

Ashland Area Emmaus Community Newsletter

Being Gracious

Grace

The quality or state of being considerate or thoughtful.

Gracious

"kind, courteous, and compassionate".

In Isaiah 30:18 NIV it says, "Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; he will rise up to show you compassion." He extends favor, mercy, and kindness, God is gracious all the time, even when we are disobedient to Him.

As we in the Emmaus Community all have learned our loving God has given us much Grace. Even Grace we didn't know we had received. When God sent his son Jesus Christ to live among we humans. Jesus extended this Grace by living a Gracious life. We are to live a life in Grace and follow the example of Jesus by being Gracious to all we encounter no matter where we are in life. Whether it is in our daily lives, with our families or even during the Walk Weekends.

As an example, our Community is in new surroundings, for many of us, and we are still adjusting to the church building, knowing where various rooms are located and where to find what we may be seeking. So, as we encounter those searching we can be Gracious in helping them to find what they seek. Just as Jesus was Gracious to all he encountered and were seeking.

We extend God's grace to those in need by extending our hands on His behalf. Helping our brothers and sisters in this world to find peace, comfort, and strength. This is the response that God desires us to have for each other.

During team formation, the teams recite the Team Cannon. One of the points, as do all, speaks to our daily life and our life in Grace.

"I will serve in humility and gratitude for the opportunity to be here, and will remember that the Holy Spirit calls for my love, patience, kindness, gentleness and self-control in all things!"

DeColores, Fred Herr, CLD

Next Gathering will be
Friday, May 19th
South Ashland United
Methodist Church
6:30 pm
With Fourth Day Speaker
Steve Berry

Community Music will be led by
"Hey Delores"
(Brent & Billie Evanich, Shelby Sarven, Jamie
Prater and Tara Sexton)

Praises!

Christen P. received "God" news from the doctor "Clean Scans"

Audrey P and her friends have started a prayer group "Let the children come to me"

Concerns

Dahm family, Rife, Dale, Connie, Eunice, Joyce, Jimmy and Jim. I did not hear the last names and I may have missed some names, but God knows who they are and their needs.





CALENDER

- June Gathering is CANCELLED (due to wedding at SAUMC. Blessings and Praises to the couple being united in marriage)
- The Gathering for July is the 21st at South Ashland UMC
- August Gathering will be a picnic on the Green's next to the parking lot at SAUMC. Meat and drinks will be provided, so all you great cooks please bring a dish or dessert to share.

Opportunity to Serve

The Board is evaluating returning to the format of dinner before the worship service. But we need a member or members of the Community to help set-up the buffet tables, place the food as people arrive and prepare beverages etc. So please contact us via the Facebook page or email Fred Herr Hamagh@msn.com, if you would be willing to help coordinate the meal setup and clean-up. This would be a great service activity for the various Reunion Groups.

Fall Walks 2017

The Men's Walk #39 is October 5-8, 2017 with Mike Richardson as LD and Women's Walk #46 is October 19-22, 2017 with Chyrl Budd as LD. So please be praying for the teams as they are being formed and for the Pilgrims that have already responded to the invitation to go on their Walk to Emmaus. Plus pray for guidance from God to invite others. Pray too that we fill the twenty five available spaces for the Walk's and have a waiting list. What a joy that would be!!

