



The Ark

The New-Ark Area Emmaus Community Newsletter
May/June 2010

NEWSLETTER NOTE: Beginning with this month's newsletter, a *printed* copy of *The Ark* is being sent only to those community members that requested one (according to our database); community members who expressed a willingness to receive notification via e-mail will not receive a printed copy.

There were many community members who had not previously indicated their preference regarding the newsletter, and also did not have an e-mail address registered with the community; there were also several community members who had previously indicated they *wanted* a printed newsletter, but for whom the information was not correctly recorded in our database. **The New-Ark Emmaus Board conducted a phone poll** to reach as many of these community members as possible; however, there were many persons who could not be reached, primarily due to the phone numbers in our database being out of date.

If you become aware of community members who did not receive this newsletter by either means (printed copy or e-mail notification) and who still wish to receive it, please direct them to the online directory update form (<http://new-arkemmaus.org/our-community/directory-update/>) or have them call or e-mail Belinda Paisley (740-403-1122, or communications@new-arkemmaus.org) to indicate their preference and/or provide their contact information.

We apologize for the confusion throughout this process, and thank you for your patience. We appreciate the willingness of so many of you to receive newsletter notification via e-mail; this will be a significant cost savings for our community.

“Mother’s Day”

Mother's Day: that day every year when we celebrate those wonderful ladies who gave us life and nurtured us for many years. Even though you will be reading this well after Mother's Day, I'm writing this a few days before Mother's Day and I have no idea what I'm going to do for my mother or for my wife for Mother's Day. I do know that I have to work it out quickly though, to keep myself out of the dog house with both of these special ladies in my life.

Should I buy them flowers, chocolates, or a special dinner out on the town? Perhaps some jewelry or a spa gift certificate, maybe just a simple card? I really don't know what to do!

I wonder if Jesus went through this each year. What if there was an official Mother's Day in Israel in Jesus' day? I wonder – what would he get for Mary?

Would he build her a nice night stand to go by her bed since he was a carpenter? Perhaps he would turn simple bread and water into a gourmet feast and the best wine to show his love. Maybe he just asked her to wait patiently, for he had a gift in mind that would last forever, but he couldn't give it to her just yet. She would have to wait until he was taken home to his father. That gift of course is eternal life.

I can see Mary now, talking with her friends the day after Mother's Day. Martha's son got her a new shawl.

Deborah's son got her a beautiful bouquet of flowers. Then they ask Mary what Jesus got her. "He's going to give me eternal life," she says simply. "He'll give it to both of you as well if you believe in Him."

That gift puts all other gifts to shame now, doesn't it?

Well, perhaps that's the true gift that we need to give to all of our special ladies on this Mother's Day – the gift of God's love and grace. He showed us love that was unconditional and eternal; maybe we need to do the same for our mothers and our wives. He also forgives and forgets all that we have done wrong in our lives when we ask for His forgiveness. Perhaps that's a gift that we can give as well. I think these gifts would be more appreciated than any other token of our love that money could ever buy.

Ladies, I pray that God may shed His love and grace on each of you in abundance on this Mother's Day and everyday.

Remember, Christ is counting on you!

Blessings and Peace,

Warren Adams, Community Chairperson
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Chrysalis

Chrysalis is the youth/young adult equivalent of the Walk to Emmaus, open to upper high-school students ages 15 – 18 in grades 10 - 12, and young adults ages 19 – 24. The Chrysalis CARES Community is hosted by Stonybrook United Methodist Church in Gahanna, and is affiliated with the Greater Columbus, New-Ark Area, and Reynoldsburg Walk to Emmaus Communities.

FOR THE JUNE GATHERING, on Tuesday, June 22nd, young people who have participated in a Chrysalis weekend will be leading and providing special music, and will be giving the 'Fourth Day' ('Next Steps') talks. Other adult leadership of the Chrysalis CARES Community will also be at the Gathering to share information and help lead our worship.

Registrations are currently being accepted for the summer (June and July) Flight/Journey weekends.

Please pray and consider what youth or young adult that you know might be blessed by a Walk-to-Emmaus-like experience (it doesn't have to be your own child!) and offer to be his or her sponsor; **application forms** are available at our Emmaus Gatherings, on our website, and on the Chrysalis CARES website (www.chrysaliscares.org) and must be completed by the applicant, their sponsor, and their parents (if the applicant is under 18 years of age).

Please feel free to contact me via e-mail (see address below) or visit the Chrysalis CARES website for more information. Thanks, and "Fly With Christ!"

Belinda Paisley, Chrysalis Representative
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Communications

In case you haven't heard, I am vacating my position on the board as Communications Chairperson, effective immediately. The change is bittersweet, as I have been blessed with the offer of a job working for General Mills in Southeastern Ohio. After being out of work for almost a year, this opportunity was more than I could have hoped for, as I have found a really good position within a great company. The bitter part is that it requires a move for our family. The boys will finish the school year here and, until we sell our house, I will be commuting back on the weekends. The plan is to relocate to the Jackson (Ohio) area which is about 1½ to 2 hours from Newark, so I am hopeful that it will allow for an occasional visit to a Gathering, Candlelight, etc.

As I have shared in previous newsletters, Belinda Paisley has been a wonderful help to me and the community website over the last several months, so I know she will do a wonderful job filling in any gaps that arise due to my vacancy.

I have met and made so many wonderful connections within this community and I will miss that dearly. I pray

God's continued blessings on each of you and the community!! And never forget...CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU!!!

Sheri Whisler, (Outgoing) Communications Chairperson
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Kitchen

Thank you to all of the wonderful willing servants who served in the kitchen on the February and March Walks. You truly did make a difference to many people on those weekends and I hope to see you back in July.

Speaking of July, I do have openings still available for the July walk. Please note that if there is a favorite time that you like to work, sign up now because it might not be there the closer we get to the Walk.

Please remember that when you sign up for kitchen, even in the summer, we ask to not wear sandals or flip flops as you could slip and fall on a wet surface (you also need to make sure your toes are covered and protected).

May your days be glorious wherever you may be.

De Colores,
Gladys Haney, Kitchen Chairperson
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Men's Registrar

Have you noticed all the new beautiful spring colors? It's hard to miss them. Spring reminds me of renewal, refreshment, and new life. I have to admit, though, that this past January and February, as I was clearing the many snow drifts from my driveway, I was thinking that spring would never get here. But God has a timetable for everything and Spring is here right on time according to God's schedule.

Do you know someone that could use a burst of God's AGAPE love and renewal in the midst of other men for a 72-hour spiritual weekend experience? The next Men's EMMAUS walk is October 21-24, and it is the perfect place for a renewal experience. That may seem like a long way off, but it will be here before you know it. Remember, when you attended an EMMAUS walk it was because you were invited by someone who loved you enough to ask you to attend. Maybe it's God's timing for you to invite someone you care about to attend an EMMAUS walk. If so, you might be the person God has called to present the invitation.

Ask your pilgrim today and have him complete the registration form and then you complete the sponsor form. Attach a check for \$25.00 for the initial fee and mail it to First United Methodist Church or give it to me. As you know, every walk is the best walk ever !!!

Dave Baker, Men's Registrar
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Men's Good Shepherd

Did you recently join a new Share Group? Did you recently leave a Share Group or add a new member to your Share Group? Or maybe you are now meeting on a different day, location or at a different time? Please let me know if any of these conditions applies to you.

If you are not in a Share Group but would like to be, send me an e-mail (see address below) or call me at 740-405-0727.

Trent Snow, Men's Good Shepherd
shepherd-men@new-arkemmaus.org

Treasurer

This is a reminder that the New-Ark Area Emmaus Community is a 501(c)(3) organization, meaning that all monetary donations made to the Community and gift-of-kind of materials and supplies for the Walks can be a Charitable Deduction for Federal Income Tax purposes.

If you are interested in taking tax deductions, please give me copies of all your receipts and purchase documents for verification, and I will give you a letter of acceptance of your gift or donation for your records.

If you have any question, please send me an e-mail (see address below) or call me at 740-344-2382.

Godspeed to all,
John Denison, Treasurer
treasurer@new-arkemmaus.org

Women's Good Shepherd

Are you in a Share Group? Sharing with sisters who hold you accountable, help you grow and serve God is a wonderful gift.

HELP US "MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE" AT GATHERINGS!

Attention to anyone who loves to sing, but maybe doesn't want to sing solo at a Gathering: The New-Ark Emmaus "Ark Angels" may be the group for you. We are a very diverse group of people who simply just love to sing to the Lord. We will be singing at the August Gathering, but we need to start rehearsing now. **We will meet before the May, June, July, & August gatherings at 6:20 PM;** we will meet in the Chapel (Room 103, near the Sanctuary) for the May, July, and August rehearsals; and in the 2nd Floor Gathering Space for the June rehearsal. You don't need to know how to read music; just bring your wonderful voices.

If you can't make it to all of the practices, that's okay. The only thing that I ask is that you make an effort to be at the first rehearsal to receive your music. Hope to see many of your smiling faces.

De Colores,
Gladys Haney

We want each member of our community to be a part of a Share Group, keeping the fire of the walk burning, shining God's light.

Do you need help to find a Share Group? Please feel free to contact me.

Women's Walk #43 is coming up in July; this will provide great opportunities to serve. Remember your share group card: Service Sheet -> Your Action -> Christian Community.

Thank you to those who have opened their Share Group to new members, those who have updated their information & to those who have established new Share Groups.

Ann Kittel, Women's Good Shepherd
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Worship

Praise God for the Pilgrims already signed up for Women's Walk # 43.....God is Good! It will be "the best walk ever!"

Community, you are needed! There are several open spots on the Prayer Vigil for WW #43, plus there are other Willing Servant positions open as well. Please take time to look over these openings online or at the next two Gatherings on the sign-up table and get signed up.

Just a reminder, we are always looking for men's and women's Fourth Day speakers, Song Leaders, and Special Music people for Gatherings. If you feel a "nudge" to fill one of these positions at a Gathering, or know someone that might, please let us know. Remember, please get signed up for Prayer Vigil and/or other Willing Servant positions.

God Bless each of you;
Linda & Gary Rudolph, Worship Chairpersons
worship@new-arkemmaus.org or 740-929-4366



The "Ark Angels" Choir tryouts for that first Christmas night included this spirited ditty. BUT, as we all know, "For he's a jolly good baby" never became a Christmas classic.

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