

Ashland Area Emmaus Community Newsletter

Letter from Our Community Lay Director

Why Emmaus?

Might I suggest a review of Luke 24:13-35, these verses are the basis for the Walk to Emmaus weekend.

In these verses, you will see four points that are highlighted during the 72 hour Emmaus weekend.

- a. Faith is reexamined through the fifteen talks and discussions that focus on God's Grace and Christian discipleship.
- b. Grace is reexamined, as the three days are full of grace seen through, worship, holy communion, support of a loving community and love of persons the Pilgrims do not know.
- c. Christian community is realized as the Pilgrims and team share these three days through discussions in small groups, common meals, serious moments and Holy Communion.
- d. The Body of Christ is renewed. As the Pilgrims return to their; families, church family and the world with a renewed commitment to revitalization of the Body of Christ.

These four points are the whole reason for the Three-Day Weekend. But it does not stop at the end of the weekend. With their rekindled spirits, they now have the tools to return to their church and community to live a Fourth Day life to share with others the grace they have received. To be disciples of Christ and to support others as they travel their Road to Emmaus Weekend. Lastly for the, the members of the Ashland Area Emmaus Community, let us all remember this was what we experienced on our Weekend and continues to be our Fourth Days.

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Fred Herr, CLD

Great Food, Great Fellowship

The August picnic was a true blessing to all that could attend. Food was fantastic from the dishes all brought to the pulled pork loving prepared by Larry Kirkpatrick. We would like to thank Rev. Pete Shaffer for leading the Community singing and Holy Communion. Marty Hoffman was our Fourth Day speaker and wow, what a blessing was the message of his Fourth Day Walk.

Men's Walk: Oct. 5-8

[Links to Prayer Vigils](#)

Women's Walk: Oct. 19-22

Men's Walk <http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pvid=13654&commid=633>

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“Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess” Hebrews 4:14

September 15th Gathering

- Board Meeting 5:30pm
- As of the printing of the newsletter 29th Street is still closed due to construction. You may use Blackburn Ave (off of 13th St) to 29th St as an alternate route.
- Our September Gathering will see the return of the Covered Dish Dinners at 6:30pm prior to Worship at 7:30pm. So get out the recipes and bring a favorite dish to share.
- Community Singing led by Alice Maggard and Special music by Peggy Siders
- 4th Day Speaker is Heather Green



Facebook

Remember our Facebook Page to keep up with what is going on in the Community and to post any Praises or Concerns' in your life.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ashlandemmaus>

Opportunities to be the hands and feet of Christ within the Community

- * Lisa Angel, Agape Coordinator, has these needs; Steno Notebooks 110 each, ball point pens, black or blue, 110 each. Food is always needed for the Conference Room Agape snack table. Help in the Agape Room is most welcome please let her know when they can help. Get your Group Reunions together and make 55 pieces of Agape gifts. She also asks that the Community watch the AAEC Facebook page for other Agape needs and information.
- * There are many opportunities to help during the Walks, Prepare food for Send-off, help move-in the Pilgrims, help on Thursday to set-up rooms, attend send-off, Candlelight and closing, Help is needed at the end of the weekend to put the church back together. Is there something to do during the Walk yes there is!!!!
- * Cooks are needed, kitchen help and serving meals. Please contact Billie Evanich to volunteer.

Treasurer

The position of Treasurer for the AAEC is an appointed position by the Board. Bill Rice has been the Treasurer for the past twelve years doing a fantastic job. Bill has informed the Board that it is time for another member of the Community to take over as Treasurer. Therefore the Board is asking, any member of the Community interested in this position please contact Fred Herr at hamagh@msn.com or 304-736-2057 for more information.

The Board takes this time to thank Bill for his dedication, over the past twelve years, in maintaining finances of the AAEC. Bless you Bill. Community please take the opportunity to thank Bill for his Service.

Walk Schedule

All community members are asked to participate in the walks. Please share your time and your gifts. The following schedule includes times for Community Events (Send Off, Sponsor's Hour, Candlelight and Closing -- all in bold print) as well as pilgrim meal times (if you would like to help serve).

Thursday

6:00pm -- Pilgrims can begin registration

6:30pm -- Send off meal

7:30pm -- Send off including Sponsors' Hour (all community members invited)

Friday

8:00 -- Breakfast

12:30pm -- Lunch

5:30 pm -- Dinner

Saturday

8:00am -- Breakfast

12:15pm -- Lunch

5:40pm -- Fiesta

8:00pm -- Community Gathers for Candlelight

8:30 pm-- Community Time before Candlelight begins promptly at this time so that the community is ready for the pilgrims at 9:15pm

Sunday

7:30am -- Breakfast

12:15pm -- Lunch

4:15 -- Community gathers for Closing

Application Deadlines

The Men's Walk deadline is September 22nd and the Women's is October 6th. So please get your applications in ASAP. Let's fill up the Walk's.