

ALDERSGATE PILGRIM

Fall 2018

Reflections from our Lay Director



We are riding high from two magnificent weekends. Not only were our weekends full of Agape love, they were also filled with Pilgrims who experienced life-changing experiences. The Holy Spirit was alive and well on our walks and based on the personal testimony from Pilgrims at closing, many lives were changed and hearts set on fire. Thanks to all the Sponsors and the community support behind the scenes!

Now we look forward to our March 2019 walks. Believe it or not, the teams are nearly complete and team meetings begin in November. If you are interested in serving, put in your team application online, by clicking on the walk you desire.

Remember fees have increased for 2019 at \$195 for both Pilgrims and team.

Also, please take a close look at the article on page 3. We are responding to increasing feedback about the volume of writing we are asking of our Pilgrims (and team.) So, with advice from The Upper Room on best practices, we are going to let the Holy Spirit play a strong hand in what Pilgrims jot down in their notebooks, making them a truly personal keepsake and resource.

We've also been busy updating all of the training manuals for our walks to be sure our team leadership has the tools and resources they need for successful walks. Even the talk outlines are now in electronic format.

A huge "thank you" goes out to the community for all the support you have provided this year. Our walks have been full and Agape gifts have been plentiful! We have even welcomed several Pilgrims from South Florida.

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2nd Annual Great Green Agape Challenge Kicks Off

This year features a cluster-to-cluster competition!



It's time once again to collect your loose change and extra dollars and fill our Agape baskets to the brim. The Great Green Agape Challenge is our annual community fundraiser that provides support for team and pilgrim scholarships and other overhead expenses for our walks.

This year the Challenge features a friendly competition between the Central Florida Cluster, Tri-County Cluster and West Coast Cluster. The area that raises the most Green Agape dollars between now and the end of November will win the coveted "Aldie" Rooster Trophy and bragging rights. Best of all, we will all provide support for changing more lives through the Walk to Emmaus experience.

How can you support our efforts? Dollars contributed at reunion groups, Gatherings, team meetings and other events can be designated for the Challenge. Individuals are encouraged to contribute via our online donation option. [Just click here to make a contribution.](#) You may also send checks to:

Green Agape Challenge
13122 Arcadian Shore Court
Orlando, FL 32828

Be sure you include a note with your county of residence so your Cluster gets credit.

Like last year, the website, aldersgateemmaus.org, will feature a real-time tracker that shows how many total dollars have been donated and how each cluster is faring throughout the competition. To check it out, go to <https://www.aldersgateemmaus.org/content/great-green-agape-challenge>

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South Lake Gathering Saturday, September 22, 2018
The community enjoyed an evening of songs, food, fellowship, 4th Day Testimonials, and making dozens of agape items.



Upcoming Weekends Mark Your Calendars



All scheduled Emmaus Walks will be held at the Warren Willis United Methodist Camp in Leesburg, FL.

Men's Walk #155

March 7 – 10, 2019

Women's Walk #155

March 14 – 17, 2019

Men's Walk #156

October 3 – 7, 2019

Women's Walk #156

October 10 – 13, 2019

Invite Pilgrims to attend and Sponsor them on their Walk

DID YOU KNOW

Emmaus Literature Available



There are numerous Emmaus booklets available for download from The Upper Room Bookstore. The booklets include overview books, training manuals for teams and devotionals. Most booklets can be ordered as a hard copy, but many also are available for download to computers, laptops and tablets using Kindle or other electronic book formats. To look at what is available, just go to <https://bookstore.upperroom.org/>. Click on "Programs" in the menu, then select "Emmaus & Chrysalis" and then "Public Use Products".

YOU CAN HELP!

Volunteers are needed to serve on the Aldersgate Emmaus Board to represent your area shown below. If you have a gift for administration, we'd love to hear from you.

Hillsborough, North Lake and Pasco

Willing to serve? Contact:

aldersgateemmaus@gmail.com

Less Rigid Notetaking Structure to be Implemented



For years we have used the weekend mantra of “Please write this down.” Concerns raised by both our Pilgrims and Team members over the last couple of years have caused us to take new look at the way we write and present our talks.

Older attendees say they have a hard time with all the writing and complain of hands cramping up and not being able to keep up. Younger Pilgrims and team are simply not accustomed to taking so many long-hand notes. Others say the using a rigid outline approach and constant repeating of “write me downs” disrupts the flow of the talks.

The Upper Room says each Pilgrim should experience the walk as an individual and let the Holy Spirit lead them in their discovery of what they hear during the talks is important in their journey. Since it is an individual walk, handouts also are discouraged because fill-in-the-blank worksheets put us in the position of telling Pilgrims what is important, rather than letting each Pilgrim listen for what is meaningful to them.

Of course, we want our Pilgrim to take notes during the weekend, but we also don’t want to put them in the position of being forced to write down specific comments.

So we are going to try a less rigid approach, that uses various techniques to prompt Pilgrims to take notes, but relies less on “Please write this down: Roman Numeral One, Introduction, below that Capital Letter A.” and so on.

We believe the new approach will help the talks flow more naturally, better maintain our timelines and allow for more personal stories. It also may actually lend itself to stronger listening among the Pilgrims and provide them with a take-home notebook full of gems from each talk that had special meaning for them.

We will introduce the new format in the March Walks and make adjustments based on the feedback we receive from leadership, Pilgrims and team. Training on the new format will be provided at the first team meeting for March walks.

Green Agape Challenge (continued from Page 1)



Last year we set a high bar, with \$5,600 in Green Agape received during the competition. Our winner last year, the Tri-County area, is ready to defend their title, but they may find some stiff competition from the other two Clusters, looking to find a new home for “Aldie”.

This year, Tri-County will join the competition as Tri-County Plus, because we are adding Citrus County to North Lake, Marion and Sumter. The West Coast Cluster includes Hillsborough, Pinellas, Pasco and Hernando counties. The Central Florida Cluster includes Orange, Brevard, Seminole, Osceola and South Lake counties.

We never want the cost of the weekend to become a barrier for any Pilgrim or team member. That’s why building up our scholarship reserves is so important. Please show your generous support!



Above: One of the truly beautiful sights at Warren Willis Camp, a symbol of hope and inspiration for so many Pilgrims. Below: A tribute to our wonderful Angels who work behind the scenes at each walk. Pictured here from the October Women’s Walk are OC Jan Metcalf and Angels Shirley Eck and Corinne Beasley.



Fourth Day Follow-Up Training and Community Gatherings Scheduled in Three Locations

Come out and support our new Babe Chicks from the October walks! These events include a community-wide Gathering. Babe Chicks and sponsors are encouraged to attend the 4th Day Training prior to the Gatherings. (See times below. NOTE: Updated time for the Tri-County Gathering.)

Here they will learn about getting involved in a reunion group, sponsoring Pilgrims and how to serve by making Agape gifts and joining weekend teams. All the events include a covered dish dinner, so bring a favorite food to share.

GET CONNECTED!

Learn how to get involved with the
Aldersgate Emmaus Community

ATTEND ONE OF THESE FOLLOW-UP EVENTS!

West Coast
4th Day Follow-Up and Cluster Gathering
November 3, 2018

Palm Harbor UMC—1551 Belcher Road, Palm Harbor
4th Day Follow-Up from 4 to 5 p.m.
Pot Luck Gathering Begins at 5:30 p.m.
Child Care with Reservation: Dawn Carr—727-378-6058

Tri-County (North Lake, Marion & Sumter)
4th Day Follow-Up and Cluster Gathering
November 6, 2018

Belleview UMC—5640 SE Brown Rd, Belleview, FL
Pot Luck Gathering Begins at 6:30 p.m.
BRING A DISH TO SHARE

Central Florida
4th Day Follow-Up and Cluster Gathering
November 10, 2018

Satellite Beach UMC—450 Lee Avenue, Satellite Beach, FL
4th Day Follow-Up from 4 to 5 p.m.
Pot Luck Gathering Begins at 5 p.m.



Men's Walk #154 - October 4 – 7, 2018

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	SPONSOR	CHURCH
Arias	Allen	Russ & Dottie Graves	Melbourne First UMC
Bailey, Jr.	Ed	Donald Pulsifer	New Covenant UMC
Basinger	Jay	Glenn & Jan Cromier	Northwood Presbyterian
Bond	Johnathon	Keith Stanton	The Refuge Outreach Church
Bourgeois	Trent	Corinne Beasley	Hillside Community Church
Buckingham	Jim	Greg Lepper	Harborside Christian Church
Byus	Charlie	David Yorkston	New Covenant UMC Lake Deaton
Clever	Art	Dave McCoy	New Covenant UMC Lake Deaton
Curry	Scott	Bob Gracely	New Covenant UMC Lake Deaton
DeVries	Erik	Art Minier	Wildwood UMC
Dunham	Don	Don Ventresca	Palm Harbor UMC
Geno	"Geno"	Keith Stanton	The Refuge Outreach Church
Gossett	Frank	Russ Montgomery	Keystone Community Church
Grey	Scott	Bill & Bonnie Wendell	Faith Outreach Church
Grook	John	Art Minier	Wildwood UMC
Hoover	Phil	Mel Paisley	New Covenant UMC
Jacob	Mike	Scott Ziegler	Florida Hospital SDA
Kane	Michael	Bill & Bonnie Wendell	Faith Outreach Church
Kusky	Carl	Art Cook	Hope Lutheran
Mekler	Kevin	Jenny/ Don Lewis	Palm Harbor UMC
Mosier	Clark	Mel Paisley	New Covenant UMC
Rinderle	Carl	Jim Hudson	Palm Harbor UMC
Roett	Derek	Rev. Jose Carrion	Tamoka UMC
Ryan	Mike	George Sousa	Bellevue UMC
Seyer	Gary	Jon Sollid	New Covenant UMC Lake Deaton
Tuzzolino	Brandyn	Keith Stanton	The Refuge Outreach Church
Tweten	Gary	Jenny/ Don Lewis	Palm Harbor UMC
Walton	Tony	Don Ventresca	Palm Harbor UMC
Weller	Brad	Dan Byrd	Heritage UMC
Wetterhall	Gary	Pete Popko	New Covenant UMC Lake Deaton
Wood	Ted	Mark McVige	Community UMC



Women's Walk #154 - October 11 – 14, 2018

<i>LAST NAME</i>	<i>FIRST NAME</i>	<i>SPONSOR</i>	<i>CHURCH</i>
Anderson	Pat	Sue Wiegand	Hope Lutheran
Arias	Bonnie	Russ&Dottie Graves	Melbourne First UMC
Bailey	Janice	Arlin Honaker/Donald Pulsifer	New Covenant UMC
Berry	Nancy	Mel & Cherie Paisley	Saint Timothy Catholic Church
Clever	Lynn	Jan McCoy	New Covenant UMC Lake Deaton
DeVries	Michelle	Rev. Lorraine Zimmerman	Wildwood UMC
Director	Pamela	Judy Traylor	Christ by the Sea UMC
Enderson	Kathy	Juanita Applegate	Bellevue UMC
Golden	Dianne	Sonja Waites	New Covenant UMC
Gossett	Debbie	Russ Montgomery	Keystone Community Church
Grook	Kathy	Rev. Lorraine Zimmerman	Wildwood UMC
Guarine	Judi	Rebecca Fountain	Christ by the Sea UMC
Gustave	Mary	Ann Danshaw	Christ by the Sea UMC
Hamby	Mari	Cindy Hall	Discovery Church Orlando
Herzberg	Denise	Debbie Adams	New Covenant UMC Lake Deaton
Jennings	Marlene	Mary Coleman	First UMC High Springs
Johnson	Geri	Barbara Welch	Hope Lutheran
Keith	Sally	Nancy Wood	Heritage UMC
Koenemann	Phyllis	Deborah Seyler	New Covenant UMC Lake Deaton
Kusky	Bonnie	Maxine Crouse	Hope Lutheran
Lawson	Del	Rick Jacobson	Oakhurst UMC
Martinez	Nat	Cindy Hall	Elevate Church, Miami Lakes
McDonald	Kim	Rev. Lorraine Zimmerman	Wildwood UMC
Mekler	Jenn	Jenny/ Don Lewis	Palm Harbor UMC
Peasley	Gail	Marielle Crawford	Lady Lake UMC
Peterson	Merle A.	Carl & Kathy Langley	Hope Lutheran
Ryan	Linda	Gloria Sousa	Bellevue UMC
Shaffer	Nancy	Pat Bailey	New Covenant UMC
Slattery	Laura	Rev. Lorraine Zimmerman	Wildwood UMC
Walker	Mary G.	Marion Czaja	Christ by the Sea UMC
Walz	Joanne	Yolando Leano	Cornerstone Family Church
Wood	Alicia	Maranda McVige	Community UMC
Yosuico	Isabella	Shari Lepper	Harborside Christian Church