ALDERSGATE PILGRIM

Do you remember?

o you remember Closing when you answered the questions, "What my Walk to Emmaus has meant to me and what am I going to do about it?" How often do you think of your Walk? Did your Walk change you? Did you come home ready to lead your church and community and be the Christian Christ has called you to be? Were you on fire?

Well, now is the time for you to re-kindle that flame! Aldersgate Walk to Emmaus needs you. We need your prayers and support. Without our community, we would not exist so if you have stepped away from us, we want you back. We want you to recommit, reconnect, and remember how you felt at the end of your 72 hour walk.

Go to our Website at <u>www.aldersgateemmaus.org</u> and perhaps that will help spark you into action. Set up a profile.

There is always something you can do for your community.

First, prayers. The walks need to be lifted in prayer for both the team and the pilgrims.

Second, sponsor pilgrims for the Walk. God might have put in their heart that it's time to attend now.

Third, scholarship someone to attend the Walk. Donate what you can to help others have the amazing experience that you had on your walk.

Fourth, re-engage. Become part of a Reunion group, attend Gatherings, be on the board or take part in a team.

Fifth, mark your calendars support the weekends at Send-off, Candlelight and Closing. Being involved will stoke the flames you felt at the end of your walk as you continue to grow in Christ.

Are you still wondering what you can do? Did you remember? I did.

DeColores, Lisa Ralph

Aldersgate Emmaus Community Lay Director Email: laydirector@aldersgateemmaus.org

Walk to Emmaus Inspires Orlando Artist to Create Mosaic



When Steve Holloway attended Aldersgate Walk to Emmaus #117, he had no idea the Walk would inspire him to create a mosaic he has titled "Meet Jesus on the Road".

The design for the Mosaic came to the 73-year-old artist in a dream. "I got up right then and sketched it out on paper", he recalls. "I believe it was the Holy Spirit at work. I've never had anything like that happen before." His design depicts Emmaus in many ways. He wanted to show the feeling of excitement and joy. It had to be colorful to represent God's diversity and yet show the simplicity of God's creation.

Before retiring to Orlando, Holloway was an architect in Kansas City. He began making his mosaics in 2005 as a creative outlet for his retirement. He has now completed more than 50 one-of-a-kind pieces.

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Volunteers Needed to Help Publish Weekend Booklets



Aldersgate Emmaus is searching for one or more people with some desktop publishing experience and an eye for design to join the team that produces the weekend Pilgrim booklets. These booklets are often kept for many years by Pilgrims as a remembrance of their Walk.

Susan Tracy has been doing a wonderful job with the booklets, but she is stepping down in the Fall. Terry McCorvie has agreed to spearhead the booklets,

but wants help. Each Walk, pictures are taken and the booklets are printed during the weekend so they are ready for the Pilgrims by Sunday afternoon. If a few of us combine our time and talents, we can trade off tasks and weekends. Knowledge of Adobe InDesign or Microsoft Publisher is helpful, but not required. If you are interested, contact Terry at terrymccorvie@gmail.com or 407-616-6758.



- ◆ Did you know that Emmaus crosses can be worn anytime, anywhere? The only notes in the Upper Room manual ask that weekend team members not wear their crosses until the pilgrims receive theirs on Sunday. However, speakers may wear their crosses when giving a talk. That said, it's not a good idea for Emmaus members to wear their crosses to church every week.
- ◆ Did you know all Gatherings and Reunion groups are open to anyone? That's right. Attendees do not have to have gone through Emmaus or Chrysalis to attend a Gathering or be in a Reunion group. Yes Gatherings share some information about the weekends, but until someone experiences it, they will not fully understand. Gatherings are food, music, fellowship and praise. Reunion groups are small groups who share their experiences with God and others and who keep each other accountable.



Upcoming Weekends Mark Your Calendars



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

2016 Walks

Men's Walk #148 October 6 - 9, 2016

Women's Walk # 148 October 13 - 16, 2016

2017 Walks

Men's Walk #149 March 2 - 5, 2017

Women's Walk # 149 March 9 - 12, 2017

Women's Walk # 150 April 27 - 30, 2017

Men's Walk #151 October 5 - 8, 2017

Women's Walk # 151 October 12 - 15, 2017

Sponsorship Tip!



When sponsoring or explaining the Walk to Emmaus to potential Pilgrims, you can share everything about the weekend! We do not want to hide anything. Share what you want. Even if you tell them about a cool candlelight service, they still won't know what it

really is until they experience it for themselves.

Try to encourage them to just experience the walk as it happens, "Don't Anticipate. Let God share His Grace this weekend with you."

A Pastor's Perspective on Emmaus



By Kris Schonewolf, Pastor
Belleview United Methodist Church

Twent on Chesapeake WTE #12A in Lewes Delaware, April of 1999, four months after becoming a born-again follower of Jesus Christ. Three years later while serving as a

musician on a Chrysalis flight, God called me into ordained ministry through a vision while praying at the altar during candlelight. Fast forward past finishing college and completing seminary, and I was appointed as the pastor at Ewell's-St. Paul UMC in Clayton Delaware in July 2009.

I was the "last resort" before the church would probably close its doors. After going through 8 pastors in 12 years, the congregation had dwindled down to about 25-40 people in worship, mostly "grey heads" as the DS described it to me, and very little ministry was happening. Since it was my first appointment, and I had only been saved 10 years prior, I didn't know much about being a pastor. But one thing I did know is that I had seen dozens of people at my home church become re-energized, called into all types of lay and ordained ministries, find salvation or reassurance of salvation, and come away with a sense of God's love as they had never known through this Emmaus weekend.

And if there was one thing this church needed, it was a powerful inoculation of God's love.

So, what does a pastor do? Start talking to people about attending the Walk to Emmaus! That first Fall I was only able to convince one single mother who was on the fringes of our congregation to attend; certainly none of the "establishment" would step out into something unknown such as this. But by the time I moved to Florida 6 years later, about 50 people (including most of the "establishment") had attended. The church's attendance ballooned from 40 to 160, and ministries multiplied. The church's reputation went from "oh, you would never want to go there...." to "that's the church that's always out in the community blessing people."

By coupling the results of the Emmaus experience with a very active practice of Servant Evangelism (<u>servantevangelism.com</u>), the fire of Christ's love had spread like wildfire throughout our congregation and our community. It was very hard to leave my first church, but God had called us to a new state and a new church —Belleview UMC!

Unlike my first church, Belleview was already an incredibly active and vital congregation with ministries everywhere I

looked! But what better way to re-energize current leaders and groom new leaders than to give them an experience of the overpowering love of God and the opportunity to hear God calling them into a ministry custom made for their gifts and passions. **SO I started asking!** The first fall we had four people attend (because the weekends were already mostly full), but this spring between the men's and the two women's walks, we have 17 pilgrims attending.

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Seeking the Clergy



By Wayne Cook, Pastor

First United Methodist | Kissimmee

Spiritual Director | Aldersgate Emmaus

reetings to you all this fine day. First I want to say thank you for the many ways in which you all support Emmaus, if I may be so bold, and United Methodist, as to say with your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

I know personally the difference the Walk to Emmaus has made in the lives for so many people and in the life of so many congregations. For me as a Pastor it is amazing and refreshing to see lay people lead in the church and help others grow in their spiritual journey. I think we all need to be reminded more often that we are all called to be disciples of Christ and beyond that we are called to be a "Royal Priesthood" (1Peter 2:9). What we do through the Walks are life changing. Now on to the part where I ask you once again to do something for Emmaus.

As many of you know we have a list of Clergy who have participated in the Walks on the website but that list is woefully deficient. There is this pesky thing in the Church called changing pastors, whether through itinerancy in the UMC or a call in other congregations so the list is constantly changing. I need your help in making our list as complete as possible. I am asking that you contact me if you are a Clergy person who has been a part of the Emmaus movement or let me know of pastors you know who have been a part of the movement so we can get them on the list.

I believe Emmaus is a movement of the Holy Spirit that will build the kingdom in this place and the Spirit is calling us to be co-builders in the movement.

I pray the Lord's blessings on you all. DeColores!

(wcook@kissimmeefumc.org)

Community Activities ...

Central Florida Cluster Update

The Central Florida Cluster held a Fourth Day Follow-up Training and Cluster Gathering on April 2nd at the First United Methodist Church of Winter Garden.



ABOVE: Kyle Ziegler (left) and Tom Lopez teamed up on piano and guitar to provide music and inspiration for the Cluster Gathering.

Highlights of the event includes a fast-paced Emmaus Round Robin training for Babe Chicks, following by the Cluster Gathering. Attendees competed in an Emmaus Trivia Competition during which tables worked to answer trivia questions about the Warren Willis Camp and the history of Aldersgate Emmaus. Clint Moles provided his personal story in a Fourth Day Talk and Rev. Sandra Rogers delivered a heartfelt message about Faith and Grace in challenging global times, followed by communion.

BELOW: The Central Florida Cluster officially welcomed the March Babe Chicks to the community at the event held in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Of course, there was a potluck dinner.



Christmas House Planning

Christmas House is an annual fund raiser for Aldersgate Emmaus and Chrysalis scholarships. It was originally started by the East Orange Community but is now run by the South Lake Community. It takes place on the campus of First United Methodist Church Clermont.

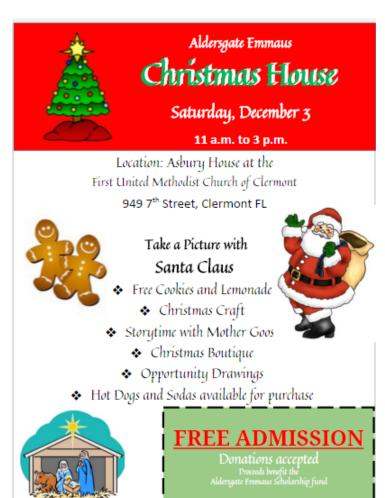
All members of the Aldersgate community are invited to participate in Christmas House. We welcome volunteers to work on decorating the day before, participating in the house activities the day of or even helping with clean-up when it is done. We can also use donations of items/gift cards/services for the raffle baskets and crafts for the boutique. Christmas crafts are an especially big seller.

Christmas House is an excellent opportunity to connect with the community on **Saturday, December 3** coinciding with the Clermont Christmas Parade.

Contact Clint Moles at molesaeb@gmail.com if you can volunteer or donate

Needs:

- Volunteers
- Raffle basket donations
- Christmas Crafts for the boutique



Artist (Continued from Page 1)

His newest creation depicts the Road to Emmaus as a straight horizontal line flowing through the piece, with Jesus dressed in white between His two followers. Holloway says the "road" represents our faith journey through life. "People do encounter Jesus on their Walk to Emmaus — some of them for the first time." Holloway said.



ABOVE: It takes Holloway about 100 hours to meticulously handcraft each mosaic, cutting and clipping each colorful ceramic chip into the right shape and placing it on his "canvas".

Holloway says the most important part of the Walk to him is the call we receive to serve God during our fourth day experience. "The circles that flow out of the rainbow represent each of us as we go out into the world serving God," he said.

Sharing his God-given talent through his inspiring mosaics is one way Holloway is living out his Fourth Day.



The Chrysalis Challenge

By Lisa Ralph, Community Lay Director

Aldersgate Emmaus



CHRYSALIS Weekend is a three day experience offered on a Friday through Sunday for youth ages 13 to 17 of any Christian denomination.

CHRYSALIS is a weekend that focuses on God's grace, how one can experience Christ through the Body of Christ, and how one is called into discipleship.

The objective of CHRYSALIS is to inspire our youth, to challenge our youth for a closer walk with Christ and to share Christian action at home, church, school, and in their communities.

Our Challenge this year is to embrace CHRYSALIS as it kicks off and forms into an official Board.

Please, please reach out to your youth groups, your ministers and your communities to support CHRYSALIS by

sponsoring teens and by participating on a team. We need you to Sponsor <u>early</u>, Sign up youth <u>early</u> and consider



PLORIDA ALDERSGATE being a member of our newly formed Steering Committee now and don't forget to sign up to work a weekend. What an

exciting way to change our world and offer God's grace. Our next Flights are tentatively scheduled for early November 2016 to be in the Central Florida area. Check out our Aldersgate CHRYSALIS website and signup today. We need you!

www.Aldersgatechrysalis.org



Volunteers are needed to serve on the Aldersgate Emmaus Board. There are openings for several positions:

Assistant Spiritual Director (2) North Brevard Citrus Osceola

Willing to serve? Contact:

laydirector@aldersgateemmaus.org

Lay Directors Reflect the March Walks

By Douglas Ralph, Lay Director

Aldersgate Men's Emmaus Walk #146



want to take a moment for one last reflection on Men's Walk #146. The speakers were so amazing. It was so encouraging to hear how God has worked in the lives of real people through their real pain, brokenness and victories. I wish I could have bottled some of those stories

up and carried them with me, because even though there were many notes taken sometimes they are just not enough.

The community that was built during the weekend, and the community that will hopefully continue to grow is just one example of God building and strengthening the Christian leadership. It was so great to spend time with real men, sharing wisdom, laughter, struggles, tears, and just being men.

There were a few quiet moments where we were able to spend one on one time with our Father, even though it was hard to find those moments, it was then that I witnessed God working in all of our lives. He really spoke truth and love into our hearts.

The people who served in the background. You all are truly awesome and I am so thankful for how you all emptied yourselves (and are always emptying yourselves) to serve people who you don't even know. I was truly blessed to have been called leader of such an incredible weekend.

From my vantage point, I must tell you that as a team, we made it possible for our Lord to make a huge difference in a number of men's lives. This all came about because of your willingness to be used as tools of our Lord and Savior. Your surrender to His will became the impetus of life change for all of these men. Through you, God made restoration possible for those who were reluctantly seeking it. Your efforts made it possible for men, pilgrims and team alike, to come to a place where we could let go of some burdensome baggage.

I shall always remember the men of Emmaus Walk #146. May all of your 4th days be filled with all that life has to offer. God Bless.



By Joline Krolicki, Lay Director

Aldersgate Emmaus Women's Walk #146



It's seven miles from Jerusalem to Emmaus and one long trek from Angel to Lay Director, but both end with an encounter with the risen Lord!

Like Cleopas and the unnamed one, I didn't immediately recognize Jesus on the journey. Confronted with team and pilgrim shifts, I wondered if the road could get any

bumpier. I struggled as news of change came in daily emails. How would I ever develop any sense of team unity? And then, the joy came.

Being surrounded by experienced team members kept me grounded. Seeing the eyes of the excited newcomers lifted my spirit and we moved through the team prep meetings singing Joy to the World. We knew what was coming.

Send off included the apprehension and the knowing smiles. We stepped out of the opening gathering, headed for the conference room and began. Talks were given, notes were taken, prayers were offered, and lives were changed.

Never have I seen a group of pilgrims bond so quickly. Never have I seen a team move through the schedule so smoothly or demonstrate such tenderness. Team members said they had never experienced a weekend without distractions or disturbances; pilgrims affirmed in closing that it had been a time of incredible joy! One woman was headed in to ministry, several identified areas of service to enter, and most said they had never felt such love before. Jesus was clearly visible on their faces!

The structure of the weekends never changes, but lives do. I have a sense of great peace, knowing that I was privileged to serve such wonderful women in the company of a blessed team of sisters and friends all full of the joy of the Lord.

A Pastor's Perspective

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The fact the that the church has a trust fund that we've been able to tap into for sponsorships until the community gets some financial bearings has been very helpful. Many of those who attended shared at their closing service that their energy and sense of purpose had waned, but that the weekend gave them renewed hope and purpose and a renewed excitement and energy for ministry.

I will continue to use the Emmaus experience as a powerful tool to help people grow in their relationship with Jesus, because a deeper walk with Christ always translates to greater service and commitment to the Body of Christ. **The Walk to Emmaus is a pastor's best friend!**



Men's Walk #146 - March 3-6, 2016

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	SPONSOR	CHURCH
Alves	Floyd	Harris Hill	Cornerstone Family Church
Arnold	Matt	Scott Ziegler	FUMC Winter Garden
Batchelor	Batch	Tim Barber	Van Dyke Methodist Church
Brodie	Jason	Pastor Kris Schonewolf	Belleview UMC
Calhoun	Jay	Candy Ogden	FUMC Clermont
Coscia	Don	John Kilguss	Hope Lutheran Church
Cote	Jeff	Joe Bressin	FUMC Tavares
Davis	Kevin	Pastor Kris Schonewolf	Belleview UMC
DeGraff	Gary	Pastor Kris Schonewolf	Belleview UMC
Dierdorf	Dave	Pastor Todd Bardin	Rockledge UMC
Fitzgerald	Mike	Bob Blanchard	Heritage UMC
Fulton	Christopher	Jim Smith	First Church of God, Eustis
Glasgow	Jessie	Tommy Moore	FUMC Clermont
Lambert	Mark	Will Eldridge	Satellite Beach UMC
Meistrell	Mike	Dan Mullett	Heritage UMC
Meyers	David	Ron Ragan	University Carillon UMC
Mitchell	Bob	Bob Haley	Palm Harbor UMC
Paisley	Mel	Mike Doyle	New Covenant UMC
Reitz	Jim	Scott Ziegler	St. Luke's UMC
Smith	Mark	David Love	Bridges Church
Sorenson	Chris	Nick Dominguez	Cornerstone Family Church
Sousa	George	Pastor Kris Schonewolf	Belleview UMC
Stebbins	Stephen	Clint Moles	FUMC Clermont
Stomp	Bill	Bill Anderson	Tavares FUMC
Sullivan	Jim	Rev. Carolyn Thomas	UMC Lady Lake
Veit	Justin	Dan Tesenair	Core Church
Young	Bill	Wes Jenks	Zellwood UMC



Women's Walk #146 - March 10-13, 2016

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	SPONSOR	CHURCH
Alves	Susana	Harris Hill	Cornerstone Family Church
Anspach	Sam	Pastor Kris Schonewolf	Belleview UMC
Antonik	Lisa	Penny Lawson	Lakeside Fellowship UMC
Barbour	Susan	Mike Deloughery	St. Luke's UMC
Barnett	Laura	Karen Mazzola	Lakeside Fellowship UMC
Brodie	Cindy	Pastor Kris Schonewolf	Belleview UMC
Dander	Rose	Donald Ringland	Terra Ceia UMC
Dorey	Pat	Pastor Kris Schonewolf	Belleview UMC
Dresser	Peggy	Barb Hinebaugh	New Covenant UMC
Fitzgerald	Terry	Sue Blanchard	Heritage UMC
Glasgow	Denise	Dawn Carter	FUMC Clermont
Harris	Luanna	Pastor Kris Schonewolf	Belleview UMC
Hoopengardner	Valerie	Rev. Carolyn Thomas	Lady Lake UMC
Kaehn	Leslie	Pam Baldyga	FUMC Tarpon Springs
Lange	Stacie	Jay Archer	Mosaic Oakland
LeVan	Anita	Mary Ringland	Terra Ceia UMC
May	Barb	Tim May	Holy Family Catholic Church
McElhose	Donna	Sandra Fielding	University Carillon UMC
Medlock	Linda	Pastor Kris Schonewolf	Belleview UMC
Meyers	Rhonda	Jeanne Ragan	University Carillon UMC
Moore	Judy	Sue Blanchard	Heritage UMC
Orr	Patricia	Nancy Larsen	FUMC Winter Park
Sanders	Eleanor	Nancy Larsen	FUMC Winter Park
Sorenson	Kim	Cindy Dominguez	Cornerstone Family Church
Stebbins	Amanda	Kim Moles	FUMC Clermont
Sullivan	Judy	Rev. Carolyn Thomas	Lady Lake UMC
Swanson	Carol	Pastor Kris Schonewolf	Belleview UMC
Traettino	Maria	Peggy Valenza	University Carillon UMC
Tripp	Dawn	Pastor Kris Schonewolf	Belleview UMC
Veit	Brittany	Dan Tesenair	Core Church Tampa
Winegar	Martha	Nancy Richter	FUMC Winter Park
Winslow	Amy	Lisa Apikos	St. Luke's UMC
Yon	Nina	Joan Ziegler	St. Luke's UMC



Women's Walk #147 - April 28 - May 1, 2016

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	SPONSOR	CHURCH
Acquaye	Hannah	June and Jim McBrayer	University Carillon UMC
Batchelor	Cordel	Diane Barber	Van Dyke UMC
Buss	Dana	Bill and Norita Anderson	Hope Lutheran
Cody	Betsy	Tom Bosse	FUMC Spring Hill
Collins	Betsy	Larry Hagerty	Inverness FUMC
Conroy	Cheryl	Nancy Casto	New Covenant UMC
Davis	Mary	Kevin Davis	Belleview UMC
DeGraff	Joanne	Pastor Kris Schonewolf	Belleview UMC
DeGraff	Carolyn	Pastor Kris Schonewolf	Belleview UMC
Early	Sharon	Kevin Early	Journey Christian Church
Guilford	Betsy	Tammy Fisher	Orlando Community Church
Hendricks	Judi	Louie and Jerry Bressin	First UMC Tavares
Khan	Oma	Robyn Andras	Grace World Outreach
Lugo	Aishka	Robyn Andras	Grace World Outreach
Maxwell	Diane	Larry Hagerty	Inverness FUMC
McWalker	Nadine	Pastor Kris Schonewolf	Belleview UMC
Mosley	Sherry	Judy Crawford	Zellwood UMC
Nosari	Monterey	Carol Barnett	St. Luke's UMC
Osborn	Sylvia	Shari Lepper	Palm Harbor UMC
Paisley	Cherie	Liz and Mike Doyle	New Covenant UMC
Pettey	Barb	Marilyn Swinehart	Hope Lutheran
Raker	Donna	Nancy Casto	New Covenant UMC
Reese	Ellen	Pastor Kris Schonewolf	Belleview UMC
Rodgers	Arnetta	Delila Forkner	Winter Park UMC
Rucker	Jordan	David Carr	Hope UMC
Sanders	Molly	Marjorie Jaggers	St. Paul UMC
Shaw	Linda	Jim Rolfe	Community UMC Oldsmar
Smith	Kay	Pastor Kris Schonewolf	Belleview UMC
Smith	Erica	Tracey Shadday	FUMC Lutz
Swanson	Katie	Diane Culler	University Carillon UMC
Taylor	Gloria	Pastor Kris Schonewolf	Belleview UMC
Thomas	Pat	Camille Robinson	Trinity UMC
Walker	Sandy	Dick and Ellen Laye	Satellite Beach UMC
Warman	Patty	Judy Beardslee	Zellwood UMC
Wilson	Janice	Larry Hagerty	Inverness FUMC

Fourth Day Followers

Christian Action – in Action!

By Susan Tracy

Board Representative - Seminole County



Little did I know when I signed-up at church to take a six-week study on the book *Heaven*, God was preparing me to walk with my dear friend Donna through her final three months on this earth. My friend Donna was never married, never had children, and had no family members living in Florida. What my friend Donna did have was a church family and lots of

Christian friends, and what I witnessed from that church family and from those friends during Donna's last three months on this earth was Christian action – in action!

A member of Donna's small group at her church went with her to every doctor's appointment so that she wouldn't have to be alone and to take notes on what the doctor's said to her. Every time I visited Donna at the hospital and eventually at hospice, someone from her church family, or one or more of her Christian friends were there. When Donna closed her eyes and went to heaven, her church family and friends were there, singing hymns and praying her into glory.

As I walked through this end of life journey with my friend, and as I walked through the halls of the nursing home and the hospice care facility, my heart ached for the people that I knew were lying in those rooms and sitting in those hallways who had no church family and no Christian friends. My heart ached for the people who laid there thirsty and had no one to hold a cup of cold water up to there lips. And my heart ached for the people who had no one sitting there praying with them and assuring them that whether they were healed, or whether they went to heaven to be with Jesus – it was a win-win for them! This journey opened my eyes and my heart to a mission field that does not require a passport, does not cost thousands of dollars for airfare and accommodations, and does not require using vacation days from work – it is a mission field that is in our own backyards.

My friend Donna's memorial service was held at her church and not one person from her biological family was able to attend. However, the room was filled with her church family and her Christian friends who all came to remember and honor a dear sister in Christ.

Matthew 25:35-36

³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

4th Day Follow-up

Keep the Spi<mark>rit of the Weekend</mark> Alive in Your Fourth Day!

Plan now to attend Fourth Day Follow-Up Training. You'll discover ways to get connected to your community — like attending a Reunion Group, sponsoring Pilgrims for upcoming walks or working a weekend team.

May 7, 2016

Heritage United Methodist Church 2680 Landmark Drive, Clearwater

4:30 p.m. - 4th Day Follow-Up
(Doors Open at 4 p.m.)

Sponsors and Babe Chicks are Urged to Attend - Open to All

Vital information about community, sponsorship, working on a team and reunion groups

To journey without being changed is to be a nomad.

To change without journeying is to be a chameleon.

To journey and to be transformed by the journey is to be a pilgrim.