

Northern California Nevada Community



May 2017

2017 Walk Schedule

Chrysalis

Rancho Cordova UMC

Boys' Flight – July 6-10

Girls' Flight – July 13-17

Team Weekend June 23-24

Application deadline

At least 6 by June 19

Walks

Grass Valley UMC

Women's Walk-Oct.12-15

Men's Walk – Possible?

Team Weekend Sept 15-16

Application deadline

At least 12 by Sept. 11

Candlelight

8:30pm Saturday of Walk

Closing

4:30pm of the Walk

CAN YOU HELP?

We need a "techie" person for the next Walk to run Audio/visual/computer equipment. If you have any knowledge or experience in this area, please contact Lay Director Lois Scott at scottle-2@comcast.net.

We also need a person in the Kitchen for "special diets". This person would help the Kitchen Chief by watching out for any special dietary needs at the Walk in Oct. in Grass Valley. Please contact Barbara Brinkman at 916-663-1421 or ffb956@pacbell.net

A note from the Spiritual Director

Once upon a time, Traveler A was going down a busy road when he met Traveler B carrying a bulky, heavy load. The first traveler offered to help carry the load. After a while they stopped to catch their breath. Traveler A asked, "So what's in this baggage?"

Traveler B said, "These are the things I must carry with me; the things I can't bear to part with, things I have to carry, all the things that make me who I am." And so they picked up the load and continued on the road.

Again they had to stop to rest. Traveler A asked, "What kind of things are in here? They seem to be getting heavier."

Traveler B replied, "This is all my suffering from when I was misunderstood or bullied. It's all my guilt and shame from when I made a fool of myself and hurt someone I cared about. It's all my regrets of roads not taken and sorrow for loved ones lost. I carry it all with me all the time." Traveler A smiled softly and invited traveler B to come sit under a tree for a while. Traveler A shared how going on a Walk to Emmaus had allowed him to set aside his own baggage. How learning about God's grace, unfailing love and forgiveness had set him free. And he offered to sponsor Traveler B on the next Walk or Chrysalis event and to be part of the team making sure that it happened.

It's not enough for us to help carry burdens, or pray for our fellow travelers. We need to be willing to engage them and invite them to experience God's grace for themselves.

Who do you know that is carrying a load and needs the gift of God's amazing grace? Take a few moments to seriously pray about this. Then pick up the phone and invite someone or five to be your Pilgrim/Caterpillar. Then get online and get applications for your pilgrims and yourself. Once upon a time, a fellow traveler smiled softly at you and gave you that gift.

Pastor Barb.

Community Spiritual Director

Giving our Hearts to Christ

Upcoming Gatherings

May 19 at Rio Linda UMC	6800 6th Street, Rio Linda
June 16 at Elverta UMC	7861 Elmont Avenue, Elverta (Bring lawn chairs)
July 21 at Woodland UMC	620 North Street, Woodland
August TBD at Rancho Cordova UMC	2101 Zinfandel Drive, Rancho Cordova
Sept 8 at Davis UMC	620 Anderson Road, Davis

Gatherings will begin with a potluck dinner at 6:30pm followed by singing, a short meeting and a 4th Day or Next Steps talk. Communion will begin by 8:30pm and conclude the gathering by 9pm.

Attendees should provide a dish for the potluck along with their own dinnerware and utensils. The host church will provide coffee, water and another beverage such as ice tea or lemonade. All are welcome at gatherings!

For information or directions,
call Ron West
(916) 925-2621 Home Phone
(916) 206-8078 Cell Phone

Sponsorship

Please start talking with perspective pilgrims and submit applications now to ensure a place on the next Walk. Don't wait!

First round of applications are due Monday before Team Weekend.

If we don't have 12 by then, the Walks are canceled! (6 for Flights). We need 16 pilgrims for a Walk to happen, so get those applications in now!

Registrar: Roxanne Moger, email: walkregistrar@ncnec.org

Applications for pilgrims and background:

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

Before sponsoring a pilgrim, please read the Sponsorship Guidelines at

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

International Emmaus

The new **Emmaus Community of Bolivia** will hold its first walks from **July 5-8 and July 10-13**. Bolivia is one of 8 countries launching a new community – all within five years – as part of the **“8 in 5” initiative**. Kenya and Bolivia hold their first walks this year, while leadership teams in Bulgaria, Peru, Poland, Uganda, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Chile are in various stages of formation.

Bolivia is counting on you to:

+PRAY. Add the Emmaus Community of Bolivia to your personal prayer list AND sign up for a prayer vigil by emailing lourdesmc@gmail.com

+SHARE Write agape letters for the new pilgrims. Send your letters by June 23rd to irn_rodriguez@hotmail.com

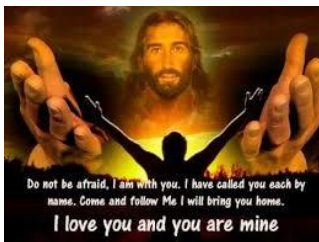
Keep praying!

Please keep praying for our newest members in their 4th Day: Brenda Aarons, Margie Anderson, Cat Barclay, Janet Bonzo, Amanda Bulls-Stephens, Ann Butler, Rebecca Eversall, Patty Ferrell, Ofa Haunga, Carole Hester, Jeanne Hurst, Elaine Ixcot, Jennifer Khan, Marsha Kolsters, Holly Lusk, Janice Madruga, Alice Martinez, Jan Morita, Martha Mossman, Annette Pratt, Joyce Riddle, Tammy Rustmann, Brenda Salim, Kathi Stokes, Kimberly Wight, and Lynn Wilkerson.

Mona Anderson, Sara Ballard, Janelle Berryman-Nosik, Lydia Chenoweth, Pat Crane, Maria Denzler, Krista Glover, Jo Herrera, Nancy Hill, Rachel Little, Simona MacAngus, Laura Mohun, Kathie Peterson, Mysti Rose, Francisca Smith, Julie Smith, Riley Taylor, Losa Toetuu, Sharen Topham, Sandi Walker-Tansley, and Briana Whitten. May your 4th Day continue to demonstrate God's perfect love for you!

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Enjoy and remember
this song at
<https://goo.gl/pu4zHW>



AH YES, HERE IT IS ... SAYS HERE THAT
PASSOVER IS A TIME OF CELEBRATION
INCLUDING A FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD,
BITTER HERBS AND ... UH OH