

Northern California Nevada Community



December 2017



And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Luke 2:8-12

On this very first Christmas, God gave the greatest gift ever. - His Son! Then His Son gave the gift of His life for us - which was why He came. Because of this, we can have a relationship with God as His children. Through Jesus Christ, we are Sons and Daughters of the Most High God.

So this Christmas, keep in mind the true Christmas story, which led to the true Easter story. Let us give thanks and praise to our heavenly Father for these events, which have changed our lives forever.



Looking for a way to serve?

Your Northern California Nevada Emmaus Community is looking for new Board members. Four positions are up for candidacy. It doesn't take up too much time – only four board meetings per year. If you would like to serve in this capacity or know someone you would like to nominate, please respond by replying to this Email. The board will be notified of your desire or nominee.



Pray for New Community Members

Women's Walk to Emmaus #69 in Grass Valley brought 16 women into our Emmaus community and provided an awesome experience for all who were there.

Please pray for our newest members from Walk #69 who are now in their 4th Day: Darlene (D.)Forrest, Roberta Gragg, Cheri Kerr, Melanie Kincheloe, Louise King, Carol Kinyon, Marie Lange, Tracy Laswell, Barbara Mandolfo, Vicki Massman, Kathleen Mirtoni, Lisa Milburn, Amy Parr, Joan Pell, Judy Pritchard, and Liz Rogers.
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It's a First!

Coming in February, we will be having the first ever Combined Boys and Girls Flight! There have been many logistics and organizational issues to work out, but our Chrysalis Board has worked very hard to make this happen. It will be on Presidents' Day weekend, Feb. 16-18, so kids won't miss any school. It looks like it will be held at St. Mark's UMC in Sacramento, but final approval still needs to come.

This will be Combined Chrysalis Flight #1. Applicants must have completed the ninth grade and be at least 15 years old. Applicants over 19 years old will be considered, but may be encouraged to attend a Walk to Emmaus for adults. Know someone like this who would like to learn more about faith, to experience Christian love and support and a chance to make new commitments in their faith journey? We are called to build up leaders in the church, so why not start with youth?

Sponsor someone for this upcoming Flight! Get applications on the website at

<http://www.ncnec.org/applications/chrysalis-application/>

Send applications to

Ellen Thomas, Chrysalis Registrar

5168 Valley Hi Drive

Sun Valley, NV 89433

Email: btluvset@nvcbell.net

Did you know?

The Emmaus and Chrysalis Community counts on sustained giving through annual dues to plan and underwrite the costs of walks and flights and to support the administration of the community. Annual dues are \$25 per person and can be paid via our web page at

<http://www.ncnec.org/contribution/>

Instructions for paying online via PayPal or credit card can be found there. You may also snail mail contributions by mailing a check to our Treasurer, Rob Dunning, at 1910 G Street, Eureka, CA 95501
Thank you for your continued support!



Reunion Groups

Help Create an Info Bank for 4th Day/Reunion Groups!

We are often asked for information about reunion groups to join but there is no central information on when and where groups meet. Could your reunion group take another pilgrim? Share your meeting time and place, and a contact name with our Registrar. Include whether you have a preference for women or men only or whether you run an open group. Send info to Roxanne at roxanne.l.moger@comcast.net and let's get the word out. Is your area missing a group? Why not form one?

Let Roxanne know your contact info and we can help you get started.





All teams for the upcoming Flight at St. Mark's UMC in Sacramento need help! Don't worry if you've never worked on a Flight before. We love to share our experience and love with new people! A lot of adult help will be needed for this Flight to be successful. Sign up to work now! Use ncnec.org/applications Link.

Background apps and Butterfly apps are on the same tab.

Send **Background apps** to

Kristi Dorf c/o Sparks UMC, 1231 Pyramid Way, Sparks, NV 89431 or Email: flightservant@ncnec.org

Butterfly apps go to Ellen Thomas at 5168 Valley Hi Drive, Sun Valley, NV, 89433 or Email to: btluvset@nvcbell.net.

Candlelight always needs Angels to come and sing!

Next Men's and Women's Walks Scheduled

Start making plans to give the gift of sponsorship to a man or woman ready to join our Emmaus community. The next Men's Walk is scheduled for April 26-29 and the Women's Walk is the following weekend, May 3-6, 2018.

These Walks will be in Fallon, NV and might be the only Walks in 2018!

Don't miss out! Send in applications for Pilgrims and background today!

Applications for Pilgrims and background: <http://www.ncnec.org/applications/emmaus-application/>

Pilgrims to Registrar: Roxanne Moger - email: walkregistrar@ncnec.org

Background to Kristi Dorf - Email: walkservant@ncnec.org

Or mail to: Emmaus, c/o Kristi Dorf
1231 Pyramid Way, Sparks, NV 89431

Upcoming Gatherings in 2018

The Sacramento Gathering Area is having six gatherings in 2018.

March 16 at Davis UMC located at 620 Anderson Road, Davis

May 18 at Woodland UMC located at 620 North Street, Woodland

July 20 at Elverta UMC located at 7861 Elmont Avenue, Elverta

September 21 TBA

November 16 at Woodland UMC located at 620 North Street, Woodland

We are currently looking for a church to host the September 21 gathering. Each gathering will begin with a pot luck at 6:30 followed by singing, updates of upcoming Walks and Flights, a Fourth Day or Next Steps talk and Communion. Our goal is to end all gatherings by 9:00. Each host church is responsible for providing coffee and a cold beverage, a Fourth Day / Next Step speaker and clergy for Communion. All musicians are encouraged bring their instruments and join the fun.

Please contact Ron (916.206.8078) or Joanne West (916.206.8075) for more information.

(916) 925-2621 Home Phone

GROUP REUNIONS: Keeping the Fire Alive

Many aspects of our world threaten to destroy the life The Walk to Emmaus presents – the truly Christian yet truly human life. Once we return to our everyday world, it does not take long to discover that living the Christian life is possible through contact with other Christians who share the priority of a life of grace. The Christian life is strengthened and deepened by being shared. However, contact with other Christians who share the priority of a life in grace. The Christian life is strengthened and deepened by being shared. However, contact with other Christians does not mean just any contact; it means contact particularly with Christians who share the vision of a life directed wholly to God through Christ. During The Walk to Emmaus, the Perseverance talk introduced the concept of the group reunion as a way of maintaining that kind of contact – an important means of persevering in the life in grace.

Throughout The Walk to Emmaus, you learned that a life in grace means living a life wholly directed to Christ. You learned that piety, study, and action are the legs that support a life in grace. You also learned reunion's shared activities are not Christ-centered, they can lead you away from Christ.

Scripture contains many stories of fellowship. Christ chose twelve disciples to accompany him, and he sent them out two by two to witness. Interestingly, he told them they didn't need to take any money, food, clothing, or even shoes with them. They already had the one thing they needed above all – one another's support along the way.

Just what is a group reunion? Basically, it is made up of two to six people who meet once a week at a regular time for about an hour. It may even incorporate those who have not made a walk to Emmaus but who are seeking to direct their lives wholly to God. The group meets at a time and place convenient to all the members – in a home, an office, a room at your church, even a restaurant. Any convenient place with privacy and a comfortable atmosphere will work. The setting and meeting place do not matter as much as the regularity with which you meet – regular attendance is the strength of the group reunion.

Once you have formed a group, the reunion card gives a format for remaining focused on your life in Christ. The structure of the group reunion is valuable only when people are looking for the means to accomplish what they want – to live and grow in the life in grace encountered during the Emmaus weekend. A common reason for unsuccessful groups is that people participate without wanting to accomplish the purpose of the group reunion.

Criteria for Forming Group Reunions

There are four criteria for forming group reunions:

1. Group reunions are based on friendship.
2. You must make the effort to start or join a group; there is no imposed formation.
3. Every participant contributes; there is no group leader.
4. Groups can change.

Characteristics of an Effective Group Reunion

Effective group reunions share five characteristics:

1. Earnestness
2. Sincerity
3. Discretion
4. Regular attendance
5. Confidentiality

The group reunion provides a setting in hectic everyday living where you can gather for support, affirmation, and guidance in living your life in grace

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Feel free to respond to this email with suggestions or comments for the board. Your comments will reach the proper person!

