

A Light Shining

News from the Ashland Area Emmaus Community

January 2013

A Note from the Community Lay Director

We have all heard about the “Fiscal Cliff.” In fact, “Fiscal Cliff” is the most overused phrase in 2012. I have been worrying about how the decision in Washington D.C. would affect me. Will my 401K tank? Will I have enough money to retire? How much of my current net paycheck will disappear? Inflation, rising costs, rising taxes, borrowing money from other countries to help finance our spending and the debt ceiling; this is on many of our minds. As Christians, we need to remember who is in charge. No matter what happens in our earthly lives, God is with us and He has a plan. There is no need to worry about what our government has decided. We will be fine.

²⁵ *“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?”* ²⁶ *Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?”* ²⁷ *And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?* ²⁸ *And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin,* ²⁹ *yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.* ³⁰ *But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?”* ³¹ *Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’* ³² *For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.* ³³ *But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.*

³⁴ *“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble. (Matthew 6:25-34)*

God’s will is accomplished all the time through government leaders. Remember when Caesar Augustus decided that there would be a census where each “Man” had to go to their hometown, where their family originated, to be counted. This caused Joseph to travel back to Bethlehem with his wife who would soon deliver the promised child. This fulfilled the prophecy that said that Jesus had to be born in Bethlehem. (Micah 5:2)

2013 is going to be a GREAT year! Full of challenges and Blessings! God says so and it is!

DeColores!
Cheryl Lemons



Board of Directors’ Retreat January 5

9:00 a.m. in the Activity
Center.



January Gathering January 18 at First UMC

Ashland, KY

5:30: Board Meeting

6:30: Potluck Dinner

7:30: Worship followed by
dessert

Fourth Day Speaker
Bill Rice



February Gathering February 15

Believe
HOPE
Encourage.
PERSEVERE.



Snow Policy for Gatherings

If the Ashland Independent school district closes schools for the day, then the Gathering is cancelled.



Spring Walks

The Spring Walks, both Men's and Women's are in full planning mode. The teams are forming with meetings scheduled to begin in January. The coordinators for the Walk Events, Agape, and Kitchen will be contacting community members in the coming weeks to begin preparation for service to the Pilgrims as they take their Emmaus weekend journey.

Please consider praying for the following:

- Pray for the teams as they begin to prepare and bond.
- Pray for the Pilgrims who have committed and those who do not yet know they will be taking part.
- Pray about whom God would have you invite to the Walk to Emmaus to experience His grace.
- Pray for the community to join in service to God to share His love with a spirit of cooperation and charity.
- Pray about how you can serve during the upcoming walks and in the Emmaus Community as a whole.

Men's Walk April 11-14

Lay Director
Rick Estep

Women's Walk April 18-21

Lay Director
Kay Gevedon

This is the first time the Walks have been scheduled on back-to-back weekends. Please make note of the dates and keep in mind the needs for each walk.



*All new Website...
Same address...*

www.ashlandemmaus.com

Get all the latest information on the Ashland Area Emmaus Community Dates, Times, Board Members, Newsletters, Sponsorship Application

Check it Out!!!

Ashland Area Emmaus Community

Board of Directors' Retreat

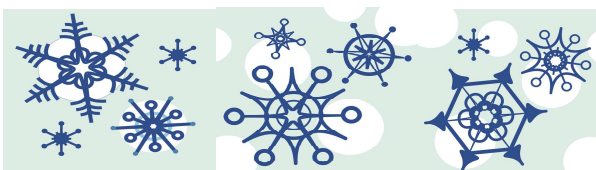
Saturday, January 5th

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

*Ashland First United Methodist Church
Activity Center*

Refreshments will be provided.

Cheryl asks that members of the Board of Directors let her know if they are planning on attending this event.





Prayer Concerns

	Offered by	Person (s)	Issue
Joy	Dana Krofcheck	Rebecca Krofcheck	Rebecca (WW#34) graduated from Culinary Arts school and is now a Chef!
Joy	Sandy Ott	Ron and Jennifer (Ketterman) Potter	Birth of Regan LeeAnn Potter December 14 th , 2012
Prayer/Joy	Dan Hieronimus / Sandi Donnally	Jim Donnally	Jim Donnally went to be with the Lord on December 13 th , 2012 after long illness.
Prayer	Laura Justice	Sharon Castledine Nampa, ID Emmaus	Severe back problems possible surgery.
Prayer	Bob & Brenda Owen	Josephine Owen	Health Issues
Prayer	Emmaus Community	Newtown, CT	Prayer for the community and the school after shootings
Prayer	Kandyce, Kayla, Sabrina	Kandyce	To be fearless and believe God for his promises
Prayer	Fritz & Claire Merkes	Bill Ziegler	Passing of Claire's father, Bill in December
Concern	Alan Spitz	Mark & Sara Runyon	Pray for triplets Liam, Max, & Jude. Two have had serious health issues and surgery.



Keeping in touch


To send a prayer request out to the Community, email it to aec@windstream.net.

To visit the Ashland Area Emmaus Community web site, go to www.ashlandemmaus.com

Prayer Vigils for the upcoming Walk to Emmaus is already on-line!

<http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetComm.phtml>

Check the list for the Ashland Area Emmaus Community
 Click the community name
 Click Signup next to your preferred time slot(s) and type in your Name and City
 Hit enter!
 You will get a reminder email of the times you selected.





Help Wanted

Help is always needed for child care at Emmaus Community events. Contact Dan Hieronimus for more information. This is a paid position.



Child Care News

The Board of Directors has decided to enforce the following two standards for child care during Community Events:

1. It is necessary that two sitters provide child care as a team. One of the two must be an adult.
2. Child care will only be provided for children in 5th grade or younger. We welcome and look forward to the blessing of older children joining us in worship. (And, of course, younger children are also welcome in worship!)



Sponsorship

Please be in prayer concerning who God is calling you to invite on these upcoming walks. And then put feet to your prayers as you offer to sponsor a pilgrim.

Applications are now available on the web site at www.ashlandemmaus.com.



How Can I Help with the Walks?

There are many ways that community members can serve God by serving the Pilgrims. Coordinators with contact email listed below.

Agape-

Jerry Mounce jsmounce@yahoo.com

- Table and bed Agape,
- Yummy snacks and drinks for agape room,
- Notebooks, pens, folders and art supplies,
- Cleaning (restrooms/showers/laundry)

Kitchen-

Gary Holschuh lyngaryh@roadrunner.com

- Help plan meals and cook during the weekend,
- Sign up and serve meals,
- Clean up dining room and wash dishes.

Facilities-

Rich Barber rkbarber@windstream.net

- Mattress parties (bring mattresses and supplies down from church attic/ return them when walks are over.

Walk Events-

Anita Fitzpatrick fitzal@roadrunner.com

- Food for Send-off Supper and clean-up,
- Ice Cream Party,
- Skits in conference room,
- Fiesta decoration and entertainment /skits.

Music-

Sandy Ott sandyott@live.com

- Community singing prior to Candlelight
- Music in the Garden for Candlelight
- Community singing or special music/entertainment at Gatherings.

Sponsorship-

Bill Ott wskott@zoominternet.net

- Questions about Sponsorship

Registration-

J.R. Fitzpatrick fitzal@roadrunner.com

- Registration questions or concerns