

A Light Shining

News from the Ashland Area Emmaus Community

June 2010

June Gathering
Friday, June 18
at 6:30 PM

The location of the June Gathering will not be our usual place. We will be gathering at Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church in Huntington.

6:30 – Potluck dinner
in Social hall
(basement)

7:30 – Worship in
Sanctuary featuring
the North Carolina
Boys Choir.

We'll be feeding the
choir, so a little extra
food would be
appreciated.

July Gathering
will be held on July 16
at First United
Methodist Church in
Ashland, Ky.

Fall Walks

Men's Walk –
October 7-10

Women's Walk –
October 21-24

A Note from our Community Lay Director

"Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly." Matthew 11:28-30 The Message

Dear Emmaus Friends,

I was reading a book this week when I found the above message from God to me right there in the middle of an interesting chapter. It was identified only as being from Matthew 11. I had to lay the book down right then and read the entire 11th chapter of Matthew. I just didn't recognize the words in this form. What a lovely thought, to keep company with Jesus. That is what I seek to do. I want to be open to his leading. I want to learn the unforced rhythms of grace.

I find that when I am working for Him I am happier than in any other role of my life. So, why do I try to separate my "work" from my "service"? It only makes sense that everything I do, I should do as if it was for Christ. He tells us that is true in *Matthew 25:40* Then the King will say, 'I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me.'

On a recent Wednesday evening, following a full day of teaching Kindergarten, I was part of a group from my church that went to Olive Hill to encourage flood victims through a free meal and fellowship. That evening was pure joy for me. I came home not exhausted, but excited. Perhaps that is how we can know if we are walking with Christ in the way he wants us to, what we do won't feel heavy or ill-fitting but free and light.

I thank God for the ways he reveals himself to me every day. Through words in a novel, or the joy I find in serving, through a note from a friend or a breeze that seems to carry His breath. I am blessed to be learning the unforced rhythms of grace.

May you find true rest as you keep company with Jesus.

De Colores,
Janie Moore
Community Lay Director





April Financial Report

Beginning Balance: \$4,038.62

Income: \$2,196.74

Expenses: \$1,738.57

Ending Balance: \$ 4,496.43

Your generosity enabled the community to provide babysitting for community event, to publish the Emmaus Newsletter and to pay for walk events (in combination with walk registration fees).

Thank you.

Testimony of Grace

For me, the reunion group serves as an accountability group. It makes me more aware of the Lord's presence and helps me think about opportunities that God is providing for me to serve Him. Because I am going to give an accounting to my brothers, I find myself thinking is this a "call to discipleship"?; if I say no, is this "discipleship denied"?; and I continually wonder, is this my "closest to Christ" or does God have something better for me yet this week. The reunion group really has changed the way I think and face my days. Each time we gather, I am encouraged and blessed to hear how God is working in each of our lives. I strongly encourage everyone to get involved in a Reunion Group. It simply helps you stay on track!

Dennis Strawn,
AAEC Men's Walk #22
Table of Moses
Reunion Group: firm believers in
Christ (fbiC)

Board of Directors News

The Board of Directors of the Ashland Area Emmaus Community is pleased to announce that Rev. Jeremiah Jasper has agreed to complete the term of Rev. Mike Lewis. Please welcome Jeremiah to service on the Board.

Two committees will be meeting in June – the Team Selection Committee for the fall walks and the Nomination Committee for Board of Director nominations. Please pray for these groups.

Lay Directors for the fall walks are Jerry Mounce and Peggy Siders. Team formation will begin following the Team Selection meetings.

Rev. John Street has been appointed as pastor of First United Methodist Church in Ashland. Please keep John, his family, the church and Rev. Gene Pillow, who has been appointed as District Superintendent, in your prayers.

Prayer Concerns and Praise

	Offered By	Person (s)	Issue
Concern	Bill and Sandy Ott	Sandy Ott	God's guidance and wisdom in making upcoming decisions about health concerns.
Concern	Fred and Melanie Herr	Linda Summers	Had surgery to repair broken ankle
Concern	Emmaus community	Gordon Scott	Health Concerns
Concern	Rita Russell	Randy Hogsett	Relief of pain as he recovers from back surgery (Randy is Rita's brother)
Concern	Rita Russell	Family of Sandy Alt	Sandy died on May 21 from non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. She was Rita's cousin.

Community Announcements

Rick and Chris Wensits have relocated to Houston, Texas. They will be missed! Please pray God's presence in their lives.

Rev. Jeremiah Jasper married Rev. Michaela Brown on May 29. Congratulations!



Rev. Daryl Fourman will be retiring from active ministry this summer. Daryl serves as pastor of the Chesapeake United Methodist Church. To learn more about Daryl and his retirement, see [this article](#) in the *Ironton Tribune*.



North Carolina Boys Choir

The June Emmaus Gathering will be held at Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church in Huntington. The church is located at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Tenth Street. Parking is located on Tenth Street and Sixth Avenue (behind the church).

For dinner, come in the door on the Tenth Street side of the church and go to the basement (social hall).

The North Carolina Boys' Choir will be the guest musicians for the evening. According to the JM newsletter:

Founded in 1972, the NC Boys Choir has traveled extensively, including a performance tour of Scotland, Wales, and London. They are welcome guests for worship at Duke Chapel on the campus of Duke University, Durham NC.

Thirty-two boys, ranging in age from 10 to 14, sing under the leadership of William J. Graham, Founder and Musical Director. Seven adults, including the bus driver, accompany the choir.



What's Your Gift?

If music is your gift, Sue Yancy and Teddi Cole are looking for you. They need musicians who are willing to provide music for Gatherings and Candlelight.

Candle Donations

In honor of Dennison O'Neil Lambert by John and Sue Lambert
In honor of Joe Prokop by John and Sue Lambert
In honor of Emily Prokop by John and Sue Lambert
In honor of the Tony Dilley family by Tony Dilley
In memory of Mary Dilley by Tony Dilley
In honor of Rick and Chris Wensits by Loretta Mayes
In honor of Geneva Mayes Reid by Loretta Mayes
In honor of Mike Wheeler by Loretta Mayes
In honor of Sharon Miller by Loretta Mayes
(April 22 – May 21, 2010)

Candle Donations

Name of purchaser: _____

Address: _____

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

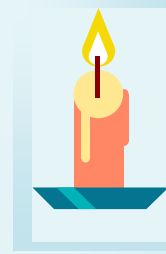
Suggested donation to sponsor the purchase of a candle is \$5.
Complete this form or use a separate sheet of paper.

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.



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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.