



The Ark

The New-Ark Area Emmaus
Community Newsletter

January 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 page 3 of this newsletter. (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!**

“New Year’s Commission”

So, how many of you made New Years resolutions this year? Did you resolve to lose weight, spend less, save more, or perhaps resolve to spend more time with family?

So why do so many people make New Year’s resolutions anyway? According to Wikipedia, “people make New Year’s resolutions because they want to improve something they did not get to accomplish the year before and want to make a difference about it.”

With that said, I decided to make a New Year’s resolution for our Emmaus Community on something that I think we “need to make a difference about.” My resolution for our community is Matthew 28:19: “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations.” Christ didn’t ask us to wait for folks to knock on our door; he asked us to **GO**. That’s what I challenge our community to do in the year to come: **GO** and make disciples.

You might ask, “How can I do this?” I’m glad you asked! I have several ideas for all of us:

First, sponsor a pilgrim on an Emmaus Walk in 2010. The Upper Room’s description of the Walk to Emmaus says, “The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual renewal program intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian

disciples and leaders. The program’s approach seriously considers the model of Christ’s servant hood and encourages Christ’s disciples to act in ways appropriate to being ‘a servant of all.’” To me, that sounds like we’re fulfilling The Great Commission by developing disciples for Christ. So, let’s do it. Yancey Hartman and his team have already begun meetings for the Men’s walk in February, and Carolyn Brandon has begun team selection for the Women’s Walk in March, so we need to get busy now!

Second, as disciples, let’s get involved in our local churches and our local communities as Christ’s disciples, and share the love of Christ with those around us. As stated above, the purpose of Emmaus is to build leaders for the local church, so this is an area that we will always need to focus on.

Finally, let’s pray. Let’s pray for ourselves, for our families, for our churches, and for our Emmaus community. Most of all, let’s pray that we will never forget those words that we heard during our cross ceremony: Christ is counting on you (and me) and we are counting on Christ.

Blessings,

Warren Adams, Community Chairperson
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SHARE GROUPS ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF YOUR FOURTH DAYS

A Share Group is an important part of your spiritual life - a core group of people with whom you can share all aspects of your walk with Christ, and who will hold you accountable. You may not realize, however, that it’s also a requirement for serving on a live-in team for a Walk weekend. So, if you think you might be interested in serving on a live-in team sometime if called, and you’re not currently in a Share Group, please contact either Trent Snow or Ann Kittel - our Men’s and Women’s Good Shepherds – they will help you find your Share Group!

Communications

Wow....it's 2010!! Well, a new year is a great time for a new website, so if you haven't already, check it out and let us know what you think! Over the coming months, there will continue to be tweaks, so if something isn't working right, let us know but also please be patient as we continue to make it better.

A special thanks to Belinda Paisley for using her special talents and getting the website moved and organized!! She has also agreed to help me out in the coming months with some of the communication responsibilities too! So, when you see her, please tell her what a wonder willing servant she is for our community.

As always, we need your current contact information to update our directory and keep you in the loop on all that is happening. If someone you know isn't getting e-mail updates, please ask them to email computer@new-arkemmaus.org to ensure they get on the e-mailing list.

Sheri Whisler, Communications Chair
communications@new-arkemmaus.org

Women's Good Shepherd

As we start a New Year and a new decade my prayer and hope is that you are in a Share Group.

For over ten years I have been involved in a share Group. We are of various church backgrounds and ages. Members have changed as needs and schedules dictated. The constant is that we hold each other accountable, are free to share what is on our hearts, support each other in life challenges, grow in our faith walk and confidentiality is always respected.

Have you found a share group? Do you need a new one to meet your schedule? Does your group have openings to welcome someone new? Please let me know.

I am looking forward to helping you make involvement in a Share Group a priority. You can reach me by phone (cell 614-371-9023, or home 614-475-3778), or by email.

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

Worship

HAPPY NEW YEAR everyone! We sincerely hope everyone had a wonderful and blessed Christmas and felt an extra measure of the presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ this Christmas.

Over the past months, our Community has been very blessed by so many that have volunteered to give Fourth Day talks, be a song leader, or share special music. Thank you, each of you, and God Bless You for blessing us with your talents.

We sincerely hope those of you that have not shared in this way (or have not in a while) will give prayerful

consideration to blessing our Community Gatherings with a Fourth Day Talk, song leading, or Special Music.

Please email us call (740-929-4366) if you are willing to fill one of these spots for a monthly Gathering or know someone that may be willing to do so.

Linda & Gary Rudolph, Worship Chairs
worship@new-arkemmaus.org

Men's Registrar

Can you feel the excitement of the New Year and the new decade? Have you made any New Year's resolutions? How about resolving to sponsor someone on an EMMAUS walk this year? There's no better time than right now!

The next Men's walk to EMMAUS will be February 18-21, 2010. 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.

There's no better way to start off the New Year than to help someone experience the love of God. One of the best ways to do that is to be a sponsor for someone on an upcoming EMMAUS walk. Let's all start the new year off right by inviting pilgrims to experience the love of God through attending a Walk to Emmaus !!

Dave Baker, Men's Registrar
registrar-men@new-arkemmaus.org

Men's Good Shepherd

During this time of year everyone starts setting goals, buying gym memberships, etc., and making resolutions for the upcoming year. Have you made a promise to the Lord for 2010? What is your goal for this year as it relates to your walk with the Lord?

Maybe you kept thinking you would join a Share Group last year and just never got around to it. My prayer is that you start off this New Year by joining a Share Group so that others may hold you accountable, may pray for you, and may share the joys and hurts of your daily life.

If you are not currently in a Share Group, make that your resolution for 2010. Start this year off right by putting Christ first. Lord, may every person that reads this be convicted by your Holy Spirit to make it a point this year -- no, this day -- to say, "I need to be in a Share Group." Lord, may those who are in Share Groups freely and confidently share with each other the areas in which they are doing well in, and especially the areas in which they need prayer and improvement.

May this year be the best year ever for you and yours! If you need help finding a Share Group to join, please email me or call me at 740-405-0727.

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

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 # 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 22, and 27	Walk # 1 through 12	Walk # 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13 through 20, 26, 27, and 29	Walk # 1 through 11, 13 through 22, 27, 31, and 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!**

Live-In Team for MW#32 – February 18-21, 2010

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

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 First Name Last Name Phone #

 Address City State Zip Code

 E-Mail Address Your Walk # (and community if applicable)

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 Newark, OH 43058-0729

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Women's Registrar	Stephanie Hartman	(740) 522-3389	registrar-women@new-arkemmaus.org	2010
Worship & Prayer Vigil	Gary/Linda Rudolph	(740) 929-4366	worship@new-arkemmaus.org	2010

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