New Horizon Emmaus Community

2018 New Horizon Walk Dates

February 8-11  Men's Walk #48  Ross Sims, LD, Jackie Qualls, SD
April 12-15 Women's Walk #69  DiAnn Stone, LD, Bruce Slaughter, SD
July 12-15 Women's Walk #70  Laura Kelley, LD, Larry Harvey, SD
August 9-12 Men's Walk #49  Roger Lindsey, LD Guy Walker, SD
October 11-14 Women's Walk #71  Sherry Schaeffer, LD (SD Pending)

February Community Meeting
Thursday, February 15th
Board Meeting - 5:30pm at ARC
Community - 7:00pm
EVERYONE BRING YOUR FAVORITE SNACK.
GUESTS ARE WELCOME, AND A NURSERY IS PROVIDED.
Community will meet at FUMC/Amherst

A NOTE FROM THE COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

Hello Community,

Can you remember the feeling on Christmas Eve as a kid, the anticipation, the excitement, and the restlessness? I feel like that right now as I think about Men's Walk 48 being just a few days away. I have a list right now of 72 men's names that will be on this Walk, and as I read over each name I am wondering just how God will bless each one. I can't wait to see it! I can't wait to hear about it! I can't wait to see what each one will do with this gift when they get back home!

This is better than any Christmas I have ever had! Our God is so great, and He is changing lives on these weekends in the most incredible ways!

Press in to your prayer time about this upcoming Walk and the men that will be on it. Come and see for yourself what He is going to do. Be a part of His hands this weekend by serving in some way, and if possible, come to the closing worship, Sunday (Feb. 11th), at FUMC at 3:30PM.

Come and see brothers and sisters!

COME and SEE!

~De Colores, Jackie Qualls~
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 THE COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

Greetings Community,

I hope & pray that all is going good with you. I am so excited about all that God has in store for our Community this month. Ross Simms starts off with our first Walk of the year, Men’s Walk #48, February 8th – 11th. What an amazing thing God is doing with this Walk! As I write this newsletter article, the Walk is full. That’s awesome! Men’s lives will be truly changed over that weekend. Thank you, Father, what you do to bring us closer to you.

In the last few weeks God has shown me a few things about what He wants for me as well as things He wants from me. Jeremiah 29:11 says, “I know the plans that I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” He has given us hope and a future through Christ Jesus. Our Lord wants the absolute best for His children. Really, nothing but the best! It’s almost unfathomable what He does for us: He leaves the ninety-nine to save one; He sits in the fire with three to show a king He will deliver His believers; He heals people who have no hope (and I’m not just talking about physically). His love is so intentional. We all can describe His love for us in so many ways. In a nutshell, He wants what is best for me because He loves me.

Last week, Holy Spirit asked me to do a few things and He was very specific. He had an intentional stirring for me. As days passed I learned that what He wanted me to learn is to be obedient to Him. Different definitions of obedience come to mind but the one He wanted to show me was this: obedience to Him is me positioning myself under His authority and command. My obedience doesn’t and shouldn’t come out of fear but from a heart of gratitude for the Grace I have received from Him. He left the ninety-nine and came after me.

As our Fourth Days continue, let’s strive to be intentionally obedient in our walk with the Lord. If there is something that Holy Spirit has shown you to do or change in your walk, I urge you to serve Him as if He really does control the plans of your life. What a difference He makes in our day to day lives if we allow Him that control.

~De Colores,
Brian Gerstenberger~

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Please sign up for Prayer Vigil, on line at www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetComm.phtml

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Newsletter Editor
Let's All Sponsor

You the sponsor are the utmost importance to GOD, your pilgrim, the team, and the Emmaus community. Committing to be a sponsor is so much more than “signing people up.” It is the first act of GOD's unconditional love (AGAPE) to the pilgrim and it starts even before their walk begins. Good sponsorship is the mortar GOD uses as He sets His building blocks of love, relationships, service, discipleship, perseverance, and grace in a pilgrim’s life. Jesus is the Foundation, GOD is the builder, and it is through you, the sponsor, and the team that GOD’S love builds a pilgrim’s life to servanthood of Him.

A Pilgrim is Royalty
A pilgrim is treated like Royalty and this treatment should start, by you the sponsor even before the Walk begins.

1. Pray with your pilgrim long before the Walk so He/she will feel comforted that this is the Walk GOD is calling them to be a part of. Stay in contact with them and continue to let them know you are praying.
2. Pick them up as Royalty; carry their luggage. A pilgrim never carries his/her luggage to, or from the Walk weekend. Take your pilgrim to and from the Walk site. A pilgrim should never drive himself/herself to or from the weekend.
3. Take them out to eat before arriving at the Walk site. It is even a nice gesture if you allow them to choose the restaurant. It should be a special place that allows them to feel important (remember Royalty).
4. Stay for the whole “send-off” time. Your job as a sponsor is just beginning for the Walk weekend.
5. Participate in ALL Walk weekend events. This includes Sponsor’s hour (held right after send-off), Candlelight (Saturday night at 8pm), Closing (Sunday @4pm) You can also help the Angels of the Walk team and sign up to be a volunteer Walk Angle for a few hours during the Walk weekend.
6. Agape letters (to be given to the pilgrim during their Walk on Sunday). The sponsor is responsible for sending out requests (a secret to the pilgrim) to the pilgrim’s family and friends; and gathering those letters of love. They need to be dropped off at the ARC Agape entrance before Saturday, or the Church where Candlelight is on Saturday evening. (a box for letters will be at the Church).
7. Agape gifts. Make or buy pillow, or food agape which is a very special part of the pilgrim’s weekend. Help your pilgrim and all pilgrims feel the abundant love of Jesus. Make plenty for everyone on the Walk, or just enough for all pilgrims; mark the no. on agape bags.
8. Sign up for the Prayer vigil. Being part of the 72-hr. Prayer vigil is a great blessing; not only for the pilgrim, but for you, as GOD is carrying out His will through you for the weekend.
9. Help take care of everything that is left at home by the pilgrim so that he/she may not be concerned about anything but what GOD has for them during their weekend. This would entail all things important to the pilgrim (big or small) such as: finding babysitters, helping with meals, taking those left at home to already planned events, watering plants, tending cattle... the list goes on... and on and is a very important part for your commitment, to being a sponsor.

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10. A sponsor’s responsibility does not stop after the Walk weekend is over. Help your pilgrim by getting them involved in a reunion group, go to their 1st Community meeting, showing them how to get started serving in the Emmaus Community, and even learning how to be and sponsor. If they have come from a far distance for this Walk, as their sponsor get information ahead of time on the Emmaus Community closest to them, and contact that Community for individuals that can help your Pilgrim feel welcome and get started there. Stay in contact and find out what is happening for them in that Community.

Are you considering sponsoring?
Pray! Ask GOD whom He wants you to sponsor. That person should become the number one person on your prayer list.

1. Ask GOD to start speaking to them now.
2. Ask GOD to place them on the Walk they should attend.
3. Ask GOD to insure they receive the roommate they should have.
4. Ask GOD to place them at the table He intends for them to be.
5. Ask GOD to protect the pilgrim, and their family.

It is Recommended:
Sponsor only one person at a time- if you have more than one, have someone co-sponsor with you so that all the needs of these pilgrims are met, and you do not over-load yourself during the Walk weekend.

Who to sponsor:
Emmaus Walk pilgrims are intended to be anyone in church, i.e., - Church members, leaders, members who have "fallen away " and do not attend anymore, in-order-to springboard this person so the spirit within and cause participants to return and begin, or continue to work in their local Churches with a renewed purpose; GOD’s purpose. Even Pastors can attend a Walk to for renewed visions for themselves and their Church. It can be anyone that is from a Christian denomination.

Who not to sponsor:
It is suggested that:
1. Non-Christians, being those without a relationship with a local church. Again, pilgrims should be those attending church, so the Walk weekend can equip them for developing Church leadership. (Exceptions can be made- please talk with an Emmaus Board member if you have someone wanting to attend a Walk that fits this category).
2. Persons undergoing an emotional crisis, example: (family breakup, severe grief, etc.) or anyone psychologically unstable.
3. Persons who absolutely do not want to attend. (Do not be persistent with them; pray- GOD’s timing is perfect).

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4. Person who cannot attend the entire 72 hours. (A pilgrim is to experience all the LOVE of an entire weekend.)

5. Anyone who is not of a Christian denomination; example: New Age, Jehovah’s Witness, Muslim, Mormon, etc.; due to the fact, we may do more harm to GOD’s work in their lives.

Things to tell your Pilgrim:

1. The type of housing they will be provided.
2. Expect to be at the Walk site from 7pm the first day, (Thursday), until 7pm, on (Sunday).
3. Wear casual comfortable clothing.
4. No contact with anyone outside the Walk weekend except for emergencies. That you, the sponsor, will take care of their phone & watch, and why- because you want them to experience this special journey without interruption.
5. Tell them what the weekend meant to you, your family, your church, your job, your community.
6. That there will be fifteen talks - (optional). Tell them there will be praise, worship, communion, prayer, fellowship, love, and laughter. If asked about Agape letter, or Candlelight, do not lie, but do not mention them otherwise.

Other important information:

1. All Pilgrim applications require a Pastor’s signature. Any applications received without all the signatures required will be returned to the sponsor for that signature. If your pilgrim does not have a Pastor, please contact a Board member and they will help you with instructions.

2. There is a Candidate-(Pilgrim) application, and a Sponsor Application; both are to be sent to the appropriate registrar- Women’s registrar for Women, & Men’s registrar for Men. (See below left for Registrar information). Money must be attached to the applications (for this New Horizon Emmaus Community, (NHEC) it is currently $150.00. Please make checks out to NHEC, and please put Pilgrims name at the bottom of the check. ALL applications, must be accompanied by the registration fee. If not, the application will be returned to the sponsor. Those who need a scholarship, please speak to a Board member or a Registrar for information.

3. VERY IMPORTANT:
Please, if your Pilgrim has decided not to attend the Walk after he/she has been registered; contact BOTH the Lay Director of that Walk, and the Registrar. This will ensure that another person on the waiting list for a Walk can get in, and that your Pilgrim’s application and fee may not be processed, and if desired, they may be put on the waiting list for the next walk.

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If you have any further questions on Sponsoring, please don’t hesitate to contact a Board member.

CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU!

DeColores!
Your Newsletter Editor