



The Ark

The New-Ark Area Emmaus Community Newsletter
June 2011

“Willing Servants”

This has been a busy month here at New-Ark Area Emmaus. We just completed a very special gathering that was truly amazing. If you weren't able to attend, you missed an awesome worship service and a great crowd with over 200 people in attendance. We also just kicked off team meetings for Women's Walk #46 and are about to start team selection for Men's Walk #35.

For those that did attend the May gathering, I think everyone would agree that it was a truly special service. What most people don't realize is what it takes to put on such a service. The board agreed to this special gathering in January. We spent the following months planning the details and recruiting volunteers to help make it all happen. The Worship work area was assisted by the musicians that made up the praise band, volunteers serving communion, and the nearly 20 individuals who presented “cardboard testimonies” of the impact of the Walk to Emmaus in their lives; the Audiovisual area had folks running sound and Power Point; volunteers were working in the nursery rooms under the direction of the Child Care work area; folks helped the Social work area with setup and cleanup for the meal; and there were folks that helped the Logistics work area with setup and tear down as well. For every Gathering, there are 20 to 30 volunteers that make it happen. For this Gathering, there were around 50 volunteers!

But this volunteer thing is nothing new to our Emmaus community. For each walk, it takes over 170 volunteers to make it happen. And the ‘payment’ to all of these volunteers is the same: the knowledge that they led a few folks closer to Christ and helped expand His kingdom. Those are wages that you can't put a price tag on.

There is one other benefit to serving ‘behind the scenes’ as a Willing Servant on a Walk or at a Gathering: **The candidates for team selection come 100% from those that are actively serving behind the scenes on Walks and at Gatherings.** The two criteria for serving on a team are that you must be in a Share Group and you must be active as a Willing Servant.

I think these criteria are a good reflection of what God expects of us as Christians in all aspects of our lives. Are we sharing our Christian walk and holding ourselves and others accountable? Are we being the hands and feet of Christ in our churches and in our communities? If we are doing these things, we are part of the best team of all: Christ's team. And the best part of being a member of His team is you know that you are on the ultimate winning team.

The Walk and Gathering Willing Servant sign-up sheets are available at every Gathering, and are also on our website at www.new-arkemmaus.org/servants. There is room for **you**; come on – join the team!

Blessings and Peace from your brother in Christ,

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Our community newsletter, **The Ark**, is published monthly, and is made available electronically via the community's website (www.new-arkemmaus.org/our-community/newsletters). Electronic publication of the newsletter represents a significant cost savings to our community.

If you have registered your email address with the community, **you will receive email notification** when the newsletters are available online. New or changed email addresses may be registered with the community via our online Directory Update (www.new-arkemmaus.org/our-community/directory-update).

Printed copies are available for those who do not have email or Internet access, or who otherwise wish to receive a printed copy.

Audiovisual

Do you have a calling? Do you have that feeling you should be involved in the production of our Gatherings? Do you have computer skills, or do you run your church's sound system, or would like to learn?

Our Emmaus Community is always looking for Willing Servants who have a desire to use or develop their gifts and talents. Every Gathering needs Willing Servants to run the PowerPoint presentations (song lyrics, "visual aids" and videos), as well as the sound system (mics for the speakers and musicians, and playing CDs). If you're feeling called but don't have much experience, we have several people who would be happy to train you and help you get comfortable with the equipment.

Signing up is easy! On our community's website (www.new-arkemmaus.org), move your cursor to "Willing Servants" and click "For Gatherings". The window will display a link (in blue and underlined) called "Willing Servants" for you to click. A new window will appear with all the Gathering Signups; the bottom of the screen has tabs for Main, AudioVisual, Logistics, Child Care, and Social. Click the "AudioVisual" tab and the signup sheet appears. Find the Gathering(s) you wish to serve, then click the "Main" tab and follow the directions to sign up. In your email, please indicate if you need training, and we'll have you sit with an experienced AV person in the booth to observe or "drive" with supervision.

Don't pass up your 'Call to Discipleship' - sign up today!

Bob Beckett, Audiovisual Chairperson
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Chrysalis

Chrysalis is the youth & young adult equivalent of the Walk to Emmaus. If you want to know more about Chrysalis CARES (the Chrysalis community with which our New-Ark Area Emmaus community is associated), then you will want to attend the June Gathering.!

It has been our community's tradition to have our Chrysalis youth share their Fourth Day experiences and talents, and answer any questions folks may have about Chrysalis, at our June Gathering. So if you know of a young person age 15 to 24, bring them to Gathering to witness how God has touched these young persons' lives through the Chrysalis experience.

There are two Chrysalis 'flights' (weekends) scheduled for this summer: the Chrysalis CARES Girls' Flight is June 18th - 20th, and the Boys' Flight is July 16th - 18th. please see our web site or the Chrysalis CARES' website (www.chrysaliscares.org) If you need more information. Or feel free to contact me if you have a young person you wish to sponsor on a Chrysalis weekend.

Fly with Christ!

Cinda Borden, Chrysalis Representative
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Kitchen

Hey, Hey Good Christians – Whatcha got cookin'?
How's about cookin' somethin' up with me?

Have you ever wondered just exactly how all of the food gets made for the entire weekend? Did you question "Is it all purchased ready-made?" The answer is 'no.' Everything that served by the kitchen during a weekend is made by loving "kitchen angels." Some of these angels arrive at 6 a.m. and some don't arrive until 4:30 p.m. Some are guys and some are gals.

So, where do you fit in? Can you open a can or wipe off a table? Can you follow a simple recipe, or wash a dish? There are a variety of jobs and plenty of "angels in charge" to help you fit in somewhere in the kitchen. Most shifts aren't longer than 2 hours long.

How can you be the "hands" of Christ to the ladies on the Walk in July? Check out the available Kitchen Willing Servant spots either online or at the June Gathering, and sign up. Or contact me, and I can help you find an open spot. Remember as the saying goes "it takes many people to raise a child" and it also takes many people to feed everyone on a Walk! Hope to see you in the kitchen!

In His Service,
Gladys Haney, Kitchen Chairperson
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Logistics

As the name implies, 'Logistics' covers the setup and 'logistical' needs for both the walk weekends *and* the Gatherings. It is a big job ... but completely manageable when many 'hands' volunteer to help!

We would like to identify a number of persons who would be willing to be a 'Day Captain' for a day of a walk, or for a Gathering. The Day Captain oversees the Logistics team for their assigned walk day or Gathering. We are especially in need of persons who could be a Friday or Saturday Day Captain on a walk weekend; and we also could use 'Day Captain' help for our Gatherings. You can sign on for one or more walks or Gatherings as you are able. **THANK YOU!**

Gary Watson & Brian Atwell, Logistics Chairpersons
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Men's Good Shepherd

Have you lost some members in your share group due to schedule conflicts? Are you looking to add some

new members to your group? Maybe you just recently went on a walk but still haven't found a share group?

Whatever reason you have I would love to hear from you. I still have a group that is meeting on Tuesday mornings at 7AM looking to grow their group. If you are not in a share group, and this day and time works for your schedule, let me know.

Trent Snow, Men's Good Shepherd
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Sponsorship

Sponsors play a special role in someone's spiritual journey by providing support and guidance during this life-changing event and the following Fourth Days.

Make sure you are a well-informed sponsor! You may contact me via phone or email anytime; also, maintain open communication with **your** sponsor and your share group, **take a Sponsorship Training class**, and, especially, read your Sponsorship booklet. Sponsorship booklets are available for \$3 at the Sponsorship Training classes, and after Sponsors' Hour on a Walk weekend. You may also request a booklet from me at any time.

Sponsorship training classes are open to anyone - those of you that are new to the Emmaus Community and/or anyone who hasn't sponsored a pilgrim or taken the class for a while. Anyone could use a refresher! **Sponsorship training classes are held at 6 PM on Gathering nights in the months which immediately precede a Walk. The next training is at 6pm, just before the next gathering on June 28.**

De Colores!
Melissa Decker, Sponsorship Chairperson
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Women's Good Shepherd

Well we complained about the cool wet spring, now we have hot humid summer. No matter what, we often times find it hard to be grateful if everything isn't just perfect. Some things to be grateful for are: we survived the seasons with minimal loss or no real discomfort, we are alive and well, and we have the ability to share God's love through service.

Women's Walk 46 will start July 21st. Are the men and women of the past walks all signed up as Willing Servants? Is there a face you have not seen working behind the scenes recently? Are the people you sponsored or have served with still active in the New-Ark Emmaus Community?

As you have found, Share Groups are vital supportive groups, their members holding each other accountable and helping them grow in their relationship with God.

ALL pilgrims need that type of care. Please register your Share Group through the Emmaus web site, and let me know if you have an opening for new members. There are so many ways to keep in touch: phone, e-mail, facebook, twitter, etc.. I can manage phone & e-mail so feel free to contact me by those routes! Let us continue to make this a great Emmaus community.

God Bless,
Ann Kittel, Women's Good Shepherd
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Women's Registrar

As of the beginning of June, we have 18 confirmed pilgrims who will be attending the next "Best Walk Ever" – Women's Walk #46. There is still some time to register those God has chosen to attend this Walk so if there is a special lady you know who will enjoy the weekend, please get her registration form, the sponsorship form and the \$25.00 deposit check in the mail as soon as possible. Let's have another full Walk!

De Colores!
Carol Denison, Women's Registrar
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Worship

We want to extend a big THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the May Gathering! The Presence of the Holy Spirit was so sweet as we sang praises to Him, shared in testimonies, and celebrated Holy Communion. I hope that some of you were inspired to make the Monthly Gathering a constant on your calendar!!

Calling all prayer warriors! This is your reminder to sign up for the Prayer Vigil for the July Women's Walk! Don't wait till the last minute to sign up, please help us out by getting those spots filled up SOON.

We also want make you aware that **there is an online Prayer Vigil website** for 3-day spiritual weekends (Walk to Emmaus, Chrysalis, and others). Many groups use this site to fill their weekend prayer vigils.

Our community has not found a need to use this site – however, other Emmaus communities, especially new communities or ones with few members, do use it, and **our community occasionally receives prayer vigil requests**, asking that we sign-up via this site.

Go to the website www.3dayol.org/Vigil to get a list of the registered prayer vigils and to sign-up. I'm sure many of you will jump at this exciting chance to serve other communities around the world in this special way. Imagine the WOW of seeing that someone on the other side of the globe is praying for you!

Dwayne & Missy Bonham, Worship Chairpersons
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Team Roster for Women's Walk to Emmaus® #46, July 21 - 24, 2011

Name	Position	Talk	Table
Mark Chow	Spiritual Director	Means of Grace	Arrears
Linda Rudolph	Lay Director	Perseverance	Arrears
Terry Green	Asst. Lay Director	Priority	Arrears
Heather Wollenberg	Asst. Lay Director	Fourth Day	Arrears
Stephanie Hartman	Asst. Lay Director	No Talk	Arrears
Patty Lewis	Music Director		Arrears
Gladys Haney	Technical Director		Arrears
Ann Kittel	Board Representative		Arrears
Kendy Ramsey	Table Leader	Priesthood of All Believers	Ruth
Beth Cline	Table Leader	Life of Piety	Deborah
Melanie Craft	Table Leader	Grow Through Study	Elizabeth
Melissa Webb	Table Leader	Christian Action	Mary
Sherry Leggett	Table Leader	Discipleship	Sarah
Janice Calland	Table Leader	Changing Our World	Rachel
Cheryl Lentz	Table Leader	Body of Christ	Ruth
Lynn McIlyar	Asst. Table Leader		Deborah
Tessa Blizzard	Asst. Table Leader		Elizabeth
Hayley Henderson	Asst. Table Leader		Mary
Danielle Wood	Asst. Table Leader		Sarah