

New Horizon Emmaus Community



2016 New Horizon Walk Dates

February 4-7	Men's Walk #44	Wade Sanders, LD, Jackie Qualls, SD
April 7-10	Women's Walk #63	Susan Skipworth, LD, Gayle Ward, SD
July 14-17	Women's Walk #64	Colleen Wilson, LD, Steven Hart, SD
August 11-14	Men's Walk #45	Mike Goettsch, LD
October 13-16	Women's Walk #65	Jane Phillips, LD, Jackie Qualls, SD

**New Horizon Emmaus Community
Board of Directors**

Class 2015	Class 2016	Class 2017	Clergy
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Brian Sanez	Melody Turner	Val Davis	Barbara Spencer
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Community Lay Director – Laura Kelley
 Community Spiritual Director – Janet Edwards
 Past Community Lay Director – Larry Sawyer
 Past Community Spiritual Director – Ted Wilson
 Treasurer - Teresa Waters

A Note from Our Community Lay Director

Blessings Community,

What a wonderful time we had last month at our final community gathering of 2015! We are so blessed to be part of this community and to have such a great opportunity to fellowship with brothers and sisters in the faith. If you have not been to community lately, I encourage you to come in 2016 as often as possible. Do you sometimes wish you could experience your Walk again and re-ignite the fires that burned so hot early in your 4th Days? Then come to community! We worship together, take communion together and encourage each other. We love on one another and we remember!

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve this Emmaus Community as Lay Director this year and I am excited about the upcoming year in our community. I am praying that God will do miraculous things in our community and in the people in this area; things that ONLY He can do! I am praying for full Walks in 2016, not because we want our numbers to look good but because we know that every one of those numbers represents a changed life! I am praying for packed community meetings. Again, only because we know that every one of those numbers represents captives that have been set free! PRAISE GOD!!

I invite and encourage each of you to serve as much and as often as you possibly can. Our community always needs prayer. We need silent servants and conference room team members. We need sponsors. If you know someone who would be blessed by the Emmaus experience, I encourage you to begin praying about asking them. PEOPLE NEED THE LORD! The best is yet to come! I love you all ♥

De Colores!
 Laura



**WOW! 2016 is just weeks away.
 PRAISE GOD!, that the Lay Directors, listed above, have answered HIS call, for HIS GLORY! So exciting!
 Community, let's all be in prayer, lifting up what we know will change lives by GOD'S MIGHTY HAND ♥♥
 Also, log on & sign up on the Prayer Vigil today, so that you can be in prayer during those Walk Weekends.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR UPCOMING WALKS.

Sign up on the Prayer Vigil TODAY ☺

- Sign up on line at www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetComm.phtml
- Scroll down to "New Horizon Emmaus Community"
- Click on the link to the right with the date of the Walk

For information about the team and pilgrims for the upcoming walks, please visit the **New Horizon Emmaus Community** website at www.newhorizonemmaus.org.org.



A Note from our Community Spiritual Director

Dear Community,

I love Christmas. I love all the decorations, the time spent with people you love and the unique opportunities to share Christ with those lost and hurting. When Tommy and I married, we wanted to make sure that we kept the focus on Jesus, so we began a tradition on our first Christmas, which is still carried on 47 years later. We gather in a circle on Christmas Eve and share something we are thankful for. Someone reads the Christmas Story and we light the candles on a birthday cake. Then we sing Happy Birthday to Jesus, join hands and sing Silent Night.

Our first Christmas without Tommy, my children came up with the idea that we would all bring something that reminded us of him and we shared many of our favorite memories. We laughed and cried but most of all, we realized the most precious gifts we have is our time with each other.

As I write my last newsletter article, I hold tight to all the memories we have made this year. I am so thankful you have allowed me to be the Spiritual Director of this awesome Emmaus Community. It has been a privilege.

My prayer for each of you is the joy and peace that only Jesus Christ can bring. Love each other, share with each other and remember to live each day to the fullest loving and serving Jesus Christ.

Merry Christmas and DeCiores! Pastor Janet

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DO WE MISS IT?

Over 2,000 years ago:

Wide awake is Mary. My, how young she looks! Her head rests on the soft leather of Joseph's saddle. The pain has been eclipsed by wonder. She looks into the face of the baby. Her son. Her Lord. His Majesty. At this point in history, the human being who best understands who God is and what he is doing is a teenage girl in a smelly stable. She can't take her eyes off him. Somehow Mary knows she is holding God. So this is he. She remembers the words of the angel, "His kingdom will never end."

Majesty, in the midst of the mundane. Holiness, in the filth of sheep manure and sweat. Divinity, entering the world on the floor of a stable, through the womb of a teenager and in the presence of a carpenter.

She touches the face of the infant-God. *How long was your journey!*

This baby had overlooked the universe. These rags keeping him warm were the robes of eternity. His golden throne room had been abandoned in favor of a dirty sheep pen. And worshiping angels had been replaced with kind but bewildered shepherds.

Those who missed His Majesty's arrival that night missed it not because of evil acts or malice; no, they missed it because they simply weren't looking.

Little has changed in the last two thousand years, has it?

Today:

For a few precious hours, he is beheld. Christ the Lord. Those who pass the year without seeing him, suddenly see him. People, who have been accustomed to using his name in vain, pause to use it in praise. Eyes, now free of the blinders of self, marvel at his majesty. All of a sudden he's everywhere.

In the grin of the policeman, as he drives his paddy wagon full of presents to the orphanage.

In the twinkle in the eyes of the Taiwanese waiter as he tells of his upcoming Christmas trip to see his children.

In the emotion of the father who is too thankful to finish the dinner table prayer.

He's in the tears of the mother as she welcomes home her son from overseas.

He's in the heart of the man who spent Christmas morning on skid row giving away cold baloney sandwiches and warm wishes.

And he's in the solemn silence of the crowd of shopping mall shoppers as the elementary school chorus sings "Away in a Manger."

On Christmas night:

Emmanuel. He is with us. God came near.

After Christmas celebration cleanup will begin—lights will come down, trees will be thrown out or put up. Size 36 will be exchanged for size 40; eggnog will be on sale for half-price. Soon life will be normal again. December's generosity will become January's payments and the magic will begin to fade.

But for the moment, the magic is still in the air. I want to savor the spirit just a bit more. I want to pray that those who beheld him today will look for him next August. And I can't help but linger on one fanciful thought:

If he can do so much with such timid prayers lamely offered in December, how much more could he do if we thought of him every day? – All of the above from:

It Began in a Manger- by Max Lucado

I am praying that GOD will be showing you GREAT WONDERS during this, the "CELEBRATION OF JESUS BIRTH" and EVERYDAY until HIS GLORIOUS RETURN.

♥May we ALL not "MISS IT"♥

~Blessings, Your Newsletter Editor