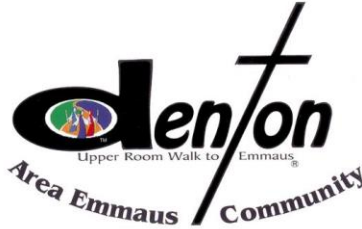


May 2018



## Your monthly news & updates

### A message from our Community Lay Director:

As we continue to feel the glow from the spring walks, we look forward to fall and even 2019. Fall teams are being readied. Please know that you can contact team selection board members, the lay directors and the servant team leaders yourself as you feel led to serve.

Please pray with us as we finalize the 2019 lay directors. As of this writing, 3 of the 4 needed have been filled.

We are also asking all to consider Board service.

Board Service Qualifications include: 1) Active in a Reunion Group and 2) Served two or more times in the Conference Room, able to serve a 3-year term (2019, 2020, 2021), and are interested in a significant contribution to the Community, please reach out to the Community Lay Director (CLD) to let him know of your interest. The 2019 Class Nominations will be put before the Board in July as we prepare the Ballot in advance of elections to be held in October.

I look forward to seeing you at July's gathering and serving with you in the DAEC.

De Colores!

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**"The aim of sponsorship is to build up the body of Christ." from The Upper Room**

### Upcoming Walks:

**Women's Walk #80,  
Sep't. 13 - 16.**

**Men's Walk #81,  
Oct. 25-28.**

**It's never too soon to sponsor!**

**SPONSORS  
NEEDED**

**A word  
from our  
Assistant  
Spiritual  
Director:**



### **CANDLES IN THE WIND**

By: Pastor Chad T. Mogus  
Since the time I began my ministry at Rhome UMC I have seen several people take the weekend adventure that we all call "The Walk to Emmaus". As they prepare to embark on this adventure it never fails, their hesitant voices muster up the questions they dare not ask, "How much actual walking do



Sign up to pray here:

[http://www.dentonemmaus.org/walks\\_2018.php](http://www.dentonemmaus.org/walks_2018.php)

### **An Emmaus Blessing**

I sponsored my first pilgrim a few months after my own walk. What an experience to "relive" my walk through her. But this time, I got to anticipate while I participated. I was privileged to be in prayer for her. It was so much fun making agape and shopping for her favorite snacks.

Then after sendoff, I went to my first sponsor's hour. What a sweet gift, to hold her lanyard and pray. It was sacred.

Then came candlelight. This time I got to see someone I cared about react to seeing all the candles. Her reaction brought tears to my eyes. How incredible is God and His Love!!

Each time since that I've sponsored has been another incredible experience. A lot of work sometimes, but so many more blessings.

we do?" To many peoples surprise the joy of this weekend retreat for me is not found in the closing or follow up comments from the pilgrims. Instead, it comes in the form of the change that happens as they are drug from the mountaintop high of the weekend and faced with the question of, "what do I do next?" Slowly, the Holy Spirit moves and the spark of hope they received from their walk bursts into action as they start making changes and telling their stories once again. Time and time again this is the process that Emmaus creates. This is the life-giving hope that is spread from one to another as others make the transition from pilgrim to 4<sup>th</sup> Day activist. As a Christian most days are difficult. Most days are filled with death, sorrow, pain, trials, anger, and hurt; and this is just from the morning news. It is a constant assault from the wind that threatens to blow out the Gospel in this world. As I move from day to day facing this wind, the hope is drained and becomes tiresome until suddenly there emerges another flickering candle. Another person who has had their life reignited for a life of service to Jesus Christ. Another candle is flickering in the wind. This experience has changed the lives of so many in our own little church and is a

**It is my hope you'll choose to be blessed as you give someone the gift of Emmaus.**

**Applications are found on the website.**

**De Colores!**

Hope Jarrell,  
Dallas Emmaus, #43  
Table of Hannah



### **The Musician's Song Sheet.**

Thanks to our 7 musicians for coming to our 1<sup>st</sup> musician's learning session at the April Gathering. A big Thank YOU to Jim Gerber for leading the session!

If you are aspiring musician and want to play &/or sing at a gathering, candlelight or work on a conference room team, attending a musician's learning session is a great way to get started!

The next musician's learning session will be held at the July 14<sup>th</sup> Gathering at Flower Mound UMC. We will start at 5 pm, break at 6 for a pot luck supper then on to worship. We would love to have you join us.

If you are an experienced musician and have not worked an Emmaus event in a while, reach out to me and I help you get reconnected into the community.

Remember how wonderful the music

beacon of hope to those that need to find Christ in a radical way and enter into leadership. Time and time again the words ring out from parishioners, "I didn't know how much I needed Emmaus until I went, it has saved my life." The wind isn't going anywhere. It still daily threatens to blow out the flicking light in us all and leave us as nothing but a stream of hopeless smoke wafting in the breeze towards nothing. But like the passing of candles at Christmas Eve, there stand the Emmaus folks changing lives and bringing The Kingdom of God. Little by little, day by day, one action at a time. Like Matthew 28 calls us to "...go and make disciples of all nations," we are called to reignite those that have lost their flicker. Emmaus has changed our church and has brought about more invested and devoted Christians on fire and moving forward in the name of Jesus Christ. Imagine what it could do at your church. Don't forget to be a candle in the wind, you just never know who might need it.

**Have you checked the website recently? Several updates have been added. These include sponsorship info, a template you can use to ask for agape letters, the Upper Room video that you can use to show prospective pilgrims and more. Check it out!**

was on your Walk????? Come join us to move the community even more! Anyone can call me and let's figure out how to get you plugged in!  
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The Fall Walks have various service needs. Please contact team selection board members or lay directors to serve. Service can be inside or outside. Recuperating from surgery? You can still serve, we need calls made to all sponsors prior to the Walk, for ex. Service can be as much or "as little" as you can. Please call today, you'll be glad you did!



**Emmaus Gathering**

Saturday, July 14th  
Flower Mound UMC  
5 pm - Musicians Get Together with Training  
6 Pm - Potluck Dinner  
7 pm - Worship  
fmumc.org

Saturday, Nov. 10th  
Abiding Grace Lutheran  
6 Pm - Potluck Dinner  
7 pm - Worship



abidinggracedfw.org



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