



# Welcome Fall

September  
2014

Issue 8

## Community Lay Director

Hi Community

Your Community Lay Director is sitting on Monhegan Island, Maine. We have no TV, no telephone and no distraction except the waves gently rolling against the rocks directly below our deck.

Now that I have your attention, we have only a few days left before our upcoming walks. I hope that all of you are in prayer about them. I brought my prayer partner card and my prayer candle with me. Unfortunately my prayer candle is not working. It has no wick. I am still praying over the pilgrim it is associated with it every day. I also am praying for my prayer partner every day. I have been praying for the upcoming Women's and Men's walks since we put them on the Calendar.

We have finished our first three Team Meetings. They have been well attended and very

successful. We still need pilgrims. One of our goals as a board this year was to have full Walks and even have a wait list, so we would already be filling the spring Walks. I hope you have been praying and searching for pilgrims to sponsor. I found an interesting thing, I now have a couple of verbal commitments for the Spring Walk. So be sure as you invite pilgrims tell them about the two Walks scheduled for 2015. Let's fill them up. Nothing is wrong with having pilgrims already signed up for next fall. You can go to our Web Site, <http://www.nwgwte.com/>. We have the application posted there. If you haven't been to our new web site please visit it. As a side thought it now has a prayer tab for you to put prayer request on. Have you ever worked a Walk? What a joy.

It sometimes can be as fulfilling as your Walk was. You get to serve God as you serve the pilgrim. I guarantee God will bless you in many way. We still have openings for team members. Most of these openings are in my personal favorite positions, we always can use Kitchen servants and Dorm servants. If you have not already committed to work then please prayerfully consider joining us. You may either contact Gary Henkle at 770-949-6249 or Gordon Norman at 770-893-1310. Or just attend our final Team Meeting Sept. 20, 2014. We have coffee and fellowship at 8:30 AM and begin Team Meetings at 9:00 AM. The meetings are at Acworth United Methodist Church. 4340 Collins Circle, Acworth, GA 30101-5222. I hope to see many of you there.

I guess you figured out by now. This little paradise island unfortunately does have internet.

DeColores,  
Gordon

**Final Team Meeting THIS Saturday September 20 at 8:30,  
Please do your best to be present!  
Acworth UMC: 4340 Collins Circle, Acworth, GA 30101**

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## Men's Lay Director

AT A RECENT TRAINING MEETING I WENT INTO A RANT CONCERNING A NUMBER OF ISSUES. AT THE FOLLOWING MEETING, I APOLOGIZED TO THOSE PRESENT, BECAUSE I THOUGHT I MIGHT BE

“PREACHING TO THE CHOIR” SINCE THE ONE’S WHO WERE PRESENT WERE ALMOST ALWAYS PRESENT TO HELP WITH WALKS, GATHERINGS, ETC; IN OTHER WORDS, THEY WERE PART OF THE 20% THAT DO 80% OF THE WORK. ONE OF MY TOPICS FOR WHICH I RANTED WAS THE WHOLE REASON WE WERE THERE! WHAT WAS IT, THAT REASON? MANY SAID TO SERVE THE PILGRIMS, AND THAT IS TRUE, BUT NOT THE WHOLE PUR-

POSE. A FEW SAID FOR RENEWAL, AND THAT MAY BE TRUE BUT DEFINITELY NOT OUR PURPOSE. WE WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED VERY SELFISH AND SELF CENTERED IF WE ONLY SERVED ON WEEKENDS TO BE RENEWED, NOW WOULDN’T WE? A FEW ACTUALLY GOT IT!!

OUR WHOLE PURPOSE IN BEING HERE, NOT JUST WHEN WE HAVE A WEEKEND, BUT ANY TIME, NO, ALL THE TIME IS TO SERVE GOD! THAT’S IT! SO SIMPLE ISN’T IT? OUR WHOLE PURPOSE IS TO SERVE HIM, NOT JUST ON WEEKENDS, BUT ALL THE TIME.

I REALIZE THAT WE ALL HAVE OUR PRIORITIES, BUT REMEMBER WHAT HE GAVE UP

FOR YOU. NOT JUST FOR SOME OF YOU, BUT EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE SAME GIFT OF HIS GRACE, BOTH FOR NOW AND ALL ETERNITY! HOW MUCH MORE CAN YOU BE GIVEN? CAN YOU BE GIVEN ANYTHING SO PRECIOUS, SO UNSELFISHLY, AND SO ALL ENCOMPASSING, AND THAT YOU CAN NEVER DESERVE, EVEN A TINY BIT OF? YET, MANY OF US ARE TOO BUSY, HAVE TOO MANY OTHER THINGS TO DO THAT WE DEEM MORE IMPORTANT THAN TO THINK OF SERVING ON A WEEKEND. TOO BUSY TO FIND SOMEONE TO SPONSOR. TOO BUSY TO TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO ATTEND CANDLELIGHT. TOO BUSY TO

**September Gathering will be located at  
Bascombe UMC, on the 20th.**

**Please come to fellowship with your  
brothers and sisters in Christ.**

**Bring your favorite Pot Luck Dish and a  
huge smile.**

**6 Dinner, 7 Praise & Worship**

**2295 BASCOMB CARMEL RD**

**Woodstock, GA 30189**

**Directions in Email**

Please, Please be in prayer for Board Elections, for the Fall Election. We need community members to step up and be apart of the Board for the 2015 year. If you are interested at all, please contact a board member, contact info is on the last page.

♥ Please contact Ed Beacham or Gordon Norman with your most recent information, phone numbers, addresses or email addresses, so we are able to contact you to serve or send out any new information quickly and efficiently. Info on the last page.

## Men's Lay Director Continued

ATTEND A GATHERING, PROBABLY TOO FAR TO TRAVEL! ARE ALL OF THESE EVENTS ALWAYS CONVENIENT? OF COURSE NOT!

For  
**EVERYTHING**  
there is a   
**SEASON,**  
and a **TIME**  
for every **PURPOSE**  
under heaven.  
Ephesians 3:1

IT WAS MOST LIKELY A BIT INCONVENIENT TO DIE ON A CROSS FOR SOMETHING HE DIDN'T DESERVE AS WELL, YET HE WAS WILLING!

OUR COMMUNITY IS IN A CRISIS. WE NEED TO REJUVENATE THE SAME SPIRIT WE USED TO HAVE IN THE PAST. WE NEED TO PUT ASIDE OUR DIFFERENCES AND COME TOGETHER AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS. WE NEED TO LAY DOWN OUR INDIVIDUAL AGENDAS, BOW OUR HEADS, DROP TO OUR KNEES, AND RECEIVE THE

BLESSINGS HE HAS FOR US ALL. THE ONE THING HE CAN DO THAT WE CANNOT IS FORGET. WE ALL CAN FORGIVE, BUT WE CANNOT FORGET. GOD CAN AND WILL, BUT YOU HAVE TO ASK. ASK FOR HIS BLESSINGS AND HE WILL GIVE THEM TO YOU. HE WILL FORGIVE AND FORGET ALL THE THINGS WE HAVE DONE BUT SHOULDN'T HAVE.

AND NOW FOR A CHALLENGE! I CANNOT SPEAK FOR KATY FOWLER, MY FEMALE COUNTERPART FOR THE UPCOMING WOMEN'S WALK, BUT AS FOR THE MEN, WE HAVE A NUMBER OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE ON WALK 52. WE NOT ONLY HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AS A TEAM MEMBER, BUT ALSO OPPORTUNITIES TO SPONSOR A PILGRIM! JUST THINK, YOU CAN GIVE SOMEONE THE SAME BLESSING THAT WAS GIVEN TO YOU! IF YOU HAVE NEVER WORKED A TEAM YOU OWE IT TO YOURSELF TO WORK AT LEAST ONE TO LET US PROVE HOW MUCH GREATER IS THE BLESSING RECEIVED THAN GIVEN. IF YOU HAVE NEVER SPON-

SORED A PILGRIM, YOU SHOULD TRY IT TO SEE HOW CLOSE A RELATIONSHIP CAN BE BORN THROUGH THE GIFT OF GRACE YOU WILL SHARE. IF I HAVE OFFENDED YOU, THEN I AM SORRY AND I HOPE YOU WILL FORGIVE ME, BUT THE ONE THAT REALLY MATTERS ALREADY HAS! MANY OF YOU MAY BE CURIOUS AND HAVE AN INTEREST IN PARTICIPATION. GARY HENKEL IS OUR TEAM SELECTION COORDINATOR, AND FLORA ROWE IS OUR REGISTRAR. THEY CAN GET YOU IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION AND YOU CAN FIND THEIR CONTACT INFO ON THE COMMUNITY WEBSITE. I PRAY YOU WILL TAKE THE CHALLENGE. WE HAVE ONE MORE TRAINING MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 20TH AT ACWORTH UMC, BEGINNING AT 9AM AND WE WILL BE FINISHED BY LUNCH TIME. ALL YOU REALLY NEED TO DO IS SHOW UP AND WE WILL WELCOME YOU ONTO THE TEAM. THE WALK IS FROM 9/25 TO 9/28 AT KING'S RETREAT, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE.

DE COLORES,

PHIL COLE

LAY DIRECTOR, MEN'S WALK 52

### Goals for 2014:

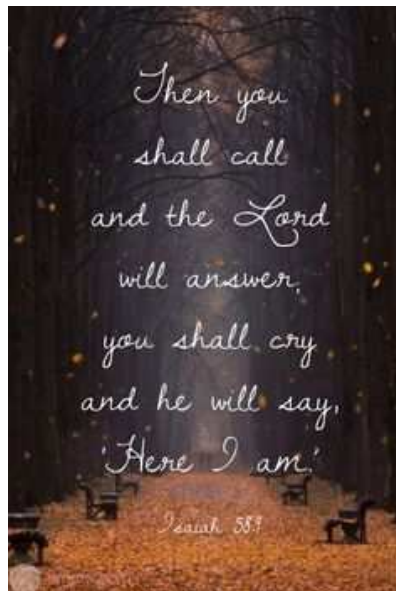
- 1-Everyone Prayerfully Consider Sponsoring
- 2-fill the teams
- 3-Have a wait list
- 4-Remain financially stable
- 5-Update community roster
- 6-Establish community involvement on committees
- 7-2nd Annual Father's Day Picnic

God has laid on my heart the word "Holy Listening". Holy listening is the time when someone is talking to you and nothing else in the world matters other than just what that person is saying. Also not to be thinking about how you are going to respond or what you are going to say next, but just listening just to what that person is saying and what that person is saying is the most important thing in the world at that time.

Have you ever done this as a child; playing with two cans and putting a small hole in the end of each can and putting a long string in the hole tying a knot in the end of the string and doing the same thing on the other end? Making a "phone" or communication device that as kids you use to play with? You can pull this string tight and with one person on each end and one person with the open end of the can to their ear and the other person speaking into the open end of their can. You can hear the other person on the other end as the vibrations of your voice travels thru the string to the other end and amplified by the open end of the can. Speaking back and forth as each of the people taking turns. Although if the string becomes slack and not tight you can no longer hear the voice of the person speaking?

Reading Exodus 12:1-14 God

spoke to Moses and Aaron giving them specific instructions.



Telling them how to explain to the whole community of Israel that on a specific date and day to take lamb and how to sacrifice this lamb and taking the blood of this lamb and putting it on the sides and tops of their door-frames of their homes and how to consume the meat of this sacrifice. Continuing on with more specific instructions and if they did this, then as God passes through Egypt and if this wasn't done that He would strike down every firstborn of both people and animals.

You know sometimes us as children of God listening to what God has to say, hearing him so clearly with our string tight, but when we allow our string to become slack, we can no longer hear God speaking to us. I know sometimes my string becomes slack and I have to recognize

that my string is slack and tighten it up again to hear what God is saying to me.

What if on this day that God was speaking to Moses and Aaron, their string was slack and they couldn't hear God speaking to them, giving them specific instructions to tell the people of Israel?

How has your string been with God? Is it tight and good communications flowing? Or is your string got some slack in it?

My Prayer:

Father, I lift up our Emmaus Community to You. Lord I ask that You be with each family represented and bless each and every one of them in all they stand in need of. Lord I lift up each of the Pilgrims that are about to embark on this amazing walk with You. Lord touch each and every one of them. Letting them feel Your presence among them. Lord let these Pilgrims and Emmaus Community Members stings become tight, that they can clearly hear Your voice.

In Jesus Name I Pray, Amen..

Blessings and De Colores

Gary Hulseay

Send Off & Candle Light Chair.

# Agape

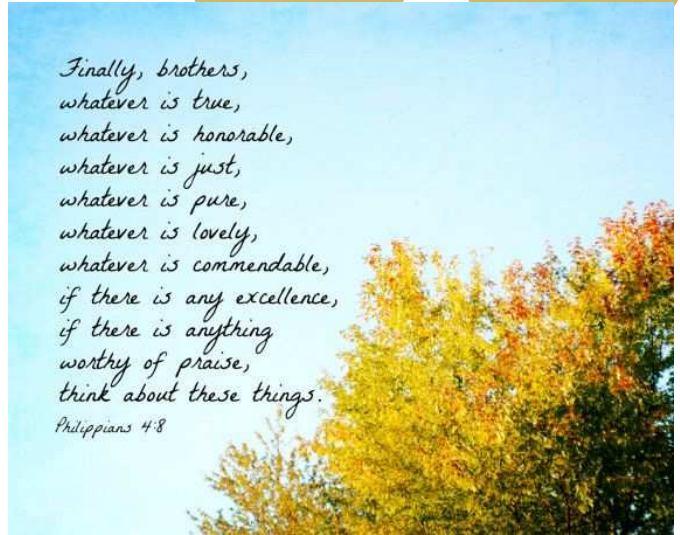
Our Walks are almost upon us. It's time to finish up that agape you've been planning. If you are still not sure of what kind of agape you would like to give, here are a few ideas. One of the first that comes to mind is table agape. This is the small items we make or buy as little reminders to our pilgrims they can take away with them. These items don't have

to be especially brownies that are shared at meal time. We all look forward to those little bites of sweetness at the end of each meal. We are also looking for books for the book table. These can either be new books or gently/slightly used books. If you have read a book that was

particularly meaningful to you, consider making a gift of this book to someone else. Letter or wall agape is another way to help demonstrate God's love. You or your reunion group could compose a letter to our pilgrims letting them know you and your reunion group's thoughts and prayers are with them. Also, if someone from your church is a pilgrim on the Walk, sending them a personal agape letter is a big, big blessing for them.

Last, but most important, you can provide prayer agape. We still have open spaces on our prayer chart. Please consider filling in one of these empty slots. We want every slot on that chart to be filled when it is shown to the pilgrims. I remember how blown away I was to realize that people were getting up in the middle of the night to pray for me.

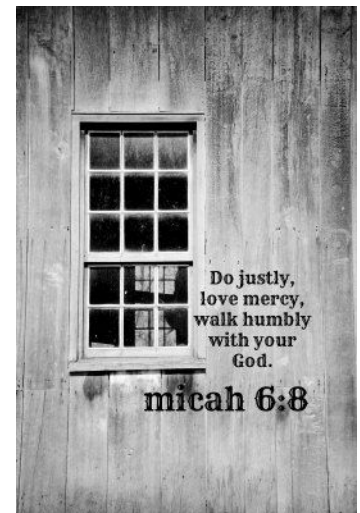
There are many ways you can provide agape to demonstration God's unconditional love for



large and expensive. Consider maybe something you've received in the past that you particularly enjoy or was touched or blessed by. Remember these items should not contain individual's names. If you would like to provide table agape for the conference room only, you would need to provide 62 items. If you want to include the outside team, that count can be a little more difficult to provide because our team sizes can vary. You should be able to cover everyone with about 120 pieces. Kitchen agape is the cakes, cookies, and espe-

our pilgrims and those who are working on the Walks. Your participation is very important. This community needs the support of each and every member. Please consider providing one or more kinds of agape for both the men's and women's Walks. God bless you for your support and faithfulness to our community, our Walks, our pilgrims, and our team members.

DeColores, Donna Parrish, Agape Chair





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### Gatherings 2014

January 18 Midway UMC

February 15 Hiram UMC

March 15 Hollydale UMC

April 19 No Gathering

May 17 TBA

June 21 Acworth Beach

"2nd Annual Father's

Day Picnic"

July 19-Jasper UMC

August 16 Due West

Methodist

September 20 Bascomb UMC

October 18 Acworth UMC

November 15 DUE WEST

Methodist

December Merry Christmas!

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