



Idaho Walk to Emmaus El Gallo Newsletter (November 2018)



GREETINGS FROM THE COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

Dear Emmaus Community,

With the completion of our Fall 2018 IWTE #67 Women's Weekend, we are pleased to welcome 12 new sisters to our Idaho Emmaus family. Based on comments the ladies shared at their Closing and 4th Day Gathering (held October 20th), Christ was and is truly at work in the hearts and lives of His faithful. Our sincere appreciation and gratitude go out to our Lay Director, Malena Rodriguez, for shepherding the pilgrims and team members on this Walk. Well done, good and faithful servant!

As many of you know, we had to cancel our Fall Men's Weekend due to a lack of Pilgrims (3 confirmed). We would like to acknowledge the considerable time and effort Calvin Connell and his team put into preparing for this Walk, only to have it scrubbed at the last possible moment. Thanks, so much, for your ongoing devotion to Christ.

It continues to be clear that we need to focus our efforts on recruiting more Pilgrims for future Walks. The IWTE Board is currently reviewing options to address this ongoing challenge. Our goal is to have something in place to help drive Pilgrim numbers up for the 2019 Walks.

In the meantime, who are you considering as a future Pilgrim for 2019...and beyond?

De Colores!

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Words from Malena Rodriguez, Lay Director of Women's Fall Walk #67

The Women's fall walk held at the Kimberly Crossroads UMC on October 4 to 7, 2018 was a total success!

12 Pilgrims were blessed beyond measure. All the teams worked really well together to get things done. We all made new friends and sisters in Christ!

I got to witness everybody in action, and it was a joy to see Jesus in action!

It is so awesome to see the whole community coming together and support these walks.

Hebrews 10: 24 "Let us be concerned about one another in order to promote love and good works"

My deepest gratitude to all the different teams!

De Colores!

Welcome Walk #67 Pilgrims

Ruth Barnes

Ann Coleman

Connie Dunn

Dorris Sommers

Linda Boston

Kathy Dixon

Darla Knepe

Sandy Stivison

Karen Burnes

Gayla Dumont

Patrice Powers

Flora Tomayo

From Don Moore, Men's Lay Director Walk #68

I am especially blessed to be asked to be Lay Director of Walk #68 because the end of February will mark the 30th anniversary of my Pilgrim Walk. Things have changed, mostly for the better, and I'm excited to be involved in the Walk to Emmaus.

Preparations for the Men's Spring Walk #68 are well under way and the team is coming together nicely. Please consider submitting an application to work early because the holidays are upon us and final preparations will need to be made shortly after the first of the year.

Also, please consider group sponsorship of pilgrims to reduce the financial impact on one person or couple. It's simple and can be a discussion topic in your 4th Day or other small groups. For those of us who are older, and sleeping on a floor is not a good option, sponsorship is a great way to still be part of the Walk to Emmaus.

Have a blessed holiday season. Don Moore

From Sue Sterling, Women's Lay Director Walk #68

Please join us for the Women's walk to Emmaus March 7-10 at the Eagle United Methodist Church. God has been very faithful in the formation of the teams. If you are feeling God's nudge to serve or sponsor please return your paper work as soon as possible. I am looking forward to seeing what God has planned for us all.

Blessings,

Sue Sterling

Sponsorship

To the Idaho WTE Sisters and Brothers in Christ

Do you remember that in the Body of Christ talk the speaker tells us that the goal of Emmaus, since its beginning, is to raise up Christian leaders and renew the Church as the Body of Christ in action? Please think and pray about that before you choose to sponsor someone on a Walk. The book on Sponsorship says, "Sponsorship is one of the most important aspects of the Walk to Emmaus and must be taken seriously.

Sponsorship requires extensive prayer, diligent thought, careful planning and follow-through. The strength of Emmaus is a direct result of its sponsorship practices."

Emmaus is not meant to be a fix-it or fix-all. Emmaus is not for everyone. If you have not taken the Idaho WTE sponsorship training, it is vital that you do. Please go to: training@idahoeffmaus.org for sponsorship training, sponsor forms, pilgrim applications, and forms to serve on a weekend. Please follow the steps that will get you to me, the Board Registrar.

When you do sponsor someone, explain everything he or she needs to know. Keep in contact with them as much as can happen in a person's life in a few months. Be sure to help the Pilgrim with his or her application, following all the directions for you, them, and their clergy. Besides being one of the most important jobs in Emmaus, sponsorship can also be a hard job. You must be prepared to attend to their family for the entire weekend as necessary.

Sponsorship responsibilities also include:

- **Agape Letters (10-12)**
- **Delivering your Pilgrim to the Walk site Thursday night and staying through Sponsor's Hour**
- **Attending Candlelight and Closing and taking your pilgrim home after the walk**

And, you are not done! Take your pilgrim to Gatherings as well as get them involved in a Reunion Group. If there isn't a Reunion Group in your area, start one! This is one of the real powers of Emmaus and the 4th Day.

If you are unable to do all of this, reconsider being a sponsor, or, consider a co-sponsor. Sponsorship is a serious spiritual responsibility, and each Pilgrim deserves a full-time, committed sponsor working on God's behalf.

And lastly, bask in the spiritual joy that comes from sponsoring someone on a Walk – a gift of Christian action to them and to our Risen Lord. Char Boyd, IWTE Registrar, cbpianomom@gmail.com

Why Fill out an Application to Work

Recently I was asked, “Why do I need to fill out a work application?”

As I have thought about this question, here are my thoughts.

*It lets the upcoming Lay Directors know that you are interested in working on a walk weekend

*It ensures that we have the most current information in our database, so we can contact you easily

*It provides us with information if we need to be aware of a special need you may have

*It reminds you of the financial obligation of working a walk weekend

As a member of the Idaho Walk to Emmaus Board, we are so blessed when you support the weekend by working on a walk. Without you, we could not bless the pilgrims by putting on a walk. I encourage you to pray about supporting the upcoming walk weekends.

De Colores,
Dedra Swanstrom
Team Selection

Database Update

The Idaho Walk to Emmaus is updating the membership data base. A valid and current membership roster is a foundation for engaging the community. Many of you have been contacted and responded, I thank you. Others have not responded often their e-mail address has changed, they moved or have passed away.

On the following page is a list of members of the Idaho Walk to Emmaus whose emails failed. (Name only as we don't want to release personal information) If you see someone that you know please call them and ask if they want to remain on the data base, if so then please update their physical address, e-mail address and phone number. Then send that info to me at blondon777@gmail.com

Thank you,
Bill London
IWTE Secretary

First Last

Jim Anderson
Sara Anderson
Don Bacso
Don Beck
John Bertus
Linda Biggs
John Biggs
Crystal Bissell
Kevin Bissell
Mimi Black
Tina Bolduc
Jill Bonnel
Tim Bonnel
Bryan Brutsman
Eleanore Burkhart
Dick Byce
Linda Byce
Bob Caldwell
Myram Camp
Rich Cartney
Alex Chamberlain
Mark Christensen
Lisa Clement
Mary Condie
Dan Cook
Dorothy Cook
Alexis Daly
Jan Davenport
Larry Deel
Sharon Doughty
Jackie Dunten
Erica Durham
Patricia "T" Dykes
Lynn Eacker
Gayland Edwards
Renne Eldredge
Penny Emerick
Robert Erikson
Jerry Evers
Jody Felton
Kim Fields
Bob Flaherty
Dan Foncesbeck
Janet Foncesbeck
Polly Foster

Dale Frank
Sally Fullmer
Deena Funk
Shannon Gavin
Chuck Gepford
Arlan Gerleman
Glenda Gibson
Gary Gillette
John Go
Betty Godfrey
Esther Goodman
Cindy Gray
Ben Gregory
Beverly Guthrie
Sandy Hadden
Randy Haylett
Sharon Haylett
Don Hiebert
Nettie Hiebert
Lydia Ann Hitchcock
Penny Hodges
Mike Hollomon
Scott Hoover
Dorothy Hunter
Karen Jaeger
Alex Jaeger
Bill Jaquette
Melissa Jaquette
Jamie Jeffery
Kirk Jeffery
Gordon Jensen
Blossom Johnston
Shannon Jones
Jim Keegan
Lori Keller
Roxie Kelly
Dennis Kendall
Michael Kennedy
Rich Kinder
Malisa Landaluce
Barbara Landreth
Don Larson
Sylvia Legaard
Mickey Leguineche
Joy Luedtke
Andrew Luedtke

Dale Lundblade
Nancy Lundblade
Haley Mallea
Linda Malone
Brad Marshall
Todd Marshall
Lily Marshall
Carl Martin
James Mathew
Bobbie Mauch
Kay MCCarty
Sonja McNett
Dick Meamber
Pam Meese
Jennifer Mercer
PJ Mercer
Dale Metzger
John Miller
Les Miller
Matt Miller
Brenda Mitchell
Mary Mitchell
Joy Modica
Larry Monk
Jill Moore
Pam Murphy
Steve Myers
Emily Nelson
Sue Newkirk
Lisa Newton
Matt Newton
Jennifer Oates
Kathy Obray
Jackie Olsommer
Jamie O'Neil
Amy Pearson
Sharan Porr
Leslie Priebe
Sue Pugmire
Jayne Ratzlaff
Cheryl Reed
Judy Repp
Nancy Ringkamp
Brooke Robertson
Robert Robertson
Jere Robertson

Sally Robertson
Laura Rockwell
Jacob Russell
Julie Scarborough
Todd Scarborough
Cathy Schwaegler
Kathryn (Kathy) Scott
Ann Scott
Kay Searle
Tori Sebastian
Mark Smith
Mike Sorth
Vanessa Sorth
Julie Stauts
Debbie Stearns
Ken Stearns
Darrell Sterling
Dan Sweet

Darrin Taylor
Anitia Taylor
Donnette Thaemert
Bill Thomas
Dale Thompson
Evelyn Thompson
Kim Thompson
David Thompson
Mark Thornton
Alan Trachsel
Kendal Tucker
Katie Tybo (Deckard)
Lynn Van Tol
Howard Vanslyke
Jan Vanslyke
Jerry Vorlicky
Marcia Vorlicky
Jackie Wackerli

Stan Wackerli
Paula Waddle
Patti Wade
Rod Watson
Karl Watts
Teina Watts
Skip Weisgerber
Carol Whitnah
Nicci Williams
Keanan Williams
Kona Williams
Lorna Jo Wood
Judy York
Kirk York
Dick Zimmerman
Pat Zimmerman

Calendar Events 2018

January 12	Board of Directors Meeting
January 25	Grand Gathering, Eagle UMC, 6:30 pm
January 26-27	Team Formation Training
February 2-3	Team Training
February 28-March 1	Men's WTE #68, Eagle UMC
March 7-10	Women's WTE #68, Eagle UMC
March 16	Fourth Day Gathering

Fourth Day Reunion Groups

Are you in a 4th day reunion group? Reunion groups are designed to help keep our connection to each other, keep our fires lit for Jesus. The group reunion itself is one of the chief values of the Emmaus movement one of the greatest treasures the Walk to Emmaus contains.

It is a way of persevering in the life of grace so that those things that are valuable to you during the weekend will not be lost when you return to your life in the world. The group reunion serves the life of the Emmaus community. We will have sign-up sheets at our gatherings if you want to be part of a reunion group.

Women's Fourth Day Groups

Meridan Fourth Day

Meridan United Methodist Church
235 Pine Ave, Meridian, ID
2nd & 4th Thursdays 6:30-8:00pm
Contact Connie Pile (208-888-1490) or
Cathy Peterson (208-514-8697)

Four Rivers Fourth Day (Fruitland/ Ontario/Payette)

Meets fourth Saturday each month 6:30pm
Potluck, singing, agape Holy Communion
Contact: Letha Essinger (208-452-5447)

Idaho Falls 4th Day

Sunday afternoon 3-5pm
We meet in each other's homes
Contact: Nancy Copp

Twin Falls Men's & Women's 4th Day Group

Amazing Grace Fellowship-Twin Falls
Every other Thursday at 7pm
Contact: Sassy Connell (208-731-0540)
Calvin Connell (208-280-0880)

Men's Fourth Day Groups

Gooding Men's Fourth Day

Gooding United Methodist Church
Tuesdays at 7am, potluck breakfast
Contact: Steve Waugh email or 208-934-4689

Boise 4th Day

The Sunshine Rest on State Street
Tuesday mornings 7:30 to about 8
Contact: Keith Gabriel 863-9474.
(Call first to make sure we are meeting
because some are snowbirds and travel so
we don't meet when we only have one or
two)

Pocatello 4th Day

Paul DeLong's house, 366 so 19th Ave,
Pocatello Tuesdays at 4-5pm
Contact: Paul DeLong 208-244-4609

Idaho Falls 4th Day

1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm
We meet in each other's homes Contact:
Rick Demmer 208-589-4858

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Check Out the Idaho Walk to Emmaus Website

www.idahoemmaus.org

Go to the Idaho Emmaus Website to find: dates and directions to the gatherings, map and directions to the church holding the next Walk, contact information of a board member or Walk Director, forms to serve on or attend a Walk. Download forms at www.idahoemmaus.org/forms.htm.

