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Perth Emmaus Community Newsletter – March 2019

COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

As I write this report I am excited for what God is going to do with Perth Emmaus Community this year. I believe we are on the verge of a deeper realization of what "community" can mean for us. As we seek to organize ourselves into teams to accomplish the tasks before us and thus to share the load, we are going to be blessed beyond our imagination.

Our Walk Lay Directors have been busy calling their teams since last year and in the absence of a Community Spiritual Director I have been approaching potential Spiritual Directors for the Men's Walk. (Peter Johnstone had graciously agreed to be S.D. for the Women's Walk). God has faithfully provided all positions for the men, so their team is now complete. Please continue to uphold Greg Corlett and Jenny Jay in their leadership roles.

While the Early Bird Registration offer gave us nine women and three men, we now must pray earnestly for pilgrims to sponsor and get talking confidently about Emmaus!

Please pray for Neal Leggo who is new to the role of Walk Support Co-ordinator, and decide how you can help in the many tasks involved. We need a couple of persons to look after Candlelight and Closing - with a few helpers to support them.

I will be attending the National Secretariat in Tamworth from 29th to 31st March and look forward to making contact with other Emmaus friends there.

Finally, I have great pleasure in announcing our Community Spiritual Director for 2019 is to be David de Kock, General Secretary of the Uniting Church in WA. Due to the many tasks David must undertake he may not be able to attend all Gatherings but we look forward to sharing with him whenever he is able.

De Colores
Julie Marshall

COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

Greetings from your Newfound Friend!

It is a great privilege to be invited to serve as Community Spiritual Director for Perth Emmaus. I look forward to serving the Community and our Lord.

A bit about myself. My pilgrim walk was with the Drakensberg Community in South Africa in 1996 when I was minister at Upper Umgeni Presbyterian Church in Howick, KwaZulu-Natal. I served as ASD or SD each year after that in the Community until we came to Australia in 2009.

In Australia I was first minister in Merredin and joined the Great Southern Community. I served as Community Spiritual Director until I was called to Lighthouse Church in Geraldton and distance made it difficult to serve the role effectively. I have though assisted as ASD on a few Walks since then in the Great Southern. I have not been connected with the Perth Community other than through your visits to Geraldton during my time there.

Currently I am the General Secretary of the Uniting Church on Western Australia which has demanded a huge amount of my time. After three years in the role and with great supportive staff, I find myself in a more flexible position and able to offer more to the Emmaus Movement which has been such a support and inspiration in my Christian journey. My wife Margaret and I have three children and nine grandchildren all living in WA.

I want to encourage you to be involved and to invite others to attend the Walks as Pilgrims and as Supporters. Emmaus is a fantastic movement which has changed the lives of so many people and encouraged so many who are flagging in their discipleship. Remember the words you spoke at the end of your Pilgrim Walk – Christ is counting on you ... and I am counting on Christ.

I will unfortunately be in Sydney on March 9th at the Commissioning of Teams (7.30pm at Willetton Uniting Church) but look forward to meeting you all at the Closing

GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD.
In Everything Give Thanks!

Services on 5th May and 26th May.

David de Kock

De Colores

SPONSORSHIP

As well as wearing the sponsorship hat I also keep the community's database. As I have worked with that document I have noticed that the vast majority of pilgrims over the years have been sponsored by a very small cadre of sponsors. I give God praise for this small group of people for without them many walks would not have taken place.

Somehow some of these people have sponsored a pilgrim, sometime more every year. Surely more of us could take their lead and seek out people to sponsor. I realise that there are sometimes impediments to this but quite often these can be overcome by working with others in the Community to sort out transport and other issues. Also remember that financial assistance is available from the board where it is needed.

There is still time for us to recruit more pilgrims but to do this we need more sponsors. You can get forms from the website or contact me on 0428 855 632.

Remember you only received the gift because someone sponsored you.

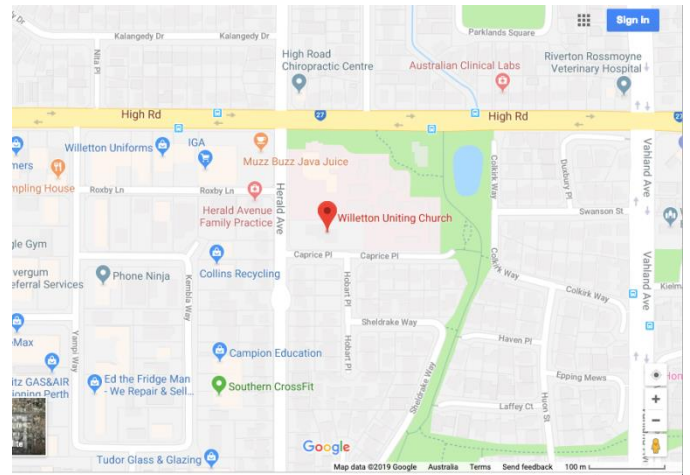
De Colores

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GATHERINGS

The next Emmaus Gathering will be held on Saturday March 9 at Willetton Uniting Church from 7:30pm. Please note that the venue has changed from the originally advertised Willetton Christian Church. This will be our post orientation gathering and include a commissioning service for the Men's and Women's teams for the upcoming walks.

Willetton Uniting Church is located at 16 Herald Avenue in Willetton near the corner of High Road. If you need further direction please see the map and contact one of the board members should you require a lift.



UPCOMING GATHERINGS

Saturday March 9	Willetton Uniting Church 16 Herald Avenue, Willetton	7:30pm (post orientation gathering & commissioning service)
Saturday April 6	True North Church 19 Scaphella Avenue, Mullaloo	7:15pm
Saturday May 4	Men's Candlelighting Advent Park 345 Kalamunda Road, Maida Vale	8:00pm
Sunday May 5	Men's Closing Gathering Advent Park 345 Kalamunda Road, Maida Vale	3:30pm
Saturday May 25	Women's Candlelighting	8:00pm

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Sunday May 26	Women's Closing Advent Park 345 Kalamunda Road, Maida Vale	3:30pm
Saturday June 22	St Stephen's Uniting Church 2 Mackenzie Road (Cnr Kishorn Road) Applecross	6:30pm (post walk gathering & dinner)

AGAPE

*John 13:35: "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another"
The Christian life is characterized by sacrificial agape love.*

Many thanks to all that have already started making Agape gifts for this year's pilgrims. Thank you for letting me know what you are making, so we don't double up. Anyone who hasn't told me what they are making could you please drop me an email explaining your Agape, just in case someone else has come up with the very same amazing Agape.

As always, I am looking for people who would be willing to do the floral arrangements for the conference room and the chapel for the two weekends, if you can do this please give me a call.

I am also looking for someone willing to distribute all the Agape over the Women's Walk weekend, as I am unable to do this due to being on the walk as Board Representative.

All the work is done prior to the walk, so it's really just being there over the weekend and making sure the Agape is given out at the right times. I would love for someone to come forward and have a go, its lots of fun.

I would love you all to remember to put your reunion groups name on all your Agape gifts, as this helps the Pilgrims see who on team belong to some of these reunion groups, and they then often ask about how they can join etc.

May God be helping all of you prayerfully find the Pilgrims he has in mind for you to invite on these walks.

Go With God

De Colores
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WALK SUPPORT

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Want to bless our Pilgrims of 2019?

There are heaps of ways you can physically assist to make their experience special. Whether you can come to camp for 2 hours, half a day or overnight there are jobs that need doing!

- Table waiters
- Kitchen Helpers
- Baking cakes biscuits & slices



- Setting up – Thursday pm
- Candlelighting – Saturday evening
- Packing down – Sunday am
- Cleaning – Sunday pm

A roster for each Walk will be set up at the next Gathering to put your name down or contact me at anytime and let me know when you're available

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MEN'S WALK

The team for Walk 65 has now been assembled and barring any changes will be as follows:

Greg Corlett, Neal Leggo, Rob Munro, Eddie Keefer, Gareth Stafford, Ross Patterson, Clive McCallum, Les Marshall, Glynis Turpin, Gray Blattmann, Phil Corlett, Rob Preston, Andrew Twine, George Turpin, Bill Fraser, Ian Haggerty, Lance Jarvis, Darren Gibbon, John Eva, Barry Tyrie, Geoff Ebell

Please pray for each of these men in the lead up to the walk.

LADIES WALK

At the current time, there are a couple of spots that need filling on the Ladies team. Please pray that the team comes together and is complete in time for Orientation. Please uphold the following team members of Walk 66:

Jenny Jay, Laetitia Soontjens, Werner Soontjens, Heather Haggerty, Cathy O'Dea, Sonya McNicol, Michelle Bunn, Colleen Webster, Julie Marshall, Narelle Goodall, Lyn Pike, Peter Johnstone, Dawn Timmerman, Roslyn Twine, Dee Fletcher, Mary Roberts, Kathy Dean, Carolyn Gibbon, Tanya Orchard, Alison Burgoyne, Ann Clews.

TEAM SELECTION

Such wonderful news that the conference room teams are just about complete.

However as you'll notice from Neal (support) that there are plenty of jobs that need to be done to spoil the pilgrims, and make the walks a wonderful time for the pilgrims so they can focus on what God is saying to them. If you'd like to volunteer to help at the Men's Walk (May 2-5) and/or the Ladies Walk (May 23-26) please contact Neal (nnkdta@iinet.net.au) or myself (gemread@iinet.net.au).

Orientation Day is on 9th March, and if you arrive a little early for the Gathering, you could assist in clearing up after the pizzas. Come and meet the teams and pray for them at our new venue, **Willetton Uniting Church, just off High Road in Herald Avenue.**

If you would like to be considered for future teams, please let us know

De Colores
Madeleine Read

GREAT SOUTHERN COMMUNITY

The next community gathering will now be in Kendenup, not Mount Barker as originally advertised. This will be held on Saturday 16th March at 12 noon in the Kendenup Community Church (67 Hassell Avenue). Camping facilities are also available at the Kendenup Sporting Complex. If you are staying overnight, an evening barbecue will be held at the Buttler's house (184 Chauvel Road). Also, the local church meets at 10am on Sundays and would be greatly blessed by your attendance.

REUNION GROUPS

Hillbillies

Our Hillbillies reunion group has started the year in great form, we lead the first gathering for the year, and we have had two great meetings with 14 to 16 people attending.

We had a great discussion on Monday night about our experiences being on an Emmaus team, it proved very interesting and enlightening.

We have also started making Agape for the Walks. It is a great group of people to be amongst. Anyone wishing to join is always welcome. We are praying for many Pilgrims for the coming Walks.

De Colores
Heather Haggerty
Hillbillies Co-ordinator

Willetton Warriors

Willetton Warriors continue to meet at 7:30pm on the first Monday of each month in the home of Julie and Kevin Marshall (5 Corsair Drive Willetton). We are busy making agape gifts for the Perth Walks and for Great Southern. New members welcome

Julie Marshall
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