

Living Water Emmaus Newsletter November 2008



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Christmas Gathering!! Friday, December 5th @ 6:30 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church (in the Atrium area). Hosted by **Bob and Donna Edmunds**, the Atrium is a beautiful setting for our festive Christmas Gathering. We'll also welcome our new 'babe-chicks.'. Remember to bring a covered dish to share; drinks and paper goods will be provided. As always, guests are welcome, so if you know someone who wants to know more about Emmaus, please invite them.

Child care: for December gathering? **You must notify Donna Edmunds by December 1st with number and ages of children** for which you need care during the Gathering. Contact Donna at bedmunds@bellsouth.net or (352) 373-4705 **Also note:** We only have 2 hours of child care; children must be picked up by 8:30.

Parking for Gathering: Construction underway. Access will be easier from the Possum Creek field behind the Atrium. Drive past the sports field on the North side of the church campus and Youth Building. Park between the circle drive and the children's playground. A sidewalk nearby leads to the Atrium. **If you get lost,** try signal flares. We'll send a Boy Scout to assist.

Living Water Emmaus Walk #1: Mens': April 2-5 and Women's April 16-19, 2009) will be held in the Youth Building of Trinity United Methodist Church. **Cost is \$120 for Pilgrims and Team members. Time for sponsoring and team membership is NOW!**

Team members wanted: for the Men & Women's April Walks—now is the time to sign up. Serving on an Emmaus team is every bit as fun and Spiritual as was your own Emmaus weekend. ****Team application form is attached to this newsletter.** The cost to team members and Pilgrims is the same: **\$120** per person.

When you think it through, this is a bargain. Did you know that the cheapest air fare to Timbuktu (Mali) is \$3,300? Air fare to Siberia is almost the same price. Or, you could work an Emmaus team right here in Gainesville and easily save \$3,180. Gainesville; not too hot; not too cold. Sign up for an Emmaus team now. You just can't find bargains like this anymore.

Angels: Under the new format, the angels don't spend the nights at the 'dormitory' but will commute from their own homes, daily, to serve the pilgrims. **Angels pay no fees to serve!** Only job requirement: a servant's heart. The Holy Spirit provides everything else. Your life will be changed by serving the pilgrims and sharing Christ with them.

Music: Would you be willing to help with music? We're looking for musicians to help with the music for our Walks and also for Gatherings. We have song books with chords for the songs. It's a great ministry and the Emmaus songs are very simple. Guitar players, harmonica players or keyboard players are welcome. Please contact Joe Fielding at JS1Field@gmail.com.

Well, duh! If you've heard Dave Glant or Ed Garvin play you already know two things: how desperate we are for talent, and, if they can do it, *anybody* can.

Sponsorship: Now is the time to sponsor a couple for their Emmaus Walk. **We will accept a maximum of 24 pilgrims for each men & women's walk.** Pray about, then discuss the Walk with whom ever God leads you to consider for a deeper relationship with Christ. ****Sponsor's form is attached to this newsletter.**

Pilgrim Applications: ****Attached to this newsletter.** Cost for Pilgrims: **\$120** each; (same for team members) We'll accept a maximum of **24 pilgrims** for the April Walks.

Agape: Michelle Gulbranson is asking our help with the following agape:

Bell (for leadership table of confusion)

Table name plates

Emmaus-themed paintings or prints

(Emmaus Road print signed by the original cast would be nice)

Altar rail

Altar covering (Sheet or tapestry)

Chair cushions

Posters of Talk titles

Chalice

Aprons (for Angels)

Curtains

3-leg stool (removable legs)

Name tags (team & pilgrims)

Luggage tags

Crocheted yarn (for Cross Lanyards)

Communion baskets

To avoid duplication and for more details, please contact Michelle: (352) 367-8003; cell: (352) 275-1875; or by e-mail: cmgulbransen@yahoo.com.

Agape fine art: If your reunion group has an agape project that you'd like some help with assembling or making, please bring the project (and all necessary supplies) to the Gathering. Contact Donna Edmunds at bedmunds@bellsouth.net or (352) 373-4705 to discuss your group's project.

News you can use: Our Gatherings are noted for attracting highly skilled Master craftsmen and gifted artisans of exquisite taste and discretion, each with a meticulous eye for detail. These Masters will dazzle and amaze with their Agape assembly skills. Each Master has either studied Art or can spell it.

Calling all Cooks! Jesus fed 5000, we only have to feed 60. We are looking for volunteers to serve on the meal committee for our **first Living Water Emmaus Walks, April 2 through 5 (Men's walk) and April 16 through 19 (Women's Walk)** at Trinity United Methodist Church in Gainesville. Vonnie already has the menu planned.

Note: We cooks and helpers will not be sleeping over during the Weekend Walk so perhaps you could volunteer a day to help with meals. Friday and Saturday we will be serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. On Sunday it will be just serving breakfast and lunch. We'll prepare the food, clean up and go home....it doesn't get any better than that!

If you are interested in volunteering, please call **Vonnie Peabody:** (352) 376-5584.

Reunion Groups: Our Community and our personal Faith walk are strengthened and enhanced by weekly Reunion groups. In the long run, these small, personal groups can do more to deepen your walk with Christ than even the 3 day Emmaus Walk can do. They are *that* important. **The power of the Emmaus Walk is in the Fourth Day.** This is why reunion groups are so vital to deepening our Faith walk with Christ.

Casey Glant is compiling a list of Reunion groups to enable Community members to know where and when groups are meeting. Please e-mail Casey with the time/place/date of your Reunion group, and the names of the members of your group.

If you're looking for a Reunion group; if your group could use more members, or if you need to change because of scheduling or location conflicts, etc., we can help you find a group that works better for you---if we know who and where you are. Contact Casey at: glantcasey@gmail.com.

Address changes? If your mailing address, phone number or e-mail address changes, please let Casey Glant know so we can keep our membership directory current and so you can continue to receive the newsletter. Contact her at: glantcasey@gmail.com.

Living Water Emmaus Website: Jan Hufstetler is creating our website and hopes to launch it soon, possibly by Christmas. Essential and helpful information about our new Community will be posted, including dates of Walks, contact numbers, Newsletters, etc.

“Green” Agape As an Emmaus community, we do not have dues but we hope each person who experienced a walk will prayerfully consider making a donation to help with the costs for the weekends.

We will continue to incur start-up costs such as insurance, incorporation expenses and fees; program materials, bedding, coordinators handbooks for all board members, Upper Room Guides and many other supplies. We receive no financial assistance from the Upper Room nor Aldersgate, although both have been generous with materials and technical support.

Please send green agape in the form of checks *made payable to:* Trinity UMC, 4000 NW 53rd Ave, Gainesville FL 32653 (be sure to indicate “EMMAUS” on the check). You may contact Michelle Gulbransen with questions: cmgulbransen@yahoo.com.

Living Water Emmaus Steering Team: If you would like to help in any of these areas, please contact Brian Myers at: bmyers@ufl.edu or (386) 454-8259. Each steering team member needs and would welcome your help.

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