

Ashland Area Emmaus Community Newsletter

November 2017 Edition

Giving Thanks

November is the month we associate with giving thanks, being that Thanksgiving Day is observed the fourth Thursday of the month. Although it began as a day to celebrate the corn harvest and later a religious fast at the end of a drought. It has been celebrated throughout the years as a way of giving thanks for various circumstance. In 1939 President, Franklin D. Roosevelt moved it to the fourth Thursday of November.

Do we only give thanks once a year? No, we should be thankful to our Heavenly Father continuously. If you do a Bible search (depending on your Bible version) you will find as many as 16 different verses containing giving thanks.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Give thanks in every situation because this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

2 Chronicles 7:3

All the Israelites were watching when the fire fell. As the Lord's glory filled the temple, they knelt down on the pavement with their faces to the ground, worshipping and giving thanks to the Lord, saying, "Yes, God is good! Yes, God's faithful love lasts forever!"

Luke 22:19

After taking the bread and giving thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Philippians 4:6

Don't be anxious about anything; rather, bring up all of your requests to God in your prayers and petitions, along with giving thanks.

As we go through our daily lives we need to be praising our God and giving thanks for what we are provided. Not just once a year on a given day.

I wish to give thanks for the Ashland Area Emmaus Community and all you do to be the Disciples of Jesus Christ. To open the eyes of those on their Walk to Emmaus. So that they may be empowered to lead our churches and others to Christ and Father God.

May all have a blessed and joyous Thanksgiving.

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Fred Herr, CLD

Blessings and Joys

God has a way of working out His plan—sometimes in tandem with our desires and goals and other times, despite our efforts to remain in control. God definitely took over Women’s Walk #46 and I am so blessed and grateful that I serve the Master. God was at work for this walk in so many ways—from prayers and plans months before the walk, during team selection and our meetings and in the pilgrims who said yes and joined us on this journey. The words of our talks, our music, our prayers, table discussions, posters and skits were guided by and filled with the grace and love of the Holy Spirit. Every person on the team showed the love of Christ with their servant-heart and gave willingly to care for and share the message of love with each pilgrim. We all are broken, cracked and imperfect, but God used all of our brokenness as a message to the pilgrims that they too could serve this mighty God in a new way.

We were so supported by the love and hard work of all the Emmaus Community who served in the background. You know that these walks cannot go on without YOU. The food was fabulous and everything else from send off to fiesta, candlelight and closing appeared seamless to those in the conference room. I know those in the Agape room worked very hard to keep up with each activity and sequence of events. Thank you to all who served in any way. Thank you for continuing to say “yes” to each task and act of love!

I was very blessed with those who served on the team! I couldn’t have requested more willingness or personal support. Chris Shinn, as Spiritual Director, was such a blessing to the pilgrims, to the team and to me, as well, always providing just the right insight or leading us to look at God’s word from a new perspective. The ALD’s—Melanie Herr, Anita Martin and Lori Halstead handled their tasks with efficiency and much loving care. The Table Leaders and Assistant Table Leaders were the hands and feet of Christ – Sandy Ott, Diane Feaganes, Deanna Bradley, Kilo Lucas, Jessica McKinney and Linda Howard (TL) and Cynthia Daniel, Margaret King, Judy Conn, Tara Lambert and Ashley Dygert (ATL). The music team, led by Lil Dyson and including Bev Moore, Martha Rice and Lisa Trumbore, provided spirit filled-inspiring music that led us closer to God with every verse. The media team of Beth and Emily Qualls kept us plugged in and on task. The Prayer Warriors, Sue Roberts and Krista Mosser led us ever closer to the master. Lisa Angel, as LDIT, was always there to assist the table leaders and also to provide guidance and assistance to any request to keep us joyfully completing the Emmaus experience. The Assistant Spiritual Directors, Lisa Shinn, David Herndon, Jeff Taylor and Dana Krofcheck, led us to know the marvelous gift of Grace in a deeper, more personal manner. I am so grateful for all of their efforts and the love and support they freely gave to make this walk a reality.

All of our efforts, prayers, concerns and joys were for the purpose of sharing our love of God with the pilgrims who now join us in the Emmaus Community. They are delightful women and I am looking forward to serving with them as they are called within our community.

It was a privilege to serve as the Lay Director for Women’s Walk #46. I am amazed and humbled at the love and support that I have received. God has provided new lessons for me throughout this process and I have learned to trust Him more fully and deeply. I remain committed to serving him as he calls me, but there is a greater joy and peace in that service. I Thank You for calling me to this task and very grateful that this community for the outpouring of love and support. May you continue to share your love with all those you meet, and may God guide your every step!

De Colores, Chyrl Budd, Lay Director, Women’s Walk #46

On behalf of the Ashland Area Emmaus Community and the Board of Directors I wish to welcome these new members from Women's Walk #46

Carolyn Barnett

Lisa Black

Linda Booth

Mary Conley

Bonita Gearhart

Mary Moore

Karyn Sexton

Danielle Wellman

Irene Wentz

Susan Wilks

Kim Williams

November Gathering

The next Gathering is Friday, November 17th. Covered dish dinner, dessert and fellowship at 6:30pm and Worship 7:30pm

Fourth Day Speaker

Lori Halstead

Music By

Wat's Cook'n

Snow Policy:

In the event of inclement weather if Ashland Independent Schools are closed the Gathering will be canceled.

SPRING WALKS

Men's April 12-15, 2018

Women's April 26-29, 2018

Please keep these Walk's in daily prayer.

I wish to thank all the members of the AAEC, the team and Chyrl Budd, LD for their time spent before and during the Women's Walk to make it a Holy Spirit filled walk. You are truly the Hands of Feet of Christ.

~Fred Herr, Community Lay Director

The Election for the AAEC Board of Directors will be held during the November 17th Gathering. Below is the ballot of the community members who have agreed to be placed on the ballot for consideration.

All mail-in ballots must be received in the AAEC post office box no later than November 17th to be counted in the election at the gathering.

Please mail the ballot to: AAEC - Election Ballot
P.O. Box 293
Ashland, KY 41105-0293

Ashland Area Emmaus Community Board Election Ballot

The following have been nominated to serve on the AAEC Board of Directors for 2018-2020. Voting will take place at the November 17th Gathering or via mailing the ballot below.

Voting for Lay Members: Please vote for (5) total. (4) will serve for the full three year term and (1) will replace Fred Herr's 2018 term.

LAY Member: Vote for total of (5)

_____ Anita Fitzpatrick

_____ Justin Matthews

_____ Andy McKinney

_____ Sandy Ott

_____ Cindy Poling

_____ Tara Sexton

_____ Beth Qualls

Voting for Clergy: Vote for one. (Only one nominee agreed)

CLERGY: _____ Rev. Pete Shaffer
