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Heart Beat Newsletter

Heart of Ohio Emmaus & Chrysalis Community
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Heart of Ohio Gatherings

Ontario

United Methodist Church

3540 Park Ave. W

Ontario, OH 44906

1st Thursday of each month / Potluck and Board Meeting

6:30; Training 7:00 PM; Worship 7:30 PM

Plenty of Church Parking (rear)

Use Parking Lot Entrance

Worship in Fellowship Hall

Prayer Concerns - Carl Schaefer

Monthly Gathering Thursday – May 2, 2024



Ontario United Methodist Church

3540 Park Ave. W.

Ontario, OH 44906

419-529-4347

Tom Matus – Community Spiritual Director:

As I sit at my computer this morning, I find myself mentally and physically exhausted after serving on Women's Walk #76. But I am spiritually filled and blessed by such a special weekend. We journeyed with 17 ladies on their Walk to Emmaus. We shared in their tears, laughter, and joy.

This walk was truly one of the most special weekends I have been blessed to be a part of. Thursday night there were some apprehensions on the part of pilgrims and team members. It quickly disappeared with one of the most hilarious sets of best friend introductions I've ever seen or heard.

After Friday morning worship and breakfast, the pilgrims moved from individuals to a table group put together at the leading of the Holy Spirit. The team truly worked as a team to meet any challenge that came up using their individual gifts and graces to assist wherever and whenever needed.

I could chronicle the rest of the weekend, but I write this to say that throughout the weekend, the hand of God was always present. The Heart of Ohio Emmaus, Chrysalis, and Face to Face community is truly alive and well in 2024! This was apparent on this Women's Walk. We had several people serving on team for the first time. We had others serving in new or different roles. We also had long time members serving once again. The blessing was that all served together joyfully with servant hearts.

This was a testimony to the Heart of Ohio Emmaus community at it's best. Let us continue the journey as we now prepare for the upcoming Face to Face encounter in July. Let us support this ministry with our prayers, our presence, and our sponsorship of pilgrims. It's not too soon to be praying and preparing for the fall Emmaus walks, or the Chrysalis flights in January and February 2025.

Let us continue to bless all who come our way. To welcome them with open arms into the Heart of Ohio community, and give our rightful praise and thanksgiving to God.

Debbie Strack – Women's Registrar

Hello from Women's Registration:

I want to welcome all the new Pilgrims to Heart of Ohio Emmaus, we are very blessed you have joined our community. It was a wonderful Send Off. It's never too early to start praying for who God wants you to invite to go on a men or women's, walk, Face to Face, or Chrysalis event. You can find help on who to ask and much more information at Heart of Ohio Emmaus University. See you at Gathering.

Debbie Strack, Women's Registrar
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Vince Brown – Men's Registrar:

Now accepting applications for the Fall 2024 Men's Walk. Download an application from the Community Website and submit it to me per the instructions.

Becky Snyder – Face 2 Face Encounter Chair

The Face 2 Face Committee is continuing to prepare for the next Encounter: July 9, 11, 16 and 18, 2024, and our newly recruited Lay Director is now calling upon Team members. The Committee has the following open positions to fill for the upcoming 2024 calendar year: Spiritual Director, Assistant Spiritual Director, Leadership Representative, Fellowship, and Media. If you are interested in this unique older Adult ministry, contact Becky Snyder at either her phone: 419-6732-4898 or by email: titus2mom@zoominternet.net.



Faith Global Methodist Church
1574 - OH-96, Ashland, OH 44805
(2024 Face 2 Face Encounter Location)

Tom Roepke – Chrysalis Committee Chair

Chrysalis, which has touched the lives of countless teens in the region since its inception in 1996, offers a safe and supportive environment where young adults ages 14-18 as participants can explore their faith, build meaningful relationships with others, and discover their unique purpose in life.

These past two years has caused us to pause this ministry as the larger HOE community retools its efforts and ministry programs. What we need this year is for new committee members and volunteers to join the team of dedicated individuals who share a passion for supporting the spiritual growth of youth. Committee members will play a crucial role in guiding the program's strategic

direction and ensuring its continued success, while volunteers will actively participate in the planning and execution of Chrysalis weekends.

If you are interested in joining the Heart of Ohio Chrysalis team as a committee member or volunteer, please reach out to Tom Roepke @ troepke@gmail.com or 419 651-3196.

Evy Buchanan – Agape

Greetings Community:

I wanted to thank everyone who created and contributed agape for the Women's Walk #76. You all have outdone yourselves once again. Thank you for showing your love to this Emmaus community. I will bring leftover agape to the May gathering for you to collect.

I do want you all to know that I am the AGAPE CHAIRPERSON FOR FACE TO FACE ENCOUNTER and will be asking for agape for the Encounter in July. Please keep your eyes open for my email for the Encounter.

Share Group Registration – Tom Roepke

Strengthen Your Faith Journey: Register Your Heart of Ohio Emmaus Share Group!

The Heart of Ohio Emmaus community thrives on connection and shared experiences. Share groups are the heart of this, providing a safe space for continued reflection, growth, and support following your Emmaus Walk.

What is a Share Group?

A share group is a small group of 4-8 Emmaus alumni who meet regularly to discuss their faith journeys, challenges, and triumphs. These gatherings are meant to create an atmosphere of encouragement, accountability, and spiritual growth in Jesus' Name.

Why Register Your Group?

By registering your share group with the Heart of Ohio Emmaus community, you gain access to:
Support and Resources: Connect with other share groups, access helpful resources like discussion prompts, and receive updates from the Emmaus leadership team.

Networking Opportunities: Participate in community events designed specifically for share groups, fostering a stronger bond within the Emmaus family.

Recognition: Your group will be listed in the Emmaus directory, allowing new Walk participants to easily find ongoing support.

Ready to Register?

The process is simple! Just complete the Share Group Registration Form available on the Heart of Ohio Emmaus website <https://heartofohioemmaus.org/share-groups/>.

Don't Have a Share Group Yet?

No worries! We encourage you to connect with fellow Emmaus alumni and consider forming your own group. The Emmaus community can help facilitate introductions if needed.

By registering your share group, you're contributing to the vibrant network of faith and support that makes the Heart of Ohio Emmaus experience so transformative. Let's continue our journeys together! We look forward to welcoming your share group to the Heart of Ohio Emmaus community!

Event Fees

Emmaus Fall Walk Fees	\$ (TBD)*
Future Chrysalis Flights Fees	\$ (TBD)*
Future Team Members Fees	\$ (TBD)*
Spiritual Directors	\$ -0-
Logistics	\$ (TBD)*
Face to Face Encounter	\$ 75.00
Note: Servers need to pay for their meals.	

*The Board will be reviewing the above fees do to having been notified of an increase in Camp Fees. The above rates, however, will remain in effect for the scheduled Spring Walks.

2024 Emmaus Community Events

Men's Emmaus Walk - September 19 - 22, 2024
 Women's Emmaus Walk - October 17 - 20, 2024
 Face 2 Face 2024 Encounter: July 9, 11, 16 and 18, 2024
 Located at Faith Global Methodist Church - Ashland



Camp Otyokwah

3380 Tugend Rd, Butler, OH 44822

(Heart of Ohio Emmaus weekend location)

Walk Weekend Information and Instructions:

Wednesday Camp Set-up: 5:00 p.m.

Saturday Candlelight: 8:30 p.m. (No later than 9)

Sunday Closing: 4:30 p.m.

Camp "tear-down"- Following Closing

As important it is to help set-up camp for the beginning of the week-end, it is important for enough people to stay to help clear the camp after closing.

Heart of Ohio Emmaus Board of Directors 2024

(Positions Highlighted in Red are open Positions)

Lay Director - **Open**
 Temporary – David Zeuch - Emeritus
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Heart of Ohio Face to Face Board Committee 2024

(Positions Highlighted in Red are Open Positions)

Face to Face Chairperson – revtds@zoominternet.net titus2mom@zoominternet.com	Becky Snyder
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Benjamin Segars

Heart of Ohio Chrysalis Committee for 2024

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Chairperson Tom Roepke
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Secretary, Newsletter Beth McCready
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Upper Room News and Information:

More 4th Day Stories:

We would love for you to share your 4th day story at one of the future Heart of Ohio Emmaus Gatherings. You can reserve a date by contacting Christy Haun, our Community Worship Leader. You can contact her at 330-749-1863 or email her at chaun24@icloud.com.

But, if you have trouble speaking in front of groups and that is holding you back from sharing your story at the Gathering, I understand. If so, I would love to share it with the Community in one of the upcoming issues of the Community Newsletter. The above story by Cheryl Pumphrey from Birmingham is probably like the one you experienced. You can send it to me at my email:

schaeferatlake@gmail.com.

Carl Schaefer – Newsletter Editor

My Journey - However Long It May Take Me!

There is a long-standing joke about me in my circle of friends. I am a self-proclaimed "Remedial" Christian. What this means, at least to me, is that it took me so darn long to finally hear Jesus knocking on my heart and even to this day, I seem to be the last one to finally "grasp" a biblical concept, or any concept really...

I know that I knew nothing about Grace before my walk to Emmaus. I had been walking with Jesus for a long time, walking slowly, grasping things as I could, but walking nonetheless...

You see, I was 43 years old before I recognized the void in my life and actually heard the knock on my heart. It was during my Walk that I realized that this was Prevenient Grace. The Lord wooed me for a very, very long time but it was his will and wooing that drew me in. God had my heart in his hands for 43 years and by His grace, I felt the tug upon my heart.

Little by little everything in my life gained new meaning. I was trying to learn everything about God that I could get my hands on but still feeling totally incompetent because so much stuff didn't make sense! I dove into a Women's Bible Study and always asked so many questions that I was afraid that the other women would get tired of my "non-understanding".

About three years into my new-found Christian life, I was now a mature 46-year-old (Ha!) and feeling a bit more secure in my relationship with Christ. Beware! This is truly when you are tested! Anyway, I began to feel the now familiar tug at my heart but had no idea, as usual, what the tugging meant, was supposed to mean or if I was just imagining it. Remedial still.

Turns out that the tugging on my heart was a nudge to journey on the "Walk To Emmaus". I started seeing brochures about the walk, heard stories from random people who had been on the walk and then, as if by accident, was thrown into a hotel room with

another church member at a non-church related gathering and she somehow agreed to be my sponsor for my "Walk to Emmaus". That is some master planning in action!

I attended Walk #217 and sat at the Table of Mary. Words cannot express my experiences there nor can they express the experience that many of you encountered, I am sure! What I do know is this.....I am NOT remedial in my Christianity! God opens my eyes when I am prepared to accept and understand what I need to grow closer to Him. It is His timing, His will and His grace that has guided me my whole life - the fact that it took me longer to "figure it out" is just the way that He had it planned.

I still don't know all there is to know about God, life, or anything for that matter, but I am living my life intentionally, secure in my relationship with Christ and counting on Him because I know, for a fact, He is counting on me.

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Tonja Bridges
Walk #217
Table of Mary
(Community Unknown)

Evy Buchanan, Agape Chair, has listed the upcoming May Emmaus Events coming up around the Country to pray for.

Blue Lake Emmaus
WW # 280

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