

A Light Shining

News from the Ashland Area Emmaus Community

June 2011

June Gathering



June 17

First United Methodist
Church
6:30 – Potluck dinner
7:30 – Worship

Babysitting is provided for
all community events.

Fourth Day Speaker
Sandy Ott



Fall Walks

Men's Walk #29
October 13-16
Women's Walk #34
October 27-30

A Note from the Community Lay Director

Today is the Only Time we have

Don't brashly announce what you're going to do tomorrow; you don't know the first thing about tomorrow. (Proverbs 27:1 from The Message)

Are you like me? Do you procrastinate? Even though I feel a great sense of accomplishment once I finally finish what needs to be done, I often have to push myself to "get 'er done." This is especially true when I have fallen out of the habit of a regular scheduled event. I procrastinate cleaning the house, exercising, telling others bad news, asking for help – my list is very long.

We put things off. We think, "I'll do that tomorrow." We promise ourselves, "Next time, I'll participate." We tell others, "I'll be there next month." When tomorrow arrives, when the next month is here, we are making the same statements.

When was the last time you came to a Gathering? How many times have you said, "I'll go next month – I'm too busy right now." Next month has come and gone, and we miss you. Each time you do not make the effort to join in the fellowship and worship of a Gathering is an opportunity you miss to reconnect with friends, to meet new people, to share how God is working in your life, to praise Him along with your Emmaus Family. ***We miss you!***

I know it's difficult once you miss a few Gatherings to return to the habit of attending them, but maybe you've started a new habit instead. Is your new habit missing the Gathering? Please don't put it off another month.

Tomorrow is uncertain. All we have it today, and today I hope to see you at this week's Gathering, because I miss you.

Grace,

Kim Matthews
Community Lay Director



Gratitude and Thanksgiving

Dear Emmaus Community,

A Huge Thank You to all the teams who worked so hard and so unselfishly to make the Women's Walk #33 run so smoothly.

Everybody kept telling me, don't worry about this or that, it will get done, and it did, to perfection.

What a loving community we have. I know, you're just reflecting God's love, and you do it so well.

Thank you. I am forever thankful for your friendship and your acts of agape.

In Christ's Love,
Nobelita Crace
Lay Director,
Women's Walk #33

Team Selection

The Team Selection Committee, chaired by Jerry Mounce, met on June 4 to begin the process of team selection for the Fall Walks.

A great list of possibilities was compiled! Fred Herr and Kim Matthews will be contacting prospective team members in the near future.

(Ok, maybe Fred already is, but Kim has been procrastinating, and will start soon!)

Service on the team is a wonderful blessing and a large responsibility. If you are called, I hope you will prayerfully consider your response.

Please be in prayer as the teams are assembled. God already knows who will be asked, and I know he is working within all of us to assemble the teams he needs for the work to be done.

Gratitude is expressed to the Team Selection Committee for all of its hard work.

Financial Report

I am behind in publishing our Community's Financial Reports (walk information takes up a lot of space!)

April 2011

Beginning Balance: \$3,756.72

Income: \$2,311.08

Expenses: \$2,901.46

Ending Balance: \$3,166.34

Thank you for your generosity – your support enables ministry to happen through AAEC.



Dates for 2012 walks set

One of the Board's goals for 2011 is to have Walk Spiritual Directors set in place earlier than in the past. To facilitate this, and to give the Walk Lay Directors and the Community more time to plan, we have set the dates for the 2012 walks (I'm including the 2011 Fall Dates for your convenience):

Fall 2011

Men's Walk – October 13 – 16

Women's Walk – October 27-30

Spring 2012

Men's Walk – April 19-22

Women's Walk – May 3-6

Fall 2012

Men's Walk – October 11-14

Women's Walk – October 25-28

Prayer Concerns

	Offered by	Person (s)	Issue
Joy	Trish Shaffer & Ramona McCollister	Both are recovering from total knee replacement and doing well. Both still have physical therapy to complete, but both praise God for healing.	
Concern	Elicia Bias	Ricky Meade	Laura Beth Meade's husband has blood clots in his leg (a recurring issue).
Concern	Dan Hieronimus	Janet Hieronimus	Illness
Concern	Jerry McCollister		Fell down flight of stairs. Subdural hematoma and broken ribs.
Concern	Sue Yancy	Dan & Janet Hieronimus	Trouble with previously broken ankle
Concern	Lisa Smith	Connor, Lisa and Michael	Connor, 4 year old son, has bronchitis and sinus infection. Allergy testing upcoming.
Joy	Chris McIntyre	Girls are doing great. Everything is fine with them. Call from 3 year old after 5 months.	
Joy	Misfit Ministries	Purchased property on Greenup Ave.. Homeless Day shelter opening on June 1 st .	
Concern	Emmaus Community	Gordon Scott died in late May; please keep Mary Jo and their family in your prayers.	
Concern	Dreama Pritt	Chad and Andrea Donohew	Unborn baby has anencephaly
Concern	Dreama Pritt	Carla Weese	Husband died in motorcycle accident. They have three young children.
Concern	Michael Smith	Jeff Estep	Having surgery
Concern	JM Emmaus Friends	Marilyn Holleron	Marilyn's 23 year old grandson died on Sunday.
Concern	Ron Henry	Bill Sexton	Throat Cancer

In Memorium

Our own beloved
Gordon Scott
passed away late last month.

Gordon and Mary Jo were instrumental in the establishment of our Ashland Area Emmaus Community and have been very involved ever since.

Please keep Mary Jo and their family in your prayers.



Fall Men's Walk 2011

Fred Herr (LD)

Rev. Susan Elkow (SD)

Fall Women's Walk 2011

Kim Matthews (LD)

Rev. Fred Wiles (SD)

Spring Men's Walk 2012

Rick Lemons (LD)

Spring Women's Walk 2012

Teresa Kirkpatrick (LD)

Fall Men's Walk 2012

Rick Estep (LD)

Fall Women's Walk 2012

Niccole Franklin (LD)



Opportunity for service

Are you willing to be a greeter at the Gathering? Greeters would be asked to arrive at about 6:15 on the night of a Gathering. He or she would stand at the door and welcome people and make sure that they know what is going on. Simple. Great way to meet people.

If you would like to be a greeter, please contact Kim Matthews.

Keeping in touch

To send a prayer request out to the Community, email it to aaec@windstream.net.

To visit the Ashland Area Emmaus Community web site, go to www.ashlandemmaus.com

Remember, if you mailing address or your email address changes, please send it to the community, either by email or through the mail.

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Special Note

We have had an issue with the Emmaus Email list. If you were receiving the newsletter, and you are not anymore, then please email your address to Rich – aaec@windstream.net – and asked to be added to the list again.

I have a question...

For this month, let's consider ...who serves on a team – what are their roles? I thought we would take a break from our usual question and answer column to play an alphabet game. Have you ever wondered what all those abbreviations mean on a Team Roster?

LD – Lay Director

SD – Spiritual Director

LDIT – Lay Director in Training – Before a Community member can be a Lay Director, he or she must serve on a walk as a LDIT, learning all that can be learned about the Walk to Emmaus process.

ALD – Assistant Lay Director – There are three of them on each walk. The ALDs are the ones who “ring the bell.”

ASD – Assistant Spiritual Directors – There are four of them, and at least one of them will be in residence with the SD during the walk.

TL – Table leaders

ATL – Assistant Table leaders

MD – Music Director, who is assisted by a Music Team.

PC – Prayer Chapel (people)

MM – MultiMedia – Those of the people who run the PowerPoint and the Sound System, among other things.

