



The Ark

The New-Ark Area Emmaus Community Newsletter

September 2009

“Women’s Walk #40”

Wow, WW #40 will be remembered by our 17 Pilgrims, and Team members as one of the most mature and powerful Women’s Walks to date. Our community would like to, once again, welcome you as our newest members of the New-Ark Area Emmaus Community and say it was an awesome blessing to serve you and our Lord during your Walk.

I’d like to remind everyone of our Men’s Walk #31 coming up this October 22nd thru the 25th. Women of WW #40, if you haven’t already, please send in your spouses or significant others registration form to our Men’s Registrar Greg Huffman for MW #31. Please contact Greg or myself with any questions you may have about the Walk. Walks can fill up quickly so everyone get your registrations in right away.

We want to remind everyone that we are holding our Men’s and Women’s Walk #4, #5 and #6 Walk Reunion at our September 22nd Gathering. Please contact everyone you know, Pilgrim and Team alike, that were on these Walks to let them know and invite them to come and be part of this special Gathering. We look forward to seeing everyone at our September Gathering.

We have Board Chair positions coming to term this year. We need your nominations to fill the positions. The positions are Kitchen Chair, Logistics Chair, Men’s Good Shepherd Chair, Women’s Good Shepherd Chair and Men’s Registrar Chair positions.

If you are interested or know someone who could be interested please contact the appropriate Chairperson or contact me, right away, to give us your nominations. We will then take the nominations to our Board for approval and to be voted upon.

It is also time for our community to elect a new Community Chairperson and Leadership Chair as our term comes to an end this year. So again, if you are interested or know someone who could be interested please contact Lisa Denison or myself with your nominations prior to our September Gathering. We will take all nominations to our October Board meeting for approval and then the Board will vote and nominate two of the nominations received. The Board will then bring these two nominations to you, our community, at the October Gathering where we will ask you to vote for and elect our next Community Chairperson and Leadership Chair. At this October Gathering the nominee with the most community votes will be our new Chairperson and the other will be our new Leader Chair. Their term will begin on January 1, 2010.

I’ll leave you with this verse:

“I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and hope.” (Jeremiah 29.11)

Blessings & Peace,
Denny Hesselgesser, Community Chairperson
chair@new-arkemmaus.org

Treasurer

Through Park National Bank and their Visa card provider, the community has a new credit card that will be used by those authorized for purchases that support the Emmaus community, Walks and social activities. Vicki Miller, Church Secretary, has the credit card and a list of all those who are authorized to use the card. Should anyone else have a need to use the Emmaus credit card, they must contact the Treasurer, currently John Denison, and request to be added to the authorized list. The card will not be available to anyone who has not been authorized.

Additionally, the Emmaus community has secured its own EIN (Employers Identification Number) that will be used for all future legal and financial transactions.

Previously, all donations to the New-Ark Area Emmaus Community have been through the First UMC tax-exempt 501(c)(3) designation. Since the New-Ark Area Emmaus Community now has its own EIN, we have made an application with the Internal Revenue Service to secure a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status in the community's name. Once this application is accepted by the IRS, any donation, love offering of supplies, memorial or honorarium made to New-Ark Area Emmaus Community can be claimed as a tax deduction in the name of the Community.

I know this is a brief update on current activity, if you have any questions or need additional information, please call me at 740-344-2382 or e-mail me at treasurer@new-arkemmaus.org.

John Denison, Treasurer

treasurer@new-arkemmaus.org

Kitchen

Since the kitchen chair term is coming to an end in 2009, I would like to thank everyone who has spent hours helping out in the kitchen. Everyone has been very much appreciated and it is hard to believe it has been three years already!!

A search is underway for a replacement(s) to take over the kitchen chair position, so PLEASE search your hearts and prayerfully consider if you might be being called to this very important position. I will be asking some of you in the weeks to come, so if God's has laid this job on your heart, please let me know.

Once again, a big thanks to everyone who has spent countless hours working in the kitchen, most especially my husband, Dennis.

Jennifer Engard, Kitchen Chair

kitchen@new-arkemmaus.org

Men's Good Shepherd

Greetings in Christ,

With the start of a new school year (for those with kids) and the Fall, what a great time to make a fresh start to your accountability to Christ by joining a Share Group. Please don't feel that you are too busy or that it is too late to find a group.

Once you do, you will say it is the best part of your week. Give me a call or send me an email and we'll get the process started.

Currently, I have one man in need in the Newark area on Monday or Wednesday's before 5 pm. If you have room in your group for one more and would like to bless another, please let me know. Also, I so look forward to meeting many people who are returning for the Walks 4,5 and 6 reunion at the September gathering. If you know someone who was on any of those walks, make sure you remind them to come.

God Bless,

Tim Wollenberg, Men's Good Shepherd

shepherd-men@new-arkemmaus.org

Worship

Dear New-Ark Emmaus Community:

First we would like to extend a sincere THANK YOU to everyone that has given a Fourth Day Talk, been a Song Leader(s), or blessed us with Special Music over the past months. All of you have been wonderful blessings to our Community; may God Bless you for saying "yes."

We are always looking for (and needing) people to be Song Leaders, do Special Music, give their Fourth Day Talk, and to sign up for Prayer Vigil, so if you feel "nudged," to do so, or know someone that may be willing, please let us know so we may contact them.

Please remember our upcoming Men's Walk and Women's Walk this October and November in your Prayers. Also, please remember to get signed up early for Prayer Vigil and the many other willing servant positions that need filled for each Walk. We always feel that we receive more blessings than we give of ourselves, when we serve our Lord and Savior.

Please feel free to contact us by email or phone 740-929-4366 to serve or other concerns.

May God Bless each of You!

Linda & Gary Rudolph, Worship Chairs

worship@new-arkemmaus.org

Women's Good Shepherd

This will be my last few months to serve as Women's Good Shepherd, as my term is coming to an end at the end of this year. It has been an honor and a blessing to serve the community and to work with the board. Interacting with all you ladies has been so encouraging, seeing many of you grow in your Christian walk has been a real blessing. Thank you for the privilege of serving you; it has been a very humbling experience.

If you would feel God is calling you to be the next Women's Good Shepherd, please let me know, so I can take that to the board and we can pray about it. You can call or email me. I would love to talk with you about the details.

Since groups change a lot it will be time to make an effort to get group information updated. Changes in groups are inevitable as our life is always in a state of change. Why is it important to keep such information? To help each woman find just the right group for her, and to know what groups may be meeting at the times she is available. Share groups keep our community growing strong and closely knit together. Please share your group information by email or filling out a form available at Gatherings. Not in a Share Group? Why not make this the year you decide to join?

Serving Him,

Jean Tuttle, Women's Good Shepherd

shepherd-women@new-arkemmaus.org

Men's Registrar

Let's not be scrambling around at the last minute to recruit pilgrims for the October 22-25 walk? There's room for that special man you know to attend the Walk to Emmaus.

Ask him 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.

About six weeks before the walk, your pilgrim will be one of the first ones to be invited to the walk. If he cannot make it on that walk, then he will be the first to be invited for the next walk. He will always be issued an invitation until he finally attends the walk or requests to not be asked again.

Christ is counting on you to recruit for Him!

Greg Huffman, Men's Registrar

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General Information / Announcements

SHARE GROUPS ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF YOUR FOURTH DAYS

Remember how your weekend Lay Director stressed the importance of being in a share group? 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. But you may not realize 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 - but you're not in a share group, please contact either Tim Wollenberg or Jean Tuttle - our men's and women's Good Shepherds.

Are you musically inclined? Do you play a portable (non-wind) instrument? Would you like to help with music on a walk weekend? Are you in a share group? The Emmaus leadership is actively looking for men and women that can shadow as an assistant music director with hopes of becoming part of the music director pool for walks. Qualified individuals should contact Mark Chow, Denny Hesselgesser, or Lisa Denison if interested

SEPTEMBER Gathering WALK REUNION for #4, 5, & 6

All men and women, pilgrims and team from walks 4, 5, & 6 will be honored. If you were on one of these walks you will definitely want to attend the September gathering and reconnect with others from that special time.

The New-Ark Area Emmaus Community needs your help!

Please shower the New-Ark Area Emmaus Community with LOVE. Many supply items are needed to make each Walk successful. So it's time for our annual "Shower of Love" during which we ask Community members to donate the items needed to supply each Walk.

Would you prayerfully consider donating one or more items from the list below? Please bring your donated items to the next two gatherings (September 22nd or October 27th). An area will be designated in the gathering space where you can leave your gifts.

• Boutique tissues (cubes)	• Pocket tissues
• Construction paper (loose leaf please)	• Colored markers (wide & thin)
• 2 pocket folders (bright colors – no fasteners)	• Windex
• Bounty paper towels	• Toilet paper – double roll size
• Dishwasher Detergent (powdered form)	• Plain white napkins (250-300 ct.)
• Plain white dessert-size plates (paper or foam)	• Plain white bowls (heavy foam)
• Plain white muslin towels	• Plain white dinner plates (heavy disposable)
• 1-gallon storage bags with zip seal	• 9x13" manila envelopes **
• Stationary/note cards	• Stickers
• Aleve**	• Tylenol**
• Ibuprofen **	• Aspirin**
• Midol*	• Pepto Bismal tablets**
• Zantac	• Tums
• Laxative tablets**	• Decongestant tablets
• Breathe Rite nasal strips	• Toothbrushes

** Denotes items that are needed the most – Although there is definitely a need for each and every item listed above!

Your generosity will help us supply items for each of the Walks for the next 12 months. If you have any questions about specific items, please feel free to call or send an e-mail to me. Thank you so much for your help. May God bless you richly as you continue to show His love in so many ways!

Tom Daft, Supply Chairperson - (740) 366-3130
supply@new-arkemmaus.org

General Information / Announcements (con't)

Directory Update / Newsletter Changes

The Emmaus Board has decided to offer The Ark delivered at no cost by US Mail. For cost reasons we still prefer e-mail if possible but if that is not possible, please just fill out the directory update form & check the box to receive The Ark by mail. Please also fill out the directory update form if you are not sure we have your current address, e-mail, or walk information. This will help us keep our database accurate! The Directory Update Form is included on page 5 for convenience.

Agape Do's and Don'ts

Giving a gift of agape is a wonderful way to show Gods love for the pilgrims and for the team on the walks. However, there are some things that need to be remembered.

1. **DON'T** feel that Agape must be expensive or complicated. **DO** let God & your creativity be your guide.
2. **DO** provide enough agape for BOTH team and pilgrims for mealtime agape. This means 60 pieces for women's walk and 45 for men's.
3. **DO** provide enough agape for pilgrim bedtime agape. 37 pieces for women's walks and 22 for men's (see mealtime numbers if you want bedtime agape to go to team also).
4. **DO** specify if you want your agape to go out on a specific night or at a specific mealtime (write it on the box or bag). The agape room tries to distribute agape evenly.
5. **DON'T** specify agape for Friday mealtime. The **ONLY** mealtime agape on Friday is dinner (rooster and paper clip agape).
6. **DON'T** make special bedtime agape for ANY pilgrim. Pilgrim agape has to be the same for every pilgrim and **CANNOT** be person-specific. (Team bedtime agape can be anything and can be person-specific if you choose.)
7. **DON'T** put individual names on bedtime agape for pilgrims, as there is limited time to distribute the agape at night.
8. **DO** make only letter agape that can go into the envelopes for Sunday. This means **DON'T** make 'SUPER AGAPE'!!! (Super agape is any gift, a book, CD, jewelry, candy or even envelopes that won't fit into a 9 by 11 manila envelope) If super agape is discovered, the agape room will try to get it to the sponsor so it can be given to pilgrim after closing.
9. Sponsors, **DO** wrap the personal agape (the letters sent to you by family and friends) in a ribbon so we can identify it.

NOTE: There are 2 letter envelopes on Sunday. The first envelope is for the agape that has been collected by the sponsor and wrapped in a ribbon. The second envelope is for letters given to the pilgrim by the community. **Only letters that come from the sponsor will go into the first letter envelope.**

10. **DO** pick up your "Extra" or "Left over" agape. It will be in a basket at the next two gatherings. Any extra agape not picked up will be discarded after the two gatherings.
11. **DO** make arrangements with the agape room to pick up your extra agape. Team members who have left over agape will have it placed on their beds or returned to them at closing.

(Here's a tip, if you make your agape the same for each walk, you can reuse your extra agape and you won't need to make as many for the next walk.)

If you have questions about your agape, please call me or talk to me at a gathering. Also I strongly recommend attending the **SPONSORSHIP TRAINING CLASS**. It will help you to learn all of the new changes happening with sponsorship and the walk weekends.

Thank you again for all the great agape, and as always, **keep those roosters coming.**

Eugene Haney, Agape Chair
agape@new-arkemmaus.org

Current or past newsletters, walk information and other important information can be found or downloaded by visiting our website at: www.new-arkemmaus.org

New-Ark Area Emmaus Community Board Members

Area of Responsibility	Name	Phone #	E-mail	Term
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<i>Leadership</i>	<i>Lisa Denison</i>	<i>(614) 523-0836</i>	<i>leadership@new-arkemmaus.org</i>	<i>2009</i>
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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

NOTE: Terms that are ending in 2009 are italicized.

New-Ark Area Emmaus Community Directory Update Form

_____ (_____) _____
 First Name Last Name Phone #

_____ _____ _____
 Address City State Zip Code

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

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