

Southern New England Emmaus

# **Summer Newsletter**

August 2014

## A Message from the Lay Directors

Greetings, Southern New England Emmaus Community!

As we begin our term as Community Lay Directors we want to thank you for the confidence and trust you have placed in us. We are humbled that you have honored us with the privilege of serving you in this way. It is our desire to serve both our Lord and this community to the very best of our abilities.

We wish to thank Dean and Barbara Fortin for their past three years of service to our community as lay directors. Both Dean and Barb have been members of this community for a very long time and have served over the past three years tirelessly with passion and compassion. We are especially thankful for their organizational skills which should make the transition easier for us and the community as a whole. We cannot thank you enough! We also wish to thank Rev. Michele Ewers for her past three years as community spiritual director. Michele has been reappointed to Cressey Road UMC in Gorham, Maine, and has stepped down as our community spiritual director. We will miss her and wish her the best as she follows God's call for her.

While we feel honored and blessed that you, as a community, have put your faith in us to be your lay directors we must admit there is quite an anxiety level! We ask that you will continue to keep us in your prayers. Pray that we will have the strength, the courage, the wisdom and the discernment that it takes to lead this community. We promise you that we will use our gifts for God's glory and the betterment of the Southern New England Emmaus Community, that we will ask for advice when "stuck" and most of all we will face each challenge with prayer. Philippians 4:13 reminds us, "For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength".

Shalom, Donna and Glenn Moody

# <u>Application deadline for Walk #76 is</u> <u>September 20, 2014</u>

Contact registrars Nina & Richard Dunne for forms or registration information: 401-789-3228 Or visit our website: <u>www.sneemmaus.org</u>

#### FALL WALKS ARE COMING SOON!

As a member of the Emmaus community, you are a potential sponsor! Candidates for an Emmaus weekend are any persons who are on a Christian faith journey, attend church regularly and could use a weekend of spiritual renewal. The best candidate is one for whom you have prayed for God to lead to the weekend. Consider who that may be in your church! Do you know someone who could benefit from the transforming experience of an Emmaus Walk? Prayerfully consider who you could sponsor, and commit to following through by asking that person if he/she is ready for God's grace and love to be revealed to them in a new way. Explain the weekend fully and if the answer is yes, begin now to complete the necessary forms (found on our website) and submit them before the deadline (Sept. 20th).

### **Need More Information?**

For information on upcoming walks and events, please visit our website at www.sneemmaus.org. The members' user name is: "freely" and the password is: "freely". Or email the Lay Directors at <u>sneemmaus@gmail.com</u>. Or call Glenn or Donna Moody at 508-966-5373.

#### UPCOMING EMMAUS WALKS

Men's Walk #76 Women's Walk #76 Men's Walk #77 Women's Walk #77 Men's Walk #78 Women's Walk #78 October 23-26, 2014 Oct. 30-Nov.2, 2014 April 23-26, 2015 April 30-May 3, 2015 October 22-25, 2015 Oct. 29-Nov. 1, 2015

#### **SNE Emmaus Prayer Chain**

The Southern New England Emmaus Community has an active prayer chain so that intercessory prayer can be a part of everyone's 4<sup>th</sup> Day. The power of prayer is vitally important to this community of believers. If you would like to join the prayer team to pray for the specific needs of the community, you are asked to submit your email address to: <u>Prayersneemmaus@gmail.com</u>

As a community member, you may submit a prayer request by using this same email address. Please submit your request as briefly as possible, but be specific as to the need. If possible, provide a name (first names are okay). For example: "Please pray for John, who is facing surgery", or "Please pray for Jane, whose is grieving the loss of her sibling". When prayer requests are received, the Prayer Team will receive an email from "Prayer Chain SNE Emmaus" (this will distinguish from other Emmaus emails), and are asked to pray for that specific concern of the community. Please consider participating in this powerful ministry. The power of Emmaus is through prayer! Please begin today to pray for the potential pilgrims and team participants for the fall weekends!

We are always trying to keep our lists updated. If you change your email address or move, please let us know! Send any address changes (email and snail mail) to <u>sneemmaus@gmail.com</u>. Or send changes to P.O. Box 461, Wakefield, RI 02880. And please help defray mailing costs by using email whenever possible! Thank you.

#### AGAPE!

It's not too soon to begin preparing agape gifts for the upcoming walks. And we are always in need of decorated placemats to make each meal-time special!



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