

The Aldersgate Pilgrim

A Newsletter for the Florida Aldersgate Emmaus and Chrysalis Community

Fall 2013

Established 1980

Walks For 2013

Women's Only
Walk #139 ***Held***
Feb. 7th – 10th

Men's # 140 ***Held***
April 4th – 7th

Women's # 140 ***Held***
April 11th – 14th

Men's # 141 ***Held***
Oct. 10th – 13th

Women's # 141 ***Held***
Oct. 17th – 20th

Men's Walk # 141 – October 10th – 13th, 2013:

Richard Green was the Lay Director. They had 35 Pilgrims and reports it was wonderful experience for all – many hearts were touched and changed, all in all a powerful weekend. Additionally this was the first test of a "cluster" type of team and walk. It met and exceeded their expectations. For those of you that know Richard, he is famous for telling jokes. During joke time one of the oldest pilgrims, after a particularly long joke, got up and said "At the beginning of that Joke, I was 86 years old. Now I'm 89!" Then he sat down! Richard commented that he only told 2 jokes the entire weekend! That must have been near torture for Richard.

Women's Walk # 141 – October 17th – 20th, 2013:

Natalie Killebrew was the Lay Director. They had 36 Pilgrims and comments that this Walk went very smoothly without many of the snags and bumps in the road a Walk often experiences. Camaraderie and friendships formed quickly. The compassion the pilgrims showed to each other, the empathy and caring, it was amazing. We had pilgrims who were hurting, who received healing. We had pilgrims who were lonely, who received the love of Jesus. We had a group of amazing women willing to see and be Jesus to each other. She concludes with: "Candlelight proved to be the pinnacle of the weekend by illuminating the light of Jesus everywhere and as usual, everyone was amazed. And the truth be told, I don't think I have ever been on a walk where more tears were shed. There are stories that cannot be shared but I can say...GOD is GOOD. Everyone on the walk and everyone who worked the walk will tell you, what a blessing that weekend was.

Our Outgoing Board Lay Director – Joline Krolicki

Each of us should take a few moments and extend our heart felt thanks to Joline for the excellent job she did as the Aldersgate Emmaus Board Lay Director for 2013: Thank you Joline!

Gatherings

NOTE: Dates, Times, Locations are subject to adjustment / change, based upon each community's needs, etc.

North Lake County
Community UMC Fruitland Park
Fellowship Hall @ 6:00 PM
Pot Luck Dinner @ 6:30 PM
309 College Ave.
Fruitland Park, FL 34731 [Map](#)
352-787-1829 for date
communityumc@embargmail.com

Seminole County
University-Carillon UMC
The 1st Sunday of every month @ 5:30 PM
Pot Luck Dinner
1395 Campus View Court
(formerly 1600 E. McCulloch Rd.)
Oviedo, FL 32765
Contact: Rich Wiewora
www.ucumc.net/get-connected/emmaus

Osceola County
Cornerstone Church, Building 2
Pot Luck Dinner
2925 Canoe Creek Road
St. Cloud, FL 34772 [Map](#)
Contact: Mike Kutik
407-846-6486 for date, TBD
mk413@earthlink.net

South Lake County
Location TBD
April 5, 2012
Contact: Bruce
bleistikow@cfl.rr.com
407-963-7332

Melbourne
Satellite Beach UMC
Covered Dish
Guest Speaker and Fun Raffle
Contact: Donna Riley 321-723-7056 for date
CardLady34@Yahoo.com

West Orange County
St. Luke's UMC, Fellowship Hall
March 30, 2012 @ 6:30 PM
(every fifth Friday)
Pot Luck Dinner
4851 S. Apopka Vineland Rd.
Orlando FL 32819
Contact: Joline Krolicki 407-876-4991, ext. 264
jkrolicki@st.lukes.org

Sumter & The Villages
New Covenant UMC
Fourth Friday, every month 6:30 PM
Refreshments Provided
3270 Woodridge Dr.
The Villages, FL 32162 [Map](#)
Contact: Schuyler Young 352-205-7057
youngschuyler@gmail.com

Below is a description of Clusters & how they function. Men's Walk # 141 – October 10th – 13th 2013 will be the first Aldersgate Emmaus that operates as such.

CLUSTERS

In the event you missed it, this is a repeat regarding clusters, since there have been a number of inquiries & discussions regarding clusters. Below is a narrative explanation provided by Dan Mullet, the Board Rep for the Pinellas Community.

Exciting Times Ahead in Aldersgate!

Our common Emmaus experience brings back great memories and experiences of God's love, but as you may know, there have been a few recent challenges here in our Aldersgate Emmaus Community. For the past few years, we have had difficulty staffing teams, had a decrease in sponsoring, and have generally missed the spark we once had. In situations like this, there are many contributing factors.

Some of these contributing factors include building teams from a geographically huge area. Other concerns involve communication, leadership, and follow-up within such a large and diverse group. After my first Board meeting, I can tell you that your Aldersgate Board is doing its best to meet some of these challenges head-on. It is a struggle certainly worth fighting for, because one of the best parts of the Aldersgate Emmaus experience has been the bonds of Christian love and community unique to this large group--we would never want to lose that.

At the Board Meeting on July 21st, a decision was made to pilot a concept to solve the above issues through the formation of Cluster Groups. These Cluster Groups are geographically smaller areas within the Aldersgate community. At this time, the Aldersgate Cluster plan will involve partitioning our area into 3 Cluster Groups--West Coast, Central, and East Coast. Each Cluster will have its own Board to support their local communities, select teams (following the Aldersgate guidelines for leader selection), and be in charge of a Men's and Women's Walk each year. The Team will be selected from within the

Cluster Group area and Team meetings will occur within that area. **Pilgrims will continue to be sponsored from anywhere in Aldersgate and the Walks will continue to be in Leesburg.**

This Cluster program has been hugely successful in the Alabama Emmaus Communities, where their geographic areas also span across their state. Our prayer is that this plan will make Team meetings more accessible and improve local communication, leadership, and follow-up, yet still maintain the continuity, unity, and love found within the Aldersgate community that spans our state. Ultimately, and most importantly, we feel will be better able to deepen the Discipleship of each participant.

The West Coast Cluster Group has been asked to kick off this plan by hosting the October 2013 Men's and Women's Walks. Aldersgate has selected the Lay Director and the Spiritual Director for these Walks (from the West Coast area). A West Coast Cluster Group Board (Cluster Group LD, SD, Secretary, Treasurer, Agape Coord., 72-Hr Prayer Vigil Coord., etc.) will be formed and the remainder of the team will be assembled from the West Coast area. Team meetings will be held within this area. Through improved local leadership, we anticipate better Cluster-wide data base communication and more regular Gatherings--all to the benefit of improving sponsoring, Team participation, and community.

In regards to the Cluster Groups geography, the tentative boundaries of the West Coast CG (WCCG) will include the following counties: Citrus, Hernando Pasco Hillsborough, and Pinellas. As the WCCG grows (i.e., more team involvement, more pilgrims, more excitement!), and the need to make this size even more manageable, smaller Clusters from within this Group can be formed.

This article is simply meant to be an introduction to this Cluster concept and how it might serve to strengthen and deepen our Aldersgate Emmaus community. There will be certainly more to follow regarding this concept of Cluster Groups and the organization of Clusters. Stay tuned!

Now, we ask 2 things from you:

1. Pray for wisdom and discernment as we move forward in this exciting plan,
2. Get excited/re-excited and share the Walk to Emmaus experience freely and Sponsor others.

Also, feel free to pass this along to others who are not yet in our database (Aldersgate is working as we speak to make current our Community-wide database). I look forward to hearing your thoughts and questions as we embark together on this new adventure! God has done great things through Aldersgate Emmaus for almost 30 years so far--let us look forward to working together as He continues to work through us.

Blessings,

Dan Mullett
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Acknowledgements:

As many of you may know, a few years ago Aldersgate Emmaus experienced a notable financial loss. Well good news – there has been a recovery of almost all of the loss. Through the questions, research, persistence and due diligence of two Board Alumni, Mike Negley and David Roper, this recovery was in fact achieved. A heart felt thank you is extended to both men.

Key Weekend Reminders *“Please Write This Down!”*

NO CHILDREN PLEASE: Candlelight Services and Closings are only for those who have experienced Emmaus, Chrysalis, Via De Cristo, and Cursillo weekends. Children should not be brought to these special services.

Send-Off: The location of the weekend send-offs during construction at Warren Willis is the Youth Chapel. Send-off is at 7:00 PM. Sponsors, please stay for the brief service immediately following the send-off.

Candlelight Prayer Service: Arrive at 7:30 PM (unless you are attending the social at 7:00) at the Youth Camp Recreation Hall on the Saturday evenings of each weekend. Watch for signs telling the Community where to gather. Please see a member of the Outside Team about the Park and Ride service for those who desire help getting to and from the Candlelight location.

Closings: Meet on the Sunday of each weekend. Look for a member of the Outside Team for gathering directions. Closing will be held in the Youth Chapel. /Arrive at 3:00 PM if you can help with cleanup. Otherwise, please do not arrive before 4:00 PM.

Agape: Please make posters, table agape, and pillow agape for the walks. It takes 77 items of each agape to have enough for each pilgrim and team member. Food is always appreciated too. No individual gifts, flowers, etc. please. The purpose of Agape is to share with all the pilgrims. Please bring items of agape with you to the send off.

No Cameras Please: Cameras of any type should not be brought on the weekends or any of the community functions on the weekend including Send-off, Sponsors' hour, Candlelight or Closing.

NEEDS: Becky Weaver – please remember to continue to lift her up in prayer since the passing of her beloved Cory in late November.

Christmas House:

Once again, the 2013 Christmas House was a big success, although we do not have the final results have not yet been compiled. Thank you Bonnie Wendell for all your heart felt endeavors toward the success of this outreach.

Board of Directors:

During the November 16, 2013 Board Meeting the following slate of new Officers was approved:

1. Election of Officers—Nominations presented by Carolyn:

- LD—Mike Kutik
- ALD—Dan Mullett
- Secretary—Lisa Ralph
- Treasurer—Jean Dickenson

The next scheduled Board of Directors meeting will be Saturday, January 18, 2014 at St. Lukes in Orlando.