



PILGRIM'S JOURNEY

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Greetings to all!

First, I would like to update you on exciting things going on in our community.

· Barbara Clemmons has agreed to serve our community as Spiritual Director. She will also be serving as the Spiritual Director for Walk 45. Thank you Barbara for answering God's call.

· Tommy Lyles will be serving as the Spiritual Director for Walk 44. Thank you Tommy for serving.

· We had a wonderful Gathering at Friendswood Community the 1st Friday of March. Wow! God was powerful in the testimonies on Unconditional Love. Thank you to all who shared God's love through their actions, words and food.

· Save the date on your calendar. Come and experience joy and love at the Gatherings. See the PJ for dates and location.

· The Board had a wonderful training in February. Carlene Alderman from the Upper Room came and led training.

· Please keep in prayer the teams who are working hard to prepare for the 2008 Walks. Second, I would like to encourage each of you to be in prayer for our pilgrims.

As we prepare for the upcoming walks we are facing walks that are not full. I think that we are focusing so much on filling the walks that we are missing the point. We are to be in prayer for pilgrims to go on the Walk because God is leading them. God is leading us to be the hands and feel of Jesus and to show others his unconditional love. If we are doing this shouldn't pilgrims have a desire to seek the joy they find in our lives? Are we doing all we can to show that joy or are we keeping it to ourselves?

God is blessing our community. I am so excited to see how God will continue to lead us. I will sign off by sharing the words of Patsy Clairmont.

When Joy is deep within us, we will walk through this life with a lifted heart, soul, and mind.

Peace in Christ,

Barbee Williams

Walk 25

Table of Ruth

2008 Walks

- **Women's #45**
04/17-04/20
- **Women's #46**
7/17-07/20
- **Men's #47**
10/09-10/12

If you know of someone who wants to go on a Walk, please encourage them to get their applications in as soon as possible. This will insure that they will get to go on the Walk that best fits their schedule.

Gathering Blessings

I just got home from our April HBAEC Gathering at Pasadena First UMC. It was such a blessing.

The group visited with old friends and made new friends while eating breakfast foods. (When does Emmaus EVER get together without eating?!) We sang some of our favorites, led by 4 guitarists. As a community, we prayed over and dedicated members of the Women's Walk 45 team, who were represented by 6 of their team members. After singing "Bind Us Together," we then celebrated Holy Communion. Phyllis Riney made it so personal and unifying. It was the best 2 hours that I've spent in a while.

My husband and I have been faithful Gathering attendees for years. No matter how many people are there, we always see old friends, people that were on our walks or on teams that we've served on. Gatherings are like a family reunion; you may not know everyone there but you know that we are all related in a special way. Just spending time together, hearing testimonies or singing while linked together, we always feel inspired and encouraged to be more like Christ, to be a disciple more often in our busy lives.

The time spent going to a Gathering is well worth it!

Thanks for the monthly opportunities to be a part of the Body of Christ known as Emmaus.

In His Arms,

Diane Walters, Houston Walk 186, Table of the Son of the Most High

A Prayer Of Thomas Merton

Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself. And the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. I hope that I have this desire in everything I do. I hope that I never do anything apart from that desire.

And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it at the time. Therefore, I will trust you always for though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death, I will not be afraid because I know you will never leave me to face my troubles alone.

In the stillness there is God, waiting for us....."be still and know that I am God,"then we pray. Ps. 46:11 I've cultivated a quiet heart. Like a baby content in it's mother's arms, my soul is baby content.

Wait for God. Wait with hope. Psalm 131

The deepest level of communication is communion. When we know and love someone, we are simply happy to be near him or her. We feel power and energy passing between us. That is the power of prayer. That is what we must do to bask in the sunshine of God's love. The word to us is, "Don't just do something, stand there."

WANTED: A FEW GOOD SERVANTS

Do your gifts include cooking, cleaning, praying or supporting? The Support Teams for the upcoming walks need A FEW GOOD SERVANTS! You can serve all weekend or a few hours over the weekend. Women's Walk #45 is coming up April 17 - 20 and what better way to celebrate the Easter season than to show the Pilgrims the Agape Love of Christ.

WE NEED YOU! If you would answer the call to serve, please contact Ron Dahse the Board Support Coordinator, or the Walk Support Coordinators as follows:

Walk 45: Marilyn Anderson, Walk 46: TBD, and Walk 47: George Finch.

GATHERINGS: NEXT GATHERING — May 2nd, 7:00 pm, Friendswood Community Church

If you haven't made it to a gathering this year, you are really missing out. What a way to re-connect to your fellow 4th day! The odd months (January, March, May, July, September, November), the Gathering is on the first Friday night (7 pm) at Friendswood Community Church on 528 and deserts are served. The even months (February, April, June, August, October), the Gathering is on the first Saturday morning (9 am) at Pasadena FUMC on Fairmont Parkway and breakfast is served. You won't want to miss the next gathering!

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR: Barbara Clemmons

Our community is blessed to have Barbara Clemmons answering the call to be our new Spiritual Director. She attended her first board meeting this past Tuesday evening and she brings a light and joy to the board. Welcome aboard Barbara and thank you for serving!

WALK #44:

God is moving through out our community. The board is in constant prayer for the community and for each other. We are trying very hard to be in God's schedule and not ours. Sometimes, we want things to work and it is just not God's timing, yet. To best serve the team and pilgrims from Men's Walk #44, the board has made the decision to combine the walk with Men's Walk #47 in October. The team and the current pilgrims will roll over to Walk #47 with great excitement and expectation of what God is planning for that walk. Praise God for his mercy and Grace!

APRIL BOARD MEETING:

The April board meeting has been moved to April 22nd. The whole community is invited to attend any board meeting and the board is your representation in the community so please contact them if you need anything or would like to get involved.

We are a spiritual community united in building leaders and disciples for Jesus Christ. Share the Joy!!!

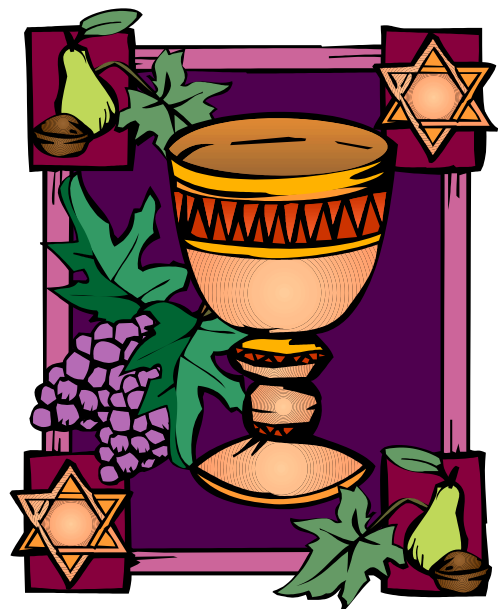
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Agape For Emmaus Walk # _____

Item Submitted: _____

Table Agape _____ Pillow Agape _____
(Agape for Pilgrims and Team must be provided if it is to be used for table agape)

Suggested time to be given _____

Pilgrims Only _____ Team Only _____ Pilgrims & Team _____

Contact Person _____ Phone # _____

Do you want leftovers? Yes No (Pick up in agape room after walk)

Items Needed: Pilgrims – 32 Team – 25 Pilgrims & Team – 57

Please attach this form to the agape

Men's Walk #44 will be combined with Men's Walk #47 in October.
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THERE WILL BE NO MEN'S WALK IN APRIL.

WATCH AND PRAY AND SEE WHAT A BLESSING GOD WILL GIVE US THROUGH THIS CHANGE!