

A Light Shining

News from the Ashland Area Emmaus Community

July 2010

July Gathering
Friday, July 16
at 6:30 PM

First United Methodist
Church, Ashland, KY

6:30 – Potluck dinner
in Fellowship hall
7:30 – Worship in
Sanctuary

August
Gathering
Watch this space for
news about the
August Gathering.....

Summer
Chrysalis Flights

Girls' Flight #27
July 10-12

Boys' Flight #26
July 17-19

Candlelight Services
will be on Sunday,
July 11 & July 18.
Community gathers
at 8:00pm.

Fall Walks

Men's Walk –
October 7-10

Women's Walk –
October 21-24

A Note from our Community Lay Director

*If all you do is love the lovable, do you expect a bonus? Anybody can do that. If you simply say hello to those who **greet** you, do you expect a medal? Any run-of-the-mill sinner does that.*

Matthew 5:44

Greetings Emmaus Friends,

Usually, when I share a scripture with you it is something I think is particularly lovely, or uplifting, or something that spoke to my heart. This month the scripture I am sharing might sound just a little preachy. I have been thinking of myself and my actions, and I wanted to express the importance of greeting, not just one another, but the strangers within our Gatherings.

Last month we had a wonderful opportunity to reach out to people we didn't know. We did an excellent job of doing just that with our food. You may have done an exceptional job of greeting people you didn't know as well. Speaking for myself, I filled my plate and headed directly to a table filled with familiar faces. That didn't seem wrong to me at the time, it just seemed comfortable. It is since then that I have wondered how our Gathering might have appeared to a stranger. If a stranger had walked in off the street that evening, hungry for fellowship, would he have found it? He would have been accepted, he would have been fed, but would he have been greeted and made to feel welcome? Would any of us have known that the newcomer was indeed a stranger to everyone present?

I have decided to stretch my introverted soul just a little at the next Gathering. If I don't know you by name, perhaps I will introduce myself and find out who you are. If I have never seen a particular face I will greet them. I hope each of you will take up my challenge and do the same thing! Don't wait to be greeted, greet first. Don't wait to see if someone is lovable, just love them!

I am blessed each month to see the love shared by this community. We love each other so well! Your love for the Lord is made clear through your love for His people. Please remember, the person who comes in and sits alone would not seek our Gathering if they wished to remain alone. At the July Gathering do what you do so well, welcome newcomers with love and enthusiasm. If you see me falling down on my soul stretching, just give me a loving poke!

Grace and Peace!
Janie Moore
Community Lay Director





May Financial Report

Beginning Balance: \$4,496.43

Income: \$407.00

Expenses: \$2,131.41

Ending Balance: \$ 2,772.02

Your generosity enabled the community to provide babysitting for community event, to publish the Emmaus Newsletter and to pay for walk supplies, such as crosses and purple books, pilgrim registration and food for walks (in combination with walk registration fees).

Thank you.

Ways to Serve

Clowning – Are you interested in learning how to be a clown for an Emmaus walk? If so, contact Steve Berry. Steve's always on the look-out for a good clown.

Babysitting – Like to care for children? Willing to share love with small humans? Let Dan Hieronimus know. (By the way, babysitting for community events is a paid position).

Music – Do you have a musical gift? Contact Sue Yancey (who coordinates walk event) or Teddy Cole (who coordinates music for Gatherings).

Summer Chrysalis Flights

The Summer Flights are held in July in Portsmouth, Ohio. The Girls' Flight is July 10-12 and the Boys' Flight is July 17-19.

Applications for the flights are available on the Southern Ohio Chrysalis web site:

www.southernohiochrysalis.com. Contact Joanne Charles as soon as you have a completed application in hand (740-285-2560; jcharles@shawnee.edu)

People are needed to serve on the Cleaning Crew on Mondays – If you can clean showers (2pm to 4pm) or clean bathrooms (6pm to 8pm), contact Tom Charles (charlest@shawnee.edu)

People are needed to help in the kitchen. To sign up, please contact Kris Liles at kliles@shawnee.edu or call 740-776-6615 evenings 6pm – 9pm, or leave a detailed message anytime on her cell, 740-357-8866.

Flights can always use more Agape! Please make 60 pieces for mealtime agape, and/or 30 pieces for bedtime agape.

Sign up for the Prayer Vigil electronically from the Southern Ohio Chrysalis web site (address above).

Candlelight is held on Sunday evenings – the Community gathers at 8pm. Closing will be Monday evenings, beginning at 4pm.

Southern Ohio Chrysalis Flights are held at Cornerstone United Methodist Church, 808 Offnere Street, Portsmouth, OH. Parking is available in the large concrete parking lot on Ninth Street across from the church. The church is easily accessed via the Ninth Street entrance.



Prayer Concerns and Praise

	Offered By	Person (s)	Issue
Concern	Keith Maul	Linda Maul	Complete recovery from eye surgery
Concern	Ashland Emmaus Community	Boys and Girls Chrysalis Flights in July	
Concern	Fred & Melanie Herr	Jordon Jefferson	27 year old young man facing surgery
Concern	Johnson Memorial Emmaus Friends	Theo Tippett	Continuing battle with cancer; recovery from surgery
Concern	Dan & Janet Hieronimus	Destiny Payne	Six year old with a potential diagnosis of leukemia
Concern	Fred & Melanie Herr	Carol Adkins	Health concern
Concern	Fred & Melanie Herr	Anthony Herr	End of a relationship
Concern	Sherry McWatters Boyce	Ed Fry	Sherry's father-in-law has been diagnosed with acute leukemia
Concern	Sherry McWatters Boyce	Shelly	Stage 4 breast cancer
Concern	Bill & Sandy Ott	Sandy Ott	Sandy is having an open craniotomy on July 13 to remove an arachnoid cyst on the left side of her brain.
Concern	Dan Hieronimus	Joshua Yates	Undergoing tests to determine the cause of headaches and dizziness.
Concern	Ashland Area Emmaus Community	Team selection for the fall walks is currently underway. The Nominations committee is working to create a slate of board members for elections this fall. Please be in prayer for these two efforts.	



Newsletter Stewardship

One of the ministries of the Emmaus Community is this newsletter. We hope that it keeps you connected to the Fellowship of the Community and that it provides you with information that is important to you. We ask you to help us to practice good use of God's resources:

- If your email address changes, please send your new address to aaec@windstream.net.
- If you *start* using email, please send your email address to aaec@windstream.net and let Kim Matthews know that you no longer need to receive a printed version of the newsletter (mom4gj@yahoo.com).
- If your mailing address changes, please let Kim know so that we do not send your newsletter to the wrong place and so that the Community's registrar can be notified.
- If you no longer wish to receive the newsletter, please let Kim know.

We want to keep you connected, AND we want to use God's resources wisely. Thank you so much for your help!

Candle Donations

In memory of Bonnie L Berry by Bob Berry (4 candles).
In memory of Rob Berry by Bob Berry (2 candles).
In honor of Steve Berry by Bob Berry (2 candles).
In honor of Pam Berry by Bob Berry (2 candles).
(May 21 – June 18, 2010)

Candle Update

Thanks to everyone who has sponsored the purchase of battery operated candles for the Emmaus Community.

Total number of candles sponsored as of June 18:

144

Total number of candles purchased:

200

Thank you! Please keep your support coming!

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.



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 a form at the next gathering.