

GRACE for TODAY

A Word from Wynn Harle

Hello. My name is Wynn Harle and I am serving the G.R.A.C.E. community as your Lay Director for 2019. I attended Dallas Emmaus Community Walk #250 in November, 2013 at Mt. Lebanon. I sat at the table of Mary. I worship and serve at First United Methodist Church of Mineola.

For the past several years, I have begun each year with a word. A word to focus on throughout the year. A word that can give me direction when I begin to feel overwhelmed, confused or lost. A word that says something about what I would like to see happen in my life. This year the word is *Possibilities*. And this year the possibilities abound for G.R.A.C.E.

We, as a community, can make it possible for fellow Christians to experience the presence of God's love in wondrous ways through our scheduled walks in February/March and October. You can sponsor a pilgrim, you can work on a team, you can assist with the agape dinners at the walk and you can make agape gifts. If you have questions about how to participate, please contact one of our board members: their information is posted on our website www.graceemmaus.com.

G.R.A.C.E. provides fourth dayers the possibility to spend time in fellowship at each of our monthly gatherings. We try to vary the locations throughout our community in order to make it possible for you to attend at least those that are close to you. The dates and times are posted on our website as well.

G.R.A.C.E. also makes it possible for fourth dayers to persevere in their faith journeys by participating in reunion groups. We have the names of many in our community listed on our website. Are you looking for a reunion group? Are you interested in starting one? The G.R.A.C.E. board can help make this possible for you.

As we learned during our walks, the primary purpose of the Walk to Emmaus is to help build leaders in our local churches and communities. G.R.A.C.E. helps make this possible through our commitment to be Christians in action serving as the hands and feet of Christ.

May your 2019 be filled with hope, love and happiness. May we all find the possibilities in each of our Fourth Days.

De Colores!

Wynn Harle

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G.R.A.C.E. Website:
www.graceemmaus.com

Gatherings 2019

**January 12, 2019 at Grace Church, Palestine, TX Fellowship and potluck @ noon
Worship to Follow**

February 9, 2019 at Mineola FUMC Fellowship and Potluck @ Noon

Spring Walks

**Men's
February 28– March 3, 2019**

**Women's
March 7–March 10, 2019**

Hear Our Prayer!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy your consolations. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer Vigil

Just wanted to give an update on the prayer vigil for the upcoming walks. On December 14, 2018 I sent all the information to the organization that does the vigils for us, but apparently there is some glitch with their system. I have been in contact with them and hopefully it will get resolved soon. The links will then be available on our website. In the meantime please be in prayer for the upcoming walks. Team meetings started January 5 and your prayers are always needed. Also pray for the pilgrims who will be on these walks.

DeColores,

Rhonda Gorrell

Prayer Vigil

Gatherings for 2019

Month	Date	Church	Location	Time	Contact Person
January	12	Grace Community	Palestine	12:00 p.m.	Dan Matthews
February	9	Mineola FUMC	Mineola	12:00 p.m.	Wynn Harle
March	WALK	Disciple's Crossing	Athens	7:00 p.m.	
April	13	Cross Roads	Canton	5:00 p.m.	John Crow
May	18	Lindale FUMC	Lindale	12:00 p.m.	Krista Pemberton
June	15	Lane's Chapel	Tyler	5:00 p.m.	Bob Green
July	20	Winona FUMC	Winona	12:00 p.m.	Dan Vickers
August	10	Henderson FUMC	Henderson	12:00 p.m.	Elizabeth Minor
September	21	Grace Crossing UMC	Longview	12:00 p.m.	Jan Watters
October	WALK	Camp Gilmont	Gilmer	7:00 p.m.	
November	9	St. Luke's UMC	Kilgore	4:00 p.m.	Gary Mount
December	7	Frankston UMC	Frankston	12:00 p.m.	K. Duesterhoft

Sponsorship: Most important job of all

It is a New Year, now is the time to think about who you can sponsor for the Spring walks. Who in your Church do you sit by; do you think they are wondering what Emmaus is?

1st step is to commit the process to God through prayer and asking for discernment. Being open to God, listening for whom He lays on your heart. It may be your best friend, someone in Sunday School class, someone you work with, someone from Bible study, someone from another church, it could even be your pastor.

Recently, I attended a Bible Study and mentioned Emmaus, several of the people in the Bible Study asked about Emmaus. Do you remember there is a small tri-fold document (Join us on an EMMAUS Journey with Christ) that you can give them that tells them more?

Remember the walks start promptly @ 7:30 pm on Thursday and end around 6 pm on Sunday. The walk fee is \$165 and the Spring walks are in Athens, Texas.

Men's Walk 88 is Feb 28 thru Mar 3 and Women's Walk 89 is Mar 7 thru Mar 10.

Reach out and sponsor someone in 2019. You can contact me by phone or email as you get started and want to discuss it in detail.

Garry Mount

Sponsorship Board Rep

G.R.A.C.E. Women's Walk #89

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Women's Walk #89 is just about complete, as we are working to confirm two more ASD's. It's 8 weeks or 55 days, until March 7, 2019, until the spring pilgrims will be meeting their new best friend, eating, listening to talks, taking notes, creating posters, and eating some more. Seems like a long time from now, but based on what past walk directors have said, these days and weeks will fly by. The team has come together with the hand of God ever present. Along with walk #89 please keep the men of #88 in your prayers. Preparation is still in the works, and training begins January 5, 2019. To make this the "best walk ever", we need pilgrims. So, please pray for the sponsors and the pilgrims they will sponsor.

Betty Buchanan, Lay Director Walk #89

G.R.A.C.E. Emmaus Board & Community Newsletter Submission Deadlines for 2019	
Friday, January 4, 2019	Friday, August 2, 2019
Friday, February 8, 2019	Friday, September 6, 2019
Friday, March 15, 2019	Friday, October 18, 2019
Friday, April 12, 2019	Friday, November 8, 2019
Friday, May 3, 2019	Friday, December 6, 2019
Friday, June 7, 2019	Please note, I will do my best to get your article in when you send it. However, some times, due to space, and time constraints it may not go in tot the newsletter until the next month.
Friday, July 12, 2019	Thank you, Debbie Hays, Newsletter Editor

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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.

De Colores

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