

# DeColores In The Darke



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## Thoughts from the Community Lay Director

Spring is coming, eventually. Easter is coming. It is a time for us to celebrate the Victory of Jesus over death. The Emmaus Gathering is coming. The next Gathering will be Sunday March 16, 2014 at 6:00 PM at Grace United Methodist Church in Ithaca, Ohio. The change to Sunday evening was made after the majority of results of a survey on the prayer chain and webpage indicated Sunday evening was a better night. Please attend.

The Men's Emmaus Walk #30 is coming March 20-23, 2014 at the Oakland Church of the Brethren. We are reminded once again that we are the hands and feet of Christ. There are many opportunities for you to serve Christ for Men's Walk #30. Please sign the prayer vigil to pray for the pilgrims, the team members, and all of the helpers. Send agape to the pilgrims and team members. Volunteering to serve in the kitchen is another way to serve Christ.

- Setup is Wednesday night.
- Sendoff is Thursday night.
- Candlelight is Saturday night.
- Closing is Sunday late afternoon.

Christ is coming.  
Be ready!

DeColores

Jim Longenecker,  
Community Lay Director



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Be  
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“The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.”

1 Timothy: 1:5

## Sponsorship

Emmaus is for active Christians and members of churches whose own renewal will mean new energy, commitment, and vision in the church and everyday environments, for Christ's sake.

### What Are Some Of My Responsibilities As A Sponsor?

The process of Sponsorship is simple and straightforward. It starts with prayer, moves to a time of presentation, waits for a decision, and then begins to work actively to support the participant.

On the surface the process seems easy. Fulfilling the details of the steps can be exciting, mentally taxing, physically exhausting yet spiritually rewarding.

Sponsor responsibilities include:

1. Spend concentrated time in prayer.
2. Continue to spend time in prayer.
3. Give your prospect an application.
4. Obtain the completed application.
5. Begin preparations to request the personal agape letters.
6. Contact your participant a few days before the Walk.
7. Take your participant to the Walk and assist with check-in.
8. Spend as much time as possible in prayer for your participant.
9. Check on participant's family.
10. Attend the Saturday candlelight and Sunday closing services.
11. Take the new Emmaus participant to the Post-Walk Reunion meeting.
12. Assist the new Emmaus participant in joining a Share Group.
13. Take the new member to Gatherings.
14. Teach the new Emmaus member on how to be a good sponsor.

The ultimate reason for recruiting someone to attend an Emmaus Walk is to deepen that person's relationship with Christ and to create an enthusiastic disciple to work in God's Kingdom.

In Christ's love,

Sarah Rock



## New Website for Darke County Area Emmaus

Hello Community,

My name is Bill Stock and I am the web servant for Darke County Area Emmaus. I have been working on getting a new website and domain. With the new domain ([www.dcaec.org](http://www.dcaec.org)), Emmaus has total control of our website and email. With the new domain and website the Emmaus organization is saving money no longer paying for hosting fees thanks to [DreamHost](http://DreamHost). They offer free hosting to non-profit organizations. We have more options available for our website for future improvement.

I will be continually adding new content to enhance your Emmaus experience. The Emmaus experience continues to benefit each and everyone that we come in contact with. The website will also become a benefit to empower your fourth days. Please come back often to see the changes that will take place. If there are any ideas for the website please email me at [webservant@dcaec.org](mailto:webservant@dcaec.org) so that the idea can be presented to the board.

The board is also working on scheduling fundraising events to support our Emmaus community. As with any business there are expenses involved in the operation to perform our walks and conduct business.

- Darke County Area Emmaus Community has agreements to pay a set amount per walk that we hold at Oakland Church of the Brethren.
- We have to pay the Upper Room for each new pilgrim that attends a walk each year.
- We have to pay insurance yearly to protect our organization and the pilgrims on each walk and the venues that our walks are held.
- We have quarterly payments on a copier that has saved the community money.
- We have the cost involved for each walk that we have.

This is why it is important for us to have fundraisers.

*“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.”*

Acts 2:42

DeColores, Bill Stock

## From your Music Director

As your new Community Music Director, I am blessed to be able to invite members of our Darke County Area Emmaus Community to share their talents with us in song and instrumental selections that help to guide our meditations. If you would like to do this, please contact me by email, phone, snail mail, or across the back fence. I am always looking for volunteers!

At our January gathering, Dominic and his praise band led us in lively, spirit-filled music. In February, I shared some

music from Nancy Leigh DeMoss's new CD, *Be Still. For March*, we are anticipating hearing from some members of our community who do not often share their music with us.

Don't forget that our gatherings are now held on the third Sundays at Grace United Methodist Church in Ithaca at 6:00 PM.

Keep a song in your heart.

Marilyn Bridges

## Special Points of Interest:

### 2014 Walk Weekends

**Women's Walk #46**  
Oct. 31—Nov. 3

### Gatherings:

**Third Sunday of each month at 7:00 pm at Grace United Methodist Church in Ithaca, OH.**

**(April's Gathering will be the fourth Sunday)**

## Important Times to Remember for each Walk:

**Pilgrims Arrive—**  
Thursday, 6:00 pm  
Potluck

**Sponsor's Hour—**  
After Thursday  
Potluck

**Candlelight—**  
Saturday, 8:30 pm  
**Closing Service—**  
Sunday, 4:30 pm

“So now  
I am giving  
you a new  
command-  
ment:  
Love each  
other.  
Just as I have  
loved you,  
you should  
love each  
other.  
Your love for  
one another  
will prove to  
the world  
that you are  
my disciples.”

John 13:34-35 (NLT)

## Welcome to the Agape Room

The agape room will now be in the nursery area. You can stop in and check it out, if you like.

Men's Walk #30 will be the first to have it stationed there, so please be patient with us. It looks like we will have 20-30 pilgrims on this walk, which is a praise! Pilgrims that are registered so far and the team members are listed in this newsletter so you can write your agape for them. Check on the web page, which is being overhauled by Bill Stock, for further additions. Also, the best agape you can give is prayer for the walk, the team and pilgrims, and those who work behind the scenes.

If you have any prayer requests from

your family or friends, we have a prayer chain in the DCAE which is [magdf76@gmail.com](mailto:magdf76@gmail.com) and [strawser3@gmail.com](mailto:strawser3@gmail.com). If you would like to be added to the prayer chain, contact those emails and you will be added. We praise God for all the answers we have seen in the years we have offered this. We ask that Christ continue to bless this prayer chain and all those who continue to lift up the needs of our community.

Thank you for your willingness to share agape with team and pilgrims. God Bless You mightily!!!!

DeColores,

Sue Strawser

## The Good Shepherd

Greetings to Darke County Area Emmaus!

I have taken over the Good Shepherd for this community, so if you are in need of a share group, let me know and I will seek one out for you or find others who can meet at a time convenient for you. If you are in a share group and can take more individuals, please let me know that, too.

We should have more share groups starting soon since the men's walk is this month. I will try to see how many share groups are going on so we may be able to see where they meet and when. If you are in need of a share group you may email me at [jsstrawser@embarqmail.com](mailto:jsstrawser@embarqmail.com). I am the LD for Men's Walk #30, so be patient

with me if I delay longer than necessary getting back with you.

Good Shepherd,  
John Strawser



## Agape Reminders

- 35 pieces Pilgrim only
- 65 pieces Pilgrim and Team only
- 25 pieces Team only
- Pilgrims receive personal agape ONLY in Sunday Packets
- Team receives personal bedtime, before talk and Sunday Packet agape
- Don't forget to write to Clergy, especially for before talks
- Pilgrim agape should be no larger than a 10" x 13" envelope will allow. If you have items such as books, T-shirts or pictures, please wait until after the Closing and give it to them personally.
- Use first and last name. Mark "Pilgrim" or "Team" in left hand corner of the envelope.
- The Pilgrims don't get any agape on Thursday night or Friday morning at breakfast.
- If Team bedtime, please be sure to write Thursday, Friday or Saturday bedtime.
- Bring agape to the Agape Room between Thursday evening and Saturday evening (BEFORE Candlelight Service) of each Walk.
- The agape that is brought in is for the TEAM and PILGRIMS ONLY. Unless you are on the Walk, please don't take any agape unless you have permission from the person who brought it in. If you bring agape for the Pilgrims only, please clearly mark it PILGRIMS ONLY agape.
- The agape is distributed Friday, Saturday and Sunday. It starts small and builds up to a lot at Sunday lunch. If you bring more than nine items, please don't be upset if more than one item is given in a day.
- Please put your name and phone number on your agape.
- THANK YOU!

## Suggested Prayer Topics

### Pilgrims

- Each pilgrim by name
- Good health and safety
- No problems with allergies
- Replace fear and anxiety with peace
- Spiritual protection
- Equal agape for all
- Develop vibrant relationship with Christ
- Protection for their family
- Healing, give up burdens
- Promote bonding with team and pilgrims
- To participate, sing and learn
- Finish Walk as joyful, enthusiastic believers

### Live-In Team

- Each team member by name
- Speaker: strength, no fear
- Protection for families
- Strengthened relationship with Christ
- Energy, diplomacy and servant's heart
- Spiritual, emotional and physical protection
- Wisdom, peace and protection
- Song leaders: protect voices
- Good time management
- Spirit of enthusiasm
- Comfort in leading
- Clergy: wisdom, discernment

### Community Workers

- Safe traveling
- Bonding, new friendships
- Spirit of charity and cooperation
- Agape: made with a joyful heart
- Kitchen: safety and plenty of workers

### Details of Walk Weekend

- Harmony between host church and Walk
- No complications with weather
- Safety within church
- Comfortable temperature inside church
- Protect the weekend schedule
- Kitchen equipment in good working condition
- No problems with audio-visual equipment
- No damage to church building

**Darke County Area Emmaus Community  
Men's Walk #30, March 20-23, 2014 Pilgrims**

	<b>Pilgrim</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>
1	Art Bausman	E.U.M.	Harvey Hinshaw
2	Claude Begin	Gordon United Methodist Church	John Gilmore
3	Doug Bevins	Pitsburg Church of the Brethren	John Strawser
4	Jerry Boram	Fields of Grace Worship Center	Mark Barhorst
5	Mark Brown	E.U.M.	Wayne Day
6	Stevie Chapin	Pleasant View	Mara Farmer
7	Tony Davis	Castine Church of the Brethren	David Hollinger
8	Bill Hope	Fields of Grace Worship Center	Mark Barhorst
9	Tom Hughes	Fields of Grace Worship Center	Mark Barhorst
10	Adam Jones		Debra Winterrowd
11	Mark Lutz	Triumphant Christian Center	Wayne Day
12	Jamie Mead	Pleasant View Missionary	Jerry Chrisman
13	John Moore	Fields of Grace Worship Center	Pastor Phil Elmore
14	Roger Neff	E.U.M.	Kevin Schmiedebusch
15	Scott Polson	Ekklesia of Ohio	Keith Berger
16	Scott Rector	Gateway Vineyard	Charles Constable
17	John Rediger	Faith United Methodist Church	Matt Harrison
18	Doug Richard	Fields of Grace Worship Center	Pastor Phil Elmore
19	Cordell Rock	Grace United Methodist	Rev Richard Baker
20	Mike Rowe	Trinity United Methodist	Terry Mills
21	Ron Rucker	Wesley United Methodist	JoCarole Rucker
22	Jeff Shaner	Fields of Grace Worship Center	Ron Cooper
23	Lucas Smith	Pleasant View Missionary	Mara Farmer
24	Mark Suter	E.U.M.	John Flory
25	Terry Thompson	E.U.M.	John Wion
26	Aron Tipps	Fields of Grace Worship Center	Tom Frantz
27	Mason Townsend	E.U.M.	Andrea Townsend
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Note: This list is current as of March 7.

The final Pilgrim list will be on the website the Friday before the Walk.

**PRAY FOR THE PILGRIMS AND THEIR FAMILIES AS THEY PREPARE FOR THE WALK TO EMMAUS.**

## Men's Walk #30 Live-In Team

### Spiritual Director

Rev. Doug Baker (Means of Grace)

### Lay Director

John Strawser (Perseverance)

### Experienced Assistant Lay Director

Jerry Chrisman (4th Day Example)

### Assistant Lay Directors

Kent Bridges (Priorities)

Don Smith (4th Day)

### Experienced Log

Wayne Day

### Logs

Jim Longenecker

Kermit Flory

### Music Directors

Larry Harter

Rick Oswalt

### Board Representative

Charles Shaw

### Table Leaders

Kevin Kocher (Body of Christ)

Greg Tielbur (Life in Piety)

Joe Wyant (Priesthood of all Believers)

Keith Artz (Discipleship)

Aubrey Rock (Christian Action)

Clinton Randall (Changing Our World)

Mike Orians (Grow Thru Study)

### Assistant Table Leaders

John Wion

Kevin Schmiedebusch

Dudley Hall

Roger Trump

Brandon Ward

Stephen Flory

Charles Harrison

### Assistant Spiritual Directors

Pastor Sylvia McKibben (Prevenient Grace)

Pastor John Wiltshire (Justifying Grace)

Pastor Tim Lehman (Obstacles of Grace)

Pastor John McRoberts (Sanctifying Grace)

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Jesus made disciples by going to the places where they lived and worked and inviting them to come along. Jesus made disciples by spending time with them, teaching them and by patiently showing them a new way of living. Jesus gathered all kinds of people—fishermen and tax collectors, religious leaders and sinners, women and men, rich and poor, young and old, healthy and sick. No one was left out of Jesus' invitation to "follow me." God entrusted the disciples—and us—with making more disciples. We will be agents of God's amazing grace if we model our disciple-making after Jesus. We will extend the invitation to all no matter where they come from or what they have done. We will go where they live and work. We will spend time with them, teach them and show them a new way of living. We will introduce them to Jesus whose love is greater than anything we can imagine and whose promise is sure: *"I am with you always, to the end of the age."* Share your walk with our Lord with someone today. Encourage them to seek the same peace you have received and tell them of the gift of Jesus' Grace freely given to all of us. All we have to do is accept and believe in Him.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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

Please call Annette Sheppard  
at (937) 692-0124 or email  
[sheppgal3@gmail.com](mailto:sheppgal3@gmail.com).

**REMINDER:**

***The Thursday Potluck,  
Candlelight and Closing Service  
are for members of the Emmaus  
Community only.  
Childcare is not provided.***