

# ALDERSGATE PILGRIM

Spring 2018

## Reflections from our Lay Director



DeColores! I hope everyone had a blessed Easter season! It was definitely a busy March and April for Aldersgate. We held three successful walks, one for men and two for women. Based on the Pilgrim comments at closing and the reports

I heard about each of the walks, God is definitely present among us and our service continues to change lives.

Thanks to everyone who made Agape items to support the weekends. Keep them coming for the October walks! I am especially grateful for the amazing turnouts we had at each of the Candlelight ceremonies. Your candles and your hearts were shining brightly.

We have also been busy as a Board of Directors. Our 2019 walks have been scheduled. We will have a Men's and Women's walk in both March and October. Our goal is to fill our walks with Pilgrims and add additional walks if they are needed. Teams are forming now for the October 2018 walks, so be sure to apply online or mail in your registration form. You can download it online at [AldersgateEmmaus.org](http://AldersgateEmmaus.org).

The Board also has made the difficult decision to raise the weekend fees for 2019. Your generosity in 2017 allowed us to hold the line on fees for 2018, but as expenses go up, so must our fees. Please read the adjacent article which explains the changes and the rationale for making them.

Finally, I appreciate all the support I have personally received from the community. Whenever I have reached out and asked for help you have been there! Kathleen and I attended the West Coast and Tri-County gatherings and it is amazing to see the enthusiasm and energy that is on display.

DeColores!

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## Fee Changes for 2019 Walks

Following an extensive review of Aldersgate Emmaus revenues versus our expenses, the Board of Directors has determined an increase in fees is required beginning with the March 2019 walks. The current fee structure has been in place for more than 7 years, while weekend costs have continued to rise. For example, annual lodging fees for Warren Willis will increase by nearly \$800 in 2019.

Calvin Casey, Aldersgate Treasurer, created a break even analysis for the Board. He says, "Without fee increases, we will deplete our operating capital within a few years." For example, if fees remained where they are now, losses in 2019 would be nearly \$5,000. (See table below.)

### Financial Summary with Current Fees

#### Annual Expense

Weekend Expenses \$51,150  
*(Warren Willis, Golf Carts, Supplies, Photography, The Upper Room)*

Other Annual Expenses \$2,535  
*(Insurance, Licensing, Scholarships, Maintenance)*

**Total Annual Expenses \$53,685**

#### Annual Revenue *(Based on avg. 34 team/30 Pilgrims)*

Fees & Weekend Agape Revenue \$41,980

Other Annual Revenue \$6,800  
*(Great Green Agape, Regional Scholarships)*

**Total Annual Revenue \$48,780**

**Net Revenue Over Expenses (\$4,905)**

The Great Green Agape Challenge in 2017 raised more than \$5,000 and allowed us to hold the line on fees for our 2018 walks. Continued community support through Green Agape will be needed to meet our future revenue goals.

An overriding concern during board discussions, was to have minimal impact on the cost of the Walk for our Pilgrims. After considerable discussion, the board opted for a strategy that equalizes the weekend fees paid by both Pilgrims and Team servants at \$195 per person, an increase of \$5 for Pilgrims and \$35 for Team. The Board also decided to no longer waive the fee for the Board Representative serving on the weekend.

Even with the increases our projected 2019 financial model simply allows us to reach a break even status. **(See table on page 3.)**

# Tri-County Woman is the Force Behind Agape Creations



In The Villages, they call Debbie Douthett the “Agape Queen” – and for good reason! She is the force behind hundreds of Agape items that are created for Aldersgate Walks to Emmaus from the Tri-County Cluster area of North Lake, Sumter and Marion counties.

Debbie has always enjoyed being creative and since she made her Walk #18 at Florida Crown Emmaus in Jacksonville in the mid-90’s, she has been creating Agape items of all kinds. “I just get so much satisfaction out of bringing God’s love to Pilgrims through our Agape creations. Each one is made with love and I really enjoy passing on the Agape love I experienced on my walk,” she says.

Debbie and her husband, Joel, purchase many of the supplies themselves. She is a self-admitted bargain shopper. Debbie gets ideas from Pinterest, other people’s suggestions or other times an idea will come to her from scripture. “I’m very open to new ideas. Sometimes the best items are simple and inexpensive,” she says.

Debbie holds Agape workshops where she works with others in the Emmaus community to create weekend Agape items. She brings the supplies and ideas and the community gets to work. “We try to do about 250 items for each weekend”, she says. Most are for the team and Pilgrims, but some of the more expensive items might be created just for the Pilgrims.

She also does ready-made take-home bags that can be picked up at Tri-County Cluster meetings and then taken back to Reunion Group for assembly. The bag contains all the materials needed to make the Agape item, instructions and a sample of the finished item. While making the items, many Reunion Groups reminisce about memories of their weekend and the Agape items they received.

She is very humble when asked about her efforts. “This is just one small way I can show God’s love by using the talents he has given me,”

We know our Pilgrims feel the love behind her efforts.



*Above: Debbie checks out a take-home bag to be used by a Reunion Group to create Agape items.*



*Left: 107 people came to the February Tri-County Cluster. The tables of food stretched for more than 30 feet.*



*Debbie Snow, Lay Director for March Women's Walk #152 is shown with the bouquet of colorful roses. On Women's Walks, each rose represents one of the 15 talks. The roses start as rosebuds and bloom as the weekend progresses.*

## A WALK TO EMMAUS

*Shared with permission from Laura Turner, Women's Walk #152 Pilgrim*

For seventy-two hours we have walked the path to Emmaus. Our walk may be ending, but our journey, well that is just beginning. For seventy-two hours we have drunk from the living waters, and as we come out from the living water, a new life has kissed our face.

We are more calm and less bitter. A new fire fuels our souls. We have more love and less hatred. As we get ready to leave our walk, nerves may fill us, but strength consumes us, for we have been equipped. Nerves of imperfection are covered in strength of Knowledge that has been received. Nerves of fear of not doing the right thing are covered in Grace that has been given to us.

As our day comes to an end, hold these seventy-two hours close to your heart. Remember the transformation that has occurred, because that new life that has kissed your face, that is the Lord God Almighty filling us, giving us strength and love to inspire a world in need.

*Laura Turner*



## Upcoming Weekends Mark Your Calendars



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

### 2018 - 2019 Walks

#### **Men's Walk #154**

*October 4 – 7, 2018*

#### **Women's Walk #154**

*October 11 – 14, 2018*

#### **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*



**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 Brevard, North Lake and Pasco**

**Willing to serve? Contact:**

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**2018 Aldersgate Board of Directors:** (Back Row, left to right), Bill Wendell – Seminole County, Calvin Casey – South Lake County, Dr. Joe Jursa – Spiritual Director, Clint Moles – Past Community Lay Director, Frank Pifer – Asst. Community Lay Director, Terry McCorvie – Community Lay Director. (Front Row) Darcy Rainey – East Orange County, Sandy Walker – South Brevard County, Joel Douthett – Sumter County, Elaine Gillam – Marion County, Gary Brelsford – Pinellas County, Tim May – West Orange County, Kathleen McCorvie – Team Leadership Selection. Not Pictured: Sandy Rogers – Asst. Spiritual Director, Carole Anne Marsden – Hernando County, Beth Minks, Osceola County

## 2019 Fees *Continued from Page 1*

With the revised fees, the financial model shows we can attain a break-even status in 2019. Aldersgate Emmaus can sustain itself so we can continue to serve our area with quality walks.

When speaking to potential Pilgrims about the cost of the Walk, point out to them their fee includes accommodations for three nights, eight meals, snacks and weekend materials.

“I applaud the Board of Director’s for stepping in to correct our financial shortfall,” said Board Chair Terry McCorvie. “It is never easy to raise fees, but the Board recognized its fiduciary responsibility and approved a solution that keeps all fees below the \$200 mark.”

<b>Annual Expense</b>	
Weekend Expenses	\$51,390
<i>(Warren Willis, Golf Carts, Supplies, Photography, The Upper Room)</i>	
Other Annual Expenses	\$2,535
<i>(Insurance, Licensing, Scholarships, Maintenance)</i>	
<b>Total Annual Expenses</b>	<b>\$53,925</b>
<b>Annual Revenue</b> <i>(Based on avg. 34 team/30 Pilgrims)</i>	
Fees & Weekend Agape Revenue	\$47,600
Other Annual Revenue	\$6,800
<i>(Great Green Agape, Regional Scholarships)</i>	
<b>Total Annual Revenue</b>	<b>\$54,400</b>
<b>Net Revenue Over Expenses</b>	<b>\$475</b>



Community Lay Director Terry McCorvie (AKA “Rooster Man”) presents the coveted Aldie Award to the Board of the Tri-County Cluster. They earned the 2017 award by raising more than \$2,100 during the Great Green Agape Challenge. Board members Elaine Gillam (left) and Nancy Casto are shown accepting the award. Stay tuned for information about this Fall’s upcoming Challenge.



## Men's Walk #152 - March 1-4, 2018

<b><i>LAST NAME</i></b>	<b><i>FIRST NAME</i></b>	<b><i>SPONSOR</i></b>	<b><i>CHURCH</i></b>
Amandola	Lou	Connie Andy Bretsik	FUMC of Gulf Coast
Barry	Ed	Ron Tripp	Bellevue UMC
Branom	Jesse	Joe Gracey	FUMC of Winter Garden
Brinker	Bud	Scott Ziegler	St. Lukes UMC
Duthie	Graham	Patrick McGinnis	University Carillon UMC
Ebert	Lawrence	Kris Schonewolf	Bellevue UMC
Graham	Caleb	Victor Rivera	Cornerstone Family Church
Gustave	Al	Ed Danshaw	Christ By The Sea UMC
Hall	Chuck	Chuck Walter	Hope Lutheran
Holton	Dave	Steve DeDea	Lealman Community Church
Linares	Ernie	Bill Wendell	Faith Outreach Church
Martin	Ron	John Crawford	Zellwood UMC
Mathias	Larry	R Scott Ramey	FUMC of Clermont
Rivera	Rafi	Joe Gracey	FUMC of Winter Garden
Rocca	Dylan	Steve Rocca	Faith Outreach Church
Sanders	Trevor	Brian Sanders	Faith Outreach Church
Stubbs	Cliff	Louis Doucette	Blue Grass Presbyterian
Tilley	Art	Thomas Richards	Community Church of Vero Beach
Williams, Jr.	Mahlon	Joe Frost	New Covenant UMC
Wilson	Jan	John Long	First UMC Fort Dodge
Woods	Lonnie	Steve McIntosh	St. Lukes UMC



## Women's Walk #152 - March 8-11, 2018

<b>LAST NAME</b>	<b>FIRST NAME</b>	<b>SPONSOR</b>	<b>CHURCH</b>
Beasley	Corrine	Dawn Eckbreth	Montverde UMC
Brinker	Kellie	Joan Ziegler	St. Lukes UMC
Crowell	Ann	Rev. Mary Mitchell	Bartley Temple UMC
Gay	Minetta	Harris Hill	Cornerstone Family Baptist Church
Hill	Diana	Tammy Fisher	Summit
Holton	Kristine	Pastor Pam DeDea	Lealman Community Church
Knowles	Shirley	Jeaneen Campbell	Cornerstone Family Baptist Church
Landis	Pat	June Masters	Trinity UMC
Mayes	Dora	Rev. Mary Mitchell	Bartley Temple UMC
Nash	Nora	Keith Stanton	The Refuge Outreach Church
Neisler	Linda	Susie Willoughby	Bellevue UMC
Rhoads	Yenny	Santiago Creus	St Lukes UMC
Richards	Mollie	Juanita Applegate	Bellevue UMC
Rosenthal	Beverly	Elaine Gillam	Bellevue UMC
Tracy	Sandy	Kathleen McCorvie	St Lukes UMC
Treggett	Jane	Jan Cronier	Sylvan Abbey UMC
Turner	Laura	Joline Krolicki	St Lukes UMC
Tyndall	Cheryl	Ed & Nancy Cordes	Windermere Union Church
Villar	Lorraine	Susana Awei	Cornerstone Family Baptist Church
Williams	Brenda	Pat Frost	New Covenant UMC -- Lake Deaton
Wilson	Phyllis	Beth Long	First UMC Fort Dodge
Work	Cindy	Marlene Huggins	New Covenant UMC



## Women's Walk #153 - April 5-8, 2018

<b>LAST NAME</b>	<b>FIRST NAME</b>	<b>SPONSOR</b>	<b>CHURCH</b>
Bouchard	Ceil	Sylvia Wagner	New Covenant UMC
Bowers	Barbara	Linda Dankert	Bellevue UMC
Bowles	Tammy	Jackie Haines	Faith City Fellowship
Carris	Linda	Janet Westlake	1st UMC Mt Dora
Craft	Jeanne	Rev. Lorraine Zimmerman	Wildwood UMC
Doege	Carole	Rise Wilson/Bob Marcinkowski	Living Word Nazarene Church
Fountain	Rebecca	Rita Grimshaw	Christ By The Sea UMC
Griffith	Tess	Rhonda Clicks	Curlew UMC
Hande	Carla	Chip Walker	Indian River City UMC
James	Wanda	Kathy Nagelberg	Bellevue UMC
Koltes	Shirley	Kathy Langley	Hope Lutheran
Leonard	Linda	Judy Young	Zellwood UMC
Luehrsen	Rose	Sandra Simpson & Cindy Work	New Covenant UMC
Mathias	Dottie	Linda Ramey	FUMC Clermont
McCunn	Mary Ann	Bev Allen/Linda Sloan	UCUMC & Northland Oviedo
McGowan	Elaine	Pat Bailey	New Covenant UMC
Meegan	Silky	Sharon Acton	New Covenant UMC
Moore	Terri	Tina Burgess	First Assembly of God Ocala
Morales	Elma	Joan & John Tungseth	UCUMC
Petri	Nancy	Pat Bailey	Hope Lutheran
Seyler	Deborah	Dagne Sollid	New Covenant UMC -- Lake Deaton
Stroman	Karen	Ruth Broadrick	New Covenant UMC
Strome	Barb	Jay Newport	New Covenant -- Lake Deaton
Taylor	Carol	Danny & Lisa Herbert	Vineyard Christian Church
Traylor	June	Ann Danshaw	Christ by the Sea UMC
Vares-Ebert	Rebecca	Pastor Kris Schonewolf	Bellevue UMC
Walker	Ashley	Chip Walker	Calvary Chapel Space Coast
Walls	Marilyn	Lisa Antonik	Lakeside UMC