

Ashland Area Emmaus Community  
**A LIGHT SHINING**

From the Community Lay Director

Cheryl Lemons

**"And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me." -Matthew 14:29-30**

As of July 1, 2013, West Virginia's primary ban on handheld cell phone use while driving has gone into effect. This means that if officers see you using your handheld phone while driving in West Virginia, they can pull you over and write you a ticket – even if that is your only offense! By October 2013, this will be law in 11 States. Lawmakers are calling the use of cell phones distractions.

We have distractions that keep us from God. Work, money, media, church, relationships, routine, hobbies etc., anything that takes our eyes off of God is a distraction and quite possibly an idol.

When I was trying to write this article, I was talking to a friend about it. Then I realized that I am falling prey to the distractions. Work - it's quarterly report time. I'm busy again. Home - Rick has sold his home. We are trying to get all of his stuff out of the house. Life - I went to visit my daughter in SC. I miss her and when a long weekend came up, I took advantage of it. All is important! But, it's distracting me from writing this article and getting it into the Newsletter on time.

1 John 2:15-17 - "Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world – the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does – comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever." "But Jesus often withdrew to lonely

**July 2013**

Gathering Info



**Friday July 19, 2013  
First United Methodist  
Potluck 6:30 p.m.  
Worship 7:30 p.m.**



**Fourth Day Speaker**

**Jill Sansom**

**Worship**

**Alice Maggard and**

**Rob Newman**

**August Gathering**

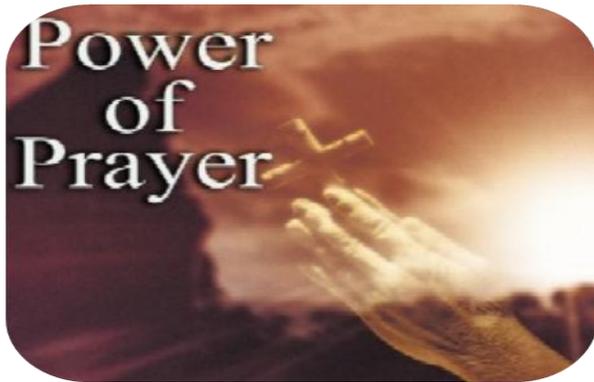
**Friday**

**August 16th,  
2013**

places and prayed." Luke 5:16.

Is God calling you to prayer? Prayer is how we often find how God wants us to minister. God is calling you to spread his word. He created us for fellowship and He wants to be with us. One way to strengthen our relationship with God is Emmaus. Emmaus is focusing on and spending time with God for 72 hours. It is not to replace our church, but to enhance it. Our continued support of the Emmaus walks is important. So let us keep our eyes on God!

As the hymn says, "Turn your eyes upon Jesus. Look full in His wonderful face. And the things of this world will grow strangely dim. In the light of His glory and grace." This world is not our home and the things of this world will never give us satisfaction. The satisfaction we all innately crave is to be with our glorious and wonderful Creator and Father. Praise His Holy Name above all else and everything else will take its rightful place behind Him.



Pray for our local churches...

Ask the Holy Spirit to lead and inspire clergy and laity in ministry together...

**Support other communities! Emmaus Walk Prayer Support**

Be a part of the Prayer Vigil.

Go to [www.3dayol.org](http://www.3dayol.org)

(or click here from the [Ashland Emmaus](#) site).

Oh, gracious God, we praise you today. We thank you for our freedom through your son Jesus Christ.

We pray specifically for our churches, the pastors, leaders and the family of God as a whole. Inspire in us the desire for ministry and give us the boldness to follow through with your plan. Help us hear your voice with willing hearts, minds, and souls and allow us to see the needs of our communities through your eyes.

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

In Jesus' Name,

Amen

**Treasurer's Report**

**May 2013**

Beginning Balance	\$5,749.83
Receipts	\$163.00
Disbursements	\$573.04
Ending Balance	\$5,339.79



## Emmaus Community Prayer Requests and Praise Reports

	Offered by	Concerning	Request
Prayer	Bill and Sandy Ott	Keith Robinette (Brother-in-law)	Diagnosed with Brain Cancer. Has had surgery, waiting for treatment.
Praise	Sandy Ott	Linda Smith	Breast Cancer surgery went well. Lump was contained!
Prayer	AAEC WW #37	Cristen Pulliam	Strength and healing
Prayer	Dana Krofcheck	Anita Estep	Treatment for Melanoma
Prayer	Rob Newman	Abby Newman	Recovering from Mono
Prayer	AAEC	Craid & Beth Miller	New pastor of Sunrise UMC, Glenwood, WV
Prayer	Ken Walker	Ken Walker	God's blessing on his business

**Sponsorship is an act of love for God, for the Pilgrims, for the church, and for the Emmaus Community.  
It is a demonstration of agape love and an instrument of prevenient Grace.**

1. Prayerfully consider whom you could make a commitment to sponsor. Pray for the person's openness to God's call to discipleship.
2. Make an appointment with the person (or participating couple) to discuss their participation in Emmaus.
3. Invite them to take part in Emmaus for the sake of a more vital relationship with Jesus Christ. Share your own faith. Explain the basic purpose, elements of the Walk, and follow-up dimensions, which help us live in grace for the rest of our lives. Have the attitude that you are giving them a wonderful gift, rather than that they need to go.

Serve the community through  
childcare...

Make a little extra \$\$\$\$\$\$



## ***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.

### Emmaus Board Elections

A Nominations team is being appointed by the Board of Directors to begin the process of election of new board members.

Elections will be held in September. The ballot will be distributed after the August Board meeting via email and/or mail. It will also be published in the September newsletter.

If you are asked if you would be willing to place your name in nomination, please be aware that the Board of Directors is a working Board – everyone on the board has a field of ministry within the community to coordinate. Please prayerfully consider the opportunity.



### **Applications for the Walk**

Walk applications are available on the web at [www.ashlandemmaus.com](http://www.ashlandemmaus.com). Send the applications to the address on the form. Remember to be specific about the needs of your pilgrim, including food requirements and sleeping arrangements.

### **Fall Walk Dates:**

Men's Walk #32 -- October 10-13, 2013  
Women's Walk #38 -- October 24-27, 2013