

Pilgrim's Journey

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"Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

—LUKE 24:32

The Holy Bible, NIV

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HNEC Community Update

At the date of our last newsletter in April, we were looking ahead to five Walks for 2010. We have completed three of those and are now gearing up for the final two Walks of the year. Men's Walk 58 begins Thursday, September 30th, and Women's Walk 59 begins on October 7th.

The Houston North Emmaus Community has been blessed with outstanding pilgrims and team members this year. Our Fourth Day support at Candlelight has been SRO (standing room only) at all of the Walks thus far. We are seeing more clergy coming alongside and joining in our efforts.

The final Gathering for 2010 will be on Saturday,

October 23rd, hosted by First United Methodist Church-Conroe. This is also the Annual Meeting for our Community, and we will be holding elections to select six new Board members.

As of press time, we had not finalized the list of candidates, so please check your inbox and the website (www.hnec.org) in the coming days for ballots and voting information once the nominees are finalized. Please pray for God to send us the leaders that will accomplish His plans and purposes.

Also pray for our Team Selection Committee as they work to finalize the



2011 Walk leadership positions.

Blessings to you for all you do to support our Emmaus Community!

LeRoy Fronk

HNEC Community Chairperson

2011 Walk Dates

Men's Walk #60—March 31-April 3

Women's Walk #61—April 7-10

Men's Walk #62—July 28-31

Women's Walk #63—August 4-7

Men's Walk #64—Sept 29-Oct 2

Women's Walk #65—October 6-9

All Walks are held at Kaiserhof Retreat Center, 22610 Tuwa Road, Tomball, Texas.

www.kaiserhofretreatcenter.com

HNEC Gathering, Annual Meeting, and Board Elections Saturday, October 23rd First UMC—Conroe www.fumc-conroe.org

4:00 PM	Walk Follow-Up Meetings for Men's Walk 58 and Women's Walk 59
5:00 PM	Sponsorship Orientation
6:00 PM	Meal, Annual Meeting, Voting for Board Members (Last Name A-M: Main Dish / Last Name N-Z: Side Dish, Salad, or Dessert)
7:00 PM	Worship and Communion

Ballots for the Board elections will be available in electronic document form (in PDF form on the website and distributed via email), in print form at the Gathering, and in direct online voting via the website (www.hnec.org). Votes may be cast either electronically or in person, via submission of print or electronic form, or simply by sending an email with your selections to communications@hnec.org. All persons vote for three (3) men and three (3) women. Votes cast electronically must be received by 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, October 23rd. Only one vote per person, please!

Walk Weekend Schedule

THURSDAY

6:15-7:00 PM

Pilgrim Registration & Snack Supper

7:15-8:15 PM

Sponsors' Hour

SATURDAY

8:00-10:30 pm

Candlelight

SUNDAY

4:00 pm

Closing

*Closing begins at 4:00 pm on Sunday.
Sponsors should arrive by 3:30 pm to
load pilgrims' belongings before Closing
begins.*

HNEC Website Re-Launched. www.hnec.org

The HNEC website has recently been given a much-needed facelift. Changes are ongoing as we add more features and get historical information loaded, but we encourage the members of the HNEC Fourth Day to check the website often for the latest information. We



want the website to be interactive, so that you can respond to us, register online for as many things as possible, have access to the forms and information you need, etc.

Menu items at the top of the

page provide general information. The Calendar has upcoming events with times and descriptions. Menu items at the left of the page provide the information, forms, etc. as indicated. The Home Page will always have news about upcoming events.

CHECK IT OUT!

The Upper Room/Walk to Emmaus International

On Saturday, September 11th, The Upper Room/Walk to Emmaus hosted a training event for members of several area Walk to Emmaus boards—Houston North, Houston West, Bay Area, and Brazos Valley.

Walk to Emmaus International staff members present were:

- Victor Perez—International Spiritual Director, Nashville

From the South Central Region:

- Carlene Alderman, Walk to Emmaus Representative, Lewisville, Texas
- Rev. Mike Cave, Spiritual Director, San Antonio, Texas

- Pat Miller, Chrysalis Representative, Houston, Texas

The meeting was very affirming. Victor Perez shared with us that, over 30 years after its founding, the Walk to Emmaus is still thriving. Emmaus is in several countries worldwide with hundreds of communities and millions of Fourth Day. In 2011, the Walk to Emmaus community in Romania will hold its first Walk.

Coming in 2011—A new DVD for Thursday night. The current film, “In Remembrance”, is copyrighted and could not be changed or updated.

Available now—New promotional DVDs for Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis. Cost is \$10.

To preview the video for the Walk to Emmaus:

www.upperroom.org/emmaus

- “An Introduction to Walk to Emmaus, The Upper Room”

To preview the video for Chrysalis, go to:

www.upperroom.org/chrysalis

- “An Introduction to Chrysalis”

Agape Central. www.hnec.org / Agape Central link

STANDARD AGAPE (40 pieces)

Wooden dove name tags

Cords/lanyards for name tags

Cords/lanyards for Emmaus cross

Book covers

Caterpillars (women only)

Butterflies (women only)

Halos (women only)

Please let us know if you can provide these items on a walk-by-walk basis. Check the web for current status.

60 pieces—Pilgrims & conference room team

75 pieces—All pilgrims and team.

TABLE AND PILLOW AGAPE.

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

36 pieces—Pilgrims only

48 pieces—Pilgrims & table leaders

Love an Agape Servant today! Put the number of pieces of agape on the bag so they can know how to distribute. Thanks!

Community Servanthood. www.hnec.org / Community Servanthood link

There are many ways for Fourth Day members to serve the Emmaus community, and there are several specific opportunities available for each Walk. These fall under the description “Community Servanthood”.

On Thursday evening, we provide a

Snack Supper for pilgrims, sponsors, and team members.

On Saturday, we provide the Agape Dinner. For Candlelight, we provide parking attendants, persons to assist in the worship service, and persons to set up the luminaries.

For the womens’ Walks, we provide long-stemmed roses on Sunday morning.

Contact us if you, your reunion group, or your church’s Fourth Day would like to serve in any of these areas.

Women's Walk 55



Pilgrims

Lynn Anderson, Renaé Baier, Dorene Barber, Debbie Barnes, Jennifer Blackmon, Jodie Bolleter, Nedra Brandt, Christy Charter, Wendy Conner, Wendy Cox, Braedi Craig, Regina Douglas, Donna Drabek, Kris Duke, Lacey Flowers, Judie Gale, Shelley Garner, Angella Hall, Carol Hayes, Carol Holder, Melissa Meza, Nichelle Nixon, Katie Nussmeier, Maggie Patchett, Evelyn Peek, June Rey, Mickie Schindewolf, Ronda Schwandt, Denise Seldenrust, Heather Shanahan, Pat Talk, Holly Thibodeaux, Heather Turquette, Susan Ward, Lynn Whaley, & Kathy Yokley

Team Members

Lay Director: Joleen Wright

Assistant Lay Directors: Tami Denton, Deanna Gau, Mary Szilagyi-Ovatt

Board Representative: Sarah Moore

Spiritual Directors: Rev. Mariann Wallace (SD), Rev. Pam Jackson (ASD), Rev. Robyn Bishop and Rev. Kelly McIntosh (Visiting Clergy)

Musicians: Debbie Parcel (Head), Latrelle Lindon, & Mary Vaughn

Table Leaders and Assistants: Paula Dennis (Head), Barbara Brooks, Vicki Dimmitt, Linda Ferguson, Janice Haddad, & Judy Swanson / Terry Amos, Cindy Cooke, Sharon Lee, Cherie Long, Kathi Schoech, & Alice Webb

Servant Team Coordinator: Sharon Heald

Agape Servants: Dobbi Lunday (Head), Sharon Maxwell, Becky Streetman, Karen Williams, & Corey Worthen

Chapel Servants: Ann Whittington (Head) & Angie Sharif

Kitchen Servants: Tammie Walterbach (Head), Sarah Fortner, Heather Guenther, Susan Slavens, & Zoeieann Townsend

Day Servants

Men's Walk 56



Pilgrims

Mike Allen, Bill Askey, David Barstow, Michael Bilberry, Brad Brown, Jeff Brown, Rick Bruce, Nick Causey, Prentis Collins, Kenneth Conner, Ken Cox, Ray Cox, Tripp Davis, Brad Dubros, Frank Eakin, Danny Flack, Jeron Furbee, Chris Garner, Darron Gill, Martin Zera, Erik Henson, Ken Hunter, Bob Mensinger, Larry Pierce, Jeff Plank, Mel Puckett, Billy Shaw, Michael Townsend, Ron Villarreal, & Gary Walston

Team Members

Lay Director: Kevin Kyle

Assistant Lay Directors: Earl Dague, John Follis, Craig Moore

Board Representative: Tom Wanamaker

Spiritual Directors: Rev. Godfrey Hubert (SD), Rev. Mike Gammill (ASD), Rev. Rob Renfroe and Rev. Larry Smith (Visiting Clergy)

Musicians: Joel Paulk (Head), Bill Maloney, & Dan Spencer

Table Leaders and Assistants: Chad Runeberg (Head), Tim Ben-Schoter, Larry Burgess, Galynn Ferris, Robert Gronberg, & Phil Henderson/ John Brewer, Bill Carroll, Ken Gau, Tom Hollis, Jeff Lovett, & Bill Mendel

Servant Team Coordinator: Ray Freeman

Agape Servants: Sam Sharif (Head), Paul Fortner, Michael Griffith, & Robert Rohde

Chapel Servants: Kevin Mirasola (Head) & Matt Swanson

Kitchen Servants: Henry Pruitt (Head), Dan Chenoweth, Jeff Mueller, Doug Spitz, & Paul Vagis

Day Servants

Women's Walk 57



Pilgrims

Trisha Terry, Sylvia Bloomer, Jenny Cargill, RaeAnne Dodds, Desirie Dougall, Tanya Easley, Jen Elliott, Billie Feltz, Amy Furbee, Dianne Gilbert, Ann Greene, Amanda Hardwick, Yvette Hayes, Johnny Hooker, JoAnn Karr, Tami Kennedy, Diana Malin, Sharon Marks, Rebecca Quantz, Suzy Raymond, Susan Roberts, Sally Rush, Laura Olsen, Debbie Shinkle, Kate Stoker, Yvonne Stroud, Alicen Swift, Rene Tucker, Cindy Van Rensburg, Angelica Vargas, Cindy Villarreal, Tina Von Gonten, Bethany Wilson, Marsha Wilson, Carol Wyatt, & Dorothy Yawn

Team Members

Lay Director: Lynda Jackson

Assistant Lay Directors: Glenda Hudson, Kathy Reedy, & Beth Roberts

Board Representative: Carlene Jackson

Spiritual Directors: Rev. Mary Magnusson (SD), Rev. Patty Bergfield (ASD), & Visiting Clergy

Musicians: Pam Leighton (Head), Latrelle Lindon, & Debi Griffith

Table Leaders and Assistants: Cheree Taylor (Head), Susan Fronk, Michelle Harding, Kristin Helpingstine, Judi Kenyon, & Heather Ramirez / Mary Brennan, Debbie Dean, Connie Fetzer, Judy Hampshire, Lee Randolph, & Margaret Stone

Servant Team Coordinator: Jodi Lee

Agape Servants: Lyn Driggers (Head), Lois Decker, Aleta Hansen, Suzy Thornton, & Leslie Townsend

Chapel Servants: Debbie Drost (Head) & Brenda Paulk

Kitchen Servants: Theresa Nichols (Head), Laurie Starkey, Glenda Stidham, & Rachel Thompson

Day Servants

From the Editor's Desk

Tender Mercies

The Bride and Groom

I watched as the woman made her way, with faltering steps, back up toward the wooden walkway that led to the beach. She had left her walker at the walkway's end and then moved with labored steps out onto the beach, close to the water. Her affliction made one leg stiff and unbending at the knee. It was obvious that it took everything in her to walk without assistance.

The return trip, navigating through small sandy dunes, was difficult, and would be so even for the strong of foot. Her husband, her groom now many years hence, was by her side the entire time. When, out of exasperation and fatigue, she put her arm to her forehead and could not go on any longer, her groom picked her up as if carrying her over the threshold on their wedding day, cradling her in his arms, lifting her up the steps. Perhaps they had been here on their wedding day, when they were

young, starting life together.

Bolstered with a little more strength and determination, the woman took the handles of the walker—a three-wheel model equipped for a rider—and continued her labored steps up the walkway. Her groom, knowing that she really did not want to be helpless.....knowing she was losing her independence and with it, her dignity....let her walk some more on her own.

At last she had to say, "No more!"

She sat down on the walker, head in her hands.

And her groom, with his strength, care, and love, pushed her safely home.

Daddy and Baby Girl

A young couple with their toddler girl headed for the beach. The mom didn't seem to be too thrilled about going into the sea water, but Daddy was anxious to take his baby girl out. Perhaps it was her first time to the beach. She was an itty-bitty thing, barely coming up to her daddy's knees. He picked her up and carried her to the water's edge with his big, broad, young, proud shoulders.

They stopped where the waves flatten out and lazily crawl up the sand. Daddy set her down, keeping hold of her tiny hand. She squatted down and put her hands in the water, flailing her arms from side to side, making splashes.

What happened next, happened in a flash. A wave came up over Baby Girl, knocking her backward, throwing her under water. In a split second, Daddy dropped to his knees, got his arms underneath her, placed his body over her to protect her, and rolled over, lifting her out of the water.

There was NO hesitation. Daddy got Baby Girl into his arms and out of harm's way.

Baby Girl was crying. Daddy was saying, "It's OK!" Daddy made a couple more gestures, coaxing his daughter to stay and play. She responded by grabbing onto Daddy's neck. That would be the extent of Baby Girl's Beach Adventure for the day!

So, Daddy's big, broad, young, proud shoulders carried Baby Girl away from her place of fear until she had the courage and desire to try it again.

Tender Mercies.

- * Such is the watchful care of our Bridegroom, Jesus Christ, for us.
- * Such is the strength and love of our Abba Father, Daddy God, for us.



