

Ashland Area Emmaus Community

# A LIGHT SHINING

From the Community Lay Director

Cheryl Lemons

*Blessings!*

I tend to be a high stress person. At my job, I'm concerned that I will mess up and cause a client to pay more tax than he should. I've been told that I'm a perfectionist. Not me; I'm just a human.

And while I strive to be perfect, perfection is only seen when God is at work. Knowing all our frailties and shortcomings keeps us humble. It also reveals God to us when He makes it all come out right, in His time, and in His way.

I remember the first Candlelight I attended after my Walk. It was so awesome; actually better than my original! The love that filled the room overcame me! God was, and is still there! Each time that I attend a Gathering, I still feel that Love when I walk into the Fellowship Hall. I see God in each face of the members of our Community.

Each Walk is the same, but very different. God's blessings are individual to each pilgrim. He or she walks away with his or her own personal blessing from God. The walks can't be perfect in our terms. Something always happens that we think is a mistake. The Pilgrims are intentionally unaware of this. God shows us, the members of the Emmaus Community, that He's there and He is in

**May 2013**

Gathering



Friday May 17, 2013  
First United Methodist  
Potluck 6:30 p.m.  
Worship 7:30 p.m.



Fourth Day Speaker

Tony Anders

Worship Music

Bev Moore

SAUMC Praise Team



June Gathering

Friday

June 14th, 2013

Director's Comments Continued...

control. So when something doesn't go as planned, we can see God at work. He is showing off! Reminding us who is in charge. I have peace that everything will be fine, and I am blessed beyond compare!

Jesus said, "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness." I am so glad Jesus is my Lord and my Savior. I love him with all my heart, mind and soul. We don't have to be perfect because by God's grace and mercy, He only sees Jesus' perfection when he looks at us. Thank you God!

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## Prayer Moments



Remember those who have gone before us...

Almighty, All Powerful, Loving God,

We ever amazed at the overwhelming love and grace you show to us every moment of every day. You are felt in our midst through the smile of friend, the touch of a loved one or even the courtesy of a stranger. All we have to do is be aware and accept the outpouring of agape love you give us.

God we give you thanks for blessings given us in this great country for many generations. Thank you for the service of the military and the sacrifices of those who came before us.

Draw us ever closer to you, O Lord. We give all glory, honor and praise!

In Jesus Name, Amen.

# Memorial Day

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## Emmaus Community Prayer Requests and Praise Reports

	<b>Offered by</b>	<b>Concerning</b>	<b>Request</b>
Prayer	Dana Krofcheck	Dawnetta and Alvin Parsons	Alvin In ICU, complications of MS Recent loss of their son
Prayer	Dan Heironimus	Charles Baldwin	Brain Tumor
Prayer	AAEC WW #37	Cristen Pulliam	Strength and healing



### *Letter from Kay Gevedon, Lay Director Women's Walk #37 held May 14-21, 2013*

*Holy Spirit Rain Down* was the theme song for AAEEWW #37 and we sang inviting His presence, His comfort, His touch, His power, and His voice many times each day. But, even before issuing the first invitation to Him, on Thursday evening during introductions of new best friends I knew that we were in for a Spirit filled journey.

The pilgrims of Walk #37 were ready and eager to participate in every activity without reservation. Burdens were laid down, chains were broken and issues began to be resolved, not only by the pilgrims but by team members as well. What an awesome God we serve who brought us all together to share in His love, mercy and grace!

My prayer for all who participated on AAEEWW #37 is that the Holy Spirit not only continues to rain down on their lives but **reign in** their lives.

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*Kay*

## Letter from Rick Estep, Lay Director Men's Walk #31 held April 11-14, 2013

I was exceptionally blessed to be asked to lead Men's Walk #31. All the planning, team selection, emails, phone calls, and prayer that went into this team formation were much more than I ever could have imagined. Selection of the team started in November and I could feel God's presence immediately as the team began to be developed. This team started bonding at our first meeting on February 9 and I think we could all tell that this was going to be a great walk.

Team members and members of the Emmaus community began to pray and ask God to provide 16 Pilgrims for walk #31. We all saw how God moved in making this goal a reality. As of Thursday, April 11, we had 17 Pilgrims and two men had to drop

out for various reasons, but again we saw God at work. We began the walk with 15 men.

As Friday morning came around, the tables were positioned with team members and Pilgrims, and the excitement began to build. The weekend was absolutely astounding and the Holy Spirit was there throughout the weekend. I know that we were all blessed. Dying moments was so powerful and all that were in the Sanctuary that Saturday surely felt the presence of the Holy Spirit.

There were so many God things that happened during this weekend that I could never share them all. Pilgrims disclosed stories as to why they were here and it was indeed remarkable. It was during this time that I too realized that God had exactly here who was supposed to be here and that I was getting in the way. I wanted to help do things that others were intended to do and soon after I did get out of the way, everything just started clicking. Don't know if anyone else saw it, but I sure did.

We laughed, we cried, and of course we ate a bunch. God appeared this weekend as He always does and to view Him at work was amazing. All in all, this was the happiest weekend of my life. I truly realized what it was like to spend 72 hours in the presence of our Lord. I was blessed.

I would also like to thank all of my team members, the spiritual directors, the Pilgrims, and especially all of those who cooked, provided agape, cleaned, and especially all those who prayed. Thank You all so much. This walk couldn't happen without all of your support.

As I sat at my desk on Monday morning, I held the cross that was gave to me and I reflected on the weekend. It was emotional and I found myself wanting to be with all these men for a little longer. Thanks again Lord for letting me be there, but mostly thanks for You being there.

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Rick Estep, LD Walk #31