

A Light Shining

News from the Ashland Area Emmaus Community

September 2009



Gathering
Friday

September 18
at 6:30 PM

Gatherings are open to all who may want to know more about the Emmaus movement. Child care is provided.

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



Fall Walk Dates

October 8 - 11
Men's walk # 25

October 22 - 25
Women's walk #30



A Note from our Community Lay Director

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving." Colossians 3:23-24

To the Emmaus Faithful:

Once again the Walks are around the corner. In a couple of weeks pilgrims will be embarking on journey that will, indeed, change their hearts. Begin praying now for their heart-changing experiences. Pray for the teams as they continue with Team Meetings, as their hearts will be changed too.

In the coming days we will be making final preparations for both the upcoming Men's & Women's Walks. Now is the time to take the opportunity to serve.... an opportunity to share Agape.

Additionally, our Community needs you and your service in the following ways:

- Sign up for the *Prayer Vigil* at www.3dayol.org
- *Cooks* for Saturday & Sunday of the Women's Walk – Contact Suzy Richardson at 304-562-9694 or email her at jsrich228@suddenlink.net
- The following food items are needed for each *send off*; if you are sponsoring a pilgrim, please contribute any of the following to the meal:

Sandwiches	Soup
Fruit tray	Vegetable tray
Chips	Cookies
Brownies	2 Liter bottles of soft drinks

Sign up sheets will be available at the September Gathering, or you can contact Janie Moore by phone at (606) 474-9957 or by email at purposedrvn_mom@yahoo.com.

- Agape committee chair, Fred Herr, can be contacted at hamagh@msn.com or call him at 304-736-2057 if you are able to contribute any of the following:

Supplies needed:

- White poster board--30 pieces -- can be purchased in packs of 5-10.
- 70 colored pocket folders
- 56 steno pads
- 5 dozen pens

Food items needed for both the Men's and Women's Walks:

- Meat and Cheese Tray
- 4 each (2 liters) Coke, Sprite, Diet Coke, Diet Sprite, Pepsi, Diet Pepsi
- 4 cases bottled water
- 4 bags chocolate wrapped candy – both regular and sugar free
- 4 bags wrapped hard candy – both regular and sugar free
- Sugar free gum
- Homemade fudge, cookies, breakfast bars, monkey bread, prunes, mixed nuts and chips

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- ❑ **Housekeeping:** Both Walks need helpers each day during various times.
- ❑ **Men's and Women's Walk Agape Conference Room:**
 Friday -- 9:30am, noon, 3-5pm, 7pm, 10pm
 Same on Saturday, especially after Candlelight
 Sunday -- 9am, noon, around 3pm, before and after closing.
- ❑ We would like all possible help to take **brown bags** to church around 3:00 pm Sunday and help after closing to clean conference room.
- ❑ We also have a request for help setting up **Fiesta** on both or either Saturday afternoons; especially persons that would like to learn what we do, so that we would have more people with experience when others are not available.



Thank you in advance for being the hands and feet of Jesus.

De Colores!
 Linda Howard
 Community Lay Director

Fall Conference Room Teams

	Men's Walk #25	Women's Walk #29
Lay Director	Dan Hieronimus	Jenny Johnson
Lay Director in Training	Jerry Mounce	Peggy Siders
Assistant Lay Directors	Mark Franklin, Rick Estep, Rick Lemons	Kay Gevedon, Melanie Herr, Kim Matthews
Spiritual Director	Greg Imboden	Daryl Fourman
Assistant Spiritual Directors	Pete Shaffer, Susan Elkol, Dennis Strawn	Tami Coleman, Jim Coleman, Kym James, Jeremiah Jasper
Table Leaders	Gary Holschuh, George McClure, Jeff Ferguson, Alan Williams	Shelly Mounce, Vicki Stewart, Dana Krofcheck, Sherry Hackworth, Niccole Franklin, Jo Foreman
Assistant Table Leaders	Rick Wensits, Dave Yancy, Bill Ott, Keith Moul	Sandy Ott, Katrina Keith, Mary Taylor, Beth Umberger, Mary Lou Forman, Elicia Bias
Music	Randy Loschert, Pete Shafer, Adam Sparks	Bev Moore, Martha Rice, Becky Gehringer, Stella Shattles
Media	Jr. Fitzpatrick, Brad Adkins	Cheryl Reddington
Prayer Chapel	Dave Shattles, Adam Sparks	Anita Fitzpatrick, Teddy Cole

- Who is God Calling you to sponsor?
- Act on your call – become a sponsor
- Lead someone to a deeper relationship with God
- Know that you have made a difference for Christ

<p>July Financial Report</p> <p>Beginning Balance: \$1,287.89</p> <p>Income: \$148.95</p> <p>Expenses: \$340.12</p> <p>Ending Balance: \$1,038.72</p>

Prayer Concerns and Praise

	Offered By	Person (s)	Issue
Concern	The Community	Family of Don Jenkins	Don died on August 8 th .
Concern	Linda & Roger Jarrells	Whitney Pennington	Health issues (high school student)
Concern	Donna Adkins	Nancy Virgin	Donna's sister – spots on lung
Concern	Elicia Bias	Pat Nicholas (Elicia's mother)	Pat has a dropping blood count and circulation issues in her left foot and leg.
Concern	Fred Herr	Melanie Herr	In August, Melanie was hospitalized (she is home now)
Concern	Forrest Burdette UMC	David Lee	Cancer
Concern	Rick and Anita Estep	Baby Khloe Estep	Please pray for mother and child
Concern	The Community	Family of Judy Matthews	Bob and Steve Matthews' mother, Judy, died on August 16 th .
Concern	Pam Berry	Kelli Sanderson (Pam's daughter)	Please pray for God's clear direction as Kelli deals with a car accident & loss of job.
Concern	Sherry McWatters	Russ Corser and family	Loss of mother, father's illness
Concern	Dan & Janet Hieronimus	Family of Marcia Harding	Marcia, a member of the Emmaus community, died August 24 th .
Concern	Pete Shaffer	David "Bud" Gray	Trish's stepfather – health concerns related to cancer; recent surgery.
Praise	Linda Howard	Tyler Hieronimus (Dan's son)	Tyler has an excellent prognosis following skull fracture and hematoma. Please continue to pray.
Concern	Donna Adkins, Nancy Virgin, Brad & Kristi Adkins	Family of Evelyn Crawford	Evelyn, mother and grandmother, died on September 4 th .
Concern	Steve Spoor	Family of Dawn Breckenridge	Dawn died in a house fire. Her family is in need of prayer, material and financial help.

Who ya gonna call?
Or email?

For information about **reunion groups**, contact Dan Hieronimus or any member of the Good Shepherd team (Mary Taylor, Trish Wheeler, Sue Yancy)

To submit a **prayer request**:
aaec@windstream.net

To provide **babysitting** services (a paid position) contact Dan Hieronimus.

To place an ad in the **newsletter** or to change your newsletter address, contact Kim Matthews.

Sponsorship: Response and Responsibility

by Jeff Taylor

At the Closing Service of every Walk to Emmaus, each former pilgrim is asked to think about a response to the weekend. Many of us said at closing that we want to share the experience with others. Often, that means getting all our friends from church to go on a Walk to Emmaus. The Emmaus movement has a special way of sharing the experience—by sponsoring others.

I was the first in my church in a number of years to have participated in the program. A few others had attended Walks elsewhere, but it was a relatively "new" thing for Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church. As a pilgrim on Ashland Area Emmaus Men's Walk #10 in the fall of 2000, I recognized the potential for spiritual renewal.

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Naturally, I wanted *everyone* to attend a Walk to Emmaus, but I had to balance my desire with the knowledge that not everyone was as excited about the Walk to Emmaus as I was. I remembered that I had been encouraged to go on a Walk for several years before I finally surrendered, so I had to be patient. It was a year before a friend from my Sunday School said “yes,” then another, and another, then those pilgrims began to sponsor others, and so on...so that now we have over 35 persons from our church who have attended an Emmaus Walk. I feel like a “great-grandfather” to the Emmaus movement in our church. It is wonderful to experience the spiritual growth of Johnson Memorial related to the Walk to Emmaus. I’m blessed to have a part in that.

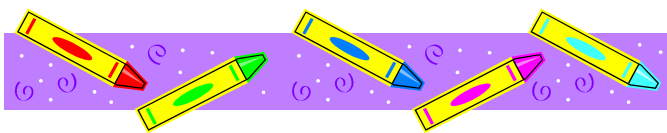
It is important to remember that being a sponsor is different from being a recruiter. A recruiter is about building numbers, but a sponsor assumes responsibility for another person. The words “sponsor” and “response” share a Latin root word meaning “promise.” Also related is—get this—the word “spouse.”

The Emmaus sponsor takes on a big responsibility, and it should not be taken lightly. Far from signing up recruits, the Emmaus sponsor helps the pilgrim through the application process, addresses concerns or fears about the event, drives the pilgrim to and from the event, and follows up after the Walk to encourage participation in Community Gatherings, connection with a Reunion Groups, and service on future Walks. Most important, the entire process should be enveloped in prayer, including listening to God.

Is God calling you to sponsor someone on a future Emmaus Walk? Respond...get those applications turned in. Don’t take God’s call—or your response—lightly.

Jeff Taylor

Need a walk application? You can find them online at www.ashlandemmaus.com. Once you and your pilgrim have completed the application, mail it to the address on the form or bring it to the September Gathering.



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Through all of the changes
life brings.

Joys and sorrows.

Tears and laughter.

Christ is there.

We can count on him.

His promise is that

we are never alone.

Christ is there.

We know in our hearts,

in our minds,

and through the grace

of the Holy Spirit,

Christ is there.

We are counting on Christ.

Christ is counting on us.

What is our response?