



Welcome Fall

November
2014

Issue 10

Community Lay

Director

Hi Community,
 Usually by this time I have something I want to share. Well I really have come up blank. I guess I will talk about some of the same old stuff. The board has opted to have two Walks in 2015. This is an aggressive act by your Board. We need your help. The Spring Walks are really late winter. We will have less than two month after the first of the year. That is a very short time to have Team Meetings and recruit Pilgrims. You need to begin praying for these walks. **NOW PRAY for God to lead you to Pilgrims to Sponsor.** As always the most important part of a Walk is Sponsorship. We can't have walks without Pilgrims. This is God's work and it belongs to him. I would love to get back to

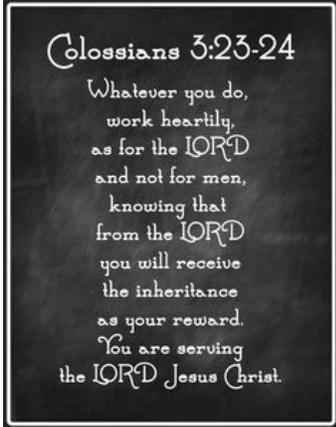
three Walks every year. Also if you have not been contacted by anyone to work the Spring Walks, please contact me or the Lay Directors.

2015 Spring Walks
 Men's #53
 February 26 - March 1, 2015: Donald Stephens
 Women's #55 March 5 -8, 2015: Donna Grenier

2015 Fall Walks
 Men's #54
 September
 24-27, 2015
 Women's #56
 October 1-4, 2015

Please try to attend the November Gathering. As announced in an email and the October Newsletter, we will be voting on a change to our by-laws. We will be voting to remove Article IV, Section 9. It reads: "Clergy may attend Board meetings and serve on the Board in an advisory capacity. They will not have a vote in Board Matters. If the Community

Spiritual Director cannot attend a meeting he/she may designate another clergy to fulfill their duties." This was added in the Revised By-laws dated June 16, 2012.



We will also be voting on new Board Members. The following people have agreed to serve on the Board: Roger Hitchcock, Katie Fowler, Lori Haney, and Vicki Bates. We will be voting at this meeting for new Board Members. We are still in need of a couple more Board Members! If you know of anyone who is interested please ask them to attend and nominate them from the floor during the elections.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Gathering.

DeColores,
 Gordon



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Community Member



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ture. There have been many times I have felt alone, then I have to remember that HE is always with me as He called me by my name and will never leave me.

I have been overwhelmed at the response by all the willingness to serve. And if you haven't been called it's not that the team is full, I just haven't called you yet. Better still you can call me anytime.

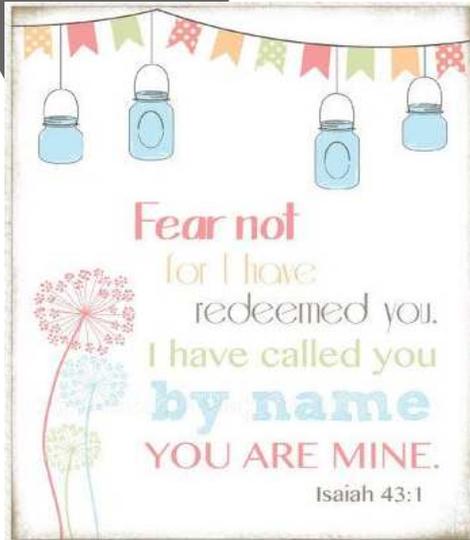
Thank you all that have accepted the call to serve and am looking forward to those still out there that want to serve.

Your Sister in Christ,
Donna Grenier

First of all I want to WELCOME all the new PILGRIMS oops.. MEMBERS to Northwest Ga. Emmaus community.

My name is Donna Grenier, I went on NWGWTE #37 where I sat at the table of Ruth. Wow, it's been 10 years. That is a lot of 4th days. I am also truly honored to be your next Women's Lay Director for Walk #55. I wasn't expecting to be a Lay Director yet, because there are a couple positions I haven't served yet, but as we say in Emmaus, "Don't Anticipate!"

I chose Isaiah 43:1 as my scrip-



Follow-Up November Gathering will be at Due West UMC, on the 15th.

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

Bring your favorite Pot Luck Dish and a huge smile.

Sponsors please bring your New Community Members

3956 Due West Rd NW, Marietta, GA 30064

6:00 Pot-Luck, 7:00 Praise & Worship



If you have not fulfilled your financial responsibility and paid for your team fees, please remember to pay yours & your pilgrims team fees as soon as possible. This helps the community fulfill our obligations to King's Retreat and pay other Walk fees.



Announcements...Thoughts...

VETERANS DAY

By Cheryl Dyson

On Veterans Day we honor all,
Who answered to a service call.
Soldiers young, and soldiers old,
Fought for freedom, brave and bold.
Some have lived, while others died,
And all of them deserve our pride.
We're proud of all the soldiers who,
Kept thinking of red, white and blue.
They fought for us and all our rights,
They fought through many days and nights.
And though we may not know each name,
We thank **ALL** veterans just the same.



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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

Spring Walks

Our Spring Lay Directors for 2015 are Donna Greiner (Mar 5-8) & Donald Stevens (Feb 26-Mar 1)! Please be in prayer for them as they listen for God's voice to build the team. Prayerfully consider pilgrims that God lays on your heart.

Team Meetings will be held at New Covenant in Douglasville.

Address is 5960 Highway 5 Douglasville, Ga. 30135

The first Team Meeting is 10 Jan.

Second Team Meeting is 24 Jan.

Third Team Meeting is 7 Feb

Fourth Team Meeting is 14 Feb

Time will be 8:30 to 2:30 with light breakfast items.

By-Laws Amendment

On September 15, 2014, the Northwest Georgia Walk to Emmaus Executive Committee met at 6:30 PM in the home of Donna Lucas. Present were Chairperson Gordon Norman, Vice Chair and Treasurer Toni Cox, Co-Spiritual Donna Lucas and Co-Spiritual Leonard Akers. Secretary Heather Halbrooks was out of the state and was contacted via telephone. Minutes of the meeting were taken by Toni Cox in Heather's absence.

The Executive Committee met and we unanimously would like to recommend to the board and the Community that on September 20, 2014, Article IV, Section 9, Clergy, be removed from the Bylaws where it was added in the Revised Bylaws dated June 16, 2012.

On Sept. 20, 2014, this resolution was approved by the Board. It will be voted on by the Community at the Nov. Gathering/Business meeting, Nov. 15, 2014.

Article IV, Section 9: Clergy

Clergy may attend Board meetings and serve on the Board in an advisory capacity. They will not have a vote in Board Matters. If the Community Spiritual Director cannot attend a meeting, he/she may designate another clergy to fulfill their duties.

Prayerfully consider serving on the board. We are all called to serve in some capacity throughout our Journey with Christ. Everyone's perspective adds something new to the mix, brings fresh news ideas, and helps our Community move in the God's direction. Open your heart up to the opportunity to make a difference, love unconditionally, and seek out His will for you!! Humbled to Serve these last 3 years!

Heather Halbrooks

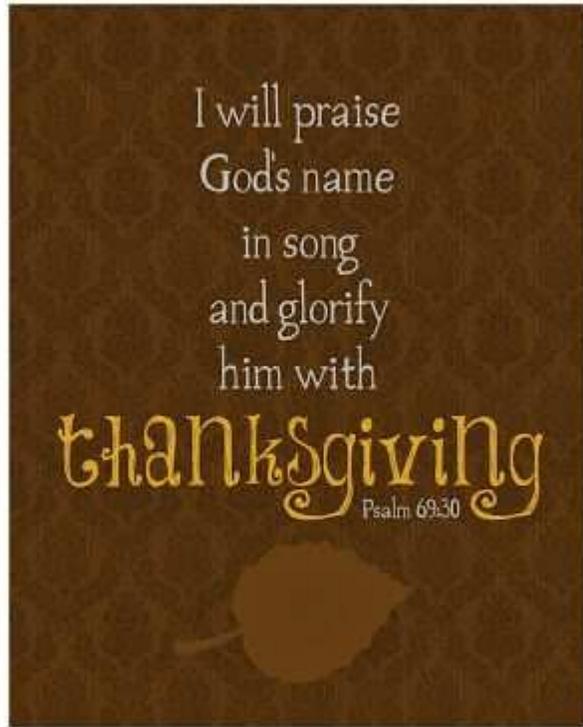
2015 Board Nominations

We will also be voting on the following New Board members, Class of 2015 -2018. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted. Please make sure you have talked to the person you would like to nominate before putting thier name into nomination. We still need two more Board Members. Please be in prayerful consideration.

Roger Hitchcock, Katie Fowler,

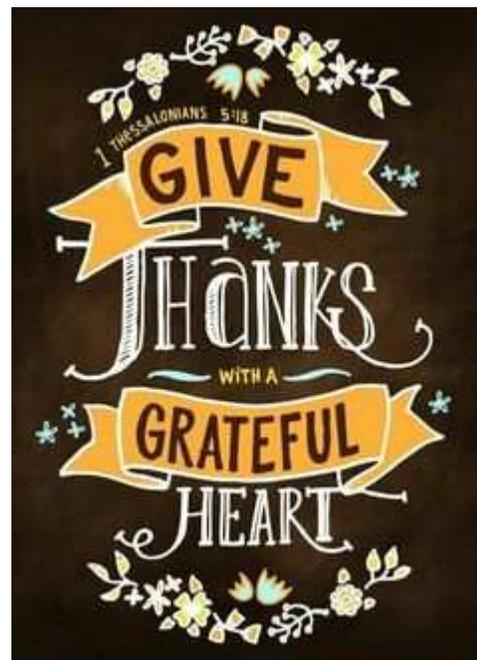
Lori Haney, & Vicki Bates

Thanksgiving



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Fall is my favorite time of the year & Thanksgiving over the years has become my favorite holiday. These are the moments you can show love and gratitude to all of your loved ones without an expectation of a gift. There is no stress, it's spending time with the ones you love and reflecting on all of the amazing blessings God has provided to you! Throughout the next few weeks I challenge you to think of three things you are thankful for daily, write those in a journal, jot in your notes on your phone or post it on Facebook... put your thankful thoughts somewhere you can go back and reflect on them throughout the next year! Blessings, Heather



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Clergy Thoughts

I do not know about you, but I am a person of routines. I feel more comfortable when my day goes according to schedule, when I



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INCLUDES FAITH
in his timing



can stop at that gas station on the right hand side, when I can get to the restaurant right before the lunch crowd hits, when I can get the stuff that I want to work on finished.....yet we all know that life does not operate on a set routine. In fact God continues to remind me that sometimes, many times, the most important conversations happen when we least expect them....the most memorable moments are not when everything went according to plan, but when something amazing happened that we were not expecting. I can remember one late afternoon when I had a day that did not at all go according to plan, a day filled with interruptions, a day where I was not able to get anything that I wanted to work on done and I was on my

way home and frustrated. And then I got stuck in traffic at a place where there is never any traffic at this time of day! And in this midst of this, I saw one of the most gorgeous sunsets right in front of me....it was wonderful! And it reminded me to put things into perspective and give thanks to God for not only the sunset, but also the moments that are off schedule where many times God shows up in powerful ways. It reminded me that God does not care much for my schedules and routines, but cares greatly for the people who are part of the interruptions.....

Know that the Lord is God- he made us; we belong to him. We are his people, the sheep of his own pasture. Psalm 100:3

Blessings,
Leonard





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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

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December Merry Christmas!