

# A Light Shining

News from the Ashland Area Emmaus Community

December 2009



## December Gathering

**Friday, December 18**

*First United Methodist Church in Ashland, KY*

6:30 – Potluck dinner  
7:30 – Worship followed by dessert

Child care is provided for all community events.

## Walk dates for 2010

### Spring Walks

Men's Walk #26  
March 18-21

*Notice the earlier than usual date!*

Women's Walk #31  
April 22-25

### Fall walks

Men's Walk #27  
October 7-10

Women's Walk #32  
October 21-24

## A Note from our Community Lay Director

Dear Friends,

My service as your 2009 Community Lay Director is quickly coming to an end. It has been an honor and, oh, so humbling, to lead this wonderful community this year. I certainly have a new appreciation for the awesome jobs each of you do, all critical to the success of the Walks that are held in the spring & fall, as well as your leadership in your home churches. Thank you for being the leaders that you are!

Last month you elected five new members to the AAEC Board. Congratulations to Jeff Ferguson, Cheryl Reddington, Joe Schuler, Sue Yancy & Clergy Dennis Strawn. They will officially begin their three-year terms in January.

A special thank you goes out to those completing their terms: Maria Farley, Fred Herr, Dan Hieronimus & Rev. Pete Shaffer; Janie Moore is the fifth member of the Class of 2009, but as you know, will remain on the Board in the capacity of the 2010 Community Lay Director. Janie has served as the Assistant CLD for most of the year and I expect a smooth transition into the new year with her at the helm.

Hope to see you at December 18<sup>th</sup> where we are planning a special Christmas Gathering with performances by musicians and singers in our community. "O Come, Let Us Adore Him"

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Community Lay Director. It has been an awesome experience.

Micah 6:8

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Linda



## Board News

The class of 2013 was elected in November and will join the board in January:

**Jeff Ferguson**  
**Cheryl Reddington**  
**Joe Schuler**  
**Sue Yancy**  
**Rev. Dennis Strawn**

Welcome to the Emmaus Board.

Several members of the board are retiring at the end of the year, having completed their terms.

**Maria Farley**  
**Fred Herr**  
**Dan Hieronimus**  
**Rev. Pete Shaffer**  
**Linda Howard**  
**Jeff Taylor**

Thank you to all of these board members for their dedication and commitment.

The dates for the 2010 walks can be found on the first page of this newsletter. Lay directors for the spring walks are as follows:

**Men's walk #26: Steve Matthews**  
**Women's walk #31: Angie Smart**

Please be in prayer for all of those who are beginning service or who have completed terms of service.



## Snow Policy for Gatherings

*If the Ashland Independent school district closes schools for the day, then the Gathering is cancelled.*

## Early Walk ... Early Sponsorship Needed

Remember, with the men's walk in March of 2010, we have one less month to consider who to invite to go on the walk, and one less month to do the work of a sponsor.

For applications, go to the  
[www.ashlandemmaus.com](http://www.ashlandemmaus.com)



## Reunion Group News



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.

**OH: Dan Hieronimus 740-533-7743**

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**OH: Sue Yancy 532-6936**

**KY: Trish Wheeler @ 606-325-0444**

[wheeler\\_travel@yahoo.com](mailto:wheeler_travel@yahoo.com)

**WV: Mary Taylor @ 304-529-6855**

If you are a member of a Reunion Group and would like to share a few words concerning how important the group is in your spiritual journey, the Good Shepherd Committee would like to hear from you. Send your testimony to Dan Hieronimus.

## Prayer Concerns



	Offered by	Person (s)	Issue
Praise	Kristi Adkins	Her brother, Ron, is ready to make changes in his life and is seeking help. Pray the Lord leads his family in the way that is needed.	
Concern	Alan Siebel		Unspoken requests
Concern	Kristi & Brad Adkins	Rissa	Having problems. God is leading the Adkins to help her. Pray that they can reach her enough to come back to live for God and join a church.
Concern	Jennifer Ketterman	Angie Juniper's father	In hospital with heart failure; needs salvation
Concern	Jennifer Ketterman	Bellie Crites	Breast cancer
Concern	AAEC Community	Family of Doug Clark	Doug died on November 8
Concern	Steve & Pam Berry	Paul Barber	In KDMC with kidney problems
Concern	Forest Burdette UMC	David Lee	Undergoing cancer treatment
Concern	Sandy Ott	Bill Heaberlin	Mini stroke; may need surgery
Concern	Jo Foremna	Sallie Houser	Stroke
Concern	Dreama Pritt	Lido, Dream's friend's Lipas' brother	Health issues; heart problems
Concern	Jayne Cenco	Brenda Gallian	<a href="http://www.prayforbrenda.wordpress.com">www.prayforbrenda.wordpress.com</a>
Concern	Bill Turner	Gary & Cindy Hogman	Cindy has cervical cancer; her husband is serving in Iraq.
Concern	AAEC Community	David Classing	David's mother, Sharon Kay Classing, died on December 11.



### In Memory

The community members express their sadness in response to the death of Doug Clark on November 8, 2009. Please keep Debby and all of Doug's family and friends in your prayers.

### With Sadness

The community members are asked to keep David Classing in prayer. David's mother, Sharon, died on December 11 after a courageous battle against cancer.

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### Agape Ideas

1. Little notebooks or note pads. "Write this down: Jesus Loves You!"
2. Small calendars (wallet size are good): "I am with you always. Jesus"
3. Seed packages: "Grow in Christ."
4. Life Savers: "Jesus is the real life saver!"
5. Small rulers: "Measure your life in Christ." Or "Jesus Rules!"
6. Emory board or small piece of sand paper on a card: "Jesus can smooth away all our rough edges!"
7. Nail on a card. "Need an eternal fix? Try John 3:16."
8. Butterfly anything: "God changes things."
9. Diaper pin: "God can change even the worst of things."
10. Maps or compasses: "Jesus is the way" or "Lost? Talk to God" or "Need directions? Talk to the Father." Or "Lost? Follow the Son."

Like these? You can find more on the internet at this address:

<http://www.niemmaus.com/agape/>

### Help Needed

Help is always needed to provide child care for community events.

This is a position of service in the community, as well as one that includes payment.

Child care workers are needed for every Gathering and all community events during a walk.

Contact a board member if you are willing to help.

To submit prayer requests – concerns or praise – email them to [aaec@windstream.net](mailto:aaec@windstream.net) or write them as requests at the Gatherings.

Prayer Concerns will then be published in the next monthly newsletter.