

Hays Praise Newsletter

Community Gathering, Tuesday July 7 - Manchaca UMC

Call your Emmaus friends, you know the ones you haven't seen in a while and meet them at the Community Gathering at Manchaca UMC at 6:30. The potluck & fellowship will be in the Family Life Center and the fourth day speaker will be their new preacher, Laura Adam. Elections will be held for the Community positions of Assistant Lay Director & Conference Board Representative.



Job Duties

Local Lay Director (LD)

The purpose of the Emmaus Community shall be to inspire, challenge, and equip church members for Christian action in their churches, home, place of work and community through the Emmaus experience.

- Organize gatherings
- Organize pilgrims a send-off program
- Organize a Welcome Back for the pilgrims
- Gather information for the newsletter
- Schedules Fourth Day Speakers
- Encourages faith
- Recruit/encourage Pilgrims/Sponsors
- Maintain the intent and integrity of the Upper Room Walk to Emmaus
- Attends all Emmaus gatherings

Local Assistant Lay Director (ALD)

- Assist & train with LD to serve after 2 years
- Is familiar with by-laws of the board & the Upper Room Handbook of the Walk to Emmaus
- Provides communion elements
- Assist Secretary with meeting notes
- Attend all gatherings when LD unavailable
- Encourages faith
- Recruit/encourage Pilgrims/Sponsors
- Maintain the intent and integrity of the Upper Room Walk to Emmaus

Secretary

- Takes minutes at meetings
- Read/provide previous minutes at meetings
- Verifies Hays Praise website information
- Presides at gatherings in absence of LD & ALD
- Attend all gatherings when LD unavailable
- Gathers info from LD for Newsletter Chair
- Encourages faith
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- Maintain the intent and integrity of the Upper Room Walk to Emmaus

Local Board Representative

- Attend board meetings & report back
- Attend Lay Director trainings as needed
- Assist on Hays Praise Walks as needed
- Attend all gatherings when available
- Assist with articles for newsletter
- Encourages faith
- Recruit/encourage Pilgrims/Sponsors
- Maintain the intent and integrity of the Upper Room Walk to Emmaus
- Other duties as assigned... LOL!

Treasurer

- Collects offering
- Submits a financial report
- Maintains financial records
- Distributes scholarships
- Attends quarterly SWTC board meetings
- Reports on actions taken by Conference board
- Assists with newsletter articles
- Attends monthly gatherings

Local Prayer Vigil Coordinator

- Distributes Prayer Vigils at gathering
- Returns completed Prayer Vigils to Prayer Vigil Coordinator
- Distributes newsletters to community
- Maintains electronic database (updates each walk)
- Assist newsletter coordinator with monthly community news and activities

Sponsorship Coordinator

- Communicates with sponsors for all walks
- Assists LD with list of pilgrims & team on upcoming walks
- Coordinates the recruitment of Pilgrims
- Communicate, Organize & Disseminates info
- Assist new pilgrims find reunion group
- Verify Hays Praise website RG information
- Coordinates the recruitment of Pilgrims

Upcoming Walks - Are you fishing?

Walk 1512	<i>Gene Sueltenfuss</i>	8/27/2009
Walk 1537	<i>Reba Hilgers</i>	11/19/2009
Walk 1538	<i>Jack Blakley</i>	1/21/2010
Walk 1563	<i>Chris Dunkin</i>	5/13/2010
Walk 1574	<i>Mike Long</i>	8/19/ 2010
Walk 1596	<i>Amy Pena</i>	11/4/2010

Community Reports

*Applications are needed for 2010 Walks

Walk 1538	Jack Blakley	1/21/2010
Walk 1563	Chris Dunkin	5/13/2010
Walk 1574	Mike Long	8/19/ 2010
Walk 1596	Amy Pena	11/4/2010

Please send your applications to Kathy Welch ASAP at rebanatics@msn.com or fax 512-523-8134

*Childcare Needs

The August Walk will be at Camp Young Judea with childcare being held in the lodge at the back (like always). Childcare accessories from the trailer are in sad shape and need to be replenished. The childcare workers would like to gather some items in advance to clean and plan some craft activities for the youth. Please ask the childcare directors at your churches if they have anything to donate that is small in size for the toy box.



*Trailer Needs

Please check your wallets to see if there is a trailer donation tucked in it, it may have been folded over and you didn't see it!

Also need:

gently read magazines
pens, pencils & markers
8' cloth table cloths
scotch tape
items/jewelry for costume box
(cowboy hat, rap stuff, wedding veil, graduation cap, fishing hat, etc)



2009 - 2010 Hays Praise Board

Executive Board

Lay Director – Kathy Welch

Asst Lay Director – Mike Rhoades
(nominated - elections July 7, 2009)

Secretary – Lisa Doherty

Treasurer – Gene Sueltenfuss

SWC Board Rep – Korrina Jumper
(nominated - elections July 7, 2009)

Clergy – Rip Collins & David Skinner

Buda Board Rep '10 – Korrina Jumper

Buda Board Rep '11 – Florence Raymond

Drippings Springs/Driftwood Board Rep '10 – Jim Tennison

Drippings Springs/Driftwood Board Rep '11 – Mike Long

Manchaca Board Rep '10 – Greg Moore

Manchaca Board Rep '11 – Daniel Oates

San Marcos Board Rep '10 – Dennis Krackau

San Marcos Board Rep '11 – Patsy Greiner

Wimberley Board Rep '10 – Bobby Doherty

Wimberley Board Rep '11 – Scott Benfield



The Emmaus reunion group is comprised of two to six persons who have usually participated in a three day Walk to Emmaus. These groups provide accountability to its members while encouraging them to continue their pursuit of a life with God and His loving grace. These small follow-up groups help pilgrims translate the message conveyed on the Walk to Emmaus weekend into a daily walk with Christ. With the regular support of a few faithful friends, the gift of God's love in Jesus Christ becomes a lifestyle of Christian discipleship through the threefold discipline of piety, study, and action. Reunion groups are on the hayspraise.org website or contact your Lay Director for help.

Community Lay Directors

Lay Director Kathy Welch	512-312-0224
Buda/Kyle - Liz Gray	512-280-4437
DS/Driftwood - Lisa Crowder	512-350-3579
Manchaca - Leigh Anne Moore	512-295-3434
San Marcos - Mike Rhoades	512-787-4111
Wimberley - Bobby Doherty	512-847-1175

Buda/Kyle

Lay Director – Liz Gray

Asst Lay Director –

Secretary – Kathy Welch

Dripping Springs/Dripftwood

Lay Director – Lisa Crowder

Asst Lay Director – Vicki Rector

Secretary – Kim Smith

Manchaca

Lay Director – Leigh Anne Moore

Asst Lay Director – Greg Moore

Secretary – Mary Ellen Erwin

Treasurer – Ellen Carpenter

San Marcos

Lay Director – Mike Rhoades

Asst Lay Director – Marty Sorell

Secretary – Lauren Sorell

Treasurer – Dennis Krackau

Wimberley

Lay Director – Bobby Doherty

Asst Lay Director – Gary Glisan

Secretary – Lydia Glisan

Treasurer – Dinah Burgin



Did you know?

- A sponsor is one who takes responsibility for another.
- It's the MOST important aspect of the Walk?
- Prayer is the first step of sponsorship.
- Sponsorship is the first act of agape.
- It is the foundation for a healthy, effective Emmaus movement.
- Wise sponsorship builds up the Body of Christ.
- You must spend time in prayer to discern whom God wants you to sponsor.
- There are many responsibilities of a sponsor... did you know?
- Reinforce your commitment to your pilgrim.
- You may have to step forward and become part of another reunion group until a new reunion group is establish.
- You must take your new pilgrim to the 4th day group gathering to introduce them and help them learn about Emmaus. (Some will be not take the first step without you.)
- Teach them how to be a good sponsor.
- Avoid approaching sponsorship with an arrogant point of view (Mark 10:42-43)
- Always answer questions honestly.