



# The Ark

The New-Ark Area Emmaus Community Newsletter  
March 2018

## The Power of Prayer

After the closing ceremony of Men's Walk #50, I received a call from my sister that my mother had experienced a fainting spell in which her pace maker/ defibrillator should have reacted but didn't. They took her to the hospital and she was admitted to try to determine exactly what had happened. When my wife and I arrived we told her we had made several calls on the drive to Zanesville and that many people were praying for her to which she said, " I know, I can feel the prayers, I feel such a peace, I'm not worried about a thing". She stayed a few days, had surgery to move a wire to a different vein and is now home recovering.

Prayer is an incredible way to feel the presence and love of our heavenly Father, and prayer is a key component of the Walk to Emmaus experience. Everything that is done concerning a walk is done after much prayer. In his book 'The Circle Maker', Mark Batterson tells us that bold prayers honor God, and God honors bold prayers. Also we are told that miracles are the by-product of prayers that were prayed by you or for you. So friends, if you need a miracle, be bold in your prayer life, you have not because you ask not.

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

### AGAPE 101

Agape ‘gifts’ are given to participants by Community members over the course of a Walk weekend as a sign of God’s loving presence. The goal of this article is to answer some questions folks may have about Agape.

#### 1. What are the kinds of Agape that the Agape Room manages on the Walk weekends?

There are three main types of Agape: **Community Agape**, **Table & Bedtime Agape**, and **Letter Agape**. **Community Agape** are the ‘flyers’ sent from other Communities that are shared on the weekend and are posted in the Conference Room. **Table & Bedtime Agape** are the little gifts that appear on the dining tables, or on persons’ beds, starting on Friday evening (the Team may also receive Bedtime Agape on Thursday).

**Letter Agape** refers to the notes and letters written to specific Pilgrims or team members, and includes: **Pre-Talk Agape** – letters given to the speakers just prior to their talks; **Team Agape** - notes written to all or individual team members to be delivered on specific nights of the Walk; **General Agape** – letters written to persons on the weekend by various members of the Emmaus Community; and **Personal Letter Agape** – **special personal letters** written by persons closest to the Pilgrims and gathered by the Pilgrims’ sponsors.

#### 2. Who provides the Table & Bedtime Agape? How much is to be provided?

This Agape comes from our Community’s individual members and Share Groups. Enough **Table Agape** must be provided for everyone on the weekend (**60 pieces max.**; **rule of thumb is the number of Pilgrims + 30**); **Bedtime Agape** may be given to just the Pilgrims (**35 pieces max.**), just the live-in team members (**25 pieces max.**), or both (**60 pieces max.**) Because these ‘gifts’ represent God’s unconditional love, the givers’ individual names should not be listed on the Agape (a Share Group name or church name **may** be listed). **Please refer to the ‘Agape’ page** on our website (<http://www.new-arkemmaus.org/fourthday/agape>)

#### 3. Isn’t all Pilgrim Letter Agape the same? Why are Sponsors asked to ‘bundle’ certain letters?

No – all Pilgrim Letter Agape is **not** the same. **Per our Upper Room guidelines**, the Letter Agape that is to be given to the Pilgrims to read on Sunday afternoon of the Walk is to be **ONLY the special Personal Letter Agape requested and gathered by the Sponsors, with the upper limit being 12 letters.**

**The Sponsors have the responsibility of making sure the Pilgrims each have 8-12 pieces of special Personal Letter Agape.** A Sponsor must ask a family member or close friend of the Pilgrim for the names and addresses of persons to contact; and, then, **the Sponsor must personally request the agape letters** from these persons. The Sponsor **MUST NOT** ask the family member or friend of the Pilgrim to do the requesting of agape letters from the other family members and friends!!

The Sponsor is then to gather the letters into a marked zipper-lock plastic bag so that they may be easily identified by the Agape Room workers. **The Sponsor is to deliver the letters to one of the Agape tubs by THURSDAY EVENING of the Walk.** If the Agape Room does not have an identifiable packet of special letters for a given Pilgrim, the Sponsor’s name will be announced at the Candlelight Service, and the Sponsor will be asked to select the 8-12 letters to place in their Pilgrim’s Letter Agape packet.

**General Agape letters** written to the Pilgrims by other Community members, plus any extra (over 12) Personal Letter Agape, are placed in ‘4<sup>th</sup> Day’ packets for the Pilgrims to take with them after Closing.

Thank you for your faithfulness in providing Agape for the Pilgrims. If you have any questions, please email the Agape Chairpersons, Terry Green & Kat Robinson [agape\(at\)new-arkemmaus.org](mailto:agape(at)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 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).**

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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:

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

## Pilgrim Roster for Women's Walk to Emmaus® #64, March 15-18, 2018 (as of Feb.9th)

Name	Home Church	Name	Home Church
Carolyn Andrews	Johnstown United Methodist	Bea Jasper	Spring Hills Baptist
Nicki Angel	Trinity United Methodist	Shelby Minton	Rix Mills Presbyterian
Cyndi Boring	St. Luke's Lutheran	Amy Prichard	Trinity United Methodist
Candy Bryant	Newark Free Will Baptist	Sheila Priest	VGF
Judy Casto	Kirkersville United Methodist	Jennifer Shaffer	Newark Nazarene
Kay Cochran	Newark Nazarene	Bobbi Jo Turner	North Terrace Church of Christ
Jessica Gauthier	Blessed Sacrament Catholic	Billie Wagner	Rix Mills Presbyterian
Mariah Gibson	VGF	Lisa Walcott	VGF
Jacque Hartman	VGF	Christa Ware	VGF
Bev Holbrook	Meadow View Church of Christ	Lelah Zervas	Heath 1 <sup>st</sup> Baptist
Mary Holley	Community Wesleyan		

## Team Roster for Women's Walk to Emmaus® #64, March 15-18, 2018

Name	Position	Talk
Matt Van Winkle	Weekend Spiritual Director	Means of Grace
Scott Campbell	Clergy Asst. Spiritual Director	
Greg Inboden	Clergy	Justifying Grace
Jeff Belt	Clergy	Prevenient Grace
Eva Marie Wolfe	Clergy	Obstacles to Grace
Scott Campbell	Clergy	Sanctifying Grace
Carol Griffin	Lay Director	Perseverance
Pam Miller	Asst. Lay Director	Fourth Day
Amy Flavin	Asst. Lay Director	Priority
Denise Campbell	Asst. Lay Director	
Edie Rhodes	Board Representative	
Belinda Paisley	Technical Director	
Debbie Belt	Music Director	
Patty Lewis	Music Director	
Tammy Wood	Table Leader	Priesthood of All Believers
Karen Bowden	Asst. Table Leader	
Jennifer Noble	Table Leader	Life of Piety
Catey Wohlford	Asst. Table Leader	
Emily Comisford	Table Leader	Grow Through Study
Crystal Kidd	Asst. Table Leader	
Teresa Gioia	Table Leader	Christian Action
Christian Hartley	Asst. Table Leader	
Darcy McCampbell	Table Leader	Discipleship
Sarah Paisley	Asst. Table Leader	
Aprille Barrett	Table Leader	Changing Our World
Kayla Marling	Table Leader	Body of Christ

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<p><b>Calling All Prayer Warriors!</b></p>	<p><b>IMPORTANT Share Group Information</b></p>	<p><b>IMPORTANT! UPCOMING DATES / TIMES</b></p>
<p>The New-Ark Area Emmaus Community is excellent with covering the Walks, Flights, and Encounters with prayer; especially when it comes to speakers. However, the clergy who give talks often have difficulty finding prayer partners.</p> <p>I am asking if anyone in our community would be willing to volunteer to be placed on a list of potential clergy prayer partners. This does not mean that you will always have to be available, but that you have a willingness to be asked.</p> <p>Your contribution can be made at the location of the event (which is preferred) or from a remote location. If you are interested, please email me with your contact information at: <a href="mailto:pastorvanwinkle@gmail.com">pastorvanwinkle@gmail.com</a></p> <p>Thank you for your willingness to support our brothers and sisters in the ministry, and in doing so, strengthen each other, so that all might have the opportunity to experience the Best Walk, Flight, or Encounter EVER!</p> <p>De Colores,</p> <p>Pastor Matthew Van Winkle Co-Community Spiritual Director</p>	<p><b>Hello Emmaus Share Groups!</b></p> <p>Did you know that you can register your share group using the online Share Group Survey? Just enter: <a href="http://www.new-arkemmaus.org/fourthday/share-groups">www.new-arkemmaus.org/fourthday/share-groups</a> in your web browser, and scroll down until you see the 'Share Group Survey' online form.</p> <p>Sharing your Share Group info assists the Good Shepherds when we are trying to help Community members connect with a group. Please take a moment to fill out the survey. Things change, folks move on, and, before you know it, your contact information is out of date.</p> <p>Men's Walk #50 just completed last month and Women's Walk #64 beginning this coming weekend we know it takes commitment and the support of our Community to make each Walk "the best Walk ever!" Challenge each other! Let's fill those empty spaces on the Willing Servant sheets, and have fun being the hands and feet of Christ!</p> <p>De Colores! Your Good Shepherds, Carol Griffin &amp; Jay McCampbell,</p> <p><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>Women's Walk to Emmaus #64:</b></p> <p><b>Candlelight</b> -Sat. Mar.17th, 8:30 pm <b>Closing</b> - Sun. Mar. 18th, 4:30 pm</p> <p><b>These events are open to Community members only (no infants or children, please);</b></p> <p><b>for Closing, bring tableware &amp; a dish to share if staying for the Fellowship Meal</b></p> <p><b>March Gathering:</b> Tuesday, March 20th, 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> <hr/> <p><b>4TH / NEXT DAY FOLLOW-UP</b></p> <p><b>Pilgrims, Sponsors, and Team Members of Men's Walk #50:</b></p> <p>Please look for your invitation to the <b>4th Day Follow-Up</b> Meeting to be held <b>Sat., Mar. 17th, 7:45 PM</b> in the Sanctuary of Newark First UMC just prior to Candlelight for Women's Walk #64.</p> <p>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!</p>



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