



Still Waters Emmaus Community

Words from our Community Lay Director—John Kammeyer ~ Sponsorship ~

Welcome to all the new members of the Still Water's Emmaus Community, from both Men's Walk #19 and Women's Walk #21. We welcome you into the family with open arms.

A common question from new Emmaus members is how do I sponsor someone? Good sponsorship is absolutely vital to Emmaus, so please take the time to get to know Emmaus and what it means to be a good sponsor. Day Four – The Pilgrim's Continued Journey pamphlet that you received on the mountain is a great place to start your fourth days with Emmaus. Please take the time to read it before you discuss sponsoring with anyone. Chapter 8 deals with being a good sponsor, and should answer most of your questions.

A few things to remember about being a good sponsor:

- * Pray for the individual's openness to God's call and don't forget to include the person's spouse; husbands and wives are asked to make an equal commitment to participate.
- * Emmaus is right for many people – but not for everyone. Emmaus is for Christians who are seeking God, and it is not a "fix it all" program.
- * A good sponsor follows through **before – during – and after** the walk:
 - Before** – with prayer, coordination of letters, transportation, helping to overcome fears and barriers, supporting the family.
 - During** – send off / sponsors hour, prayer vigil, agape, Saturday Dinner/Candlelight, supporting the pilgrims family and attending the Closing. If you are part of the Walk Team, you need to have a co-sponsor that will attend all these functions and pray for your pilgrim.
 - After** – Attend the follow up meeting with your pilgrim, help arrange membership in a reunion group and follow through with invitations to Gatherings and making sure both the new pilgrim and their family are welcomed into the community and understand the various opportunities to serve.

Again, welcome to the community and we invite you to get involved. God blesses the participators; so check out our website at www.emmausdayton.com and come to the **November 3rd Monthly Gathering**. Look for the invites in our newsletters.



~ DeColores
John



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ALLEN BRANUM
Lay Director—Men's Walk # 19



Well, the fall walks are behind us and it is now up to the new pilgrims to make their fourth day a time of revival and re-dedication of their personal and spiritual lives. I am blessed to have been a part of the Still Waters Emmaus Community since Walk # 5 in October of 2003.

It is amazing to see what God can do if we get out of His way and let the Holy Spirit guide us in all aspects of our lives. I think back and see clearly how God was moving in my life over the past several years when I was too busy to even notice.

The Emmaus Community has been richly blessed to have committed Christian Leaders to disciple those of us who are struggling, even when we do not realize our struggle. Last Friday the 21st of October I was asked to speak to a group of 28 inmates at the start of an Emmaus Weekend at the Hamilton County Jail. Yes, that is right, the Hamilton County Jail. This has been going on for a few years and I have had a few opportunities to either address the group or given a talk during a weekend event. Although the men in the group are in custody for various bad decisions, I could see some hurt and some hope in the eyes of those in attendance.

It is never too late to make things right. It is refreshing to see what God is doing wherever two or more are gathered in His name.

***Proverbs 27:17 refers to the fact that “Iron Sharpens Iron”.
Let the sparks fly and to God be the Glory.***

**~ DeColores, Allen Branum
Walk # 5 & 19**



AMBER TUCKER

Lay Director—Women's Walk # 21

I can't even express my gratitude for everyone who put in countless hours before and during the walks to ensure that God could "do His thing" while we were on that mountain.

He certainly moved and the love, joy and peace that was poured out upon us all, by our community, was truly amazing. What a blessing the team received and the new members of our community felt, by your abundant acts of agape.

What powerful talks and testimonies given....thank you for sharing what the Lord put on your hearts. I truly believe that the enemy was defeated that weekend through the "blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimonies" Revelations: 12:11 **GLORY!**

Still Waters Emmaus, we have some amazing new members in our community; powerful, Spirit-filled, on-fire women who are ready to get involved. I encourage you sponsors to show them the ropes.

I'm looking forward to serving many more walks in this community with all of you, through this powerful, God-driven vessel, Emmaus.

**The Spirit of the Lord moved
in a mighty way on Women's Walk #21!**

~ De Colores!

Amber



COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

Pastor Ken Pierce

Wow, what wonderful weekends we had for our Men and Women's Walk this fall! For me, as a pastor, one of the most exciting results of the Emmaus Walks is that the pilgrims and the team members return with so much enthusiasm and dedication to the local church. When I see a few less people at the morning worship during the Walks, I am actually grateful, because I know that the people who are missing are serving the Lord beyond the four walls of the church. As they return to church following the Walks, the grace of God has made them different people. Praise God for the Still Waters Emmaus Community! Through your ministry the local church is strengthened and the Kingdom of God is advances.

~ DeColores,
Pastor Ken Pierce

COMMUNITY PRAYER NEEDS

- David & Jane Neall—God is faithful !!
- Barbara Mullins received a liver transplant October 21st. Please be in PRAISE & PRAYER for Barbara and Joe and family!!! As well as the donors family.
- Single mother request prayer for her and her children during divorce proceedings.
- Denise Sims request prayer for her son Caleb as they are trying to determine if he is having seizures.
- David Helzel ask prayer for his sister Nancy who is recovery from surgery on her legs.
- Tina Aslinger request pray for her brother in law (Bill Holland—Miki Holland Miles Dad) who is a diabetic and her great nephew Ryder for healing of his eyes spasms
- Holli Damewood Smith request prayer for grandmother
- David Rodda ask for continued prayer for some back issues.
- Alisa McMillan Hedrick requested prayer for Mother-in-law who feel & broke her hip—pray for recovery.
- Gary & Beth Hodge request prayer for their baby girl Josie Ann while tests are being performed.
- Diane Durham James request prayer for newborn grandson Ethan—breathing issues and heart murmur
- Tim Stewart's grandfather passed away—pray as family works through this difficult time.
- Gail Slaven request prayer for her seven year old niece - various sickness complications

SEND PRAYER REQUESTS TO:

swemmaus1@gmail.com - - - - or visit the website - - - -www.emmausdayton.com

MONTHLY GATHERINGS

1st Thursday of each month



➔ 6:30 pm

➔ Bring Covered Dish

➔ Wear Name Badge

➔ Dayton 1st United Methodist Church

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We are having a MONTHLY GATHERING—Thursday—NOVEMBER 3rd however due to scheduling conflicts of the church fellowship hall - we will not be eating—WHAT—Emmaus gathering and NO FOOD—seriously!

This is unthinkable—however for this month we will think out of the box—KFC box that is :)

Ok here's the skinny—MONTHLY GATHERING—NOVEMBER 3RD

1. Board meeting 5:45—7:00—all board members please attend
2. Gathering in sanctuary—7:00 pm (this month) but come early & visit
3. Discussion on voting for the 2012 Board Members
4. Worship Music
5. 4th day Talk to be given
6. Devotion & communion
7. Dismissal 8:00 pm

WEAR NAME BADGE

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

EAT—EAT —Stomachs growling is not pretty!
7:00 PM—7:00 PM—7:00 PM—cya there

EMMAUS FUNDAMENTALS

A fundamental principle of the Emmaus organization is anonymous servanthood where acts of kindness, service and agape gifts are done in secret. This is based on the life of Jesus who taught us in Matthew 6: 1-8 the importance of working for the glory of God rather than for the praises of others. He tells us to “not let the left hand know what the right hand is doing”.

Once people associate a name and face with acts of agape, the acts are no longer unconditional. We have placed ourselves in a position to receive gratitude for our gift, even if we never intended to seek it.

Our goal is to allow God’s love to flow and work through us, without personal recognition, so that pilgrims and team members have only the Lord to thank.

We come to this anonymous servanthood when we realize that we are not in charge. We are present as support servants to be a small part of the body of Christ. We learn to lead as we learn to follow. As scripture teaches, “Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me” (Matthew 25:40)

~ Anonymous Servanthood

WALK DATES

SPRING 2012

Men’s Walk # 20
April 12–15

Women’s Walk # 22
April 19–22

FALL 2012

Men’s Walk # 21
October 4–7

Women’s Walk # 23
October 11–14

Some Thoughts on Keeping Faith with the Manuals

Note: Taken from the preface, The Upper Room Handbook on Emmaus.

Adherence to The Upper Room's Emmaus manuals is important to the Emmaus movement, for the church, for The Upper Room and for the people who are sponsored to go on Walks.

The manuals provide the following:

1. They provide quality assurance to achieve excellence in presenting the essentials of Christianity, as Emmaus is designed to do.
2. They prevent Emmaus from being remade after the likeness of various leaders. Emmaus is not leader-centered ... it is ordinary Christians working together under objective manuals for a proven model.
3. They assure that Emmaus, no matter where it is conducted, will be a common and trustworthy experience.
4. They set forth a model of theological harmony. A Walk is a tightly woven event ... every part has a purpose; anything added or removed, diminishes the whole.
5. They serve as a check on our inclination to innovate. Changes accommodate the team...not the pilgrims.
6. They free leaders to focus on the pilgrims and to trust the Holy Spirit...not their own creativity. Independent leaders set a dangerous precedent ... the manuals serve as the plumb line that keeps each walk centered.
7. They free the Board and teams to focus on the preparation for Walks and on Fourth-Day challenges, not on design of the 3-day event.
8. They warrant adherence simply because the Still Water's Community annually enters into a covenant with the Upper Room ... to follow the manual — for preparation, implementation and follow-up to the Walks.

**“The direction of change in a community’s
Walk to Emmaus three days should always
be toward the standard model, not away from it.”**

What is the meaning of DeColores

DeColores is a Spanish expression which means in colors. The DeColores song, a children's folk song, expresses the joy of living and exalts the beauties of creation. It was readily adopted by the first Cursillistas who were returning home on a bus, singing and rejoicing, when they encountered bad weather. They found themselves in a frightening storm with lightning and thunder that had them huddling together in the bus on the side of the road, and even halted their singing. When the storm was over, the clouds parted and the sun peeked through. As the tension lessened, one Cursillista looked out the window at the farm the bus had broken down in front of and saw a rooster resplendent in color in the sparkling aftermath of the storm.

The pilgrims began to sing God and rejoicing in countryside and that little rooster, radiant in color of God's love and symbolising early in the morning. us and we feel that God has ourselves, "who has for-tion that we are being unparalleled and unconditional, creates in our inner self, a feeling that is like an incredible rainbow. After this experience, life is not the same; we have a new vision of the world, we act differently and we discover in the Christian community the many faces of Christ. Indeed, as the prism decomposes white light in a scale of various colors, so do those who are around us.



the song "DeColores", praise the shining colors of the rooster. The crowing represents the many colors izes Christ's resurrection by When the world falls around forsaken us, we need to ask saken who" ? The realiza- loved by God in a way that is

Everyone of us has a different color, each one reflects an aspect of Christ. DeColores calls forth this joy caused by the discovery of God's love and the presence of Christ in ourselves and others. ~ DeColores

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