

Love

1 Corinthians 13 Common English Bible (CEB)

Love: the universal spiritual gift

13 If I speak in tongues of human beings and of angels but I don't have love, I'm a clanging gong or a clashing cymbal. **2** If I have the gift of prophecy and I know all the mysteries and everything else, and if I have such complete faith that I can move mountains but I don't have love, I'm nothing. **3** If I give away everything that I have and hand over my own body to feel good about what I've done but I don't have love, I receive no benefit whatsoever.

4 Love is patient, love is kind, it isn't jealous, it doesn't brag, it isn't arrogant, **5** it isn't rude, it doesn't seek its own advantage, it isn't irritable, it doesn't keep a record of complaints, **6** it isn't happy with injustice, but it is happy with the truth. **7** Love puts up with all things, trusts in all things, hopes for all things, endures all things.

8 Love never fails. As for prophecies, they will be brought to an end. As for tongues, they will stop. As for knowledge, it will be brought to an end. **9** We know in part and we prophesy in part; **10** but when the perfect comes, what is partial will be brought to an end.

11 When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, reason like a child, think like a child. But now that I have become a man, I've put an end to childish things.

12 Now we see a reflection in a mirror; then we will see face-to-face. Now I know partially, but then I will know completely in the same way that I have been completely known. **13** Now faith, hope, and love remain—these three things—and the greatest of these is love.

February is mostly thought of as the "Love Month" by an observance of our Love for each other on Valentines Day February 14th. The history of Valentines Day is a little murky and dates back to a pagan festival in the 3rd Century and then evolved by the Catholic Church and with other observances throughout the centuries into how it is celebrated today. But in most ways it's intention was based on Love.

At this point you might be thinking, how does this apply to me and my relationship with God.

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*Next Gathering is
Friday, February 17th at
South Ashland United
Methodist Church
Desserts to follow
service.*

*Fourth Day Speaker
is
Chyrl Budd*

Music will be lead

by

Billie Evanich



**Special music will be
provided by "RECLAIM!"
a group of young
percussionists.**



There will be **NO** Gathering during the month of March due to the walks

Please check the AAEC website for times that you can participate in the walks. Visit:

www.ashlandemmaus.com/walks

Please join the community for Candlelight service on Saturday, March 18th and Saturday April 1st. Let's all come together and show the new pilgrims what agape love looks and feels like. Both services begin at 8:30pm sharp!

New Board Officers

David Herndon, Community Spiritual Director

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~ AGAPE NEEDED ~

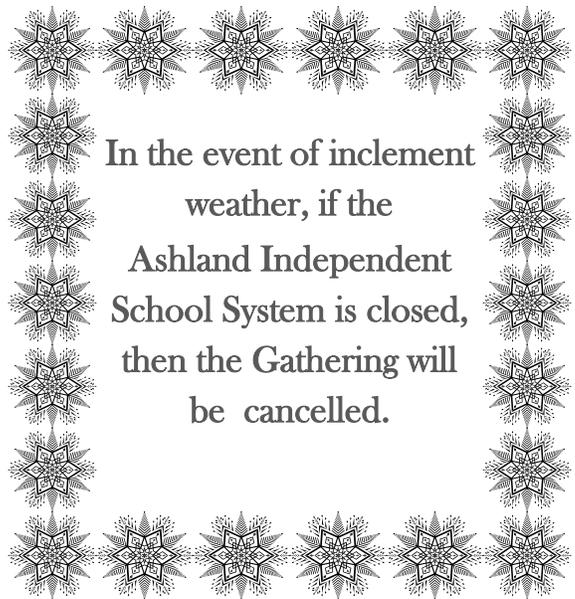
Friends, we are a mere 7 weeks from the Men's Spring Walk and 9 weeks from the Women's Spring Walk. Now is the time to begin thinking about what Agape you can make or give during the Walks. If you've never made agape before, this is a perfect time to begin!

If you don't know what agape to make, start with thinking about the piece of agape you received on your walk that meant the most to you. Make that for this Walk.

We suggest you make 55 pieces of Agape for the full team or 20-30 pieces of Bed Agape (number needed depends on the number of Pilgrims).

Bring your Agape items to Send Off and place them in the Agape Room and the Agape Team will take care of it from there.

DeColores!
Lisa Angel



In the event of inclement weather, if the Ashland Independent School System is closed, then the Gathering will be cancelled.



As you read 1 Corinthians 13, Love is the dominate theme for our relationship with God and each other.

In the Piety Talk during the Walk to Emmaus weekend. Piety is described as a life in relationship with God making this relationship a Priority. But our relationship, our Love for God is not one dimensional it carries over to our Walk with Christ.

Remember these characteristics; Awareness-of others, Desire-your relationship with God, Action-in decisions and life style, Direction-focus on Christ, Naturalness-being ourselves, Courage-being secure to do right, and Joy-of the Lord in all situations.

We can use these characteristics daily as we show our love for our families, our love for others, our love for God. By using these characteristics we will have direction in our daily lives to minister to all whom we encounter daily. It is Love that can change our World. Let us not forget the Great Commandment, Matthew 22:36-40 CEB

36 “Teacher, what is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

37 He replied, “*You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, and with all your mind.* 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: *You must love your neighbor as you love yourself.* 40 All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands.”

Love to All
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