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From Our Community Spiritual Director

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Upcoming Events

- Gathering—6/25
- Independence Day—7/4



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Greetings in the name of Jesus,
Little did I know when I wrote last month's article about seasons, Brenda and I would be in a season of transition. Many of you know from last month's gathering that we have been appointed to the Northridge UMC in Springfield, Ohio. This move came unexpectedly but nonetheless a move we believe that God has asked of us. As much as we would like to stay in New Lexington and continue to be a part of the Southern Ohio Emmaus Community, we realize it is never about us but about what God wants and needs of His servants. All of us can remember upon receiving our cross those words that we repeat, **"God is counting on You and I am counting on God."**

Brenda and I are truly counting on God to give us strength and courage to continue to serve Him and His people no matter where He needs us to go as we leave family and friends behind and say good-bye to familiar surroundings. We ask that you remember us in your prayers daily and the folks we leave at Calvary UMC and the people we are asked to minister to at Northridge UMC.

I can't find the words to say

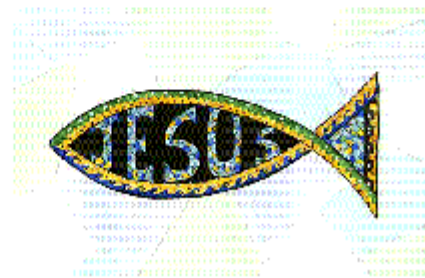
what the Southern Ohio Emmaus Community means to the both of us and the many wonderful experiences we have shared with many in the community and for the many friends we have made throughout the years. Your love and support has truly encouraged, blessed and prepared us to follow Jesus wherever He leads. I do want to say thanks to the many who have trusted me to lead in various positions over the last 19 years and especially for the most recent one as your Spiritual Director of the Community. I certainly could not have done that if it weren't for the support from all of you.

Let me leave you with the words the Apostle Paul wrote to Timothy in 2 Timothy 2:14, **"That good thing which was committed to you, keep by the Holy Spirit who dwells in us."**

Brenda and I pray that you will continue the good work that has been given to you through Emmaus so many will come to experience the love of our Lord Jesus and they will in turn continue the work.

We love you all and pray God's blessings.

DeColores,
Sanford & Brenda Short



From the Board Chair

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! At the Gathering last month, Sanford Short announced that he and Brenda had been appointed to a church in Springfield, Ohio effective July 1 and that he would no longer be able to serve as Spiritual Director of Southern Ohio Emmaus. While we are happy for them as they begin a new journey in ministry, we are also sad to have our friends and fellow servants leave us. Situations like this in life are just hard to swallow. Whenever we are separated from friends and loved ones for whatever reason, it is hard for us to not be selfish. It is natural for us to want the people that we love to be near to us. But as Christians we have to seek God's will and be willing to follow Him, no matter where He takes us. When we are separated from loved ones, whether it's temporary or permanent, we can thank God for the gift of memories. When we remember the people we love, we can be thankful for the experiences we have shared together, things they have done to

help us, the things we have learned from them and the ways they have helped us to grow. Remembering helps us to learn from the past. Remembering helps us to see clearly in the present. Because of the experiences we have shared with friends and loved ones in the past, both good and bad, we are better people today because of it. Remembering also allows us to trust God for the future. We may be sad that someone we love is leaving, but we have to trust and have faith that God has something bigger and better planned for everyone involved. We thank God for Sanford and Brenda, for their years of service and commitment to our Emmaus Community and for the love and friendship we have been blessed to share with them. May God continue to bless them in their new ministry.

DeColores,
Linda Rose
Board Chair

News and Notes

The deadline for the **Rainbow Connection** is noon, the 15th of each month. Please send information and articles to Lu Fox, Newsletter Chairperson, 1927 Smith Ave, Lancaster, Ohio 43130. E-mail: lfox@columbus.rr.com. Phone: 740-653-7727.

Gathering Notes: Children and guests are welcome at the gatherings. However, Candlelights and Closings are to be attended only by those who have attended a Walk to Emmaus.

Increase in Fee Beginning 2006
The Board did a study of the cost of the Walk for each person and has found it necessary to raise the fee. Beginning with the SPRING 2006 WALKS, the fee will be \$100 for the Pilgrims and the Conference Room team members. The fees for Logistics and Agape' will remain at \$70.

Financial Statement—As of the annual audit, dated 12/14/05, the balance for Southern Ohio Emmaus was \$4480.74.

Future Walk Dates:

2006 DATES

Women's Walk 41-Sept 7-10
Men's Walk 41-Sept 28-Oct 1

2007 DATES

Women's Walk 42-Apr 19-22
Men's Walk 42—May 3-6
Women's Walk 43—Oct 4-7
Men's Walk 43—Oct 18-21

Attention Share Groups!

Be blessed by preparing Agape' for the fall walks. We need 36 pieces of bedtime agape', 65 for meal time. Let's shower the pilgrim with Agape' love.

HELP!

We Are in Need of Rooster Necklaces!! Do you know how to make them? Do you have a pattern we could publish in the newsletter? If so please contact Janice Bryant, Agape Chairperson, or Lu Fox, Editor.

THANKS



2006 Southern Ohio Emmanuel Board of Directors

This is the current contact list for our 2005 Board of Directors. Keep this list handy so you can contact the board with needs, concerns, ideas, and information. Please keep the board in your prayers that they may honor Our Lord as they serve Him and our community.

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Schedule of Events

The following is a list of Board Meetings/Gatherings and Walks/Flights. Please keep this schedule so you will know the dates and locations for our events. Gatherings begin at 3:00PM and the Board meets at 2:00PM. Gatherings are held at First United Methodist Church, 126 South High Street New Lexington, OH 43764. Walks and Flights are held at Camp Akita, Logan Ohio.

		<p>JUNE</p> <p>Gathering—June 25</p> 
<p>JULY</p> <p>Independence Day—July 4 Gathering—July 30</p> 	<p>AUGUST</p> <p>Family Picnic-Aug 20 New Lexington City Park</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER</p> <p>Women's Walk 41 –Sept 7-10 Gathering-September 24 Men's Walk 41-Sept 28-Oct 1</p>
<p>OCTOBER</p> <p>Education Day—Oct 7 Gathering—October 29</p> 	<p>NOVEMBER</p> <p>No Gathering</p> 	<p>DECEMBER</p> <p>Emmanuel Family Christmas Party—December 3</p> 
	<p>2007 DATES</p> <p>Women's Walk 42-Apr 19-22 Men's Walk 42—May 3-6 Women's Walk 43—Oct 4-7 Men's Walk 43—Oct 18-21</p>	



Bring your instrument and your voice and join in praising our God at the June Gathering!

Prayer and Praise

Please pray for these members of our community

Fall Walks
Shirley Smith
Tim Fox
Molly Harbarger
Jim Freshour
The Hoopes Family
Graduates
Alesha & Thad Barker
Military
John Jr.
Emmaus Community

Joys
Susan Fox
Mary Prenai
Emma Grace



Fall Lay Directors

Erin Beal and Damon Drake have answered God's call to serve as our Fall Lay Directors. Please cover them in prayer as they prepare for Women's Walk 41 and Men's Walk 41.

Annual Emmaus Family Picnic—August 20

This year our Family Picnic will be held at the New Lexington City Park on Fowler Lane. We can begin to gather at the park at Noon. We plan to eat around 1:30. All Emmaus and Chrysalis Members and their families are welcome.

The park offers many facilities for fun activities. We can play volleyball, softball, and basketball. If the pool is open, it will be also be available to us.

So make plans now to spend a great afternoon with your Emmaus family. Please bring a covered dish or two to share, and table service for your family.

If you play an instrument, please bring it. Everyone bring your singing voice. We want to have a great musical time praising our Lord.

Directions to the Park will be in future issues of the Rainbow Connection.

Encourage your Emmaus Friends to gather for this great afternoon.





Celebration 2006

November 3 - 4, 2006

Emmaus/Chrysalis Celebration in Houston, TX

Mark your calendars now for this Emmaus/Chrysalis event, to be held at Memorial Drive United Methodist Church in Houston, TX.

Location:

Memorial Drive United Methodist Church
12955 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77079

Hosted by Houston West Emmaus/Chrysalis Communities. Sponsored by The Upper Room Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis.

Contact person:

Dick and Fran Adams
713-464-4957

ATTENTION ALL SHARE GROUP MEMBERS AND THOSE WHO
WANT TO BECOME A MEMBER.

FOR CURRENT SHARE GROUPS

Name of your share group _____

Names of the group members _____

In what area are you located _____

When do you meet _____

FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN JOINING OR FORMING A SHARE GROUP

Name and telephone _____

In what area are you located _____

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Emmaus Board Considers Storage Needs

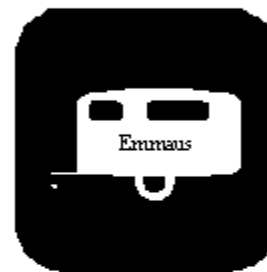
As most of us realize, it takes a lot of "stuff" to create the Walk to Emmaus weekends. Currently, the community stores supplies and equipment in a poorly lighted, upstairs storage room in downtown Logan. This is not the most convenient location. It is difficult to carry the items up and down the stairs, and it is difficult to organize. The board has suggested purchasing a 16 foot trailer to store these items. The trailer would be stored safely at a board members property and then would be transported to Camp Akita for the Walks.

We would like to plan a community garage sale to raise money to help purchase the trailer. We looking for people who would be willing to chair and or

serve on a committee that would organize this garage sale.

Is God calling you to use your gifts to help our community? Pray about it. If the Lord is leading you, please contact any board member for more information or to volunteer.

And community, begin to pack those items that you would like to donate. Every little bit helps!



See you at
the Gathering,
Sunday, June 25, 3:00