

A Light Shining

News from the Ashland Area Emmaus Community

May 2010

May Gathering
Friday, May 21
6:30 PM

The celebration begins at 6:30 with a potluck dinner in the Fellowship Hall, worship at 7:30 in the Sanctuary, followed by dessert back in the Fellowship Hall.

Child care is provided.



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

See the article in the newsletter.

A Note from our Community Lay Director

Dear Emmaus Friends,

We have just completed the second of our Spring Walks. You, as a community, showed up full force for every event of the weekend and truly showed God's love in very real ways! You were a blessing to my heart and to the pilgrims and team of Women's Walk #31!

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest community members from both Spring walks. We are all so glad to include you in our ever expanding circle of Christian brothers and sisters!

Many of you have expressed the intention of being active in our Emmaus Community. Some are already sponsoring pilgrims for the fall walks. Some are planning ahead to serve in the kitchen or the agape room on those walks. Many of the men of Men's Walk #26, have already served in those areas during Women's Walk #31. Your joy and enthusiasm is exciting to behold! I am renewed by witnessing the impact Emmaus has had on your lives already. I look forward to getting to know each of you as we meet at gatherings and as we work together at future walk events.

What I am most anticipating is the impact your excitement will have on the churches where you serve, the people you love, and the places where you work! The Emmaus handbook has this to say about your 4th day experience: **“The Fourth Day for the Emmaus community is not simply time between Walks to prepare for more Walks, but time to work as Christian disciples and to support one another as active Christians in the Church and in our everyday environments.”**

The purpose of the Walk to Emmaus is to equip Christian leaders. Each of us has more to contribute to our home church because of the lessons learned at Emmaus. Don't let these lessons become just a pleasant memory; instead, use them to become a better disciple. Christ is counting on you! Rest assured, you can count on Christ!

De Colores,
Janie Moore
Community Lay Director





Welcome –
New Community
Members
Women's Walk
#31

Erica Ball
Valerie Bartley
Sue Brenan
Melissa Budd
Leota Campbell
Brenda Chapman
Becky Day
Linda Dickess
Mary Alice Edwards
Sharon Hager
Georgian Hughes
Lora Jane Hyden
Kay Jarrell
Tiffany Little
Mary Moore
Cristen Pulliam
April Skaggs
Ellen Smith
Mary Lou Taylor
Jacki VanHoose
Amy Webb

How was the Women's Walk?

I want to thank everyone for your prayers for Women's Walk # 31. And I shouldn't have to tell you this...they worked! God showed up in a mighty way on the weekend and in the weeks of preparation before. HE was there when an assistant table leader had to back out at the last minute and someone who had initially been unable to be on the team, now had a clear schedule and was able to step in. HE was there in making the table assignments when a pilgrim, who was missing her friend who had passed away, was at the table with a team member who was wearing the shoes of that same friend. HE was there when a pilgrim was so sick she thought she might have to go home, but woke up feeling so good she was able to stay. HE was there when a pilgrim with back problems couldn't sleep woke up the next morning saying she "slept like a rock". HE was there when the rain stopped on Saturday evening, and the sky was clear in a little round circle right above the church just in time for us to walk through the beautiful luminaries on the way to candlelight. HE was there at morning chapel as we all gathered around our sister in Christ and she was anointed and we prayed for healing to come to her body and for the cancer to be no more. HE was there at dying moments as so many left their burdens and hurtful situations at the foot of the cross and came away full of God's grace. I think I could go on forever! This walk was so full of "God moments"! And of course we had our share of "laugh until you cry" moments, and "cry until you can't cry anymore" moments. It was such a blessing to be a part of this walk and I will forever remember this as one of the best weekends ever! The team's theme throughout our team meetings was that we were just pieces of a puzzle. Each of us brought a unique piece to the team that only we could bring to make the puzzle complete. And each of you who helped in any way on this walk was a piece of our puzzle. I learned during the walk, though, that the puzzle wasn't complete until Sunday. Each pilgrim brought their unique gift to the walk and they were a piece of our puzzle, also. So, Sunday afternoon, it was a tremendous blessing to see the completed puzzle! Thanks to everyone for being a part of the puzzle!

Angie Smart, Lay Director, AAEC Women's Walk #31

Board of Directors News

It is the intention of Bishop Lindsey Davis of the Kentucky Annual Conference of the UMC to appoint Rev. Gene Pillow as the District Superintendent of the Ashland District. Because of his change in responsibilities, Gene is resigning his position on the Ashland Area Emmaus Board of Directors and as Community Spiritual Director after the May Gathering. We all thank Gene for his service and pray for his continued successful ministry for God in this new position.

Prayer Concerns and Praise

	Offered By	Person (s)	Issue
Concern	Fred & Melanie Herr	Gloria Peek	Fractured Pelvis
Concern		Ethel Stafford	Spinal Surgery; needs healing
Concern	Bret Evanich	Fortner Family	Peace in the family
Praise	Bret Evanich		God's awesome timing
Praise	Fred & Melanie Herr	Granddaughters are moving back to Huntington from Kansas City, Kansas and bringing their parents with them.	
Concern	JM Emmaus Friends	Theo Tippett	Battling cancer and the side effects of treatment
Concern	Dreama Pritt	Teresa Workman	Pancreatitis
Concern	Dreama Pritt	Randy Harrison & wife	His wife has Crohn's disease
Concern	Trish Shaffer	Mark Busick's friends and family	Mark, a community member, was killed on April 21 in a car accident.
Concern	Trish Shaffer	South Point UMC	Twelve deaths in the last year
Praise	AAEC	Two successful walks this spring with a total of 39 pilgrims. Thank you to God and to the community for showing them the love of God in a whole new way.	
Concern	Women's Walk #31	Cristen Pulliam and Leota Campbell	Anointed during the Women's Walk; pray for their healing.
Concern	Teresa Kirkpatrick	Gordon & Mary Jo Scott	Gordon is in the hospital and has been placed on dialysis (hopefully temporarily).

February Financial Report

Beginning Balance: \$2,364.25

Income: \$914.00

Expenses: \$719.29

Ending Balance: \$2,558.96

March Financial Report

Beginning Balance: \$2,558.96

Income: \$2,823.00

Expenses: \$1,343.70

Ending Balance: \$4,038.26

Your generosity along with pilgrim registration fees, enabled the community to show the love of God through a Men's Walk, provide babysitting for community events, publish our newsletter and pay for website expenses.

Thank you.

June Gathering

The June Gathering will be held at Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church at the corner of 5th Avenue and 10th Street in Huntington. First UMC in Ashland has a scheduling conflict that day.

The North Carolina Boys' Choir, who is touring the area, will provide the music for the Gathering. You will not want to miss this; bring friends.



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 present and past Community Lay Directors – Martha Rice, Bill Turner, Steve Gwinn, Lloyd Keyser, Randy Loschert, Mike Richardson, Rich Barber, Jackie Loschert, Linda Howard and Janie Moore by Jeff and Mary Taylor (10 candles total)

In memory of Signa Dixon (2 candles)

In honor of Ellen Fryman (Lay Director) by Emily Elam

In memory of Marcia Harding by Kay Rader (5 candles)

In memory of Don Jenkins by Carolyn Burwell

In memory of Don Jenkins by Sue Jenkins

In honor of Morgan Manna (Reunion Group) by Emily Elam

In honor of Frank and Carla Martin (4 candles)

In memory of Harry McQuinn by Sue McQuinn (4 candles)

In memory of Don Neal and Frank Napier by Donny and Teresa Napier

In memory of Sandy Richardson by Ginger Richardson

In honor of Richard and Deborah Salmon by Jean R. Venters (2 candles)

In honor of the Table of Rebecca by Emily Elam

In memory of Francis Williams

Candle donation by Charles and Holly Seibert

(March 18 – April 22, 2010)

The Ashland Area Emmaus Community received the following thank you note after food leftover from the Men's Walk Send Off was donated to the Huntington City Mission. Thank you for your generosity in providing food for the Men's Send Off.



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Please excuse our manners! We have somehow overlooked a generous food donation from the Ashland Area Emmaus Community Dinner. Your donation is very important and we wanted to tell you, you all are appreciated!

*Sincerely
Lynn Clagg, Community Relations*



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.