

A Light Shining

News from the Ashland Area Emmaus Community

February 2010

A Note from our Community Lay Director

Dear Community,

As I sit here at my computer trying to compose this letter, I am keeping a watchful eye on a group of lights on a small box on my floor. These lights will tell me when I once again have a DSL connection and can share this letter with you. When four lights are shining, I will know that I am once again connected. This has been an annoying issue for us for most of the winter, but though the problem has been reported, we have been offered no solution.

Perhaps it is just part of the job description of Community Lay Director that every life situation seems to be a parable. In this situation, I see a parallel to the connection we have to God, through his son Jesus. When that connection is strong, all is right with our world. We accomplish much, we share His love with our world, and in all we do, we let our lights shine! When something interferes with that connection, though we don't even see the interference, we sometimes waver, or flicker or just simply don't glow.

What causes this disconnect? In my life, it is me! I cause the problem. I become involved with myself, my worries, my activities, my own agenda, and I don't make time for God. When I realize what I am doing and turn around, I can see that the connection has been there all along, just waiting for me.

Keeping that connection and making it stronger so that our lights never flicker should be a priority for us all. Our Emmaus Walk gave us all the information we need to keep the connection strong. I pray for each of you that through prayer, study and action, you will find your own way to shine His light.

DeColores!



Gathering
Friday

February 19 at
6:30 PM

**Child care
is provided.**

**The celebration
begins at 6:30 with
a potluck dinner,
worship at 7:30
followed by dessert.**



Snow Policy

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



Spring Walk Dates

March 18-21
Men's walk # 26

***Note the earlier than
usual date!***

April 22-25
Women's walk #31

December Financial Report

Beginning Balance: \$2,751.56

Income: \$280.20

Expenses: \$488.97

Ending Balance: \$2,542.79

Your generosity, along with registration fees from pilgrims, babysitting for community event and walk expenses.

Thank you.

Future expenses will include memorials for Community members who have died.



Send Off

We are in need of volunteers to bring food for the Men's Send Off Supper.

Sandwiches

Soup

Veggie tray

Brownies ♦ cookies ♦ cupcakes ♦ etc.

Salads such as:

potato salad ♦ jello salad ♦ pasta salad ♦ etc.

The items need to be at church on Thursday March 18th by 6:15pm

A sign up sheet will be available at the next gathering; however, if you cannot make the gathering please contact Sue Yancy and let her know how you can help.

sue-yancy@live.com

home: 740-532-6936 ♦ cell: 304-751-7076

Emmaus Board Responsibilities

The Ashland Area Emmaus Board of Directors is a "working board." Thank you to the board and community members who have accepted areas of service for the coming year:

Lay Director: Janie Moore

Past Lay Director: Linda Howard

Spiritual Director: Rev. Gene Pillow

Secretary: Jenny Johnson

Treasurer: Bill Rice

Agape: Steve Berry, Melanie Herr, Cheryl Reddington

Kitchen: Suzy Richardson, Randy Loschert

Sponsorship: Randy Loschert

Registration: Jacquie Loschert

Good Shepherd (Reunion Groups): Joe Schuler

Book Table: Donna Barber

Walk Events: Sue Yancy

Facilities: Randy Loschert; Jeff Ferguson

Clowns: Steve Berry

Child Care: Dan Hieronimus

Music for Gatherings: Teddy Cole

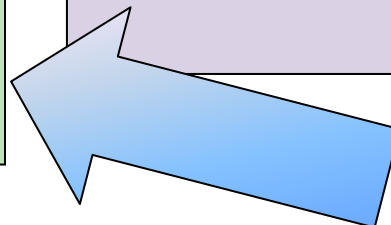
Newsletter: Kim Matthews

Email: Rich Barber

Web site: Lloyd Keyser

Fiesta!

Sue Yancy is also looking for new ideas/skits to add to our options for entertainment during the Fiesta Dinner. If you know of an idea or if you are willing to be involved in performing, please contact Sue. (Her phone numbers and email address are to the left.)



Prayer Concerns and Praise

	Offered By	Person (s)	Issue
Joy	Steve & Pam Berry	Grandchild #10 is on the way.	
Concern	Steve & Pam Berry	Parents of little girl at Hillcrest-Bruce	In car accident. Seriously injured, but now home.
Joy	Adkins Family	Praise God for answered prayers.	
Concern	Rich and Donna Barber	Clover Barber	Failing health
Joy	JM Emmaus Friends	Marcia Rouse and her family received the good news that Marcia's sister-in-law's father, who lives in Haiti, survived the earthquake. They went several days without hearing from him.	
Concern	JM Emmaus Friends	Judith Lucas Wilburn	Judith had chronic pneumonia, but is doing much better.
Concern	JM Emmaus Friends	Drew Powers and family	Drew, who is 4, is battling neuroblastoma. He had had a clear scan, but the tumors have returned.
Concern	David Bias	85 employees from Special Metals plants in Huntington, WV, and Burnaugh, KY were laid off last month.	
Concern	Rich & Donna Barber	Jack Cantrell	Has cystic fibrosis. In January, he and a pulmonary infection and was in Lexington Children's hospital.
Concern	Jeremiah Jasper	Mordecai Jasper	Jeremiah's brother had been hospitalized for heart problems.
Concern	Trish Shaffer	Carla Shuff	Carla has a disease called scleraderma and is in very serious condition.
Concern	Dreama Pritt	Don Neal	Battling cancer
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Joy	Mace Sturm	Fred Herr	Fred had successful cataract surgery this month.
Concern	Fred Herr	Melanie Herr	Melanie spent several days in the hospital last week.
Concern	Beth Shuler	Jr. Fitzpatrick	Junior's bother, Brian, died last week.
Concern	Audrey Dotson	Roy Hatten	Audrey's nephew has cancer.

Men's Walk #26 -- Conference Room Team
March 18 – 21

Lay Director – Steve Matthews

Assistant Lay Directors – Jeff Taylor, Rick Lemons, Rick Estep

Table Leaders – Mark Franklin, David Bias, Al Siebel, Brad Adkins, Bob Matthews

Assistant Table Leaders – David Yancy, Joe Grady, Bob Berry, Chuck Conley, Albert Anderson

Prayer Chapel – Rich Barber, Jim Perry

Media – Jr. Fitzpatrick

Spiritual Director – William Moore

Assistant Spiritual Directors – Michael McAlister, David Herndon, Brad Smart, Jim Coleman

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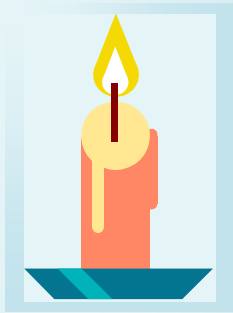
It's time to turn in applications for the upcoming spring walks. Who is God calling you to sponsor? Applications are available on the web site:

www.ashlandemmaus.com

The mailing address for the applications in on the application itself.

Send them in *TODAY!*





New Candles – an Opportunity for Grace

Let your light shine!

For safety reasons – to avoid the dangers associated with a real flame – the Emmaus Board has decided to purchase battery operated candles to use in upcoming Candlelight Services. Candles similar to these are being used in our neighboring Chrysalis Community.

The white column candles with a flickering flame cost approximately \$5 each (including battery purchase). The Board is inviting Community members to purchase candles in honor or memory of someone else.

Please consider “letting your light shine” by making a donation in support of this effort. A few ideas:

- Purchase a candle in memory of a loved one – a former Community member – a family member.
- Sponsor the purchase of a candle in honor of the Table Leader or Lay Director of your walk. Sponsor a candle in honor of your sponsor.
- Honor a loved one with the purchase of a candle.
- Does your reunion group help you to let your light shine? Honor them with the purchase of new candles.

To donate funds to support the purchase of our new candles, fill out the form to the right and mail it to our treasurer or bring it to the next Gathering. The names of those being remembered and honored will be published in our newsletter.

Candle Donations

Name of purchaser: _____

Address: _____

Candle donation made in memory / honor (circle one) of:

Suggested donation to sponsor the purchase of a candle is \$5. Complete this form or use a separate sheet of paper.

Bring your donation to the Gathering or mail to:

Bill Rice, (AAEC Treasurer),
5112 Southern Hills Drive, Ashland, KY 41102
Make checks payable to Ashland Area Emmaus Community.

Candle Donations

In memory of Marcia Harding by Emily Strawn



More Agape Ideas

1. Paper clip chain made of brightly colored paper clips or several brightly colored paper clips hanging on an earring hoop: "Genesis 9:13"
2. Foam heart glued to a card: "Give your heart to Jesus." Or any heart verse.
3. Candy conversation hearts: "These go in your tummy. Put Jesus in your heart."
4. Teddy bear stickers or very small (1/2 inch) teddy bears or gummy bears. "God's love bears all."
5. Erasers: "Jesus erased all your sins."

Like these? You can find more on the internet at this address: <http://www.niemmaus.com/agape/>