

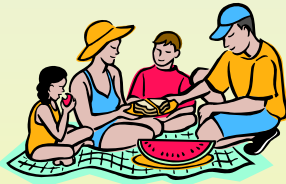
A Light Shining

News from the Ashland Area Emmaus Community

August 2010

August
Gathering
Friday, Aug 20
at 6:30 PM

It's a PICNIC in
Armco Park in
Ashland;
Shelters 7 and 8.



September
Gathering
Friday, Sept 17
at 6:30 PM

First United
Methodist Church,
Ashland
The September
walks will include
election of the new
board members

Fall Walks

Men's Walk –
October 7-10

Women's Walk –



A Note from our Community Lay Director

This is what God does. He gives his best—the sun to [warm](#) and the rain to nourish—to everyone, regardless: the good and bad, the nice and nasty.
Matthew 5:45 (The Message)

Dear Community,

This is an interesting time of year for me. As many of you know, I teach kindergarten. This year our county went back to school extremely early. I have been teaching since August 4. I have 26 students. It isn't always easy to like every student or to treat them all the same. This scripture reminds me that to be like my Father, I must give my best to the good, the bad, the nice and, yes, even the nasty.

Since we are speaking of five year olds and many of you cannot imagine them being anything but cute and cuddly, I will leave out that word “nasty”. I must do my best for the clean, the dirty, the nice and the naughty, the quiet, the loud and even the screaming and totally out of control. I could not do this on my own. I pray a lot during the first days of school. Who am I trying to kid, I pray a lot through all of the days of school.

I have found that God answers my prayers in amazing ways. Sometimes, those pesky screamers become the ones I treasure the most, perhaps because I have spent so much time comforting them and praying over them. Sometimes God gives me insights into the lives these children live that cause them to be naughty, and sometimes, God just gives me the words I need for parent conferences to let the parents know that there are problems, but that working together, we can solve them. When we can't solve them, God just gives me strength.

I love my job. I have to remind myself of that often during the first days of school, but these days will pass and I will forget how much I have dreamed of retirement during these first weeks.

We all face challenges, whether in the people we deal with or the situations we face. Through prayer, we can find a way to give our best always. That is what God asks of us. That is what he will help us do!

DeColores!
Janie





Equip Empower Educate Leadership Development Event

Regional training events to help develop the leadership gifts and skills of members of the Board of Directors for Emmaus Communities are being held across the country.

All new members of the Board are asked to attend one of these training sessions. All Board members are encouraged to attend and all community members are invited to attend.

The event closest to our area will be held on the second weekend in November in Columbus, Ohio.

Schedule

November 12

11am to 4pm – Clergy training and certification

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm – Super Gathering

November 13

8:30 – Registration and Coffee

9:00 am to 5:00pm – Leadership Event with lunch provided.

Location

Grove City United Methodist Church
2684-2710 Columbus Street
Grove City, OH

Registration required.



Christ, Up Close

Artist, Betty Shoopman, created a 2ft x 4ft painting of the walk to Emmaus. She felt led to focus on the feet of Jesus and his companions.

Go take a look at the painting at the web site <http://www.emmauspainting.com/>

The International Emmaus organization sent all Emmaus communities, including ours, a print of the painting. It's a beautiful piece of art.

Thanks are expressed to Gary Holschuh, who framed our print so that we can use it on walks. It's a lovely, framed addition to our Emmaus blessings.



Agape Ideas

Check out the www.emmauspainting.com site. You'll find a few ideas for walk agape:

- A PDF of a page of the artwork is provided that can be downloaded and printed to be given as agape.
- Letterhead and stickers can be purchased.
- A couple of free PDF downloads are on the page that can be printed and used as bookmark agape.
- Purchase note cards to use for agape letters.



Prayer Concerns and Praise

	Offered By	Person (s)	Issue
Concern	Rick Lemons	Samantha	Rick's daughter had a spot on her cat scan
Joy	JM Emmaus Friends	Bernard McGinnis	Bernard had hip replacement surgery. He is recovering well.
Concern	Dan&Janet Hieronimus	Chuck Hieronimus	Heart cath. and stents
Concern	Jeff Ferguson	Kitten Berkeley	Health
Concern	Jim Perry	Laura Esque	TJ's sister was thrown from a horse. MRI showed two brain tumors.

Concern	Jim Perry	Austin Short	TJ Short's son was struck by a car; many injuries
Joy	Rick Lemons	New grandson!	Samantha had a baby – Michael Tracy, born 6/21/10
Joy	Deborah Salmon	Jeff Campbell	Out of the nursing home and receiving care from rehabilitation workers in his home
Joy	Keith Moul	Surgery went well. Keith is grateful for everyone's prayers and asks that we continue to pray for his complete recovery.	
Concern	Robert & Peggy Siders	Mackenzie Siders	Robert and Peggy's daughter, Mackenzie, is battling juvenile rheumatoid arthritis.
Concern	Emmaus Community	Family of Marjorie McIntosh	Marjorie, a community member, passed away.
Concern	Emmaus Community	Nicole Franklin	Health issues
Concern	Emmaus Community	Sandy Ott	Brain surgery
Concern	Dan Hieronimus	Gary Holschuh	Lower back pain
Concern	Joe Fisher	Fisher family	In need of financial help
Concern	Niccole Franklin	Lainey and her dad, Jason	Jason has MDS which develops into acute leukemia. He is battling several complications.
Concern	Cheryl Reddington	Gale Gray	Long term health issues
Concern	Dreama Pritt	19 year old	Prayer requested for a young woman who was raped
Concern	Dreama Pritt	Bo, friend of her brother	Battling cancer
Concern	Dan Hieronimus	Louise French	Passed out at a wedding in Texas and was reported as unresponsive at the hospital.
Concern	Ron Henry	22-month old son of Janet James	Shot himself in the chest with a brad nailer
Concern	JM Emmaus Friends	Family of Alex Brewster	Alex, 23 years old, died after a fall in his apartment.

Sponsorship

Now is the time to approach those people in your sphere of influence about the Emmaus walk. Who is God calling you to ask? Ask them now. Applications can be found on the community website: www.ashlandemmaus.com.

Remember how much the walk impacted your life with the love of God. Share.

Board Elections

The Ashland Area Emmaus Community Board of Directors is composed of 15 elected members, divided into three classes of five members each. Those who are elected to serve will have a term of three years.

Of the five members in each class, one is a clergy member. This year, due to the resignation of Rev. Gene Pillow from the board, we are electing two clergy members – one to serve as Community Spiritual Director (completing Gene’s term) and one to serve a complete three year term.

This is a working Board; each member has a specific leadership responsibility within the functioning of the community.

Community members may vote during the September Gathering (September 17) or using the following ballot. Our goal is to have the new board members in place in time for them to attend the November Leadership Event in Columbus.

If you vote via this ballot, please mail it to Janie Moore at 6451 N. St. Hwy 7, Grayson, KY 41143

You may email your vote to Janie: purposedrvn_mom@yahoo.com (there is an underscore in that email address). Ballots that are mailed or emailed must be received by Janie no later than September 16. Votes will be counted at the Gathering the next evening.

You can also vote at the September Gathering, so pray and then vote.

2011 Ashland Area Emmaus Community Board Election

Laity (Select 4)

Pam Berry

Niccole Franklin

Jerry Mounce

Joe Grady

Janet Hieronimus

Al Seibel

Anita Fitzpatrick

Gary Holschuh

Clergy (select 2)

Susan Elkow

Mike McAlister

Terry Washburn

David Herndon

John Street