

A LIGHT SHINING

From the Community Lay Director
Sandy Ott

Confidence in Serving

As we enter the month of February, Valentine's Day approaches; thoughts of love inundate the mind and the heart. We tend to focus on the romantic love that is portrayed so heavily in the media this time of year through greeting card commercials and the large displays of holiday gifts and candy. The emphasis is on the affection of the heart, the inner emotional being, of one person for another. We all desire the companionship and comfort that such a relationship could bring.

What if we put that same over-the-top emphasis on the relationship that God wants with us? How would that look? What would change? This month, instead of letting the commercialism of the "love" holiday overtake us, let's take control of our emotions and concentrate on seeking God and the love He offers to each of us. Let Him be the passion that fills us to overflowing. We will have an overabundance of deep abiding love that we must share with others through acts of agape service. And, if sharing or serving in that way does not come naturally to you, if you are not sure how or if you can be used of God, then seeking Him with all your heart will surely reveal the answers and instill the needed confidence to step out in faith.

The upcoming Emmaus Walks present excellent opportunities to grow and exercise that God given confidence. How will He reveal himself through you?

"There is nothing more fulfilling than asking God to reveal Himself to you and then letting Him reveal Himself through you." – Renee Swope. A Confident Heart: How to Stop Doubting Yourself and Live in the Security of God's Promises



February 2014

Gathering Info



Friday, February 21, 2014
1st United Methodist Church
Potluck 6:30pm
Worship 7:30pm



Fourth Day Speaker

Bob Pulliam

Community Singing: Michelle Dotts



Remember....

If the Ashland Independent Schools
are closed due to weather...

The Gathering will be canceled.



Praying for a Servant's Heart...

Emmaus Walk Prayer Support

Be a part of the Prayer Vigil For Walks all over the world!

Go to www.3dayol.org

Servants needed...

Remember your walk? How loved you felt as God took care of your needs through the hands, feet and hearts of the Emmaus community?

Now is your chance to invite others to go on the walk as a pilgrim...Be a Sponsor!

Now is your opportunity to serve them in Agape, Kitchen, Facilities during the Walk weekends.

Sign up at the Rainbow Table during the Gatherings or watch for the sign up links in your email.

Don't miss your chance to be a blessing!

**Treasurer's Report
December 2013**

Beginning Balance	\$5,982.10
Receipts	\$ 443.42
Disbursements	\$ 40.00
Ending Balance	\$ 6385.52

"Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart." 1 Peter 1:22

Heavenly Father,

We give you praise for who you are and who we are in YOU! Without you Lord, we would be lost, selfish and wandering in a fallen world with no purpose.

But, because you accepted us, love us and have a plan for our lives, we have a promise that gives us direction. To obey your truth and love one another.

We have a great opportunity, a responsibility to be good stewards of the blessing of salvations you have given us. We must share that love by serving others. God, give us the courage, the strength and an extra measure of grace and love to serve the pilgrims of the upcoming walks.

In Christ Name, Amen

Spring Walks are Coming!!!!

Men's Walk- March 6-9

Sendoff	Thursday March 6	6:30pm
Candlelight	Saturday March 8	8:00pm
Closing	Sunday March 9	4:15pm

Women's Walk- May 1st - 4th

Sendoff	Thursday May 1	6:30pm
Candlelight	Saturday May 3	8:00pm
Closing	Sunday May 4	4:15pm

Pilgrim Applications must go to Registrar

P.O. Box 293 Ashland, KY 41105

May be downloaded at [Pilgrim Application](#)

Complete Schedule can be found online at www.ashlandemmaus.com



Let's Keep In Touch!

Are you missing out?
Not getting all of the information you need?



Have you moved, changed your email, or phone since your Emmaus walk?

The community registrar has set up a special email address just for community members to update their info on the Ashland Area Emmaus Community roster!

Email : aaec.registrar@gmail.com

Childcare Volunteers Needed!

We, as a community, strive to welcome everyone as they come into our midst. And sometimes that brings the young and the young at heart. Our goal is to always provide childcare for kids through elementary school age. We need adults to supervise and teens who would be willing to help out during gatherings and community events during the walks.

If you would be interested, please contact Sandy Ott: aaec.cld@gmail.com or call at 606-922-7816.

It is a paid opportunity!

Food for Thought...

Walk Event Opportunities!

If you remember your Emmaus experience, there are certain times that stand out as being special. All of these events that go into an Emmaus walk require willing community members to work and make them come together!

You have an opportunity to bless others by serving on the Walk Events team! Areas in which help is needed include:

Send-off meal- set up, hostess, providing food, cleanup

Fiesta dinner- entertainment, set up tables and decorate, cleanup

Ice cream party- set up, hostess, cleanup

As a dear Emmaus friend likes to say- "Many hands make light work!" Please think of how you are able and willing to serve in one of the above capacities and let me know soon! ***We would love to have some of our newer members serve in these ways.*** What better way to get involved and have fun at the same time you are serving God and others.

Thank you! De Colores

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Emmaus Community

	Offered by	Concerning	Request
Prayer	Bill and Sandy Ott	Keith Robinette	Continuing treatment for Brain Cancer. Next MRI is late January.
Prayer	Bridgett Murphy	Sandy Thompson	Possible Stroke, critical condition
Prayer	Jim Perry	Fred and Melanie Herr	Safe travels to South Africa to visit family
Prayer	Jessica McKinney	Jessica's Neice	Severely sprained both wrists falling off swing
Prayer	Pam Beacham	Pam Beacham	Pray to stand firm in the faith and follow God
Prayer	Rick Lemons	Grandson Mikey	Strep throat and possibly Scarlet Fever
Prayer	Rick Lemons	George Curry	Arthritis problems
Prayer	Diane Feaganes	Ryan (infant)	Born with congenital heart condition, surgery soon.
Praise!!	Grace Pritt	Money for water campaign	\$1254 for water for Orissa, India. And she is praising she got to serve in Emmaus with children!
Praise!!		Faith Watson	Signed up for May's Women's Walk. Lift her up in prayer.



Gathering Schedule—Mark Your Calendars!!

JANUARY 17, 2014

APRIL—NO GATHERING

FEBRUARY 21, 2014

MAY 16, 2014

MARCH 21, 2014

JUNE 19, 2014

