



# The Ark

The New-Ark Area Emmaus Community Newsletter  
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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As we move into the New Year, I'm reminded of the constant need for God in my life, and how I need to rely more on Him and less on myself. The struggles of day to day life can be dealt with more easily if I simply allow Him to take over and follow His direction.

Sounds easy enough, right? But in our humanness we simply feel the need to be in control. One thing is for certain though; we do need our loving God and Heavenly Father to watch over us. All He asks in return is for us to talk to Him.

We need to pray and offer praise and thanksgiving for all He has done, and ask for help to live according to His will. We need to trust that He will give us what we need, when we need it. We need to be obedient to what He is asking us to do in His name so that we can bring honor and glory to Him. We need to forgive those who have wronged us as He has forgiven us. We need to be faithful and press on in the will of God in our lives. We need to be the hands and feet of Jesus here on earth, relying on the Holy Spirit to empower us and give us strength every day.

My prayer for our Community as we move into 2018 and beyond is that we allow the Holy Spirit to work in and through us to be the best Community we can be so that more people can experience the love and grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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 to: [TheArk@new-arkemmaus.org](mailto:TheArk@new-arkemmaus.org).**

### **SPONSORSHIP: Love Isn't Just for Valentine's Day – by Amy Flavin, Sponsorship Chairperson**

Did you know that sponsorship is the first act of Agape love a pilgrim receives? God decides whom we should sponsor and when. We simply need to remain attentive and prayerful to God's leading. Sponsorship is the act of your revisiting The Walk to Emmaus experience with the person whom God has laid on your heart.

Our sole purpose in sponsoring new pilgrims is to strengthen our local churches. In Galatians 5:22-23, Paul lists the fruit of the Spirit. This fruit should result from your sponsorship. In Galatians 6:2, he tells us to bear one another's burdens. As a sponsor, you are to bear the burdens of the one you sponsor, and those you sponsor should be fellow burden bearers. The person you sponsor – is the seed you are sowing for the future of Emmaus and for future church leadership.

Sponsorship offers an opportunity for spiritual revitalization to individual Christians who then serve as vessels of renewal in the church, congregation, home, workplace, and community. Wise sponsorship builds up the body of Christ.

While God is calling you to sponsor a person by name, He is also calling that person to be a pilgrim. Let the Holy Spirit convict; your job is simply to share your Emmaus Walk experience and present an invitation.

Attending Sponsorship training prior to the Monthly Gathering is a wonderful way to learn more about wise sponsorship and fulfilling the mission of Emmaus – to strengthen our local churches.

De Colores! – Amy Flavin, Sponsorship Chairperson



The **FOURTH DAY Living** section is intended to provide space for Community members to share the trials and triumphs of living their 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:TheArk@new-arkemmaus.org).**

### **Who's it all about? – Pastor Nick Shaw, Community Co-Spiritual Director**

"It's not about me," is the unofficial, but oft repeated, motto of any live-in Emmaus team. If you have been on the team for a walk, served during a walk weekend, or have come to a gathering you likely can quickly think of a moment when the entire focus seemed to be on something greater than you. Often when this motto is repeated it is in an effort to remind us that the reason we give and serve is not to bring glory to ourselves, but so that the current group of pilgrims can experience "the best walk ever," just as we did. But I wonder, have you ever stopped to think that it is bigger than that? When we say that this Emmaus movement is not about us individually we should recognize that it is not even about the other people that we are looking at; it should be, and it is, all about Jesus Christ.

The official mission statement of the Emmaus ministries is "Empowering leaders to be the hands and feet of Christ." Is that how the weekend was explained to you before your walk? Think of that - someone you know, your sponsor, saw you as a leader in your church and the Holy Spirit that nudged them to invite you had identified your leadership gifts. After your walk, you left feeling closer to Christ than you have in a long time, perhaps than ever before. That came about not because of what you had done, but because of what God had done for you and through others. We proclaim that this whole ministry, this whole movement, is not about us because it's not. It is about being faithful to Christ and Christ's church; it is about loving our God and our neighbor so deeply and intensely that we are happy (even desiring) to give of our time and energy so that the Church instituted by Jesus Christ may grow, thrive, and transform the world from our community to the ends of the earth.

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Nick Shaw, Community Co-Spiritual Director

# WALK WALK WALK WALK WALK WALK WALK WEEKENDUPDATEWEEKENDUPDATE

## Willing Servant Work Area Contacts

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

<b>Agape</b>	Terry Green & Kat Robinson	agape@new-arkemmas.org	740-404-3756
<b>Kitchen</b>	Aaron & Misty Simpson	kitchen@new-arkemmas.org	740-403-8473, 740-403-8472
<b>Logistics</b>	Matt & Krysten Smart, Pete Flavin	logistics@new-arkemmas.org	740-819-2819, 740-877-9984
<b>Prayer Vigil</b>	Helen Gorter	worship@new-arkemmas.org	740-975-2088
<b>Social</b>	Theresa Johnson	social@new-arkemmas.org	740-323-5891
<b>Sponsorship</b>	Amy Flavin	sponsorship@new-arkemmas.org	740-877-8675

## Pilgrim Roster for Men's Walk to Emmaus® #50, February 22-25, 2018 (as of Feb. 16)

Name	Home Church	Name	Home Church
Brandon Booth	Spring Hills Baptist	Dirk Peterman	More Life
Todd Gauthier	Blessed Sacrament Catholic	Mike Porter	Thornville United Methodist
Chris Hollingshead	VGF	Sam Slabaugh	Spring Hills Baptist
Joshua Humphrey	Community Wesleyan	Jeff Vanest	Newark 1st United Methodist
Cary Kaplan	VGF	Doug Wagner	Rix Mills Presbyterian
Kris Kemp	Rolling Plains United Methodist	Tim Ward	Heath Church of Christ
Eric LeMaster	Community Wesleyan	Mike Ward	Finley United Methodist
Kermit McKenzie	Mt. Olive United Methodist	Travis Wyrick	VGF

## Team Roster for Men's Walk to Emmaus® #50, February 22-25, 2018

Name	Position	Talk
Keith Taylor	Spiritual Director	Means of Grace
Ron Griffin	Asst. Spiritual Director	Justifying Grace
Roger Morrow	Clergy	Prevenient Grace
Karen Osborn	Clergy	Obstacles to Grace
Linda Morrow	Clergy	Sanctifying Grace
Cliff Wartenbee	Lay Director	Perseverance
Woody Staples	Asst. Lay Director	Fourth Day
Pete Flavin	Asst. Lay Director	Priority
Art Anderson	Asst. Lay Director	
Jim Prater	Board Representative	
Kirk Paisley	Technical Director	
Gary Pettit	Asst. Technical Director	
Gary Orner	Music Director	
Rod Anderson	Table Leader	Priesthood of All Believers
Dave McPhaden	Asst. Table Leader	
Scott Bina	Table Leader	Life of Piety
Rick Hogue	Asst. Table Leader	
K.C. Jones	Table Leader	Grow Through Study
Bryan Spurgeon	Asst. Table Leader	
Chad Shirkey	Table Leader	Christian Action
Chris Allan	Table Leader	Body of Christ
Steve Riggelman	Asst. Table Leader	
Bob Zaborski	Table Leader	Discipleship
Rich Tuttle	Table Leader	Changing Our World
Jay Allen	Asst. Table Leader	

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LOGISTICS ASKS... ARE YOU HAVING COMMITMENT ISSUES?	GOOD SHEPHERDS ASK... ARE YOU IN A SHARE GROUP?	IMPORTANT! UPCOMING DATES/TIMES
<p>Before you think you may have stumbled onto the 'lonely hearts' column by mistake, let us explain!</p> <p>The Logistics Work Area has noticed a <b>reluctance by folks to commit to helping with Logistics</b> for a Walk. While some folks may feel that Logistics just isn't something they want to do, in other cases, we have actually had folks show up to work when the time came, but they had <b>hesitated committing to help</b> ahead of time.</p> <p>Relationship therapists believe that "commitment phobia" is most likely due to anxiety – a fear of something bad happening. <b>Never fear! Your Logistics Work Area leaders are here for you</b>, and we are taking steps to make volunteering for Logistics something that is <b>easy and fun (as well as rewarding)</b>.</p> <p>We have continued to work on revising our Logistics instructions so they are easier to follow. We remain committed to having <b>'Day Captains' on hand for each shift</b> to help direct you and answer your questions.</p> <p>And ... <b>we are not above a bribe or two! Do you like pizza? How about egg strata?</b> Sign up for the Aerobic Supply Staging (Wednesday at 6:30 PM) or the Reverse Mattress Brigade (Sunday at 6:00 AM), and you will be fed after your shift.</p> <p><b>We are 'committed' to helping you overcome your Logistics Commitment Phobia! Please let us know how we are doing, and what else we might do to encourage your assistance in this area that is so important to our Walks.</b> De Colores!</p> <p>Matt &amp; Krysten Smart, &amp; Pete Flavin  <a href="mailto:logistics@new-arkemmaus.org">logistics@new-arkemmaus.org</a></p>	<p>Are you in a Share Group? Does your share group have a name? We'd love to hear all about your group -- when and where you meet and who all is in your group, as well as the name of your share group.</p> <p>Please take a moment to go to our community website and register your group. As always, we are here to assist if you need to find a share group.</p> <p>De Colores!</p> <p>Your Good Shepherds,                  Carol Griffin &amp; Jay McCampbell  <a href="mailto:shepherd-women@new-arkemmaus.org">shepherd-women@new-arkemmaus.org</a>  <a href="mailto:shepherd-men@new-arkemmaus.org">shepherd-men@new-arkemmaus.org</a></p>	<p><b>Men's Walk to Emmaus #50:</b>  <b>Candlelight</b> - Sat. Feb. 24, 8:30 pm  <b>Closing</b> - Sun. Feb. 25, 4:30 pm</p> <p><b>These events are open to Community members only (no infants or children, please); for Closing, bring tableware &amp; a dish to share if staying for the Fellowship Meal</b></p> <p><b>February Gathering:</b>                  Tuesday, Feb. 27th, 6:45 pm</p> <p><b>Gatherings are open to all! Please bring tableware &amp; a dish to share if staying for the Fellowship Meal</b></p>
	<p><b>WORDS FROM THE WORSHIP CHAIR</b></p> <p>I would like to thank the Community for stepping up and filling the Prayer Vigil for Men's Walk #50. I hope you will be equally helpful for future walks as well!</p> <p>Just a reminder, you can participate in the prayer vigil anywhere – from your armchair at home to Myrtle Beach, to Alaska or Australia! It's a perfect opportunity to serve if you are out of town during a Walk weekend or are unable to get to the Church to serve in other areas. Prayer is critical to the success of any Walk!</p> <p>There is a link on the Willing Servants event sign-up page that gives suggestions for 'Praying the Prayer Vigil' if you haven't done it before. The rosters for both the Team and the Pilgrims are also available on the website. And you can email me if you have any questions or concerns.</p> <p>De Colores!</p> <p>Helen Gorter  <a href="mailto:worship@new-arkemmaus.org">worship@new-arkemmaus.org</a></p>	<p><b>4TH / NEXT DAY FOLLOW-UP</b></p> <p><b>Pilgrims, Sponsors, and Team Members of Women's Walk #63:</b></p> <p>Please look for your invitation to the <b>4<sup>th</sup> / Next Day Follow-Up Meeting</b> to be held <b>Saturday, Feb. 24th, at 7:45 PM</b> in the Sanctuary of Newark First UMC just prior to Candlelight for Men's Walk #50.</p> <p>Come and reconnect with folks from your Emmaus event, share what has been happening in your 4<sup>th</sup> / Next Day, and learn how to stay plugged in to the Community!</p> <div data-bbox="1161 1648 1461 1932" data-label="Image"> </div>