

The Aldersgate Pilgrim

A Newsletter for the Florida Aldersgate Emmaus and Chrysalis Community

Early Spring 2013

Established 1980

Walks For 2013

Reminder – the opportunity to sponsor a Pilgrim is still open & available, a number of slots to be filled, so don't be bashful in asking & sponsoring!

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

Held

Men's # 140
April 4th – 7th

Women's # 140
April 11th – 14th

Men's # 141
Oct. 10th – 13th

Women's # 141
Oct. 17th – 20th

All of the Walks above need both Pilgrims & possibly Team Members!

Report of Walk #139

- Women's Walk – While the actual report for this Walk has not been received at this time, contemporaneous commentary indicates it was a powerful Walk. Look for more info in the next edition.

Greeting from Joline Krolicki – our Board Lay Director

Greetings Aldersgate Community

Two books of the Bible open with the words, "In the beginning." One continues with 'God' and the other 'was the Word.' Those passages capture my heart as your Emmaus Board starts a new year of service. Focused on God and standing on the Word, we are excited about the promise of Emmaus in 2013.

My name is Joline Krolicki and I made my walk in Aldersgate, #111 in 2006 where I sat at the table of Mary. As your new Community Lay Director I am absolutely counting on you to help this ministry grow in scope, breadth and depth this year. I assume this role with the confidence that God has surrounded me with awesome people. Your Board reps are anxious to connect with you as you continue your fourth day. They are available to assist with your gatherings, reunion group formation, to supply you with information, and to represent your concerns as an Emmaus Fourth Day pilgrim.

I had the privilege of attending the key events of the Women's Walk #139. Each of them was nourishment to my soul. The Sendoff reminded me of my own apprehensions, the Candlelight recalled the sensation of being bathed in love, and the Closing convinced me of the significance of this ministry. The Pilgrims' remarks overwhelmed all of us who were there to witness the impact of the walk on each

one of them. The longer we listened, the more convinced we all became. Emmaus changes lives! Truly, God is building Christian Leaders in Emmaus who will change the local churches. Plan to participate in Walks # 140. The Men's is from April 4th -7th and the Women's is April 11th - 14th.

Don't miss any of the community opportunities. Plan car pools, reserve church buses, and come. As Fourth Day people, you have a purpose to fulfill. One, see that you stay connected, serve in your church, sponsor pilgrims, and join a walk team. The blessings are abundant.

DeColores,

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@embarqmail.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

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
Pinellas Board Rep for Aldersgate Emmaus
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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: Cory Weaver is asking for donations of the large poster board – the ones all the “pretty” table poster / illustrations / themes are drawn on!

Christmas House:

Due to its success in 2012, plans are already in the works to repeat this in 2013.

Board of Directors:

Recently two new incoming members of the Board of Directors have been appointed: Roger Kassing, replacing Jan Henson of Sumter County and Boone Fowler from Orange County. Please see the complete list attached.

Lay Director's Report from Carolyn Shields

- A. Selection of Officers for 2013—Robin Andres chairperson presented the slate:
 - a. Lay Director – Joline Krolicki
 - b. Asst. Lay Director- Mike Kutik
 - c. Secretary- Dan Mullett
 - d. Treasurer- Robyn Andres

There were no nominations from the floor and the slate was accepted by acclamation.

B. Approval of Clergy for 2013 – Carolyn Shields presented the selection

a. David Rawls –Spiritual Director,

b. Rusty Belcher – Assistant Spiritual Director

Accepted by the Board unanimously. Rusty pointed out that a Spiritual Director is needed for the #139 Women's Walk in February 2013.