

A Light Shining

News from the Ashland Area Emmaus Community

August 2009

August Calendar

August 21 – Gathering

**Picnic
Armco Park
Shelter #8**

**For more information,
see the article
on this page.**



Future Walk Dates

October 8-11
Men's Walk #25

October 22-25
Women's Walk #30

A Note from our Community Lay Director

Hello Emmaus Friends:

Last month in my note to you I quoted from the Emmaus Handbook where it states, we are a “*team of ordinary Christians working together in the spirit of Christ....*”

I'd like to share with you an additional excerpt from the Handbook. There are several pages devoted to sponsorship. One of the subheadings reads, “*Sponsorship: The Most Important Job of All. The importance of good sponsorship cannot be overemphasized.*” It goes on to state, “*Good sponsorship is the first act of **agape** before a Walk ever begins....*”

Agape.....hmmmmh, I've heard that word before.

Why do we sponsor? The aim of the sponsor is to bring new life and vision to the work of the church in the congregation, home, workplace, and community. The aim is to build up the body of Christ. Sponsorship is an act of love for God, for the Pilgrims, for the Emmaus community, and for the church. It is a demonstration of agape love.

As an act of agape love, prayerfully consider sponsoring some Christian this fall who just may be “counting on you” to ask them.

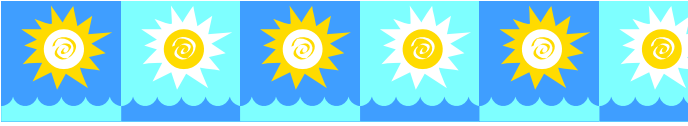
De Colores!
Linda
Community Lay Director



Emmaus Picnic

Join your community for a picnic on August 21 at Armco Park, Shelter #8. The address for the event is 1119 Armco Park Drive. Very detailed directions can be found on the Emmaus website (www.ashlandemmaus.com) under the Community Events tab.

This is a covered dish event. Meat, table service and ice will be provided. Dinner is at 6:30 pm and worship will begin at 7:30pm. Linda is encouraging people to bring yard games and lawn chairs (so that we can play and sit!). Hope to see everyone there!



Witness to Fellowship

My Reunion Group is one of, if not single, most important group of friends and brothers in my life. We hold each other up through our trials, struggles and failures in all aspects of our lives and celebrate together the victories. This group has been together for a significant time and the level of trust present is a tremendous blessing. Yes, it takes time to develop trust but it only came through each being committed to the group. I look upon each of these men as treasured brothers and with full confidence would place my life in any of their hands knowing they would suffer harm to themselves before they would see me hurt. What a blessing. I need the grounding and centering of my Walk with Jesus that this group provides and the way it helps focus my daily Walk as I continue to try to live life as a Disciple of Christ. Like all of us, I often fail. But I know each Saturday morning that we can honestly talk about where we have failed without condemnation or judgment, share where each of us experienced oneness with Jesus with joy and share together the concerns each of us have in our life knowing that those listening truly care.

DeColores!

Tony Anders, AAEC MW 13, Table of Joseph

If you would like to join a reunion group or if you would like to start a new one, please contact a member of the Good Shepherd Committee.

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Ways to Serve

It's Agape Time!!!

The fall walks are just two months away, and it's time to pray for how the Emmaus Community Members can help with the walks.

1. Sponsor a Pilgrim.
2. Sign-up for the 3 Day Prayer Vigil at 3dayol.org. Please also consider praying for other communities with walks during the same weekend.
3. Consider ways that you can help during the walks:
 - Set-up for walks
 - Housekeeping
 - Conference Room Helper
 - Serving meals
 - Cooking meals
 - Making Agape gifts
 - Attending Send Off, Candlelight and Closing (even if not sponsoring a Pilgrim).
 - Preparing food or providing food (snacks) for the Conference Room.

There are specific supply needs that you could help with:

- 60 sheets of Poster Board
- 56 Steno Pads
- 7 Dozen Black Pens

We are all the Body of Christ and thus for the Body to function well all need to work together.

God Bless all.

DeColores
Fred Herr





Prayer Concerns and Praise

	Offered By	Person (s)	Issue
Concern	Dan and Janet Hieronimus	Mary Jewel Kiser	Mary is Dan and Janet's son-in-law's aunt. She has inoperable cancer.
Concern	Teddy Cole	David Cole	David is undergoing treatment for lymphoma.
Concern	Lyn Holschuh	Gloria Hunt	Nerve pain
Concern	Gary and Lyn Holschuh	Marcia Harding	Cancer
Concern	Pat Curry	Arthur & Stephanie Curry	Unspoken
Concern	Sandy Ott	Carolyn Conley	Lung transplant did not go well. She is being sent home with Hospice care.
Praise	Trish Shaffer	Great Chrysalis flight. Twenty four girls took part.	
Praise	Fred Herr	Melanie Herr	Successful surgery
Concern	Treva Brumfield	Melissa and Heath Brumfield and their son	Melissa is Treva's daughter-in-law. She has breast cancer and will need a surgery. Their son is seven years old.
Concern	Mace Sturm	Haley Perry (Jim Perry's granddaughter)	Haley is 11 years old and has Type 1 diabetes. She was hospitalized in July.
Concern	Kim Matthews	Judy Matthews	Judy is Steve and Bob Matthews' mother. She is suffering with advanced Alzheimer's.
Concern	Trish Shaffer	Terri Cash	Serving as a missionary to South Africa and has funding needs.

Heavenly Father, we come to you in gratitude. We are grateful for the Emmaus Community, and for how it lifts us up and shines the light of Your love as a witness of grace. We pray for those who are listed above – for those who are sick, who are afraid, who are lonely and who need your presence. We ask for healing, in any and every way you will provide it.

Open our eyes that we may see you. Open our ears that we may hear you speaking to us. Open our hearts to your love and open our hands to release that which sets us apart from you. Send your spirit among us so that we have the courage to step out in faith and to do the work of Your Kingdom.

In the name of Christ, who is our advocate, teacher and friend, Amen.

Please Pray About Sponsorship

"Before Emmaus, I went to church most Sundays but I had no interest in serving in my church. I went on my Walk in October 2005 and came away with an entirely new perspective about 'opportunities' to serve God. I still thank my sponsor for sharing God's love - through Emmaus. Had she not shared an invitation, there is a chance I'd still be wasting away my life as a "luke-warm" Christian. During the talk on Christian Action, I heard someone quote Christ, "Peter, do you love me? Then feed my sheep". Since then, I've been hearing Christ say, "Dan, do you love me? Then feed my sheep." I have found no greater blessing than sharing God's love with others - as an Emmaus Sponsor. I encourage you to fill in the blank: "_____ do you love me? Then, feed my sheep." Consider sharing what God has shared with you. Be a sponsor. Remember, Christ is still counting on us."

DeColores!

Dan Hieronimus, fbiC,
AAEC MW17
Table: Sun of Righteousness



June Financial Report

Beginning Balance: \$1,095.54
Income: \$232.35
Expenses: \$40.00
Ending Balance: \$1,287.89

Sharing your witness
Through the newsletter

- **Sponsorship** – do you have a story to tell about your own experience as a sponsor that might encourage others? Send it to Linda Howard.
- **Reunion Group** -- Has your reunion group played an important role in your walk of faith? Send your thoughts to Dan Hieronimus.
- **Prayer List** -- Would you like to have your prayer concern published in the newsletter? Prayer concerns and praise that are submitted at each month's Gathering are later published in our Prayer Concern list. Also, any prayer requests submitted to aaec@windstream.net are emailed to the community and then are published in the newsletter.

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25% off to Emmaus reunion Group members!

August and September ONLY!

Dan (fbiC) & Janet (Potter's Daughters)

Hieronimus

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