



From The Bread Of Life Walk to Emmaus

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... from your community lay director ...

The focus of Emmaus is God as known in Jesus Christ and how that finds expression in the local church. The objective of Emmaus is to inspire, challenge, and equip local church members for Christian action in their home, churches, and places of work. Emmaus lifts up a way for our grace-filled life to be lived and shared with others.

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Greetings to the wonderful Emmaus Community I am so blessed to be a part of! My name is Peg Sanson, and in 2000 I went on Central Texas' Walk 167 and sat at the Table of Ruth (aka the Table of Tears). My husband, Mark, and I moved to Wichita in 2001, and quickly became acquainted with the Bread of Life Community. Last year, I was elected to the Board, and this year I have the honor of serving as your Community Lay Director (or Board Chair). I cannot imagine a more humbling privilege than this and I am so excited about the year to come! But, enough about me ...

As we ease into 2006 and look forward to the coming year, I am reminded of Ecclesiastes 3:1, "there is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven". The earth now sheds its winter blanket and prepares for fresh, new life springing forth. The birds prepare cozy nests for their offspring. The Bread of Life Community prepares for three sets of Walks this year. How exciting it all is! How wonderful that we get to witness the blessings in all of these things! And how humbling it is that we play a part in God's plans!

We tend flowers and water lawns – and are rewarded by blooming beauty and lush green carpets. We feed and safeguard our feathered friends – and are rewarded by their lighthearted music and energetic activity. We pray for the pilgrims and team members God has called for the Walks – and are rewarded with the joy of knowing we have played even a small part in advancing God's kingdom. What a reward for something so simple as a prayer! Can you even imagine the treasure we store up in Heaven when we do more?

If you have never been a part of working behind the scenes at a Walk, I encourage you to prayerfully consider doing just that this coming year. That old adage about "too many cooks spoiling the broth" doesn't apply here – there's always room for one more set of hands. Don't feel like you're gifted in the kitchen? Come and color place mats or count goodies in the agape room. Still don't feel like you've found the right spot? Head for the prayer room where the simple presence of your willing heart is a blessing beyond compare to all who enter there. There are many, many ways to serve behind the scenes.

Another place your mere presence counts a great deal is at Community Gatherings. Are you faithfully attending the Gathering nearest to you? I sure hope so! Not only do you get to renew your spirit there, you get to model for the latest group of pilgrims. Don't feel much like a model these days? I've got great news – it's a new year with another chance to do something more for the Kingdom! How awesome is that?

In closing, I'd like to leave you with this thought regarding serving at the Walks or in upholding your fellow community members at Gatherings ... does it really matter what you do to help at a Walk, or if the music at a gathering isn't exactly to your liking, or if you have to bring something to share at a potluck, when you know Christ is there waiting for you? He tells us in Matthew 18:20, "For where two or three come together in My Name, there am I with them." Come! Christ is counting on you!

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Peg Sanson, Community Lay Director
Central Texas Walk 167
Table of Ruth

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... on the calendar ...**Spring Walks**

Men's Walk 81 - April 20-23, 2006 - Garden City, KS

Lay Director: Doug Harder

Women's Walk 82 - April 27-30, 2006 - Garden City, KS

Lay Director: Allison Reed

Summer Walks

Men's Walk 83 - July 13-16, 2006 - Haviland, KS

Women's Walk 84 - July 20-24, 2006 - Haviland, KS

Fall Walks

Men's Walk 85 - October 5-8, 2006 - FUMC, Wichita, KS

Women's Walk 86 - October 12-15 - FUMC, Wichita, KS

... area community gatherings ...

Location	Date/Time	Comments
Alden – Alden UMC	4th Thursday	Meet at 6:00pm
Ark City – Walnut Valley Community – Winfield Grace UMC	3rd Saturday	Gather at 6:00pm to do agape, then have a potluck, and finish with worship and communion. For more information contact: Judy Grant at judy@thegrantclan.org
Cunningham		Contact Bill Stapleton, 620-324-5328 or wasj@gbta.net
Edwards County – Kinsley UMC or Lewis UMC	3rd Thursday	Alternates between Kinsley and Lewis; meet at 7:00pm. Call 620-659-2233 or 620-659-2273 for more information.
Great Bend – Trinity UMC, 5700 Broadway	1st Tuesday	Meet 6:00pm worship followed by fellowship meal at 7:00pm
Haviland – Haviland Friends Church	4th Sunday	Meet 6:00pm for fellowship meal followed by worship and praise; contact Everett Jantz, 620-862-5258
Hutchinson – South Hutchinson Mennonite Church, 808 S. Poplar	3rd Monday	Meet 7:00pm for finger goods and fellowship (activity center); 7:30pm for gathering and communion in Sanctuary; contact Connie Warrington, 620-960-8001 or connie49@sbcglobal.net
Lakin – Lakin UMC	3rd Wednesday	Meet at 8:00pm; bring snacks
Larned – FUMC, 201 N. Main	3rd Monday	Meet 6:00pm for Worship followed by 7:00pm carry-in supper
Salina/Lindsborg – Trinity UMC, 901 E. Neal	2nd Sunday	Meet from 4:00pm to 6:00pm; contact Pastor Bill
Topeka/Sonflower Emmaus Community	2nd Saturday	Location varies; for further information contact sonfloweremmaus@cox.net
Wichita – Asbury UMC, 2801 W. 15th St.	2nd Saturday (except Walk months)	Meet at 6:00pm for fellowship meal followed by praise and worship at 7:00pm. Contact Alan Harr, 316-838-9314, or aharr@superiorschool.com

(If YOUR community's gathering isn't listed here - or the information presented here needs updating - please contact the Crumbs publisher (pegsanson@hotmail.com) so we can make the changes in our next issue!)

... welcome new board members - class of 2008 ...

We take this opportunity to welcome the newest members of the Bread of Life Board of Directors. We are excited about the gifts they have to share and their hearts of servanthood. To let you know them a little better, we're providing you a little "who's who" here. (Please check out our website for their pictures; you're sure to have seen them serving at past Walks.)

We'd also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to our "retiring" Board members who gave so selflessly of themselves for the past three years. (The good news is that they'll still be around to bless us!!!) Thanks go to Mike Gaddie (the Facilities Dude), Lois Smades (Snack Lady), Susanne Smith (Vice Chair/Chair/Past Chair-Team Training) and Diane Stapleton (Snack Lady). We love you!

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Hello! I'd like to start by saying I'm so excited to be serving our Lord by being a part of the Emmaus Board. What an honor! A little bit about myself: I'm married to Bryce, my husband of almost eleven years. We live in Halstead, KS, and have two wonderful children. Blake is seven years old, and Madyson is four years old, going on fourteen. I am a cosmetologist and am the owner and operator of a small salon in Halstead. I'm looking forward to getting to know many new people and can't wait to be one of the new snack ladies! DeColores, Melanie Beckett, Walk 72, Table of Mary

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I am excited to be part of the Bread of Life Emmaus Board. There is a lot to learn, but after attending the first Board meeting I think I will have lots of help. I have lived in Ark City for the last year and a half with my husband, Charles, who is the minister of the First United Methodist Church in Ark City. We moved here from Larned, which is where we were when we went on our "Walk" and were active in our reunion group and gathering. Now we are inviting others from Ark City to go on their "Walk" and starting a reunion group and getting the Walnut Valley Gathering going again.

Charles and I have two grown sons, the oldest, Jeremy is in KC with his wife, Lauren and two grandsons, Oren (2) and Ben (6 months) and our youngest, Eric lives back East in Maryland. Last year we had an Exchange Student from Korea, Jung-Su, who is now attending Emporia State, and we claim him as one of ours.

I am very active as secretary in Mates in Ministry, the minister's spouses organization of the Kansas West Conference of the UMC. I am also part of the United Methodist Women Executive Committee working with teens and young women of the conference. I work part-time at a grade school in Ark City as a Library Aide and attend Cowley County Community College part-time trying to finish my associate degree I started a few years back. (I hope to graduate in the spring of 2007 - yeah!) I am also coordinator for activities for the Wednesday evening children's program, Jammin' with Jesus, and keep my Sunday school class going.

Now I am the Literature & Supplies coordinator for the Emmaus Board, and as such, I am requesting donations of new and used Christian books for the Book Table during the next "Walks".

De Colores! Judy Grant, Walk 50, Table of Sarah

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I am excited to serve the Bread of Life community as a board member! My Walk was only two and a half years ago; all the time on my Walk, I worried that I would disappoint my sponsors and not "get it"! When I left I still felt like I didn't "get it." God is so amazing that He goes ahead and does His work even when I think I am not "getting it."

My walk with my Lord has just gotten better and better since the fall of 2003. The weekend started a healing process and ignited a fire that I hope will always be like the huge bonfire it is today. All of you who went before and since show me the love of God each time I spend time with you. I am so blessed to be a part of such a wonderful circle of brothers and sisters in Christ. Thank you all so much for your confidence in me and for allowing me the opportunity to serve on the board! I will be one of the "snack ladies" so keep the chocolate coming!

I have two married daughters: Sherry and Michel live in Kansas and have two children, Devin and Mickelly, and Sandra and Jason live in Texas and have a son, Austin. I live in Deerfield and work as the payroll coordinator for Garden City Schools. I also teach an equipping class on Sundays for kindergarten and first graders, which has had some challenges over the past three years. Six five-year-old boys can be a handful! They are the first to give me a hug when they see me and I think that is the way God keeps me teaching! Those hugs are very awesome!!

This will be a busy year for our community with three sets of Walks planned, so I encourage you to get involved and I look forward to working with you. DeColores! Marsha Jarboe, Walk 72, Table of Esther

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Not "officially" holding a position on the Board, but serving nonetheless, is Terry Schneider. Terry willingly and wholeheartedly manages and updates our Community database. He knows who's who as well as who was and manages to keep it all straight! Thank you, Terry, for your service to us all!!!

(Please note: in our next issue we will have "bios" for our two remaining new Board members, Pam McCutcheon and Brad Wingert, who will be serving as Facilities Coordinators for the next year.)

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... pilgrim applications...

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... sponsorship training...

Here are opportunities for those who have not completed sponsorship training and desire to sponsor Pilgrims in the future. Individualized training packets are still available by mail and other group training times can be scheduled as a part of your gathering, if so desired. Please contact Laura Davis at 620-862-5466 or eandldav@havilandtelco.com.

- February 12, 1:30 p.m., Haviland Friends Church – Walnut and Kingman
- March 4, 8:00 p.m., FUMC Garden City – Main and Kansas
- March 12 Haviland Friends Church 1:30 p.m., Haviland Friends Church – Walnut and Kingman
- April 29, 6:30 p.m. (prior to Candlelight of Women's Walk), FUMC Garden City – Main and Kansas