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Upcoming Gatherings

July 16th
Mineola UMC
612 Newsom St.
This is the Ministry Center
Gathering: 11:00
Worship 12:30
Aug. 20th Paine Springs

Karol's Korner

Summer will officially be here this month. For many that means children will be home, vacations, traveling, reunions with family, church camps, UM Army, Big House, celebrations, and the list can go on endless.

I began the end of May and first week of June with severe back pain. I could barely walk, sitting was unbearable and lying wasn't much better. Bed rest was not the cure. I keep my two granddaughters and was unable to do that in the shape I was in. Luckily their parents were off for the longer Memorial Day weekend. A visit to the chiropractor eased it very little but I could barely scoot my feet. God knew what lay ahead for me and I was praying for a miracle. I had once said "that my children might have to push me in a wheelchair down the aisle." That might become a reality. My youngest son was to wed on June 4th and it's a 7-hour drive. I had all the decorations for the rehearsal dinner and gift baskets for those staying in hotels to load along with the "regular" baggage. After leaving church on May 29th, where my husband was preaching, we both got a phone call from church friends for me to take a

massage appointment on Monday that they had. My first thought was "Who works on holidays?" but with a grateful heart I accepted the offer and my husband drove me to the appointment. I walked in with baby steps and left sore but with relief and a much bigger stride. I had one more chiropractor visit on Tuesday before leaving on Wednesday morning. My prayers had been answered. With a long drive ahead with my mother as my non-driving passenger, we were able to make it to West Texas and were still walking when we arrived (note: many stops and breaks along the way). God is good and prayers were answered.

Have you turned to HIM in prayer? Remember the *Grow Through Study* talk on your walk? Are you spending time in the word and listening, not just asking? I've learned through the years with many personal and family trials and experiences that HE will always provide in HIS time and His way.

Take time this summer as your routine may change to still let HIM be your priority.

DeColores,
Karol Johnston

**Be in Prayer for the
The upcoming Fall
Walks.**

**Jay Edwards is the
Men's LD
Jeannie Hanson is the
Women's LD**

Food for Thought

Luke 10:41

“Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.”

When we were younger, summer was a time to relax and enjoy time with friends and family. Now, in most families, both parents are working and the summer really isn't very different, if not more hectic. There are summer sports, vbs's, and vacations to add to an already crowded schedule. Remember that Jesus taught us to not forget what is important, putting him as your first priority. If you do this the rest of your schedule will fall into place.

Message from Brett Walker, Assistant Community Lay Director:

Our Fall Board Member election will be here before we know it. Five Board Members are elected each year for a three-year term to replace those five members whose term

will be ending on December 31. During the next few months please consider if you feel

called for this service. Nominations will be made to the Board at the regular August

Board meeting. Ballots will be available to the Community in both the September and

October newsletters. Voting will continue until the Grand Ultreya Gathering in

November, and the results will be announced at that Gathering.

If you would like to learn more about what is involved in serving as a Board Member,

please contact me, Jerri Lykins, or Wynn Harle for more information.

We will also be available to discuss with community members at the next couple of

Gatherings.

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SPONSORSHIP

Peace and greetings to all. The spring grace Walks of 2016 are now a blessed and pleasant memory upon which many lives are being rebuilt and recommitted. Part of that rebuilding and recommitting is to be in prayer about how you can help build and strengthen our community. For many, the ultimate way is to sponsor new pilgrims, so that they too can experience the depth of God's grace that renews lives when on a Walk.

Whether you have sponsored in the past or if this could be your first time as a sponsor it is highly recommended that each sponsor follow

closely the guidelines in the Upper Room Emmaus, “SPONSORSHIP” (\$5). We try to have some of these available at each GRACE Gathering, or they are available for individual purchase from the Upper Room Emmaus resources. In a pinch, you can search back through the GRACE Newsletter archives and find articles which you might find helpful in preparing to be a sponsor.

Above all else, seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit through prayer. Let Him be your guide as to when and who to sponsor, then follow the guidelines mentioned above. Also pray for others in the community who are seeking guidance for sponsorship or other roles, and include those who you don't even know but are being considered as future pilgrims.

Hope everyone has a blessed summer

..De Colores!

Jim Buchanan

Board Sponsorship Chair

Agape Gifts

On your walk, you experienced love and blessings poured out on your pillow & at your place at the dining table in the form of Agape Gifts. Each agape gift is meant to draw us closer to Jesus a make our hearts smile with His love and provision. These gifts were provided by members of the G.R.A.C.E. Emmaus Community – members just like YOU!

If you think you can't do anything creative, think again! Check out the ideas that can be found on the North Indiana Emmaus Community's website at <https://www.niemmaus.com/agape/...> Some great idea can be found here.

Please consider beginning the making of Agape Gifts for our upcoming GRACE EMMAUS Walk #78 & #79 for Fall, 2016. We

need to have 72 of each item for each walk, but if you want you can pick up the extras on Sunday. Just write a note to the outside team that you want the extras back. This way you can just add to them for the next walk.

If you need someone to take these Agape Gifts to either of the walks, just let me know.

Pam Martin
Agape Gifts Board Rep.
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I** Don't forget the REUNION GROUP CHALLENGE! Has you group raised/donated at least \$50.00? This is to help offset the increase cost of Camp Gilmont.

Thanks to all who gave to our music fund. This new equipment will make the fall walks the best walks ever.

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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.
DeColores

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Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

BANK INFORMATION

I (We) hereby authorize GRACE Emmaus to initiate debit entries to my (our) checking account indicated below. The amount will be charged monthly. This authority is to remain in full force and effect until GRACE Emmaus receives written notification of its termination.

Monthly gift amount \$ _____

Date _____

Signature _____

Fill out information below or attach voided check

Depository Name _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Account # _____

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