

# Grace for Today

*G.R.A.C.E. Emmaus Monthly  
Newsletter*

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## [Coming Events](#)

December Gathering  
December 2, 2017  
First UMC Mineola  
612 N. Newsom St.

Pot Luck @ noon  
Worship @ 1:00

January Gathering  
January 20<sup>th</sup>  
Grace Palestine UMC

Contact Pat Thompson for more  
information.

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## Community Lay Director's Corner

The holiday season is upon us, and it is a good time to reflect on what our priorities have been this past year. More importantly, this is also a good time to start setting our priorities for the coming year. What do we find most important in our lives? How do we spend our time and money? What do we think about? Do we set our own priorities or do we let others and random circumstance set them for us?

Thanksgiving is the normal day when we stop as families and friends to give thanks for all that we have, but way too often take for granted. This year, let's really spend some extra time in prayer and discussion with each other so that we can truly count our blessings and the gifts that God has made possible for us. Just speaking for myself, I know that I do not deserve the many things that God has given me, but I am so thankful for every one of them.

Like I said earlier, this holiday season is a great time for reflection.....

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Brett Walker  
Community Lay Director

## Spring Walks

Our Spring 2018 Walks 84 and 85 will be here before you know it. Walk 84 is March 1-4, and Walk 85 is March 8-11, both at Disciples' Crossing. Sponsors, it is time to start praying about and talking to potential Pilgrims in your churches!

## Visit Our Website

As most of you know, our website is [www.graceemmaus.com](http://www.graceemmaus.com). It contains a wide variety of information that we update regularly. On the homepage, you will find a section that has future events such as the next Gathering and our next Walks. Usually, it will have links to maps to those locations.

At the top of the home page, you will find tabs for several topics such as:

- Board Member contact information and the Committees each one Chairs
- Archived Newsletters
- Pilgrim and Team applications
- Reunion Group information
- Prayer Vigils for future Walks, both in our Community and around the world
- Contact information form that can be filled out online

We also have a short video about the Walk to Emmaus along with a brief written overview.

The answers to most of your questions can be found on our website, so please visit it regularly and explore the different areas mentioned above.

## Walk Fees

As we published in the August Newsletter, our Walk Fees will now be \$165 starting with the Spring 2018 Walks. This includes both the Pilgrims and Team members.

As always, we never want a Pilgrim to miss going on a Walk because of financial concerns, so our Board will continue to consider scholarships just as it always has.

## Food for Thought

### Making manly beads

In both my Accountability group and Bible study, we have been studying “A Bead and a Prayer” by Kristen Vincent. It goes through the history and use of prayer beads and how they can be used by protestants. The first class we made our own set of beads. Now, for the ladies, picking out beads was easy and fun but finding beads for the 6 men in our group was a challenge. You should have seen me setting on the floor in Michaels trying to make sure I had enough beads for 15 sets. These prayer beads reminded me about the prayer bracelets that the women use to remind them to pray for the walk in the months leading to the walk. One time I was in the agape room talking about them one of the men said, “we don’t do all that Girley things. The jokes on him because he now has a set of manly prayer beads. One of the things that I got out of the book was how God told the Israelites to put tassels on the four corners of the robe. This was to remind them to stay in contact with God. When they saw the tassels, they would remember to pray. Do you have anything that you see throughout the day to remind you to pray? If not, maybe you need a set of manly beads.

Lisa Palomaria

Newspaper Editor

## News from the Community Asst. Lay Director

It’s hard to believe another year is almost over. During that time God has done so many wonderful things in so many lives. G.R.A.C.E. has finished 4 Walks with awesome results. We should all take time to thank our Lord for continuing to bless us with the opportunity to serve the pilgrims and be a part of their spiritual growth. As the new year approaches we are already preparing for Walks 84 and 85. Keep the teams in your prayers and for the next group of pilgrims God is sending our way. Please be in prayer for your board and the new board members that have volunteered to serve the G.R.A.C.E. community. Have a blessed Holiday season with Christ at the head of all you do.

As an added note to the 5 board members that are rotating off the board, we thank you for your service to the Community and please remember to bring your Board Manuals to the December Board meeting, so they can be given to the new members.

De Colores

Mike Hodgson

Asst. Community Lay Director

## New Board Members

Please welcome our new Board Members for 2018.

They are Wayne Brunt, Debbie Hays, Mike Johnston, Nan Haygood, and Betty Buchanan.

See more about them next month.

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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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