



# DeColores In The Darke July/Aug 2024

Darke County Emmaus Community Newsletter

They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

Luke 24:32

## **Board Members**

Spiritual Director—Pastor Rick Gutheil

Community Lay Director—Gary Baker

Asst. Community Lay Director— Trisha Feitshans

Leadership—Kevin Judy

Secretary—Barb Baker

Treasurer/Purchasing—Cindi Delk

Kitchen—Jim Mann

Logistics—Ryan Holscher

Agape— Patricia Baker

Good Shepherd—Dan Cunningham

Registration/Sponsorship—Christina Matthew

Music—Todd Matthew

Kairos Rep—

Chrysalis Rep—

Newsletter— Jeff Feitshans

Social/Worship—Marilyn Bridges

Cedar Grove COB Representative—

Web Servant—Allison Masterson

Database/Historian—

## From Our Community Lay Director

Hello Emmaus Community!

I pray you are all having a blessed summer. I wanted to keep you informed of some exciting updates because our community is continuing to move forward. As for the members of the board, know that we are praying and seeking to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

We are looking forward to the Darke County Area Women's Walk #55. It will occur on October 31st thru November 3rd of 2024 and held at Cedar Grove Church. Keep in mind that this is a trial run. We are seeking God to guide us during this weekend by His Grace, to his Church, and beyond.

I would also like to announce that there have been people from the community who have stepped up for open Board positions: Assistant Community Lay Director (Trisha Feitshans), Agape Chair (Pat Baker), Newsletter (Jeff Feitshans). Please welcome them as they help our Emmaus Community thrive and grow.

Don't forget we are having a pool party at Ludlow falls August 10th starting at 4pm and going until 8pm. This is open to those who have not yet experienced the Emmaus Walk, so please bring a dish of food to share, because, as you know – "When Emmaus meets, Emmaus Eats!" We would love for all to enjoy some fellowship and food with the Emmaus Family.

Now, if God is "putting someone on your heart," there is still time to sponsor someone for the next walk. Remember, the community of Emmaus still needs your hands and feet to do God's will. As we move forward, let's keep our focus on Jesus to build up the family of God. On a side note, there is a need for agape for the women's walk. Usually, 70 pieces will suffice to share for both the team and pilgrims. I am praying because I believe God will show up!!!!

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Community Lay Director, Gary Baker

## A message from our CSD— Pastor Rick Gutheil

### Emmaus Needs You!

Over the years of being involved with our beautiful, loving Darke County Area Emmaus Community, I have been blessed to meet multitudes of God-loving Christ-followers, many of whom have become dear, close friends. I have seen hundreds take the gifts and blessings they received, sharing them with others to help them become faithful servants of God! Yet, there is a sadness in my heart as I watch the number of our active servants in the Emmaus Community dwindle. Don't get me wrong, those who attend the Gatherings are incredible people! They bring me joy, and I am blessed to be around them. I am encouraged by them.

Over the last several years, however, I have also heard complaints concerning how the teams that serve on a weekend are chosen. Some ask why they never get called; some, having served on several consecutive walks, feel upset that they weren't chosen for the team – and don't know why.

I will do my best to explain some of the reasons:

To be selected, there should be consistent involvement in Emmaus' Community events. For example: monthly Gatherings, serving in the kitchen on weekends, showing up to help welcome the new pilgrims get settled on Thursdays' send-off, being a part of the Candlelight service, helping at tear-down on Sunday afternoon before the closing ceremony, cleaning bathrooms on the weekend, helping in the Agape Room, etc. From this list, you can choose what works best for your schedule. But, if we don't see you, many of us may not remember you (old age can play havoc on memory!). When it is time to select the teams through vigilant prayer, God leads us by reminding us of those we see serving. Through this, we believe they are available and willing to serve. Consequently, we want to see you. We want to have a good, strong relationship with you and provide an opportunity for His sake and purposes. Bottom line: **SHOW UP!** That's how we get to know you and your gifts.

Another situation we face is those who feel hurt, angry and frustrated because they weren't selected after having served consecutively 4 or 5 teams. There is an assumption that they should be on the team.

The Upper Room designed the Emmaus Weekend so that a person is not to serve on more than two teams consecutively for the purpose of allowing more of the community to get involved. This enables us to continue our personal growth and maturity in our spiritual walk. Stop thinking so highly of yourself and let God do His work in growing His Kingdom (see Phil. 2:3-4). God doesn't NEED you. He freely chooses you. It is for His plan, not yours.

We are all the Beloved of God. He will bless the humble and resist the proud (James 4:6). When He sees you are serving Him, caring enough about the Walk to Emmaus Weekend Ministry by being a part of all that is offered through our community, He will call you. Remember, though, when He calls – give Him the glory and honor. Rejoice that He has promoted you to servant! Prepare yourself to humbly serve Him. Show up! We have opportunities to serve at the Darke County Fair and at the upcoming Illumination Festival. God wants you to join Him there!

In God's Service,

Pastor Rick Gutheil

## Introducing New Board Members:

### Asst. Community Lay Director Trisha Feitshans and Agape Patricia Baker

Hello Emmaus Community!

My name is Trisha Feitshans. I attended the Darke County Emmaus Women's Walk #24 and sat at the table of Anna (clap!) I am the newly elected Assistant Community Lay Director. I took my original walk in 2005 so I am coming up on my 20th anniversary as a member of this community. Seems like yesterday that I was a pilgrim unsure of what I had just agreed to. During my time as a member I have helped in the kitchen, attended send off, candlelight and closing, plus shared lots of agape. I have sponsored pilgrims and served on a few teams. And, I had a season where I stepped away from Emmaus. Throughout all of it, I have never been able to deny that God is very active in this community in spite of our "human-ness". There have been a lot of changes in our Emmaus Community and there will be more changes. This is life. Even just the last 5 years in this world have shown us how quickly things can change! But, I am so excited to see where God is taking us next. I want to invite you to join me. I know life gets busy, so pop in to a Gathering once or twice, even just for a few minutes to say "Hi!" And if, like me, you took a season away, it's ok to pop back in now. Family reunions are just that...a coming back together again after a time apart. And when you do pop in, come find me, I would love to hear your story. You are also welcome to contact me by email at [trishafeitshans@gmail.com](mailto:trishafeitshans@gmail.com).

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Trisha Feitshans

Hello Emmaus Community!

My name is Patricia Baker. I will be your new Agape Chair! I'm looking forward to serving our Community once again. I have been on the board 2 other times as Sponsor and registrar. I attended Darke County Area walk #31 and sat at the table of Ruth. I will do my best to make sure our Pilgrims get your gifts and letters of love. So let's get started and I'll see you soon. God Bless you all.

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Pat Baker

## From The Music Chair

Hello Emmaus family! Our 3rd Annual picnic is coming up soon. It will be on Aug. 10th at Ludlow Falls campgrounds pond from 4-8:00pm. Check it out on facebook or this newsletter for more details.

I am excited to announce that this year we will have several participants share their talents during our time of fun, food, and fellowship. The afternoon begins with DJ Shine, followed by Greg Bogan, Joyful Noise, and lastly, New Life. They will provide music all day as we enjoy swimming, supper, fellowship and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Would love to see everyone there!

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From Music Chair, Todd Matthew

## Note from the Treasurer:

Greetings! My name is Cindi Delk (Darke County Area Women's Emmaus Walk #2, Table of Eve) and I have been serving as Treasurer since January of this year. It has been a pleasure to serve on the Board of Directors alongside committed servants pursuing the Lord's work. We meet each month to pray for our Emmaus Community and to continue the wonderful Emmaus experience for future pilgrims. Women's Walk #55 is fast approaching. Who has God placed on your heart to sponsor and experience the wonderful, life changing, Walk to Emmaus? Christ is counting on you!

The Board asked and the Community responded! As you are aware, we are making a transition to a new location for our Walk Weekends.

One advantage of holding our walks at the camp was having beds. With moving to a church facility, we need to provide beds for our pilgrims and live-in team. The Board of Directors voted to purchase cots instead of the air mattresses as previously used. Researching the market, we found good, sturdy cots that costs \$50 each and asked the Emmaus Community to join us in sponsoring a cot for \$50. Our goal was to raise \$3,000 to purchase 60 cots. I am so excited to report that we have raised \$3,025.00 and 60 cots have been purchased!! Praise God!! We serve a Mighty God and this Mighty God is moving in our local Emmaus Community. Come, join us each month at our monthly Gatherings to stay connected to the Community and sign-up to serve at Women's Walk #55 to shower the pilgrims with God's never-ending love.

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Cindi Delk

# Sponsor a cot!

Darke County Emmaus is currently in need to purchase some cots for team and pilgrims to sleep on. If you are willing to sponsor a cot for \$50.00 please send a payment in to our Treasurer or give to a board member as soon as possible. Send payments to PO Box 482 Greenville, OH 45331



## Servant Opportunities:

### Are you looking for a way to serve in our Emmaus Community?

We have a few board positions open that need a servant heart to fill. (A board position is a 3 year term)

We need:

\*Kairos Representative

Or you could.....

\*Fill out a Willing Servant form and be a team member

\*Pray for the upcoming Women's Walk and for our Emmaus Community

If you are interested in being on a team please fill out a willing servant form and turn it in to a current board member or mail it to: Darke County Area Emmaus Community P.O. Box 482 Greenville, OH 45331 so the selection committee will have an updated list of who has been on teams and what position they have filled. You can also email it to Barb Baker at [secretary@dcaec.org](mailto:secretary@dcaec.org) and she will forward it on. You can also download one from the website [www.dcaec.org](http://www.dcaec.org)

Thank You

## A Few Reminders:

**Our next Walk Weekend will be held at:**

**Cedar Grove Church of the Brethren  
373 Love Rd  
New Paris, OH 45347**

We are now holding our Gatherings at:

Radiant Lighthouse  
5256 Sebring Warner Rd  
Greenville, OH 45331

**The next Gathering will be: Sunday August 11th.**

Gatherings begin at 6:00 pm with meal and fellowship afterward.

We would love for you to bring a covered dish to share and get to know your Emmaus community.

**\*If you would like to receive our newsletter, please send**

**your email address to: [dcaecnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:dcaecnewsletter@gmail.com)**

**Family and friends are always welcome at Praise**

**Gatherings.**

**No child care is provided for the Community during Praise Gathering .**

**Walk Weekend activities are open to Emmaus and Chrysalis members only. Please No Children.**



# PILGRIMS WANTED!

The next Women's Walk is #55—Christina Matthew is Women's Walk #55 Lay Director.

It will be held October 31-November 3, 2024 at Cedar Grove Church of the Brethren, 373 Love Rd, New Paris, OH 45347.

Please pray about who you would like to ask to be on the upcoming walk and pray for that person.

Application deadline is 2 weeks before the walk. Which will be October 17, 2024!

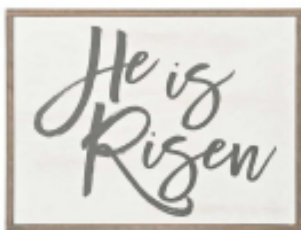
Sponsors please make sure applications are completed in full before they are mailed in.

You can see updated team and pilgrim list @ [dcaec.org](http://dcaec.org) under the women's walk dropdown menu.

Thank You.

Christina Matthew

Registrar/Sponsorship



## AGAPE Reminders—

Women's Walk #55 will be here before you know it. Oct. 31– Nov. 3, 2024.

Get your creative juices flowing, there are lots of ideas for table or bedtime agape.

Here are a few guidelines to follow for writing and making agape:

**#1** Please put your name on your agape and on agape containers/bags, leftovers will be available to pick up at the closing of the weekend and for 2 gatherings afterward. Whatever hasn't been claimed after that will be donated to the Chrysalis community.

**#2** NO PERSONAL AGAPE for pilgrims until Sunday for their packets. This can be only letters, notes and cards, or whatever will fit into an envelope. No large agape will be accepted such as mugs, t-shirts, framed pictures or books, please give these items to them after their walk. Agape can be no larger than what will fit into a 9"x12" manila envelope.

**#3** Team and pilgrim agape must have first and last name on the front of the envelope. And for team agape it also must have the day you want them to receive it or it will be put in the Sunday packet. There have been times when we have had more than one person with the same first name and your agape could go to the wrong person.

Let's show these pilgrims what agape love is all about!

Thank You!

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PERSONAL AGAPE ENVELOPES

Write the Pilgrim's first and last name on the envelope, then, on the bottom left-hand corner, write, "Pilgrim." Remember that they receive their agape on Sunday only. For team members, write their first and last name on the envelope, then, on the bottom left-hand corner, write, "Team member" and the specific day you want them to receive the agape.



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## **Change of Mailing Address? New Email Address?**

Please contact a board member at:  
**[dcaecnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:dcaecnewsletter@gmail.com)**

### ***Reminder:***

***The Thursday potluck dinner,  
Candlelight and Closing Service  
are for members of the Emmaus  
Community only.***

***Childcare is not provided***