



# Heart of Florida

## Walk to Emmaus

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## Post Walk Gathering

Saturday, May 9th, 2009

at

**First United Methodist Church**

**230 North 5<sup>th</sup> St., Lake Wales**

**863-676-6516**

**5 - 7 PM**

Bring a covered dish to share.  
Child Care will be provided!!

**FUMC Lake Wales is located**  
North of St. Rd. 60, East of Hwy. 27  
Take Central Ave. East to  
North Lakeshore Blvd.  
To Orange Ave  
To North 5<sup>th</sup> St.

*Mark your calendar and don't miss out on this wonderful time of fellowship!*

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### Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars

#### Spring Walks

**Men's Walk #19 April 16-19, 2009**

**Women's Walk #20 April 23-26, 2009**

**Masterpiece Gardens, Lake Wales**

#### Gathering

**Trinity UMC – July 11, 2009**

## **. . . from Our Community Lay Director**

*Greetings HOF Community,*

***Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am among them. Matthew 18:20.***

*There is a sense of excitement and renewal that is coursing through this community. The Board has been hard at work, the teams have been preparing for the weekends, and God is stirring the waters. Our last two gatherings have been the largest in quite some time. Jim Hatch and I have had several calls from groups that have become aware of HOF and are interested in being involved. Prayers are being answered. I know that many of you are out there spreading the word and sharing your love for the community and for our Savior. We are being faithful to our acknowledgement that "Jesus is counting on me".*

*As we prepare to gather for the weekends, let's all be in prayer for the team, for the lay directors, for the spiritual directors and for the pilgrims, and for those folks at Masterpiece Gardens who serve also. The mighty presence of the Lord will be there among us.*

*De Colores!  
Susan Garrett*

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## **. . . from the HOF Emmaus Board**

The Board has been quite busy as we work to insure that each board member has clarity about their role and responsibilities. In addition to these roles – see the website for a complete list of who is doing what ([www.hof-emmaus.org](http://www.hof-emmaus.org)), all Board members are serving on either the newly formed Communication or Sponsorship committees.

### **. . . from the Sponsorship Committee**

I recently accepted the role as Sponsorship Coordinator. In this role I will be working with members of the community and community churches to strengthen the sponsorship for our walks. Communication is vital and everyone can greatly assist me by answering the four questions below by replying to my email [cortneysdad@cfl.rr.com](mailto:cortneysdad@cfl.rr.com) or writing me at: Tom Selander 11612 Thurston Way, Orlando, FL 32837.

1. The name of your church and is your church and pastor active in the Heart of Florida community?
2. Approximately how many church members in your church are active in the Heart of Florida community?
3. Would you attend or encourage another community member to attend a 15-20 minute overview regarding sponsorship?
4. How can I help you and or your church in sponsoring new pilgrims?

Please pray for me in my new role, pray for sponsorship for the upcoming walk, and pray for all the pilgrims.  
Tom Selander.

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### **. . . from the Communication Committee**

Hello HOF Community - I am here to introduce myself as a 2009 board member for your community taking on the task of Communications Coordinator. HOF Emmaus, like all Emmaus Communities, has a message to communicate - the love of Jesus Christ! We must spread the Good News. I look forward to doing just that along with all of you. Stay tuned, you will be hearing more from all of us as - Your HOF Board and Community of Christ. DeColores, Toni Griffith. You can reach Toni at: [gahbabe@aol.com](mailto:gahbabe@aol.com)

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The Board has also spent time reviewing motions made and approved over the years and will revisit those to more closely follow up on them. At the February meeting, a decision was made to create an honorary sponsorship (a scholarship of sorts) to provide funds for a pilgrim who might not be able to attend the weekend otherwise. This fund (with suggested \$1.00 donations) is named in honor of our hard working, and beloved Community Registrar – Sharon Harris (First Presbyterian Church). Sharon does so much "behind the scenes" for the community – we are proud to offer this agape to show our appreciation for her work and dedication to the community. Donations can be made at

gatherings, weekend events, and to any board member at any time. Further details about how to apply for the funds will be shared in the upcoming months once the sponsorship is fully funded.

Please do not hesitate to let any Board member know if you have ideas, suggestions, or concerns to improve our community.

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### **. . . from the Facilities (Set-Up and Break Down) Coordinator**

Wade Willey serves our community as “the guy” who makes sure that all the tables, chairs, and other furnishings are in place before the weekend and cleaned up after both the men’s and women’s walks. Quite an undertaking that takes lots of time and needs lots of hands to assist. Please let Wade know that you will be there to lend a hand with the following tasks:

We need the volunteers at Masterpiece by 2pm Sunday of the Women's Walk. The more people we have, the quicker the work will get done. Things to be done Sunday afternoon:

1. Take apart and store curtains, poles, and posters etc. that serve as a wall around the dining area.
2. Wipe down the chairs and tables.
3. Sweep and mop the floors.
4. Put the tables and chairs back in their original places.

Monday morning (after women’s walk) - 9:00 AM to properly close the facilities. It is our aim to always be a good example by leaving the facilities cleaner than when we got there. If we do not clean up afterwards, the price of the weekend rental would be much higher.

The list of things to be done include:

1. Pack the trailer with all the items used in the Dorms, Cafeteria, Conference, Snack and Agape Rooms.
2. Pack up all the left over drinks, food etc. from the Snack Room.
3. Clean, vacuum, mop, all areas (cafeteria, chapel, conference center, dorms, rest rooms).

The more volunteers we have, the quicker it all gets done. It normally takes about 3 to 3.5 hours if we have 8 to 10 people working. Afterwards, we usually go out to a local restaurant to eat and fellowship. Please let Wade know that he can depend on you to assist in these efforts! You can reach him at: [wnwww58@yahoo.com](mailto:wwww58@yahoo.com)

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## **Agape – Acts of Love**

For those groups or individuals making agape for the weekends, if you prefer to make agape only for the pilgrims – that will require 60 pieces (pilgrims plus table leaders sleeping in the pilgrims dorm, and table leaders and assistant table leaders sitting at the dining tables, and conference room tables). Be sure to clearly mark your agape “For Pilgrims Only” and indicate the number of pieces. If you have a specific time or location you would like to have the agape distributed, please indicate that also. This will help the agape team out tremendously as they sort through the bags and boxes.

**Homemade, Handmade, Lovemade – these are agape gifts from our hearts.**

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## **Chrysalis News**

Boys’ Flight May 2-4, Rotary Camp Florida in Brandon 5/2 at 8am is sendoff; Candlelight is at 8pm on 5/3; and Closing at 4pm on 5/4. We need table and bed agape (60 pieces) as well as food agape! Applications and sponsorship forms can be downloaded at [www.heartofsuncoastchrysalis.org](http://www.heartofsuncoastchrysalis.org), as well as Prayer Clock signups starting April 25. Contact Heather Beato at [hbeato@sao10.com](mailto:hbeato@sao10.com) or 863-661-3682 for more information.

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## Pilgrims – Walk #19

Terri Andrews	Bev Fulmer	Mary Kelley	John Riddle
Linda Balliett	Brad Gruner	Jacquire Lanier	Meg Riddle
Nancy Bataille	Heather Gruner	Maggie Leasure	Beverley Rinaldi
John Berry	Joe Harrell	Flora McClain	Jim Sartain
Patti Berry	Renee Harrell	John Miles	Linda Sartain
Linda Bogden	Jeanne Hart	Jolee Miles	Dorothy Smith
Doris Bonadie	Michael Hart	Barney Moore	Leah Stephens
Lori Cain	Marje Henry	Jeff Moss	Melvin Story
Kevin Conrad	Rebecca High	Kathy Moss	Pat Story
Robin Conrad	Corey Jones	Chris Nickelson	Molly Thompson
Betty Conklin	Ted Jones	Jim Nickelson	Steve Thompson
Christina Dunn	Sheldon Katsoff	Julie Pearson	Martha Walker
Ruth Freer	Susan Katsoff	Marie Phillips	

***Please pray for all the pilgrims, the team, Lay Directors, Spiritual Directors and all who will be working to make the weekends successful.***

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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 e-mail 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](mailto:info@fpcbartowfl.org).

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