



The Ark

The New-Ark Area Emmaus Community Newsletter
March 2019

It's Not About Me

Hello Community!

I'd like to thank all of you who sponsored a pilgrim on the Men's Walk in February and the Women's Walk this month! Sponsorship truly is **the** most important thing you can do for any Walk. Also, a shout out to the Willing Servants who made the Walks flow smoothly. Thank you so much for putting on a servant's heart and sharing the love of God with the newest members of our Emmaus Community throughout their 72-hour journey on the Walk to Emmaus. As we move forward in 2019, and look ahead to the Walks in September and October, I ask that we focus on the words from the Emmaus Canon:

I am a member of an Emmaus community; meaning I am only one part of a complete being. I'm an imperfect earthen vessel, and am blessed to be here in a servant's role. I will serve in humility and gratitude and remember that the Holy Spirit calls for my love, patience, kindness, gentleness, and self-control in all things. I will pray for submission to the Spirit and for strength and commitment to be God's person rather than my own person in all things. I will remember that I am here only as an instrument through which God can work to renew the church.

I am here only by God's grace and only so that the Holy Spirit might work through me. I will lift up my community members in prayer and ask our Lord to strengthen them and open their eyes so that we all might recognize Jesus Christ in the breaking of the bread. I will not overstate or overemphasize my role by any word or deed. I will not glorify myself; I will not glorify any other community member nor allow another to glorify me. I will remember that my brothers and sisters in Christ are the main reason for my presence and my prayers. I will remember at all times that I am no more important than any other person in this community. In all things, I will accept and obey the authority and discipline under which I serve.

I have no authority or responsibility except to obey God and respond to the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Whatever passions and excitement seize me, I will express through joyful praise to God, my Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. I will give God all the glory for whatever happens in this community. I will raise my voice only to praise God and will bow my head in reverence and submission to God. I am only a servant, but God can use me more powerfully in this role than in any other role I might choose. I am a member of an Emmaus community; in all things, I shall pray that Christ will be lifted up.

Christ's love and blessings to my Emmaus family.
De Colores!
Rick Newell
Community Lay Director

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The **EMMAUS 101** section is intended to provide information to answer those FAQs about the events, policies and practices of the Emmaus Ministries and the New-Ark Area Emmaus Community.

Please send article suggestions for the next issue to: TheArk@new-arkemmaus.org.



The **FOURTH DAY Living** section is intended to provide space for Community members to share the trials and triumphs of living their 4th Day. Examples of articles you might find here are descriptions of 'God-moments', book reviews and/or endorsements, ideas for service opportunities, etc. **Please send article suggestions or submissions to: TheArk@new-arkemmaus.org.**

INVITE WHO???

Have you ever considered how much your pastor might benefit from attending the Walk to Emmaus? The reality is that we often overlook the clergy when considering whom to sponsor. It is easy to invite our family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers; after all, we know them quite well. However, for some reason, there are many who feel that their pastor, or other clergy for that matter, are either unapproachable when it comes to this ministry, or that they already have what they need to be a good and effective in their local church setting. Friends, I am here to tell you that nothing could be further from the truth.

The reality is that your pastor would benefit GREATLY by having the opportunity to experience the Walk to Emmaus. For too many clergy, the chance to have a replenishing of the Spirit, and secluded time to work on their individual relationship with Jesus Christ, is lost due to meetings, hospital calls, sermon preparation, and supporting the laity. In other words, your pastor probably has little, if any, time to work on their personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

For this reason, it is important to talk to your pastor about how the Walk to Emmaus has changed and impacted your life for the better. Sure, they may resist, stating that they do not have time, or that they already have the training necessary to be a pastor; however this is really not the case. What the Walk to Emmaus offers is far beyond what is learned in Seminary, and far better than the day-to-day, practical knowledge that is gained in the pastorate.

So, you may get resistance, and that is okay. Remember that you, too, were probably hesitant when your sponsor recommended the Walk to Emmaus. Further, consider how many people have been approached to attend, only to refuse for any myriad of reasons. However, when this happens, just pray to God for help in the situation, and go back to your pastor later, and offer to sponsor them again; in other words, persevere. Also, the best way to convince your pastor, or any clergy for that matter, to attend a Walk to Emmaus is by **SHOWING** them the change that has taken place in you.

Now then, when you ask your pastor about the Walk to Emmaus, and they tell you that they have already attended, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE tell the Community leadership—specifically the Community Spiritual Director! Our New-Ark Area Emmaus Community is always looking for opportunities to get more clergy involved. To this end, once notified of a fellow pastor who has attended the Walk to Emmaus, the Community Spiritual Director will contact them to schedule a time when their Emmaus experience can be discussed, as well as what opportunities exist to serve in our Community.

You CAN do it! So, pray up, and approach your pastor. The Walk to Emmaus might just be what the doctor ordered for them; and remember it is Jesus, our Lord, who is the Great Physician.

De Colores!
Pastor Matthew Van Winkle
Community Spiritual Director

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Willing Servant Work Area Contacts

Please review and sign up for open job spots online, or contact the following Chairpersons/Coordinators:

Agape	Terry Green & Kat Robinson	agape@new-arkemmas.org	740-404-3756
Kitchen	Aaron & Misty Simpson	kitchen@new-arkemmas.org	740-403-8473, 740-403-8472
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Sponsorship	Amy Flavin	sponsorship@new-arkemmas.org	740-877-8675

Pilgrim Roster for Women's Walk to Emmaus® #65, March 21-24, 2019 (as of March.14)

Name	Home Church	Name	Home Church
Kris Almendinger	Johnstown Presbyterian	JJ McCartney	Spring Hills Community
Julie Atwood	Johnstown UMC	Vicki McKensie	Mt. Olive UMC
Sara Baker	Faith Life	Jesica Mox	Newark Nazarene~Williams St.
Lisa Black	Newark Nazarene~Williams St.	Cathy Mullin	Johnstown UMC
Janina Burrows	Mt. Olive UMC	Margaret Nelson	Finley UMC
Bridget Conn	Life Change	Lyndsi Pace	Community Wesleyan
Nicole Dempsey	Cornerstone	Ari Pennington	The Grove
Brittney Freeman	Community Wesleyan	Sacha Schroeder	Newark Nazarene~Williams St.
Nicole Gieseler	Newark Nazarene~ Real Life	Annie Slabaugh	Spring Hills Baptist
Kandice Hairston	Newark Nazarene~ Real Life	Becky Sorg	St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic
Km Hockingberry	Mt. Olive UMC	Kayla Thornton	More Life
Abby Loughman	Newark Nazarene~Williams St.	Stephanie Tilley	Rolling Plains UMC
Vel Matthews	Cornerstone	Heidi Vestre	Dresden UMC

Team Roster for Women's Walk to Emmaus® #65, March 21-24, 2019

Name	Position	Talk
Dennis Baker	Weekend Spiritual Director	Means of Grace
Ron Griffin	Clergy Asst. Spiritual Director	Obstacles to Grace
Matthew Van Winkle	Clergy	Prevenient Grace
Eva Marie Wolfe	Clergy	Justifying Grace
Bill Koppert	Clergy	Sanctifying Grace
Tracy Van Winkle	Lay Director	Perseverance
Michele Baughman	Asst. Lay Director	Fourth Day
Cheryl Wartenbee	Asst. Lay Director	Priority
Melissa DiBlasio	Asst. Lay Director	
Laura McPeek	Board Representative	Body of Christ
Pam Miller	Technical Director	
Kathy Orner	Music Director	
Barb Spangler	Asst. Music Director	
Kim Lowe	Table Leader	Priesthood of All Believers
Vicki Lennon	Asst. Table Leader	
Amy Lacey	Table Leader	Life of Piety
Heather Stokes	Asst. Table Leader	
Missy Bonham	Table Leader	Grow Through Study
Celesia Snyder	Asst. Table Leader	
Karen Bowden	Table Leader	Christian Action
Stacie Montella	Asst. Table Leader	
Amy Adkins	Table Leader	Discipleship
Kelley Beckett	Asst. Table Leader	
Danielle Zaborski	Table Leader	Changing Our World
Debbie Baker	Asst. Table Leader	

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Willing Servants Logistics

When you sign up for jobs in Logistics, some are very quick! For example, if you sign up for restrooms, you don't have to stay the entire time allotted. Once your duties are completed, you may leave. Keep that in mind if you have time on a lunch break or are headed to or from work, or have an hour before you are picking up your children from school or activities.

A big "THANK YOU!" to everyone who has helped with Logistics for our past events. We really cannot do everything that needs to be done without your help!

Cliff Wartenbee~ Logistics Chair

Sponsorship Changes are Coming!!

What a wonderful privilege it is to respond obediently to God and sponsor a pilgrim on a walk. In order to make the process a little more streamlined, we are changing the steps for the sponsor's responsibility in purchasing their pilgrim's 4th Day Book.

When you are sending in the application and \$25 deposit, please also include \$5 to pay for the 4th Day book. This IS NOT to be paid by the pilgrim. On Thursday night, at the beginning of the walk, sponsors will not pick up the book as in the past. The 4th Day Book will be included in the pilgrim's Sunday take home agape packet. If you have any questions, please let me know. Please do follow up with your pilgrim, explaining the importance of reading the 4th Day Book.

DeColores!
Amy Flavin
Sponsorship Chair

Good Shepherds Ask ... ARE YOU IN A SHARE GROUP?

Our men's Good Shepherd~ Bryan Spurgeon and our Women's Good Shepherd~ Janine Sowers want everyone to know that they are always available to help you find a share group so that you can 'Stay Connected'. To contact them on our Emmaus website:

www.new-arkemmaus.org

Got Kids?

Would you like to have childcare back for our monthly gatherings? Because, if so, we would love to bring it back!

To do this, I will need at least 12 Willing Servants to sign-up for the nursery, twice a year. First United Methodist Church has adopted the "Safe Sanctuary" policy; which requires two individuals 18yrs or older to be with the kiddos at all times.

If interested, get with me at the March gathering.

De Colores!
Denise Campbell
Gatherings Chair

"And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them." ~Mark 10:16

IMPORTANT! UPCOMING DATES/TIMES

Women's Walk to Emmaus #65:
Candlelight - Sat. Mar. 23rd 8:30 pm
Closing - Sun. Mar. 24th 4:30 pm

These events are open to Community members only (no infants or children, please);

March Gathering:
Tuesday, March 26th, 6:45 pm

**Gatherings are open to all!
Please bring tableware & a dish to share if staying for the Fellowship Meal**

4TH / NEXT DAY FOLLOW-UP

Pilgrims, Sponsors, and Team Members of Men's Walk #51:

Please note: Plan to attend the 4th Day Follow-Up Meeting to be held Tues. March 26th, 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary of Newark First UMC just prior to our March Gathering

This is your chance to reconnect with folks from your weekend, share what has been happening in your 4th Days, and learn how to stay plugged in to the Community!



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