't mean he isn't there. When you are faced with such a situation, look for God. Trust him. He is at work in your life.

PRAYER: Lord, I know you are at work in my life at all times and in all places, even when I cannot see or understand. I know you are working all things together for my good. Help me to fix my heart on you, and to trust that in your good time, you will bring all things around to your glory. Amen.

David Rohrer
Community Spiritual Director

June 2010 Emmaus Gathering Joys and Prayer Concerns

Praises: Georganne Thomas – Good test results, Allison Otto – No surgery needed, Clint Porter – Job changes & not missing church, Education Day, Cindy Tackett – New Job, God is in control

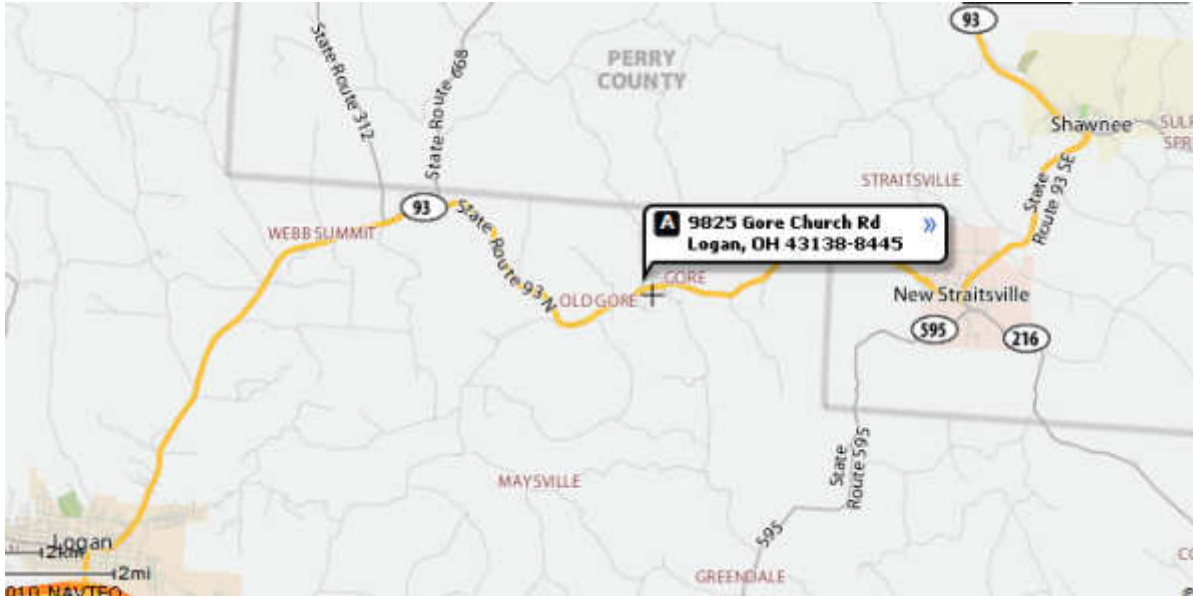
Concerns: Darby Bolyard – Kidney transplant, Lundy Drake, Ed Smith, Bonnie Porter, Ruth Coleman, Linda Berry, Diane Arthur, Josie Porter, Elsie Thomas, Mr. Howard, Donnie Oliver, Dale & Kelly McGraw



Southern Ohio Emmaus – Family Picnic

When: Saturday August 7, 2010 (campfire fellowship and camping Friday night, Aug 6)

Where: New Hope United Methodist Church, 9825 Gore Church Rd, Logan, Ohio
(8 miles north of Logan on SR93, Gore, Ohio)



What to Bring: Food, Lawn Chairs, Musical Instruments

Remember: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Drinks will be provided

Plan on a day of great music, fellowship and delicious food.

Schedule of Events:

Friday August 6, 2010 (after 5:00pm)

- Primitive Camping (bring your camper or tent)
- Campfire
- Fellowship & Music

Saturday August 7, 2010 (come anytime)

- Family Picnic
- Outdoor Games (bring your favorite game)
- Pond Fishing (bring your pole)
- Fellowship & Music
- Covered Dish Dinner at 1:00 noon**
- Worship at 3:00pm
- Fellowship & Music
- More Outdoor Games & Fishing



Note: Children will need adult supervision while fishing

Contact Greg Rush for more Information or if you have some ideas:
(740) 385-0945 or email gr44gregr@yahoo.com

If you intend to camp, please RSVP (385-0945) so we can plan space for your camper



The Poetical Books

(Understanding the Bible)

Which books of the Bible are the books of poetry? Job, Proverbs, Psalms, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon (aka Song of Songs, depending on your version of the Bible). Interestingly enough, they are the middle five books of the Old Testament, which may say something about their position in the center of the thought and/or worship of the people at the time.

In terms of timing, we can locate the writing of these books fairly precisely within the history of Israel. Job was written sometime within the events of the book of Genesis. Psalms was written during the life of David, specifically during the events recorded in 2 Samuel. Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and Song of Solomon come from the time of Solomon in 1 Kings.

We do not have space here to go into detail about the content of each of these books, but as you read them, keep in mind that in general terms, Job uses the story of one man to examine some difficult theological questions regarding suffering and the sovereignty of God.

Psalms represents the songs of worship and prayers of the people, divided into the general categories of praise, thanksgiving and lament. Almost half are written by King David.

Proverbs is a kind of text book collection of wisdom sayings designed to teach practical skills for living, such as self-discipline and moral courage.

Ecclesiastes is a philosophical work in which Solomon, though blessed with unimaginable wealth, finds that the only thing that can really satisfy is to fear God and keep the commandments.

Song of Songs is a love poem which might be seen as God's Marriage Manual.

There are a couple of points to keep in mind here. The first is that, no matter what language or time you're talking about, poetry appeals to some people but not to others. Anders includes several interesting examples. Let me cite one of them here. In his poem "The Vision of Sin," Alfred Lord Tennyson includes the lines

"Every moment dies a man,/ Every moment one is born." Charles Babbage, who was a mathematician and obviously a very literal, lineal thinker, wrote to Tennyson to object to those lines. If they were true, Babbage said, the population would always stay the same. Since it was growing, there were clearly more people being born than were dying, so he suggested Tennyson should change his poem to read "Every moment dies a man,/ Every moment one and one-sixteenth is born." It doesn't take much skill at poetry to see that Babbage was clearly missing both the point and the beauty of the poem.

For those with a little more imagination than Babbage, poetry is the song of the soul, and the poetic books of the Bible are among the loveliest poetry ever written. They contain three major types of poetry: Lyric poetry, which is basically a song accompanied by music; Instructional poetry designed to teach principles for living; and Dramatic poetry, which tells a narrative story.

As you read these books, you will notice that there is very little of the kind of rhyming that we think of in much of the poetry that we're familiar with. Part of the reason for that has to do with the intricacies of translation from Hebrew to English, but most of it is because Hebrew poets were never concerned with rhyme schemes in the first place. Instead, they used a technique called parallelism, which was concerned with matching ideas rather than matching sounds. Hebrew poets were also highly skilled at creating visual images through the words they wrote.

Next: The Prophetical Books.

This article is based on chapter thirteen of Max E. Anders' book *30 Days to Understanding the Bible*, available through amazon.com or christianbook.com.

This article is part thirteen of a series. Earlier articles in the series can be found in previous editions of The Rainbow Connection beginning in June 2009, available at <http://www.southernhioemmaus.com/documents/newsletter.html> Your comments and questions are welcome, send them to: pastordavid@newhopelogan.org.

Pastor David Rohrer

SOUTHERN OHIO EMMAUS VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEET

Date: _____

Yes! I would like to participate in Emmaus Programs and Functions in the future.

Music: I play: _____

I play nothing, but I sing: _____

Entertainment:

I can do: Standup Comedy: () Clowning: () Other: _____

I would like to:

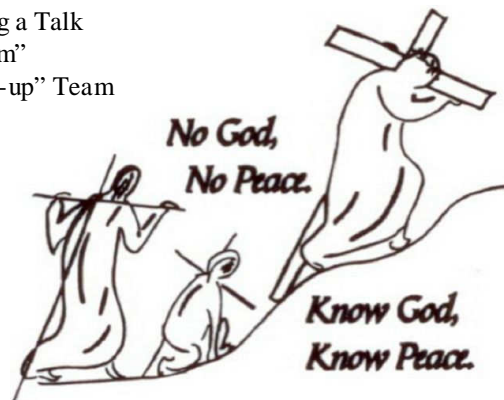
- () Take part in the 74 Hour Prayer Vigil
- () Be a Prayer Partner for someone giving a Talk
- () Be on the "Before Walk Cleaning Team"
- () Be on the After Sunday Closing "Pack-up" Team

On Thursday, Arrival of Pilgrims, I would like to:

- () Help with Registration
- () Help Carry Luggage
- () Send Food

I am Artistic; I would like to help with:

- () Prayer Vigil Poster
- () Name Tags
- () Table Name Tags
- () Name Cards for Pilgrim's Beds



I would like to work on:

- () Logistics (requires physical work)
- () Agape (requires organizational skills)

I would like to serve on

- () An Emmaus Team (Team service requires attending 4 pre-Walk meetings)
- () Spring Walk () Fall Walk () Either
- () The Board of Directors (3 year term/monthly meetings)

Please note: It is recommended in the Emmaus Handbook that persons serving on the "Walk Team" begin their experience by serving first on Logistics and/or Agape. Then they would serve as an Assistant Table Leader, Table Leader, Etc... Your commitment is important.

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Emmaus Community Attended: _____ Walk #: _____

Reunion/Share Group Name : _____

Gathering Attended (Where): _____

Note: Conference Room Team Members pay a Fee of \$120.00 to cover expenses.

Agape and Logistics Team Members pay a Fee of \$75.

Remember: Don't let team fees keep you from serving, Let someone know your desire to serve.

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Attention: Pilgrims from Men and Women's Spring Walks 48

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