

# Houston North Emmaus Community

## Pilgrim's Journey

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'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?'

The Gospel of Luke 24:32

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#### From the Community Chairman

De Colores Everyone!

I hope and pray that you and your family are having a wonderful summer. Back to school is coming – so be in prayer for the students and teachers that God blesses them with a wonderful school year.

We had a phenomenal, God-blessed ladies weekend earlier in August with 31 led ladies of God. If you were not at closing, you missed a blessing! It is amazing how through the same experience that all pilgrims go through on a Walk Weekend, God speaks to each person differently and to where they are.

At the same time, as most of you know, we had to postpone the summer men's walk (Walk 74) to the beginning of 2014 because of a low pilgrim count. The Board waited as long as they could before having to make the decision, praying that God would provide enough pilgrims to have Walk 74. While I trust what God is doing through all of this, it still saddens me that we were not able provide agape love to the men that did sign up.

But Christ calls us to look ahead instead of backwards and we have two walks scheduled for this fall, **Men's Walk #76 (September 26-29)** with Leroy Fronk as Lay Director and **Women's Walk #77 (October 3-6)** with Theresa Nichols as Lay Director. Pray for their team meetings as they come together, preview talks, and become a single unit to serve God through serving the future pilgrims on these walks.

I encourage you to sign up pilgrims as soon as you can for these upcoming walks. You can sign up either via the regular US mail or electronically – our website [www.hnec.org](http://www.hnec.org) provides more information about each of the options. As of this writing, there are 14 pilgrims signed up for the men's walk and 16 pilgrims signed up for the ladies walk.

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When the HNEC Board made the decision to postpone Walk 74, we were wondering and scratching our heads on how we can try to create awareness of Emmaus in our local churches. From that conversation, here are some suggestions:

- We have heard at times that a potential sponsor has not sponsored in a while and this has prevented them from sponsoring a pilgrim. If you have been removed from sponsoring for a while and you need a refresher, just drop an email to [communications@h nec.org](mailto:communications@h nec.org) and we can arrange that training for you.
- Be purposeful about Emmaus. Wear your Emmaus cross at church one Sunday – it usually sparks conversations!
- Remember the names that God put on your heart that you wrote down and put into the box that is prayed for at each gathering and at HNEC Board meetings. Do you think it might be time to ask them about their interest in a weekend?
- When Emmaus is shared to a couple, make sure both the husband and wife are spoken to at the same time. Sometimes in our enthusiasm to share Emmaus, we forget about the spouse.
- If you have access to the church bulletin or newsletter, announce the future walks to provide awareness. Or (working with the local clergy), see if you can have an Emmaus Sunday at your church where 4<sup>th</sup> day at your church can share their Emmaus experience. At my church for a month, our pastors also did a sermon series on the various forms of grace.
- If God places a name on your heart – ask them! Many people want to be asked. They may not say yes immediately but they do appreciate the invitation and it plants the seed for them to pray and think about whether the Emmaus weekend is for them.

Be purposeful in sharing Emmaus with others. Your own personal testimony is a start to providing awareness and God willing – pilgrims!

As always, I want to encourage our new 4<sup>th</sup> day ladies from HNEC 75 to continue to find opportunities to share God's grace and love to others through existing ministries (or new ministries) through your local church or other things such as Kairos, Chrysalis, and Epiphany. I also want to encourage our new 4<sup>th</sup> day to be part of an accountability or reunion group. Being in accountability with other Christians strengthens your foundation in a life in grace. Christians are not mavericks, but are in community living life in Christ together. Trying to find a reunion group? Check out our Reunion Group section on [www.hnec.org](http://www.hnec.org).

We have added the capability to donate online to the Houston Chrysalis Community. More details are on the [www.hnec.org](http://www.hnec.org) website.

God bless you and yours as we begin to move into hopefully cooler weather!

**In Him,**

**Phil Henderson**



**Chrysalis Flight is very similar to the Walk to Emmaus and other Christ based three day experiences but is focused on high school youth. As with Emmaus, there are opportunities to support this ministry.**

HNEC along with HWEC have been supporting the Houston West Chrysalis Community for the past two years. The first year was challenging but we were blessed to be able to hold two Flights at Bear Creek UMC. This year we moved our Flights to Kaiserhof Retreat Center and have doubled the number of High School youths served.

HNEC has been very visible in their commitment to Service. Currently we have four adults serving on the Board of Directors and about half of the Adults serving on these Flights have been from HNEC. It is our desire to see this Community grow as we reach out to the local Youth Ministries within our area and share God's love and gifts of Grace to us all.

**Building the community can only be accomplished by inviting youth to participate and these Butterflies (Pilgrims) need Sponsors. Serving as a Sponsors is key and without this there IS no community. Adults serving on a flight team is also critical because over half of the team needs to be adults. There were many that served on this year's flights from the Houston North community.**

**Financial support is needed to help fund Youth Team and Butterfly scholarships as well as events like our RUSH (Re-Uniting Servant Hearts) gatherings, and to help with general operating costs. As our Community's service continues to grow, we would like to set a fundraising goal of \$1,000 per year to support the Chrysalis ministry. Your help is truly needed and can be done online or by mail.**

**To make your Tax-free donations via traditional means make your check out to HNEC, place "Chrysalis donation" in the remarks section, and send it to:**

**HNEC Chrysalis Donation  
6942 FM 1960 East, #207  
Humble, TX 77346**

**To make your donation online via PayPal (you don't need to have a PayPal account), go to the HNEC website ([www.hnec.org](http://www.hnec.org)) and click on Chrysalis Donation.**

**Please be prayerful in how YOU can serve this community with your Time, Gifts, and Service.**



**DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN FIND AND FILL OUT  
All of the forms below on the website?**

[HNEC Pilgrim Application](#)

[HNEC Sponsor Form](#)

[HNEC – Sponsor Checklist](#)

[HNEC - Sponsor Request for Pilgrim Letters](#)

[HNEC - Information Sheet for Sponsors](#)

[HNEC Team Service Interest Form](#)

[HNEC Day Servant Application](#)

**Remember !**

**We now offer the capability to pay for walk fees  
for teams and Pilgrims online via PayPal!**



***Table and Pillow Agape***

**Always make a few extra in case items are misplaced or broken.**

- **50 pieces—Pilgrims & table leaders**
- **60 pieces—Pilgrims & conference room team**
- **75 pieces—All pilgrims and team**

***LOVE* an Agape Servant. Please label your bags, sacks,  
containers, etc. with: # of pieces.**

**Preferred time to distribute.**

**Intended recipients.**

**Thanks!**

## ***Community Servanthood***

***[www.hnec.org](http://www.hnec.org) / [Community Servanthood link](#)***

To volunteer for any area of service or if you have any questions, contact HNEC Board member Sharon Heald at 936.662.0542. [hasa0521@yahoo.com](mailto:hasa0521@yahoo.com)

REMEMBER: You can sign up as individuals, reunion groups, groups of Emmaus friends, family groups, or church Fourth Day Emmaus groups. Don't let the total number required for each event intimidate you! We can put you with others who may sign up for the same event.

**\*\*\* You may also sign up directly via our online registration\*\*\***

### **Community Servanthood Online Registration**

Our Community Servanthood coordinator for Walk weekends is HNEC Board member:  
**Janel O'Shea.**  
**713.299.4557. [oshea@cebridge.net](mailto:oshea@cebridge.net)**

All North Emmaus Walks are held at the beautiful Kaiserhof Retreat Center  
<http://www.kaiserhofretreatcenter.com>

## **2013 Walk/Dates**

**Men's Walk # 76  
September 26 – 29**

**Women's Walk # 77  
October 3 – 6**



## ***Descriptions of Areas of Service***

### Thursday Snack Supper

Requirement: 6-8 people

Arrival time: 5:00 pm

Task: Provide light supper for team and arriving pilgrims and sponsors

### Saturday Agape Dinner

Requirement: 6-12 people

Arrival time: 3:30 for decorations; 4:30 for food preparation, serving, and cleanup

Task: Provide special Agape Dinner for pilgrims and team. Fourth Day persons from multiple churches can join together. If you want to serve, let us know and we will put you together with others.

### Saturday Candlelight Parking Attendants

Requirement: 4-6 people

Arrival time: 7:15 pm

Task: Direct traffic to designated parking areas.

### Saturday Candlelight Luminary Team

Requirement: 6-8 people

Arrival time: 7:00 pm

Task: Set up luminaries for pilgrim arrival and take down after Candlelight is finished.

### Saturday Candlelight Service Team

Requirement: 6-8 people

Arrival time: 6:30 pm

Tasks: Set up the Fourth Day service area in the Dining Hall; serve as ushers; hand out candles and then collect them; assist in taking down chairs in the Dining Hall after the Fourth Day service.

### Sunday Moving Cleanup

Requirement: 4-5 people

Arrival time: 1:30 pm

Task: Move furniture from cabins to the conference room; move kitchen supplies from the dining hall to the property room; move agape supplies from the inn to property room; and to assist the servant team in the cleanup of Kaiserhof.

### Rose Providers

Requirement: Individual or small group

Arrival time: Saturday night or early Sunday morning

Task: Bring 4 dozen (48) roses to Kaiserhof to be handed out to pilgrims, table leaders, and assistant table leaders in their rooms prior to breakfast on Sunday morning.

**\*\*\*\*To see what opportunities are still available check the Signup Genius website at \*\*\*\***

**<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4DABAB23A57-hnec>**

## ***72 Hours of Prayers***



**The 72 Hour Pray Vigil for  
Men's Walk # 76, September 26-29  
is posted and ready for you to sign up!**

**<http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pvid=8615&commid=102>**

**Also**

**The 72 Hour Pray Vigil for  
Women's Walk # 77, October 6-9  
is posted and ready for you to sign up!**

**<http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pvid=8616&commid=102>**

**You will want to beat the rush!**



# Women's Walk #75



**WOMEN'S WALK #75 ~ AUGUST 1-4, 2013**  
**KAISERHOF RETREAT CENTER ~ TOMBALL, TEXAS**

## **Pilgrims**

Sharon Cameron, Beverly Casey, Linda Cauthen, Christine Feyrer, Courtney Garmon  
Michelle Hammond, Christine Hoffer, Tawnya Hons, Leigh Ann Huber, Joy Johnston, Rebecca Jones,  
Alyssa Macaluso, Marlene Mastin, Michele McCreight, Beverly Mentzer,  
Ashley Mericle, Tobie Metoyer, Laura Nelson, Nancy Pipes, Telena Pitts, Mamie Polk, Sharon Roberts,  
Jennifer Sanders, Mary Schwendeman, Tiffany Shannon, Jeanne Sharp, Nancy Stein, Wanda Washington,  
Kim Watson, Maria Zamora

## **Team Members**

Lay Director: Susan Fronk  
Asst. Lay Director: Tammie Walterbach, Ann Whittington, Corey Worthen  
Board Rep: Margaret Stone  
Spiritual Directors: Cheryl Smith, Pam Wiggins  
Visiting Clergy: Mark Pickett, Amy Haralson, Mary Magnusson  
Musicians: (Head) Gail Alston, Michelle Harding, Cindy Villarreal  
Table Leaders and Assistants: (Head) Mary Feece, Billie Feltz, Debbie Dean, Teresa Gary, Beverly Gault,  
Alice Hope, Carolyn Jones, Clara Lynch, Diana Malin, Lois Price, Alicen Swift, Anne Wilcox  
Servant Team Coordinator: Lynda Jackson  
Chapel Servants: Sally Henderson, Janet Wylie  
Agape Servant: (Head) Kris Duke, Pat Eckdahl, Patricia Enmon, Sharon Ipes, Becca Porter  
Kitchen Servant: (Head) Heather Guenther, Cynthia Adams, Susan Bilberry, Cynthia Cooper, Mary Pat  
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# Houston North Emmaus Community Board Meetings

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Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at The Woodlands United Methodist Church from 7:00-9:00 pm.

Fourth Day members are welcome to attend as guests. If you have concerns that you would like to address with the HNEC Board, you may contact Phil Henderson, Community Lay Director ([ph593756@gmail.com](mailto:ph593756@gmail.com)) at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, and you will be added to the meeting agenda.

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# Church Fourth Day Community Contacts

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The persons below are currently serving as the official contact for their church's Emmaus Fourth Day Community. They have agreed to keep their Fourth Day members informed about Houston North Emmaus Community activities and to communicate with the Board regarding changes to their Fourth Day membership (new members, changes to contact information, etc.)

We do not publish the contact information for these individuals. However, you may contact them through the church or through our website contact [communications@h nec.org](mailto:communications@h nec.org).

If you know of changes (additions, changes, deletions) to the Church Contact list itself, please let us hear from you at [communications@h nec.org](mailto:communications@h nec.org)!

## Church Fourth Day Contact Persons (Updated February 2013)

CHURCH NAME	EMMAUS CONTACT PERSON
April Sound Church	C J Smith
Atascocita UMC	Walter Balderach
Calvary Christian Fellowship	Paul Silva
Christ Church UMC	Sally Henderson; Amy Mitcham
Coldspring UMC	Barbara Brooks
Community Christian Church	Dan Spencer; Tim Ben-Schoter
Cypress Bible	Emil Haddad
Cypress UMC	Daryn Seidl; Debbie Parcel
Cypress Trails UMC	Ellen Alfar
Faith UMC	John Hurlbutt
Faithbridge UMC	Taani & John Follis
Fellowship of The Woodlands	Tami Denton
First UMC-Humble	Shirin Parke
First UMC-Huntsville	Annella Portalatin
Foundry UMC	LeRoy Fronk; Jeanne Mueller; Joleen Wright
Friendship UMC	Sandra Harper
Good Shepherd UMC	Cynthia Blackshear
Houston Northwest Baptist	Marilyn Christian; Lorraine Craigen
John Wesley UMC	Cammie & Rob DeShazer
Kingwood UMC	Mike and Janel O'Shea
Klein UMC	Earl Dague
Lake Houston UMC	Doug Spitz
Lakeside UMC-Humble	Stephanie Dement
Lakewood UMC-Cypress	Mike Jackson
Magnolia UMC	Nancy Thomas
Splendora Countryside UMC	Bobby Hantelman
Spring Woods UMC	Debbie Smith
Strawbridge UMC	CiCi Strube
Tomball UMC	Tommy Lyles
Vineyard Church of Conroe	Joel Knox
The Woodlands Christian Church	Billy Shaw
The Woodlands UMC	Morris Davidson; Leslie Townsend; Cindy van Rensburg
Wesley Memorial UMC-Huntsville	Deloris & Tom Gardner

## **PILGRIM'S JOURNEY NEWSLETTER**

The *Pilgrim's Journey* newsletter is published 4 times a year. All issues will be emailed to all Fourth Day members in our Data file. We recommend that you update your information on the web site. If you miss a Newsletter they are all posted on the Houston North Emmaus web site at [www.hnec.org](http://www.hnec.org).

The recently updated web site has everything you will want to know about the happenings going on in our Community.

If you have questions or suggestions about ways we can enhance and improve the communication and information to our Community please don't hesitate to contact us.

In Him...

***Marty and Ray Cox,  
HNEC Communications***

**Our Last Gathering for this year is going to  
be  
October 19, 2013  
*Mark your calendar's now.....***

