

Ashland Area Emmaus Community
A LIGHT SHINING

From the Community Lay Director

Cheryl Lemons

**The father of a righteous man has great joy;
he who has a wise son delights in him. – Proverbs 23:24**

As I sit here, thinking what should this month's article be about, I realize this is the month of June, the beginning of summer. It's hot and peaceful. It's the month that we celebrate Father's Day. We each have an earthly father, as well as, a heavenly Father who loves us and is always with us.

For those who had earthly fathers that pointed them toward our Father God, they are truly blessed. For those who maybe did not have a father that was present, or a father that was mean, abusive or had other tormenting spirits, there is still a real Father that wants to love you, guide you, and nurture you. And He wants you to find your home with Him.

This time of year also brings me to think about how we raise our children, and how that rearing affects their view of God. Earthly fathers should model their parenting after our Heavenly Father. If the earthly father is too strict, his children will grow up viewing God as harsh. If the earthly father does not discipline enough, then his children will think God allows anything. The earthly father influences how his children view our Heavenly Father. We, as parents, want to teach our children to be wise, so we need to teach them that fear (respect) of the Lord, our God, is the beginning of wisdom. The result is that we and

June 2013

Gathering Info



Friday June 21, 2013
First United Methodist
Potluck 6:30 p.m.
Worship 7:30 p.m.



Fourth Day Speaker

Jamie Prater



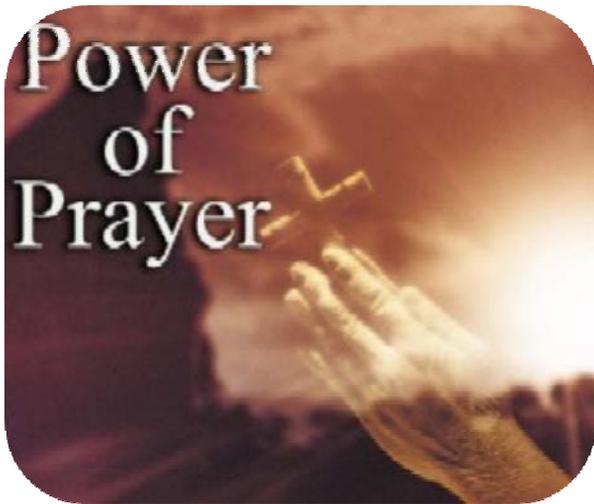
July Gathering
Friday
July 19th, 2013

Director's Comments Continued...

the Lord will rejoice in (our) son/daughter. So, celebrate our fathers, earthly and the Heavenly Father!

As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him. Psalm 103:13

Prayer Moments



Pray for our local communities...

Ask for wisdom and integrity for those who lead...

Heavenly Father we give you all praise, honor and glory for you alone are worthy. We give you thanks for the many blessings you have given our country and our communities.

In this fallen world of turmoil God, we humble ourselves before, asking for your intervention, your wisdom and your guidance. Work in the hearts and minds of our community leaders drawing them to you, equipping them to serve in obedience to you.

May each of us be filled with the Holy Spirit, always seeking your will not our own.

In Jesus' Name,

Amen



Support other communities! Emmaus Walk Prayer Support

Be a part of the Prayer Vigil. Go to www.3dayol.org (or click here from the [Ashland Emmaus](#) site).



Emmaus Community Prayer Requests and Praise Reports

	Offered by	Concerning	Request
Prayer	AAEC WW #37	Debby Clark	Surgery on her shoulder
Prayer	Sandy Ott	Linda Smith	Recently diagnosed with Breast Cancer
Prayer	AAEC WW #37	Cristen Pulliam	Strength and healing
Prayer	Dana Krofcheck	Anita Estep	Lymph test results



Calling all worshipers!

Do you sing? Do you play an instrument?

Do you perform skits, puppets, or use other mediums to communicate the love of Christ to our community?

If you would like to share your God given talents with the Emmaus community at a gathering or community walk event please

Stand up and be counted!

Contact Sandy Ott

Music Coordinator

606-923-7816 or sandyott@live.com



Child Care Workers needed...

The Ashland Area Emmaus Community Board discussed at the May meeting the ongoing issue with providing childcare at Emmaus gatherings and community events during walks. This paid service has been offered for many years to allow members of the AAEC to be able to participate without worrying about what they would do with their children. In recent months, we have been unable to secure regular helpers to take on this responsibility.

Because we want to be sure the children are safe, we follow the Safe Sanctuary guidelines and require at least one adult to be with them at all times even with the faithful teens who have volunteered to assist. However, because we are constantly coming up short we, the Board, are considering discontinuing this service. Please contact Cheryl or one of the Board members and let us know if you would like to volunteer to assist with the childcare. If we can get a few volunteers then we can rotate the responsibility. In the event we cannot secure persons to serve in this manner then we will have no choice but to discontinue offering this service to community members.

The Walks are coming.... The Walks are coming!!!

It is only June, but it the Fall Walk Lay Directors are already praying and putting their teams together to serve God in a mighty way through this community. Now is the time to begin preparing our hearts for service. Here a few things you may want to pray about.

- 1.) Pray about how God may want to use you during the upcoming walks.
- 2.) Pray for the teams and the many volunteers who will put aside their personal schedules to encourage new members of the community.
- 3.) Pray for the Pilgrims who will be taking this exciting journey.
- 4.) Pray, asking God to guide you to whom He wants you to offer this amazing opportunity for growth and relationship building.
- 5.) Pray for God to give you the courage to step up and make the offer to those God leads you to.

Don't wait!

Remember, Christ is counting on YOU!