

ALDERSGATE PILGRIM

Winter 2018

Reflections from our Lay Director



Happy New Year! 2017 was a wonderful year for the Aldersgate Emmaus community . Thanks to everyone who gave of themselves to make our community so vibrant.

It takes a team to organize and hold spirit-filled weekends and your dedication to Emmaus really shows.

It always seems like the Holidays have barely passed when it is time to turn our attention to the Spring walks. The teams have been meeting - some since late 2017. We also need Sponsors and Pilgrims to hold successful walks. So with the holidays behind us, I ask the community to turn your focus to the Spring walks and extend invitations to others who may benefit from this grace-filled weekend experience. If we don't have Sponsors, we don't have Pilgrims and without Pilgrims, we cannot hold walks. Pray about who in your church and community may be ready for the next step in their faith walk. Then ask them.

We have also been trying to increase awareness of Aldersgate Emmaus. Dozens of posters are hanging in churches through the region and hundreds of Emmaus brochures have been distributed.

Emmaus can be a vital component to help grow the next generation of leaders for our churches. Pastors and lay leaders who are looking for leadership training programs need look no further than the Walk to Emmaus.

Think about the younger couples in your church who might be ready to take the next step toward lay leadership. While we welcome Pilgrims of all ages, it's younger church attendees who will become the lifeblood of the future.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your lay leader in 2018 and please reach out to me with ideas, questions and concerns.

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2018 Aldersgate Community Lay Director

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Time to Invite Pilgrims to Attend Spring Walks

The Aldersgate Emmaus community has committed to three Spring walks coming up between now and the first week of April. Please help us by inviting Pilgrims to attend and by being a Sponsor.

Men's Walk #152 March 1 - 4

Women's Walk #152 March 8 - 11

Women's Walk #153 April 5 - 8

Each of the walks is currently open to accept Pilgrims. Sponsorship forms and Pilgrim applications are available to download at <https://www.aldersgateemmaus.org/applications>. If you have a Pilgrim you are working with, please try to get the forms in as soon as possible so we have a better idea of the number of Pilgrims planning to attend each walk.

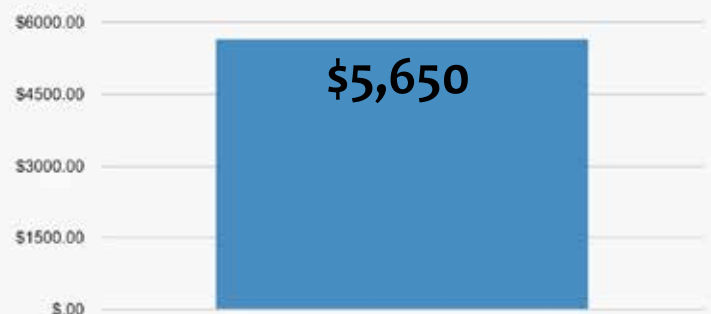
Angels are still needed for Women's Walk #153 in April. If you can serve, please fill out the online team application.

Huge Generosity for Great Green Agape Challenge

The 2017 Great Green Agape Challenge has come to a successful end. Thanks to everyone for your overwhelming generosity . Congratulations to Sumter County and the entire Tri-County Cluster. You are the BIG WINNERS. It was the first ever Challenge and featured a friendly competition among the Aldersgate regions to contribute the most green agape.

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Total Dollars Contributed

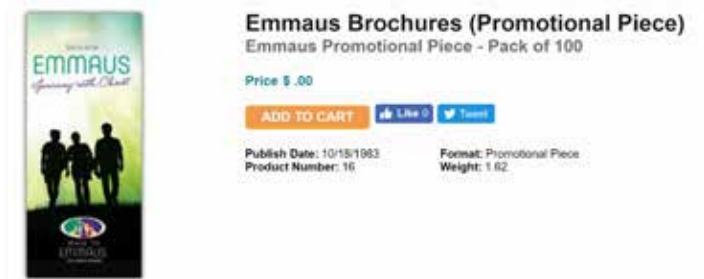


DID YOU KNOW

Did you know complimentary Emmaus promotional brochures are available to order online in packs of 100? And they are available almost free. All you have to do is pay for the shipping. The brochure provides an excellent overview of the Emmaus Experience and is perfect for handing out at Clusters, Gatherings or Reunion Groups. If your church has a display case for brochures, place some copies there, too. Be sure to include a local contact on the back of the brochure.

You can place your online order at the link below:

<https://bookstore.upperroom.org/Products/16/emmaus-brochures.aspx>



Thanks, Clint!

Outgoing 2017 Community Lay Director Clint Moles is shown above with the Service Award he received in recognition of his term as the leader of the Aldersgate Emmaus Community.



Upcoming Weekends Mark Your Calendars



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

2018 Walks

Men's Walk #152

March 1 - 4, 2018

Women's Walk #152

March 8 - 11, 2018

Women's Walk #153

April 5 - 8, 2018

Men's Walk #154

October 4 - 7, 2018

Women's Walk #154

October 11 - 14, 2018

Invite Pilgrims to attend and Sponsor them on their Walk



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

Hernando, North Brevard and Pasco

Willing to serve? Contact:

laydirector@aldersgateemmaus.org



Region	Total
Sumter	\$2,114.00
West Orange	\$1,535.00
Osceola	\$1,271.00
Pinellas	\$400.00
South Lake	\$169.00
South Brevard	\$111.00
Citrus	\$25.00
Marion	\$25.00

Thanks to all who participated in the Green Agape Challenge. The chart above shows a county-by-county breakdown of your contributions.



The Aldie Award

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The Challenge was more successful than any of us ever imagined, raising more than \$5,500 through dozens and dozens of community donations.

Nearly \$2,200 of the total amount came from Sumter County. West Orange placed 2nd with \$1,535 in contributions and Osceola County was 3rd with nearly \$1,300 in Green Agape. The funds raised will be used for Pilgrim and team scholarships and to help support weekend operating expenses.

As winners of the 2017 Challenge, Sumter County and the Tri-County Cluster will receive the coveted "Aldie" Award. The rooster trophy, shown above, will be presented at the next Tri-County Cluster meeting on February 15th.

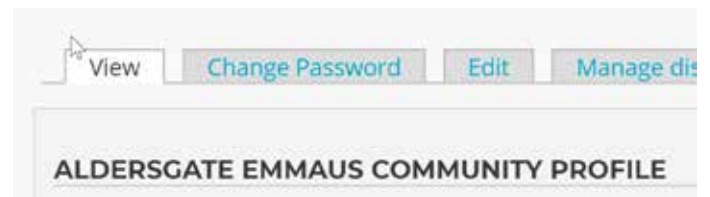
Take a Minute to Update Your Online Profile

You can edit your profile information by logging in to the Aldersgate website at aldersgateemmaus.org. It is important to have your contact information up-to-date. It is used in many ways, including team selection, newsletter distribution, Cluster and gathering invitations.



Please take a few moments to check your profile and update it, as needed. Just go to the site and click on LOGIN in the upper right-hand corner. At the top of your profile page

you will see a tab that says "Edit". Click on it, update your information and then click on "Save" at the bottom of the page. If you don't yet have an account, click on REGISTER and fill in your information.



Warm Welcome to New Spiritual Director



Aldersgate Emmaus extends a warm welcome to our new Community Spiritual Director, Dr. Joe Jursa. He is an Emmaus veteran and has been active in several Emmaus communities. Dr. Joe retired last summer as Pastor of Satellite Beach United Methodist Church. He and his wife, Linda, enjoy traveling in their

RV. He is also involved with NOMADS, a Christian-based camping and community service program.

He joins Rev. Sandra Rogers, our Assistant Spiritual Director, to provide spiritual direction and clergy development for Aldersgate.

Community Activities

West Coast



1st
Emmaus Gathering
of the Year!

Saturday,
January 20th

Worship Together Grow Together

Heritage United Methodist
2680 Landmark Drive
Clearwater
727-796-1329

HAPPY
NEW YEAR

Doors open 5PM * Gathering 5:30 PM
Pot Luck! Please bring a dish to share.

Fellowship Music Worship

CHILD CARE AVAILABLE WITH RESERVATIONS - DAWN CARR: 727-378-6058



2018 Board Meeting Dates

Here is the calendar for 2018 meetings of the Aldersgate Board of Directors. All meetings will be held in Room 200 of Building C at St. Luke's UMC, 4851 S. Apopka-Vineland Road, Orlando 32819. Meetings are from 9 a.m. till noon.

- January 20th
- March 17th
- April 21st (closed, followed by leadership training)
- May 19th
- July 21st
- September 15th (followed by leadership training)
- November 17th

Other than the April meeting, when team leadership is selected, all meetings are open and community members are encouraged to attend.

Tri-County

(North Lake, Marion & Sumter)

Cluster Gathering

February 15, 2017

Hope Lutheran Church

250 Avenida Los Angeles, The Villages, FL

Pot Luck Dinner & Gathering Begins at 6:30 p.m.

Aldie Award Presentation