



Heart of Florida

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Gathering

Saturday, September 12th, 2009

at

First United Methodist Church

455 South Broadway Ave., Bartow

863-533-0904

5 - 7 PM

Bring a covered dish

First UMC, Bartow is located

Four blocks south of Business Route 60 (Main Street)

The Gathering will be held at the First Methodist School, one half block south of the church on the west side of the street.

Child care will be provided.

. . .from Our Community Lay Director

Ecclesiastes 3:1-7

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven...

The summer is going by so quickly. As we think about turning our hearts and energies toward Walk 20, let us all be in prayer for God's continued grace and guidance. The applications to serve this fall have been numerous – a very good thing. HOF is a community blessed with servants.

The Board continues the work to bring us all up to date on Upper Room policies, and to address where we – as a community – can better understand that guidance. It is with sadness, but understanding, that we have accepted the resignation of Michelle Brewington from the Board so that she can attend to family health and well being. We lift Michelle, Jeff and the Brewington family up in our prayers. Michelle's seat on the Board will be filled in January when new Board members are elected to serve for 3 years. Karolyn Nunnallee, the current Assistant Community Lay Director, will also serve as the Secretary for the Board until that time.

As always, my thoughts and prayers are with each person in this community. May you each continue to be a strong warrior in God's army. Remember to get those sponsorship and pilgrim applications in quickly. Think about the gift you can give someone – the gift of an Emmaus weekend – 72 hours with Christ!

DeColores,
Susan Garrett
HOF – Walk #9, Table of Sarah

****Please Note: Team Training Schedule for Fall Walks begins August 20, (Thursday 7:00 – 9:00)
Team Dedication will be on Thursday, October 22, 2009.****

*****Sustaining The Spirit Manuals Needed*****

We have discovered that many of the purple team manuals that are shared with team members during the team training weeks have gone missing. Please check around your home, autos, and offices to see if you spot one that can be returned. Finding these means that the community does not have to pay to replace these copies. Please return these to Karolyn Nunnallee, or Susan Garrett. We appreciate your looking hard to make sure all existing copies come back to the community.

*****Rooster Serving Dishes Needed*****

The bowls, plates, and other serving dishes (most with roosters on them) have also gone missing. Please check around your home, autos, offices to see if you spot one that can be returned. Please return these to Karolyn Nunnallee, or Susan Garrett. We appreciate your looking hard to see if you might have taken any of these items home after a walk to wash them and forgot to bring them back.

Newsletter and Email Update

As postage rates and other newsletter-related costs continue to rise, it is important that we remind each member of our ever-growing community that the newsletters are available on our HOF website: www.hof-emmaus.org. If you want to print the newsletter from the site, you can.

If you have signed up for the HOF-Emmaus Message Group in the past and need to update the email address that you currently are using, all you need to do is log on to the message group (using the old address) at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HeartofFloridaEmmaus/>, and then go to "edit membership" where you can update your profile and add your new email address and delete the old one. If, after trying this, you are not successful, send a note with your old email address and the new one to our webmaster for help (webmaster@hof-emmaus.org).

If you are not already a member of our message group, you can join by going to our website and selecting the "message group" menu item and then click on the link in the paragraph "How do I join?". When completing this email, be sure to include the information on your walk, e.g. Your name, walk location, walk number and table. After you have joined the group, you will get notices from the webmaster whenever a new newsletter has been posted on the website.

For those who prefer to continue receiving the "snail mail" paper version of the newsletter, please let Sharon Harris know this by sending a little note to her (at: **First Presbyterian Church of Bartow ; P.O Box 1412; Bartow, FL 33831-1 412**) with the name and correct address you wish the newsletter mailed to. It would also be nice if you included a small donation to cover paper, postage, and even the gas for her to drive to the closest post office that accepts bulk mail.

Fall Walks (#20)

Men's – Oct. 29th – Nov. 1st, 2009

Women's – Nov. 5th – Nov. 8th, 2009

Masterpiece Gardens, Lake Wales, FL

Post Walk Gathering

November 14, 2009

St. John's UMC, Winter Haven

Spring Walks (#21)

Men's – April 15th – 18th

Women's – April 22nd – 25th

Masterpiece Gardens, Lake Wales, FL

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Here are a few things that are on the website:

Directions to Masterpiece Gardens and Churches where Gatherings are held

Forms – Reservation for Pilgrims, Sponsor's form, Team Application

There is also a **Heart of Florida email group** – sign up for this group and receive email communications about upcoming events.

The **newsletters** are also posted there. We are hoping some of you might prefer to read your newsletter online instead of receiving it by mail. If you would like to receive it via the website instead of snail mail – please email Sharon Harris at info@fpcbartowfl.org

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