

GRACE for TODAY

July Newsletter 2019

A Word from Wynn Harle Community Lay Director

Dear GRACE Community,

Thank you to all who were able to assist in our recent work day at Camp Gilmont. Fourth Dayers helped clean up fallen trees, deep clean cabins and add privacy to the swimming pool area. The day was full of laughter, sweat and fellowship. And recent Camp Gilmont Facebook posts have been full of pictures of campers having a great time.

As community lay director, I must confess, I did some pre-gathering worrying: Would the weather be nice? Would “enough” Fourth Dayers be able to help? And as we worked I was reminded of Philippians 4:6-7 “Do not be anxious about anything but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.” I just needed to be reminded to put my trust in the Lord, to have faith. The weather was perfect. And all who were there helped as needed.

Walk #90 and #91 Lay Directors are busy planning team training which begins on August 3rd. Schedules are being put together to ensure that each team is trained properly, that each talk follows the guidelines of the Upper Room that each walk is focused on the pilgrims. They may have some anxious moments. Let us, as a community, keep them in our prayers. Let us, as a community, help as we are called to be of assistance to them.

Looking forward to seeing you at our gathering on July 20th at First United Methodist Church Winona.

De Colores!

Wynn Harle,

Community Lay Director

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G.R.A.C.E. Website:

www.graceemmaus.com

Gatherings 2019

July 20 Winona FUMC, Winona, TX
12 noon potluck 1:00 PM Worship

August 10, FUMC Henderson, TX. 12
noon potluck, 1:00 PM Worship

Fall Walks

Camp Gilmont, Gilmer, TX

Men's Walk #90

October 3-6

Women's Walk #91

October 10-13

Work Day at Camp Gilmont



**Thank you to all the
Grace Emmaus 4th Dayers
who contributed to getting Camp
Gilmont in Shape for the summer
campers!**

*Thank
You*

We want to send out a
**BIG THANK YOU TO
REV. WADE HARMAN !**

*We appreciate all you have done for the
Grace Emmaus Community as our
Assistant Spiritual Director! We wish you
and your family all the best
at Grapeland UMC.*

NEEDED !

We typically have Pilgrims with mobility issues that need help getting around the camp.

If you are looking for a way to serve, this might be the opportunity you have been looking for.

If you can help provide either a golf cart or mule (also known as an ATV or UTV) for Walks 90 and 91, please contact Mike Hodgson (903-948-0821) or Lisa Brewer (903-729-1120).

Howdy GRACE Emmaus members!

Can you believe it is already July? Before you know it, October will be here! I know we are busy with summer plans. As you enjoy your summer, keep an ear and eye out for whom God wants you to sponsor for the GRACE Fall walks.

Be in prayer for the Holy Spirit to guide you to the people to sponsor.

Then be in prayer for these folks.

Then ask the Holy Spirit to guide you to give the invitation.

Jesus invited each of us through our sponsors, so we being God's hand and feet need to invite others to go on the Walk to Emmaus.

We look forward to seeing you Sponsors this October.

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Share your Favorite Emmaus Experience with us!

Have you been waiting for just the right time to share your Emmaus experience? Would you like to share what your walk meant to you even after all these years? Or do you have a question about Emmaus.

We want to invite you to share your reflections and questions for consideration in future newsletters.

Simply email our Newsletter board rep Debbie Hays at dhays55@yahoo.com.

AGAPE is needed for the Fall Walks.

Table & Pillow Agape - Items that are made and provided by churches, reunion groups, and individual Fourth Day members. (Please refrain from labeling agape provided by individuals. Church and reunion group labels are permitted.)

If making for the pilgrims only, please make 36. For the team, please make 72.

Snack Agape - Food and beverages given for the pilgrims and team members is always appreciated.

DISCOVERY WEEKEND

THE UPPER ROOM®

WHAT IS IT?

Discovery Weekend is a spiritual formation retreat for middle school youth that engages high school youth in leadership. Held in the local church, Discovery invites the entire church family to live out the baptismal promise to create a community of love and forgiveness. In this environment, middle school youth will be encouraged to strengthen their faith with foundational Christian teachings and experiences.

WHO IS IT FOR?

Discovery Weekend is for the entire church family. Middle school youth, no matter where they are on their faith journey, are invited to attend. High school youth lead small groups and worship. Parents share gifts of love, presence, and prayer. Youth leaders provide overall leadership, direction, and supervision of the weekend. Church parishioners serve on the Discovery team. Sunday school classes and small groups provide prayer support, meals, and snacks. Clergy help with teaching, provide spiritual guidance, and, with parental involvement, celebrate baptism.

WHAT HAPPENS DURING THE WEEKEND?

Worship

Singing, praising, and worshiping as one body.

Engagement

Skits, short videos, and meaningful talks about faith and God.

Love

Congregational care and love.

Fun

Free time, serious time, and fun time.

Fellowship

Mentoring, small-group sharing, Bible reading, and prayer.

Interested in Discovery but aren't sure if its right for your church?

Visit discovery.upperroom.org to learn more about Discovery Weekend (including a short video) and to download a manual sampler, connect via email with the Discovery Weekend Team at discovery@upperroom.org, or call 615.340.7088 (or toll-free 877.899.2780, ext. 7088)

ATTENTION...Past Walk Lay Directors!!!!

Remember when you served as the Lay Director for a Men's or Women's Walk? Remember all the details that you wanted to be just right in order to glorify God on this walk? Mine was just last spring, Walk #89, so the planning is still fresh on my mind.

One of the many things that made the walk unique was the book cover for the Worship Book used throughout the weekend. To ensure that enough were made for everyone involved, the total number was estimated based on the attendees and team: pilgrims, table leaders, assistant table leaders, music team, spiritual director, assistant spiritual directors, assistant lay directors, and lay director. Of course, an exact number was unknown until the walk actually started on Thursday night.

After the book covers were distributed on Friday, there were some leftover, plus material remnants leftover. What was I was going to do with them? I came up with an idea. As a fundraiser for the community, a quilt could be made and auctioned off as a fundraiser for the community. Also, this would be a great reminder of previous walks when you served on a team. A quilt is a very usable memento of the walks in our community.

If you think this could be done, please let me know by email (jimbet85@gmail.com) or phone (903-930-2678). There are quite a few quilters in the community, so labor is not a problem. You provide the material; we will make it!

Betty Buchanan



Reunion groups allow us to stay connected.

Are you looking for a reunion group? Check out our website for locations and times or start your own group. It takes two people to start a group and I'll be more than happy to help you get connected.

Our Emmaus website has a list of times, locations, and contact people. If you are currently part of a reunion group, please take a minute to review the information about your group. Then let me know if there are any corrections so we can keep the website up to date.

Paula West

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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.

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Name: _____ Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Email Address: _____

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Monthly gift amount \$ _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Fill out information below or attach voided check

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

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