

# ASHLAND AREA EMMAUS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2019

## *Message from Our Community Lay Director*

As I was praying and searching for what to write in the March Newsletter, I came across a devotion that I would like to share.

It is from a Devotion Book about Prayer.

"Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord." Psalm 27:14

There are four answers to prayer: yes, no, wait, and if.

In *Three Steps Forward, Two Steps Back*, Charles Swindoll writes:

It's awfully hard for a country that exists on frozen dinners, instant mashed potatoes, powdered orange juice, packaged cake mixes, instant print cameras, and freeway express lanes to teach its young how to wait.

One evening I was fussing about seeds in the grapes my wife had served for supper. After crunching into another seed, I laid down the law. "No more grapes served in the Swindoll home unless they are seedless"!

I announced with characteristic dogmatism. Later, when nobody else was around to hear her reproof, Cynthia edged up to me and quietly asked: "Do you know why seeds in grapes bug you?" "Sure, I said, because I bite into those bitter little things and they scatter all over my mouth!" "No". she smiled. "It's because you're too impatient to dig them out first. The purple grapes really taste better...but they take a little more time"

Two answers to prayer are decisive: yes and no. One gives us something concrete to do; if, but when God answers by saying "wait," it is perhaps the most difficult for us because we are left in suspense with little to do other than trust. Often in our impatience,

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we attempt to create an answer of our own. If we really want God's best, however, perhaps we should give Him all the time He needs to prepare us for it!

Giving ALL Glory to God!!

Anita Fitzpatrick, CLD

### WALKS

**Men #41 - March 14-17, 2019 (Brian Poling, LD) was cancelled**

**Women #49 - March 28-31, 2019 (Anita Martin, LD) was cancelled**

*Both of these walks were cancelled due to an insufficient number of pilgrims.*

**NO MARCH GATHERING** because of walks.

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**Because Good Friday is on April 19th -- The APRIL GATHERING will be on April 26, 2019 at 6:30pm**

### PRAYERS & PRAISES

Huston Trimble - surgery

Baby Violet is home

Baby Everly

Sister out of the hospital doing well

Sister

Paul Conley

Mission Trip to NC went great-worked on 3 homes

Patty Stapleton-cancer treatments

Veronica Butler

Caroline Calico

### FROM

Amy Clinger

Teresa Kirkpatrick

Kilo Lucas

Sandy Ott

Jessica McKinney

Sonie Conley

Rev.Pete Shaffer