



The Ark

The New-Ark Area Emmaus Community Newsletter
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THANKFUL??

As we approach November, it becomes glaringly obvious that we have a major holiday for which to prepare; Thanksgiving. It is never too early to start considering for what you are thankful; thankful for family; thankful for friends; thankful for Emmaus; thankful for Jesus. However, let us not forget to be thankful for the opportunity to serve Christ. Each of us who has gone through the Emmaus movement has been identified, after much prayerful consideration, as potential Christian leaders. What does that mean to you?

We have the opportunity to serve God, the same God who gave Jesus to save us, in this world by being the hands and feet of ministry. That means we have the blessed gift of extending God's grace to all we meet. In the local church that service can come as a friendly voice offering announcements, or as a member of the worship team. It can be through conducting local missions as you carry out the ministry focus of the church, or as a prayer warrior for the congregation. What is important is that following your Emmaus walk you engage the local church first.

After becoming more involved in the local church, become involved in Emmaus. Do you realize that each Walk needs between 100 and 200 willing servants to make it the Best Walk EVER? During the special events that take place on Saturday night and Sunday afternoon, there is no reason that the church cannot be full. Over 2,000 souls have been enriched through the Walk to Emmaus in our community, and we only have a fraction of people who are willing to serve. That makes me wonder personally if there is service in the local church, or if people went home and returned to a life of consumption rather than giving.

Jesus teaches us that it is our responsibility to do something with our faith.

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Teaching them all that I have commanded you...” (Matthew 28:19—that was Matthew 28:19)

When you become a part of the Emmaus Community, you take on the responsibility of embodying this commandment. Get involved in your local church. Get involved in the Emmaus Community. Get involved in being the hands and feet of Jesus in the world today.

Christ is counting on you.

De Colores!

Pastor Matthew P. Van Winkle
Community Co-Spiritual 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.**

[No articles were suggested for the EMMAUS 101 section for this publication; please check back next issue!]



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.**

Grace: “It Could Have Gone Another Way”

The word *Grace* is often defined as unmerited favor of God or a gift that someone else gives expecting nothing in return. Some recognize the Greek word for grace, *charis*, meaning kindness, favor or good will. I like the acronym G.R.A.C.E – God's Riches At Christ's Expense – attributed to Corrie ten Boom: born April 15, 1892 died April 15, 1983. She was the author of 'The Hiding Place' and was a World War II Holocaust survivor.

In February 1944, Corrie and her sister Betsie were arrested and sent to Ravensbruck concentration camp. The sisters were to stay together throughout their imprisonment. Betsie would say words to Corrie that people still quote to this day:

“There is no pit so deep that He is not deeper still. They will listen to us Corrie, because we have been here.” and “You can never learn that Christ is all you need, until Christ is all you have.”

Betsie ten Boom died on December 16, 1944. Twelve days later, Corrie was miraculously released from prison due to a clerical error.

G.R.A.C.E. [God's Riches At Christ's Expense] is what my Pastor called this weekend a “pocket” definition. Like P.U.S.H. – Pray Until Something Happens. Or even J.O.Y. – Jesus first, Yourself last, and Others in between. An acronym or short saying to help us further remember a Bible concept.

He said, “Grace: It Could have gone another way.”

How true. Yes it could have gone another way. All four Gospels tell us that Jesus prayed for Himself in the Garden. John 17:1-5, Mark 14:32-42, Luke 22:39-46 and Matthew 26:36-46. In Matthew 26:39b Jesus said;

“My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.”

It could have gone another way. But it didn't!

But, instead Jesus willingly went to the cross; for me and for you and for a lost and hurting World.

What a great conversation starter as we walk out our 4th Day until we meet Jesus.

It Could Have Gone Another Way.

De Colores,
Gary Orner
Community Lay 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:

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Pilgrim Roster for Women's Walk to Emmaus® #63, October 19-22, 2017 (as of Oct.13)

Name	Home Church	Name	Home Church
Angie Barcus	LifeChange	Charis Mechling	LifeChange
Jessica Davis	VGF	Jo Panian	VGF
Jennie Eilers	Community Wesleyan	Machel Pearl	VGF
Rachel Foulk	Prevailing Life Church	Terri Phillips	VGF
Michele Hollingshead	VGF	Margaret Ross	Mt. Olive United Methodist
Sarah Huffman	LifeChange	Mishelle Ruff	Cornerstone New Testament
Deborah Hughes	Jacksontown United Methodist	Brenda Spangler	Marne United Methodist
Lori Johnson	Community Wesleyan	Joana Swim	VGF
Kendra Kemp	Rolling Plains United Methodist	Deb Thomas	LifeChange
Judy McKenzie	Mt. Olive United Methodist	Stephanie Wahl	The Rock Zanesville

Team Roster for Women's Walk to Emmaus® #63, October 19-22, 2017

Name	Position	Talk
Greg Inboden	Weekend Spiritual Director	Means of Grace
Matt Van Winkle	Clergy	Prevenient Grace
Ron Griffin	Clergy	Justifying Grace
Jeff Belt	Clergy	Obstacles to Grace
Cheryl Simpson	Clergy	Sanctifying Grace
Krysten Smart	Lay Director	Perseverance
Kendy Newell	Asst. Lay Director	Fourth Day
Tammy Henery	Asst. Lay Director	Priority
Melissa DiBlasio	Asst. Lay Director	
Gracie Hackney	Board Representative	
Cheryl Wartenbee	Technical Director	
Michele Baughman	Asst. Technical Director	
Barb Spangler	Music Director	
Kathy Orner	Music Director	
Jessie Littlejohn	Table Leader	Priesthood of All Believers
Janine Sowers	Asst. Table Leader	
Janice Calland	Table Leader	Life of Piety
T. Mahon	Asst. Table Leader	
Shelly Binkley	Table Leader	Grow Through Study
Betty Fuller	Asst. Table Leader	
Linda Zaborski	Table Leader	Christian Action
Susie Shirkey	Asst. Table Leader	
Theresa Johnson	Table Leader	Discipleship
Jen Overbey	Asst. Table Leader	
Patti Strickler	Table Leader	Changing Our World
Renee Shaw	Table Leader	Body of Christ

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LOGISTICS ASKS... ARE YOU HAVING COMMITMENT ISSUES?	ELECTION DAY IS COMING SOON!...	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 reluctance by folks to commit to helping with Logistics 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 hesitated committing to help ahead of time.</p> <p>Relationship therapists believe that "commitment phobia" is most likely due to anxiety – a fear of something bad happening. Never fear! Your Logistics Work Area leaders are here for you, and we are taking steps to make volunteering for Logistics something that is easy and fun (as well as rewarding).</p> <p>We have continued to work on revising our Logistics instructions so they are easier to follow. We remain committed to having 'Day Captains' on hand for each shift to help direct you and answer your questions.</p> <p>And ... we are not above a bribe or two! Do you like pizza? How about egg strata? 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>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. De Colores!</p> <p>Matt & Krysten Smart, & Pete Flavin logistics@new-arkemmaus.org</p>	<p>...and we don't mean November 7th! In November, we will be holding an election for the positions of Community Lay Director and Leadership Chairperson, jobs that are currently held by Gary Orner and Glade Calland, respectively.</p> <p>At our October Gathering (Oct. 24th), we will announce the names of the two persons that the Board of Directors has selected to fill these roles; and, at the November Gathering, these two persons will have a chance to speak, and all members in attendance will vote to determine who will fill each role. We need you to help determine the next leadership for our Community!</p>	<p>Women's Walk to Emmaus #63: Candlelight - Sat. Oct. 21, 8:30 pm Closing - Sun. Oct. 22, 4:30 pm</p> <p>These events are open to Community members only (no infants or children, please); for Closing, bring tableware & a dish to share if staying for the Fellowship Meal</p> <p>October Gathering: Tuesday, Oct. 24th, 6:45 pm</p> <p>Gatherings are open to all! Please bring tableware & a dish to share if staying for the Fellowship Meal</p>
	<p>WANTED... (IN THE KITCHEN!)</p> <p>Great opportunity for Service and FUN! Several prime spots are open in the Emmaus kitchen for Women's Walk #63 – including 6 Crew Leader spots (your chance to be boss!).</p> <p>Crew Leader Qualifications & Duties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep kitchen crew on task by following instructions in book. • Love the Lord and His people. • Serve by the power of the Holy Spirit. • Shine His love and light on the workers and lead them in a joyful time of service!! <p>Check and sign-up for the available jobs via the 'SignUpGenius' link on our website, or e-mail us and we will take care of the rest. We truly appreciate EVERYONE who serves in the Emmaus kitchen.</p> <p>Blessings, the Simpsons kitchen@new-arkemmaus.org</p>	<p>4TH / NEXT DAY FOLLOW-UP</p> <p>Pilgrims, Sponsors, and Team Members of Men's Walk #49:</p> <p>Please look for your invitation to the 4th / Next Day Follow-Up Meeting to be held Saturday, Oct.21st, at 7:45 PM in the Sanctuary of Newark First UMC just prior to Candlelight for Women's Walk #63.</p> <p>Come and reconnect with folks from your Emmaus event, share what has been happening in your 4th / Next Day, and learn how to stay plugged in to the Community!</p> <div data-bbox="1161 1648 1461 1942" data-label="Image"> </div>