

GRACE for TODAY

December Newsletter 2019

A Word from Wynn Harle Community Lay Director

And just like that, it's December. 2019 has seemingly flown by. My daughter reminded me recently about all the "ta-da" moments this year has held for us. What a joy it was to remember the moments when we accomplished a task, did something good, made a difference and sometimes just got past what we were in the midst of.

G.R.A.C.E. community, our year has been a "ta-da" year! Walks #88, #89, #90 and #91 were filled with God's grace. Pilgrims lives have been forever changed. As a community we worked together as team members, sponsors, prayer warriors, meal servers and agape makers.

And before we know it, 2020 will arrive. Preparations are well under way for Walks #92 and #93.

May you answer the calls you receive to serve.

May you begin the new year refreshed.

May you wake each Fourth Day grateful for the "ta-da's" of each day.

May you find joy and peace. Blessings, Wynn Harle
Community Lay Director

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*Find More on the G.R.A.C.E. Website:
www.graceemmaus.com*

Gatherings 2020

January 18

Grace Church, Palestine

Lunch at Noon

Worship at 1:00 PM

February 15

McCary's Chapel, Liberty City

Lunch at Noon

Worship at 1:00 PM

Spring Walks

**Both at Disciples
Crossing, Athens**

Men's Walk #92

March 5-8th, 2020

Women's Walk #93

March 12-15th, 2020





Community Church Members,

Planning to host a Walk to Emmaus Gathering? Here is your chance. We usually meet on the third Saturday. We are looking for Emmaus groups to volunteer to welcome the G. R. A. C. E. Community to their church for fellowship, worship, and food. Please consider hosting us at your church!

If you are interested, please contact Debbie Hays 903-452-5331 or dhays55@yahoo.com

Thank you,

Debbie



Agape needs for our 2020 walks.

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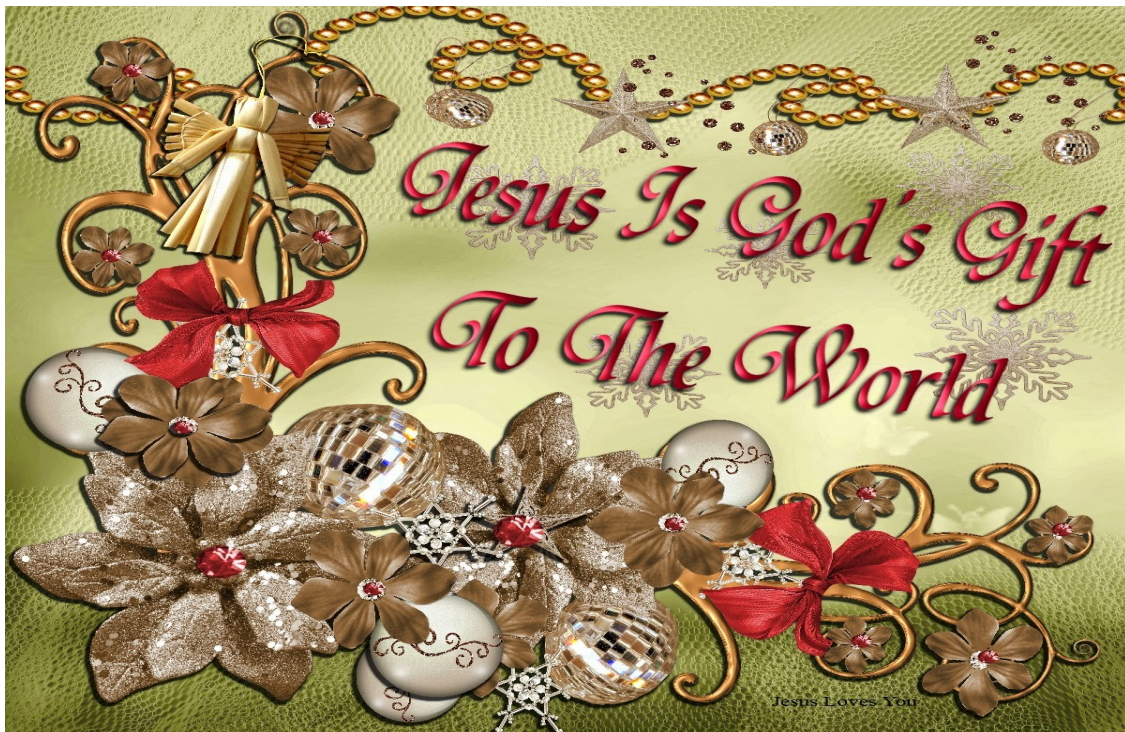
Table & Bed agape

Men's Walk #92 Team Members

Lay Director	Mac Walling
Assistant Lay Director	Hank Restler
Assistant Lay Director	Steve Morton
Assistant Lay Director	Troy Harley
Board Representative	Pat Thompson
Spiritual Director	Adam Muckleroy
Assistant Spiritual Director	Dan Vickers
Assistant Spiritual Director	Jim Pickens
Assistant Spiritual Director	David McGlocklin
Table Leader	Dennis Gage
Table Leader	Monte McRee
Table Leader	John Epps
Table Leader	Ken Sides
Table Leader	Scott Snyder
Table Leader	Gary Laliberte
Assistant Table Leader	Kevin Abney
Assistant Table Leader	Rick Rundquist
Assistant Table Leader	Todd Morgan
Assistant Table Leader	Bob Holloway
Assistant Table Leader	David Hillman
Assistant Table Leader	Chad Bearden
Music Team Leader	John Crow
Music Team	Joe Hall
Music Team	Lauren Lykens
Audio/Visual	Ken Duesterhoft
Assistant Audio/Visual	Bob Wade
Chapel Team Leader	Jim Buchanan
Chapel Team	Ed Cozart
Chapel Team	Brad Burton
Chapel Team	Roger Mann
Outside Team Leader	Chuck Reed
Outside Team	Brett Walker
Outside Team	Martha Walker
Outside Team	Mike Hodgson

Women's Walk #93 Team Members

Lay Director	Anita Duesterhoft
Assistant Lay Director	Laura Resler
Assistant Lay Director	Nicole Duncan
Assistant Lay Director	Janet Bagley
Board Representative	Wynn Harle
Spiritual Director	Susan Smith
Assistant Spiritual Director	Mike Cline
Assistant Spiritual Director	Allyson Penny
Assistant Spiritual Director	Eric Dehmer
Assistant Spiritual Director	Amber Jones
Table Leader	Debbie Wade
Table Leader	Becky Foote
Table Leader	Paula West
Table Leader	Kathy Pruitt
Table Leader	Liz Webb
Table Leader	Charlene Burton
Assistant Table Leader	Carla McRee
Assistant Table Leader	Kim Whipkey
Assistant Table Leader	Delia Hively
Assistant Table Leader	Betty Buchanan
Assistant Table Leader	Jan Watters
Assistant Table Leader	Jerri Hodgson
Music Team Leader	Babby Carroll
Music Team	Linda Baker
Music Team	Lisa Greer
Audio/Visual	Karol Johnston
Chapel Team Leader	Toyia Urbaniak
Chapel Team	Danielle Vickers
Chapel Team	Angela Thompson
Chapel Team	Tracie Oden
Outside Team Leader	Martha Walker
Outside Team	Patti Suggs
Outside Team	Kelly Buford
Outside Team	Diane Smith
Outside Team	Rhydonia Clem



From our outgoing Lay Director Wynn Harle

Dear Community,

Thank you for your support and confidence in me this past year as your Community Lay Director. It has been my pleasure and blessing. I especially want to thank our 2019 G.R.A.C.E. board of directors. They have made my position so much easier to fill.

I would like to thank our outgoing board members Lisa Brewer, Steve Morton, Garry Mount and Hank Resler. These four have served selflessly for the past three years. Please take a moment to thank these servants the next time you run into them at a send-off, candlelight, closing or other Emmaus events.

Thank you, Joe Hall, our Community Spiritual Director. Your spiritual guidance has been invaluable to me personally. Mike Hodgson, thank you for your help and guidance.

Please welcome our five new members: Boni Demaree, John Epps, Laura Resler, Ernest Rodriguez and Scott Snyder. Thank you to all who voted and to all who are willing to serve.

As you may know, Mike Johnston will be your 2020 Community Lay Director. My hope is you will give him the same support you gave me.

Thank you, G.R.A.C.E., because of you my 2019 has been blessed beyond measure.

De Colores!

Wynn Harle

From the G.R.A.C.E. treasurer:

Thanks to the generosity of the G.R.A.C.E. community, donations continue to come in regularly each month by the ACH, personal checks, and at monthly gatherings. Every dollar received goes back into the community to continue to spread the life changing experiences that an Emmaus weekend can deliver. Donated funds can also be used for pilgrim and team member scholarships, updating equipment, and the general fund of our community.

Thank you, for your continued support of our Emmaus community.

Treasurer, Betty Buchanan



***What is your
Reunion Group
Doing?***



Brad and I, together with members of Emmaus from FUMC Lindale, visited the Colonial Nursing Home Sunday, with Christmas cards and candy.

When we walked in to the nursing home doors, we walked into a time zone not quite identifiable as “standard” most of the residents seemed to be lost in decades of memories.

But, there were two precious residents who spent special time with us, reminiscing about their lives and enjoying every minute of the visit. On little lady from Mt. Sylvan asked us to pray with her.

And then I knew. I may have entered a time warp, but God was in it with us. It only took the power of a simple prayer to remind us of his eternal presence, a presence not bound by time or place, but a presence available every moment to every soul, even those lost in time itself.

And, we were Blessed,

Charlene Burton, and Reunion group

THE UPPER ROOM



<https://www.upperroom.org/newsletters>

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Sign up to receive newsletters and updates from The Upper Room.

Newsletters

Upper Room Daily Reflections (Daily) - Words of wisdom and faith found in the pages of Upper Room Books.

From the Center (Monthly, 1st Tuesday) - A monthly email newsletter from The Upper Room with resources for your soul care as a spiritual leader.

Academy Bulletin (Monthly) - Updates, news, and special reflections exclusively for The Academy for Spiritual Formation participants, faculty, and leaders.

Emmaus eNews (Every Other Month) - Get the latest news and tips for your fourth day journey. Especially for leaders and participants in Emmaus Ministries, including the Walk to Emmaus, Face to Face, and Chrysalis.

Upper Room Recommends (Weekly, Thursday) - A weekly email for those seeking resources for spiritual formation and prayer. The email contains excerpts from Upper Room authors, plus book and online resource suggestions for small groups, congregational studies, and individual spiritual growth.

My Quiet Spaces (Quarterly) - A quarterly newsletter for women seeking inspiration, tools, and support to deepen their walk with God.

Rising Generations (Every Other Month) - Whether you're a church leader or parent, this bimonthly newsletter provides tips and tools for ministry with Children, Youth & Young Adults.



A REMINDER OF WALK FEES:

Pilgrim: \$165 (although the community expense is \$175)

Clergy Pilgrim: \$75

Inside/Conference Room Team: \$165

Outside Servant Team (full weekend): \$165

Outside Servant Team (partial weekend): \$8 per meal, \$27 per night (lodging)

Betty Buchanan, Treasurer

The Walk to Emmaus Movement



The Upper Room, part of United Methodist Discipleship Ministries, began the three-day ecumenical spiritual-renewal retreats in 1978. The self-supporting ministry grew out of the the Catholic Cursillo movement, and took the name Walk to Emmaus in 1981. The goal of Walk to Emmaus is to equip church members for Christian action. Following the three-day experience, participants are joined in small groups to support each other in their ongoing walk with Christ. The movement also includes the [Chrysalis](#) program for youth, the [Face to Face](#) program for adults 60 and older, and the [Journey to the Table](#) program for adults 18 to 35.

Incoming 2020 G.R.A.C.E. BOARD MEMBERS

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GRACE EMMAUS

The G.R.A.C.E. Emmaus Community wishes to continue to spread the life changing experience that an Emmaus weekend can deliver.

Won't you help us by donating funds for scholarships for both Pilgrims and team members, or the general fund of our community? We are asking you to consider donate \$5, \$10, \$25 monthly or whatever amount you would like to set the donation to. This monthly donation will be debited automatically from your bank account on or about the 15th of the month.

Thank you for your continued support of our Emmaus community.

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Name: _____ Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Email Address: _____

BANK INFORMATION

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Monthly gift amount \$ _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Fill out information below or attach voided check

Depository Name: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Account #: _____ Transit/ABA #: _____

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