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From Our Board Chair

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Lent is a time of self-examination. It is a time for us to take a good look at our Christian lives and see where we need to improve or make changes. For instance, is your prayer life as active as it should be? Do you make Bible study a top priority in your life? Are you using the gifts and talents that God gave you to serve Him? Many of us feel we don't have any gifts worth sharing with others. Too often we don't feel worthy or good enough to be a disciple of Jesus. We feel we have nothing to offer Him. But that is not true. God has given all of us gifts to be used in His service. We need to ask Him to show us those gifts and how He wants us to use them for Him.

When we have those feelings of unworthiness we need to remember the story about the miracle of Jesus feeding the five thousand. This story is the only miracle Jesus performed that is recorded in all four Gospels. It shows Jesus meeting the most basic human needs using 5 barley loaves and 2 small fish. The disciples simply took the only thing they could find to eat, gave it to Jesus and He blessed it. From that small gift of food, over 5,000 people were fed and there was food left over!

Jesus wants to bless all our lives that way. We are called to be ourselves, to bring what we have to God and allow Him to bless what we bring for His service. When we see life through Jesus' eyes it's natural to spot opportunities to be a disciple. Too often we miss them because we tend to focus mainly on ourselves and our concerns. We are afraid we'll say the wrong thing or sing the wrong note or make a mistake. Only when we look beyond ourselves and put our focus on Christ, can we then be the disciples He desires us to be. Remember, Christ is counting on you.

Our next Gathering is March 25 at 3:00 PM at the First United Methodist Church in New Lexington. Please wear your name tag and bring some food. I look forward to seeing you all there.

De Colores! Linda Rose

Please pray for these members of our Community

Kim Stephenson	Sean Pinson
Irene Neff family	Jerald Holland
Katie Thompson	Ron Shaw
Mitch McClave	Richard Fast
Connie Walker	Fouth family
Ulmer family	Gilven family
Karen Reed	Praise from Rick Clawson
Praise for "Singspiration"	Dave Sherman
Spring Walks	Troops
Government Leaders	Tony Mouser
Paula Durbin	Cheryl Shreyer

Laborers for the Harvest

Please keep Kairos Torch Prison Ministry in your prayers.

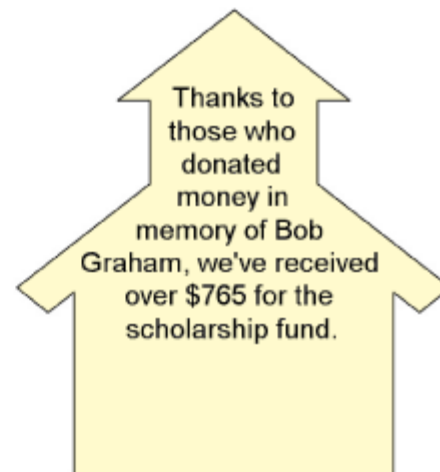
I received the following note from David Dickinson, Kairos State Outreach and Recruitment Coordinator:

" Kairos Marion Torch #8 is being organized for September 14-16, 2007. This is a prison ministry for Juvenile Offenders. Members of your community who might wish to serve on this weekend can contact the weekend leader, Ivan Roberson, at the following e-mail address: reverend@insight.rr.com. "

The deadline for the Rainbow Connection is noon, the 15th of each month. Please send information and articles to Janice Bryant, Newsletter Chairperson, 6577 Rosedale Ave, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068, E-mail - jbbryant@wowway.com. Phone: 614-866-8913.

Please be in prayer for these Upcoming events in neighboring communities:

-Northern Lights Emmaus in Cincinnati WW March 22-25
 -North Central West Virginia Emmaus MW April 12-15 and WW April 19-22.
 --Troy Conference Emmaus in Speculator, NY WW April 26-29
 -Grand Rapids Emmaus MW April 19-22 and WW May 3-6



2007 Walk 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

2008 Walk Dates:

Women's Walk #44 - April 3-6
 Men's Walk #44 - April 17-20
 Women's Walk #45 - Sept 25-28
 Men's Walk #45 - Oct 2-5



Logistics '07

What a blessing to have the Supply/Logistics trailer and have it paid off already! God has blessed this project and I give thanks to Him and also to all the wonderful people who helped it by Prayer and contributions to become a reality! May God bless you all!!!

Kendall Stephens, Logistics Chair when I first worked on Logistics asked me if I would work a second time later. When I said yes he said, "The first time you work, you serve, after that when you work, you are a servant!"

We need both for our upcoming '07 walks! While our purpose is to take care of the Pilgrims and team, the servants are greatly blessed. People who have worked say it was almost as exciting as their original walk. It also helps first timers to understand the commitment and purpose of Emmaus and to see many things that they may have missed on their original walk.

Anyone interested in working on Logistics or Agape, please contact the respective chair by phone or come to the gathering and contact us there. We really need logistics people full time for each walk. On Women's walk we need at least one lady. We could use two on each walk.

Anyone who would like to help part time any day is welcome. Set up on Thursday and clean up on Sunday are the two times most needed. Volunteers to help park cars on Saturday night also would be terrific!

David Bankes, Logistics Chairperson

Something to think about:

"Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous? Actually, who are you *not* to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine, as children do. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others"

by Marianne Williamson

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