

ASHLAND AREA EMMAUS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2018

Message from Our Community Lay Director

15 All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.

2 Corinthians 4:15-16



Thankfulness... What do we have to be thankful for?

The season of Thanksgiving is upon us. While we should certainly practice “thanksgiving” all the time, this season serves as a reminder to be appreciative of all that we have received. Each year there are people posting what they are thankful for on social media. There are television shows and the occasional newspaper or magazine article urging us to share a thankful spirit.

Well, I have been giving this some thought about what, as an Emmaus community, we should be thankful. Here is my list.

- 1. God created us as individuals to be a part of His body as an ACTIVE member of a group dedicated to growing up disciple leaders in the Church.**
- 2. God, through His grace, brought each of us here to be His hands and feet in service to each other as community members and to new pilgrims to expand the ministry, encouraging church leaders throughout our area.**

3. Because of our shared relationship with our Heavenly Father through Christ Jesus, we have a much larger family of Christian brothers and sisters on whom to rely on for encouragement and prayer, and yes, even some old-fashioned helping hands and hearts.
4. For those who sometimes have a hard time stepping out on faith in service, Emmaus is a place where it is made simple. Monthly gatherings, Walk weekends, there is always a way to serve out front, or in the background. Inviting pilgrims to share in this wonderful experience and community can only be a blessing!

May we all be reminded of our own Walk experiences and be ever thankful for the ways God has worked in and through us in the Ashland Area Emmaus Community.

With much Thankfulness and praise,

Sandy Ott, CLD

November Gathering

The next Gathering is Friday, November 16th. Covered dish dinner, dessert and fellowship at 6:30pm and Worship at 7:15pm.

Fourth Day Speaker

Martha Rice

Community Singing

C3 Freedom House Praise Team

Special Music

Tracy Roach

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

Letter from Chuck Conley

Dear Community,

It was an absolute honor to be able to serve as LD on this Men's walk.

David Herndon (SD) and the team was absolutely awesome. As a team we were all super blessed.

We had (13) Pilgrim's. I feel like each and every Pilgrim was moved and touched by Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Pastor Herndon's dying moments was terrific and very moving. You truly felt Christ's presence during this.

I want to thank all the servants who made this walk possible. All those who were visible and behind the scenes.

I would like to take this opportunity to challenge each and every Ashland Area Emmaus member to get involved. We have over 1500 members in this community and we average for candlelight, closing ceremony, Friday gatherings about 50-55 people.

This is sad. I am sad. I also look for reasons not to attend. The devil wins, and as a community we are losing.

I challenge us all to remember our walk and what it meant to each one of us, to remember what the Bible says and the example Jesus gave us all.

To love and to serve. We are all busy and we all have excuses, but what matters? What is your priority?

If you are an Emmaus member, get involved again, stay involved. You don't need to receive a phone call; you are welcome here, I am welcome here, we are all welcome in this community.

It is what we are all called to do, to love one another and be the hands and feet of Christ (SERVE). God Bless

Love,

Chuck Conley

Love and Joy!

What a blessed 72 hours in our lives for the women of this fall walk to Emmaus! God, as He always does, was evident throughout 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. In all of what we saw as difficulties and challenges in forming the team, in team meetings and during the walk itself, God used to strengthen us individually, as a team and as a walk and used these things to bring glory to Him and through Him! Praise God!

Our fears, our brokenness, and our prior experiences were all laid at His feet to use as He wanted especially during Dying Moments and Candle-

absolutely blessed to have on this walk serving God for us, led us to leave all those things at the altar for God to take care of and we did.

Then after Candlelight, where we were overwhelmed to see the love of God for us, Lisa led us to the place where pilgrims finally felt free to turn things over to God for good.

What a joy to see!!!

During the walk, we had other Asst. Spiritual Directors with us. We were blessed to have Musial Pearson, David Herndon, Donna Hinkle and Chris Shinn with us. Donna was able to be with us the entire weekend and we appreciated her willingness to serve God in that way. The women of Walk #48 were led in music by a marvelous joyful team of servants, Martha Rice, Bev Moore, Becky Gehringer and Sue Roberts during the weekend. While I love her, Lil Dyson, as Music Director, never lets us sit while we sing!!! LOL! But what a joy to sing together to our God!

As Lay Director on this walk, it was my joy to see how God weaves His team of walk servants together. We were blessed to have serving as ALDs – ringing the bell, telling bad jokes and keeping us going – Lori Halstead, Kilo Lucas, Teresa Kirkpatrick and Laci Hart. Also keeping us going was our Media Team of Beth Qualls, Emily

Barney and Sandy Ott. I would be remiss if I did not mention the enormous support and help we received from Lay Directors – Donna Herndon and Anita Martin. What a help to this team all of these ladies (and JR!) were and their willingness to adjust as we needed were invaluable.

As visibly evidenced to us by all the Emmaus Members who signed up for the Prayer Vigil, prayer is the foundation for the Walk to Emmaus. Serving this team in the Prayer Chapel this weekend – Anita Fitzpatrick, Donna Barber and Haley McComas. The prayers were felt throughout the talks and the discussions at the tables and I cannot tell you how thankful I am for these ladies serving God and this team this walk in this way.

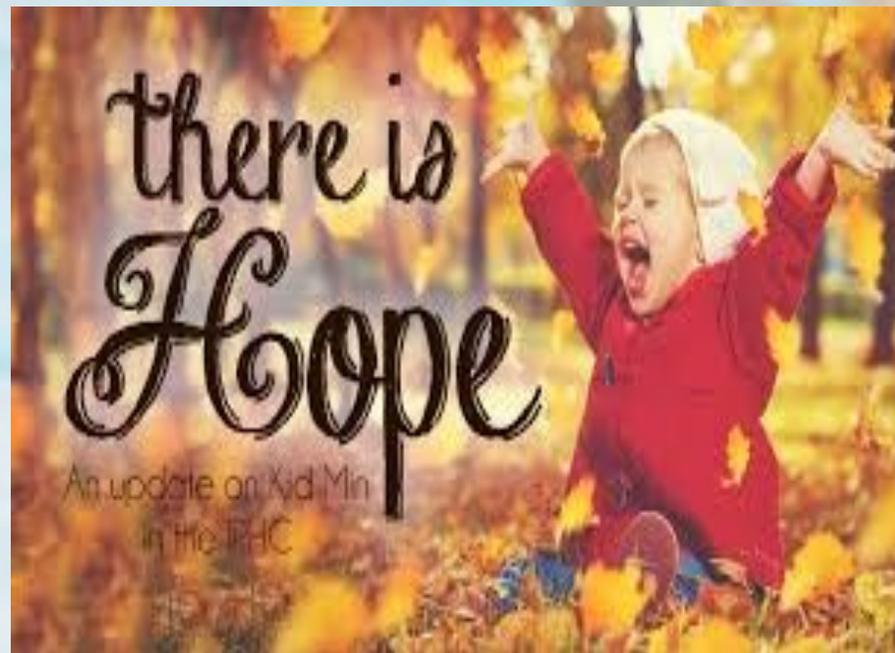
More visible to the pilgrims were our Table Leaders – Alice Maggard, Tara Lambert, Suzy Richardson, Nikki Beek and Bonnie Sparks and our Asst. Table Leaders – Jessica Higgins, Ashley Dygert, Carolyn Barnett, Krista Mosser, Courtney Hamlin and Kim Williams. These ladies lead the table discussions and showed God to these pilgrims in such a loving way on this walk. We were blessed. What a joy!

It was both a joy and privilege to serve as Lay Director on Women's Walk #48. This team and the pilgrims will always hold a special place in my heart. I do want to thank the Board and Community

for the love and support they showed me throughout this process and to the team and these pilgrims during the walk. I literally could not have done it without you! And I look forward, with great love and joy, to seeing what God is going to do in the lives of these ladies in all of their Fourth Days.

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Lisa Angel, Lay Director, Women's Walk #48



Community Leader Training!

Have you ever wanted to serve on a walk? Do you have questions on how to make that happen?

Ever wonder how one becomes the walk Lay Director? Would you like to be considered for that position in the future?

Well, now is the time to find out and get your questions answered! Dates are being set for Winter and Spring training sessions where you can ask your questions and hopefully walk away encouraged and ready to serve.

Contact Sandy Ott, Community Trainer, to be added to the list of interested community members so you will be notified when the training sessions will be held.

Aaec.trainer@gmail.com or 606-922-7816

2019 Board Election

Lay Leaders: Vote for 4 (four)

- _____ Jeff Williams
- _____ Kilo Lucas
- _____ Tara Lambert
- _____ Tracy Roach
- _____ Marty Hoffman

Clergy Leaders: Vote for 1 (one)

- _____ Keith Katterheinrich
- _____ Chris Shinn

The board election will take place during the Community Gathering, Friday November 16, 2018

Ballots may be returned by mail to the AAEC at the following address:

Ashland Area Emmaus Community
Board Election Ballot
P.O. Box 293
Ashland, KY 41105-0293

Ballots MUST be received prior to the time of the Gathering in which the election will be held to be counted.