



The Ark

The New-Ark Area Emmaus
Community Newsletter
February 2010

Newsletter Note

Printing and mailing 'The Ark' newsletter is quite costly; however, the Emmaus Board wants to ensure that folks are receiving adequate communication about the community. **If you wish to receive a printed copy by U.S. mail, please fill out the form on the bottom of this page. (The sending by U.S. Mail should begin with the February newsletter.)** Please also fill out the form if you are not sure we have your current address, e-mail, or walk information. **Thank you!**

“Don't Worry”

I am writing this on the eve of the first major American holiday of 2010, Groundhog's Day. You laugh, but tell me, which do you think more people could tell me the name of, the famous Pennsylvania Groundhog or the current Pope? *Do you know their names??!*

The tradition is that if the groundhog sees his shadow when he comes out of his burrow on February 2nd, there will be 6 more weeks of winter. There are many other such traditions in American folklore as well. Such as, if it rains on Easter Sunday it will rain for the 7 Sunday's after Easter. Or how about, you must plant potatoes on Good Friday to get a good crop.

So why do we get so caught up in these types of traditions? I think it's because of our desire to predict the future. We want to know what the weather will be, how the crops will grow, and what our lives will be like, days, weeks, or even years from now.

I know I catch myself wondering and, at times, worrying about our Emmaus Community's future as well. Will we have enough pilgrims for the next walk? What can we do to continue to develop disciples for Christ? Are we truly following the leading of the Holy Spirit in our community?

So what does Jesus tell us about worrying about our future? **Matthew 6:27** states, “*Can all your worries add a*

single moment to your life?” Then He goes on to say in **Matthew 6:33**, “*But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*”

I truly feel that our Emmaus Community is doing our best to live by these words and I think it's paying off. I am excited to inform you that Men's Walk #32 not only has enough pilgrims to hold the walk, but may end up as a full walk. I want to thank you, the community, for stepping up to the challenge.

We still have work to do to get the pilgrims we need for the Women's Walk in March, but I'm not worried because we are doing God's work and God will provide.

So, the next time you catch yourself worrying about the future; relax, pray, seek His will, and all things will work themselves out for His benefit.

By the way, I know it's killing you, so here are the answers: Punxsutawney Phil and Pope Benedict XVI. Did you get them both right?

Remember, Christ is counting on you!

Blessings,
Warren Adams, Community Chairperson
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Treasurer

During 2009, the Community applied for and received its own Federal ID number, which was filed with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for a tax-exempt status. Final approval was received in January 2010 from the IRS for the exemption from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The New-Ark Area Emmaus Community is classified as a Public Charity under Code section 509(a)(2).

Additionally, effective August 26, 2009, all contributions, donations, bequests and gifts-in-kind made to the Community are deductible on your Federal income tax filing. For cash donations and scholarships, the Treasurer will issue a letter of acknowledgement of the gift under section 501(c)(3) for your tax records. For gifts-in-kind, if you wish to have an acknowledgement letter, you must forward to the Treasurer a copy of the purchase receipt and an explanation of the items purchased for the Community. The Treasurer will then issue an acknowledgement letter. For all gifts-in-kind given to the Community, you must retain the purchase receipt with your tax records, in addition to the letter of acknowledgement.

If you have any questions, please call me at 740-344-2382 or e-mail at treasurer@new-arkemmaus.org.

John Denison, Treasurer
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Women's Good Shepherd

Watching the snow; it is so beautiful watching from a nice warm spot in front of the computer. I have heard that each snowflake is unique, just like you and me. A Share Group is a wonderful place where we can be our unique selves and enjoy the other unique beautiful ladies God has created. It has been a joy to talk and exchange e-mails with some lovely ladies that have shared. Please contact me if you need to find a group or have room for a new member or members. It is such a joy to serve. Looking forward to hearing from you.

GOD IS GOOD!

Ann Kittel, Women's Good Shepherd,
shepherd-women@new-arkemmaus.org

Men's Good Shepherd

Looking forward to spring? Even though overall it has been a mild winter in terms of snow and icy conditions it has definitely been a cold one. Has the cold kept you in most of the winter? Well, if you are starting to get cabin fever and are looking for a reason to get out of the house why not consider a joining a Share Group. Each week you will look forward to getting out of the house and meeting with your brothers in Christ. So what are you waiting for? Call (740.405.0727) or send me an email!

Are you in a share group and your meeting time, members or place has change please let me know so I can be sure I have the most up to date groups on hand.

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

Men's Registrar

Well, Men's walk to EMMAUS #32 is shaping up nicely. Checkout the EMMAUS website to see the current list of pilgrims !

The upcoming Men's walk to EMMAUS will be February 18-21, 2010. So your time is limited to get your pilgrim registered for Men's walk #32. We must have confirmation from your pilgrim no later than February 11th. You say you can't get your pilgrim registered in time for the upcoming walk ? No problem ! Sign him up for the next men's walk ! As you know, every walk is the best walk ever !!! 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.

Dave Baker, Men's Registrar
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Chrysalis

Hello! In this newsletter, there are **several items to note:**

- **Praise God** - our Emmaus community welcomes two 'butterflies' from January Girls' Flight #42 – **Mariah Bowen and Deborah Chow!**
- **The Boys' Flight #38 / Young Men's Journey #14 is being held February 13 – 15:**
 - We have at least two 'caterpillars' on this weekend: **James Blair and Evan Rings!** Letter agape for these two young men may be given to me (Belinda Paisley), Jeff Rings, or Cinda Borden by **Sunday, February 14th**. **If you know of other young men from our area who will be attending, please email me so that we can support them on their weekend.**
 - The New-Ark Area Emmaus Community is responsible for filling the **Chrysalis Prayer Vigil** slots for **Sunday, February 14th**. Please **sign-up online** via the Chrysalis CARES website (links to the Prayer Vigil are on the home page, and under the 'Serving' menu).
 - **Candlelight is 8:30 PM on Sunday, February 14th, at Stonybrook UMC.** Let's show the guys lots of love on Valentine's Day!
- **Selection of the live-in teams** for the summer Girls' and Boys' Flights **is starting soon.** If you are active in the New-Ark Area Emmaus Community, and also active in youth activities or youth ministry, please **consider if God is leading you to be part of a Chrysalis Live-In Team.** Although you cannot 'sign-up' to be part of a team, you *can* (and should!) **indicate your interest by completing a Chrysalis CARES Team Involvement Form.** The form is available on **our website** on the 'Live-In Teams' page under the 'Fourth Days' menu. If you do submit a Team Involvement Form, please let me know via email so that I can support your consideration by Chrysalis CARES.

Contact me via email (below) or see the Chrysalis CARES website (www.chrysaliscares.org) for more information. Thanks, and 'Fly With Christ!'

Belinda Paisley, Chrysalis Representative
chrysalis@new-arkemmaus.org

**Live-In Team for Men's Walk to Emmaus® #32
February 18 – 21, 2010**

Name	Position	Talk	Table
Mark Chow	Spiritual Director	Means of Grace Saturday #2	Arrears
Fred Kinne	Clergy	Prevenient Grace Friday #2	
Bill Koppert	Clergy	Justifying Grace Friday #4	
John Harra	Clergy	Obstacles to Grace Saturday #4	
Cheryl Evans	Clergy	Sanctifying Grace Sunday #2	
Yancey Hartman	Lay Director	Perseverance Sunday #4	Arrears
Kirk Paisley	Asst Lay Director	Fourth Day Sunday #5	Arrears
Gary Orner	Asst Lay Director	Priority Friday #1	Arrears
Tim Wollenberg	Asst Lay Director	No Talk	Arrears
Bob Beckett	Music Director		Arrears
Ron Griffin	Asst. Music Director		Arrears
Eric Denison	Technical Director		Arrears
Warren Adams	Board Rep.		Arrears
Roger Bowen	Table Leader	Body of Christ Sunday #3	Mark
George Morin	Table Leader	Life of Piety Friday #5	Luke
Ed Mead	Table Leader	Discipleship Saturday #5	John
Rick Newell	Table Leader	Grow Through Study Saturday #1	Peter
Rich Tuttle	Table Leader	Priesthood of All Believers Friday #3	Andrew
Andre Johnson	Asst Table Leader	Changing Our World Sunday #1	Mark
Jim Prater	Asst Table Leader	Christian Action Saturday #3	Luke
Mark DeGarmo	Asst Table Leader		John
David Deibel	Asst Table Leader		Peter
Stan Craft	Asst Table Leader		Andrew

**Live-In Team for Women's Walk to Emmaus® #42
March 18 – 21, 2010**

Name	Position	Talk	Table
Keith Taylor	Spiritual Director	Means of Grace Saturday #2	Arrears
	Clergy	Prevenient Grace Friday #2	
	Clergy	Justifying Grace Friday #4	
	Clergy	Obstacles to Grace Saturday #4	
	Clergy	Sanctifying Grace Sunday #2	
Carolyn Brandon	Lay Director	Perseverance Sunday #4	Arrears
Jamie Hartman	Asst Lay Director	Fourth Day Sunday #5	Arrears
Annabelle Currence	Asst Lay Director	Priority Friday #1	Arrears
Patti VanAtta	Asst Lay Director	No Talk	Arrears
Lanette Dennis	Music Director		Arrears
Belinda Paisley	Technical Director		Arrears
Carol Walker	Board Rep.		Arrears
Stephanie Hartman	Table Leader	Priesthood of All Believers Friday #3	Sarah
Terry Green	Table Leader	Life of Piety Friday #5	Deborah
Tiffany Kesterson	Table Leader	Grow Through Study Saturday #1	Ruth
Markettys Dailey	Table Leader	Christian Action Saturday #3	Rachel
Laura McPeek	Table Leader	Discipleship Saturday #5	Elizabeth
Kristy Dunbar	Table Leader	Changing Our World Sunday #1	Mary
Helen Gorter	Table Leader	Body of Christ Sunday #3	Ruth
Charline Smith	Asst Table Leader		Sarah
Pam Miller	Asst Table Leader		Deborah
Laurie O'Hara	Asst Table Leader		Rachel
Jeannia Parsell	Asst Table Leader		Elizabeth
Melissa Pal	Asst Table Leader		Mary

**Pilgrim Roster for Men's Walk to Emmaus® #32
February 18 – 21, 2010**

#	Pilgrim	Sponsor	Home Church
1	Greg Noyes	Cara Bieber	Northwest United Methodist
2	Rick Ives	Gary Orner	Vineyard Grace Fellowship
3	Ron Birkhimer	Dawn Orians	Dresden United Methodist Church
4	Dave Abel	Rich Tuttle	Jersey Baptist Church
5	Jack Shumaker	John Denison, Barb Shumaker	First United Methodist Church
6	Cody Drummonds	Bruce Kurtz	Dresden United Methodist
7	John Covey	Andre and Jamie Johnson	Vineyard Grace Fellowship
8	Jerome Gillett	Bob Beckett, Brian Redman	Newark Nazarene
9	Joe Brown	Scott Bina	Vineyard Grace Fellowship
10	Jay Redman	Mark Schell	Newark Nazarene
11	Ken Stovcik	Jeff Walker	First United Methodist Church
12	Bill Sweitzer	Dwayne Bonham	Assembly Of God, Waters Edge
13	Bob Zaborski	Roy VanAtta	Newark Nazarene
14	Allen Minnich	Dean Brauning	Jubilee Revival Center
15	Tim Sowards	Yancy Hartman	Crossroads Baptist Church
16	Damion Santavicca	Patti and Roy VanAtta	Newark Nazarene
17	Mark Collier	Jeff Belt & Chris Collier	Heath United Methodist Church
18	Tim Clady	Adam Richards	
19	Bob Hosler	Kim Hosler	Spring Hills Baptist Church
20	Dennis Ankrum	Kathy Ankrum	St Louisville Christian Church

Top Ten Things We Should Do Before Sponsoring a Pilgrim

1. PRAY for a person's OPENNESS to God's call to discipleship, not for his/her willingness to attend the Walk to Emmaus.
2. MAKE an APPOINTMENT with the person or couple to discuss participation in Emmaus.
3. EXTEND the INVITATION to the Walk for the sake of a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ, not simply as an event to go to.
4. SHARE YOUR FAITH with the prospective pilgrim. Tell how God has moved in your life.
5. SHARE the PURPOSE of the WALK (revitalize Christian leaders, build up Disciples, strengthen local church)
6. EXPLAIN the BASIC ELEMENTS of the weekend (a variety of talks, worship, prayer, communion, food and fellowship). There are no secrets, only surprises! Answer any questions the prospective pilgrim might have.
7. DISCUSS the FOLLOW-UP dimensions that help us live in grace (ongoing support opportunities, worship and fellowship gatherings).
8. TAKE the ATTITUDE that you are GIVING SOMEONE a GIFT, not convincing him/her that he/she needs to go on the Walk.
9. ASK the person for a COMMITMENT by filling out the registration form. Speak to both partners if the person is married. Encourage equal commitment by both.
10. CONTINUE to PRAY for your prospective pilgrim.

Recreating History? The community maintains a historical archive containing, among other things, the group picture and the roster from each walk. Despite our best intentions, over the years, many of the pictures and rosters from the earlier walks were lost. We are trying to re-create our historical 'scrapbook', and are in need of the following:

Men's Walk Pictures	Men's Walk Rosters	Women's Walk Pictures	Women's Walk Rosters
Walk 10, 20, & 27	Walk # 1, 3,4, 6, 8, 9, & 10	Walk # 17,18 20, 27, 29 & 38	Walk # 1, 2, 5, 13, 15-17, 20, 21, 27, 31, & 36

If you have pictures or rosters for any of the walks listed above, please contact Eugene Haney (740-670-2721, or email agape@new-arkemmaus.org) to arrange having copies made for our community 'scrapbook'. **THANK YOU!**

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