



DeColores!!!

September 2010



Wasatch Front Walk to Emmaus of Utah

"...then their eyes were opened and they recognized him," Luke 24:31

Web Site: <http://www.utwte.org>

Facebook Group: [Wasatch Front Walk to Emmaus](#)

God is crazy, madly, deeply in love with you!

God loves you and there is nothing you can do about it!

Dates to Remember:

Today! - Pray

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Board Meeting: Sunday, Sept 12, 1:30pm
St Paul UMC in Copperton
410 E Hillcrest, off the Old Bingham Highway

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Gathering: Sept 12, 3:00pm
St Paul UMC in Copperton
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2011 Walks - Location: Clearfield Community Church
Men's Feb 24-27
Women's March 3-6

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UTWTE IS GOING GREEN

As the pre-walk registrar, every year I receive a phone book sized stack of applications from pilgrims, sponsors and willing servants. You should see my computer desk a week or two before the Walks. I have recently taken over the UTWTE web site and found that **registration forms can be completed on line**. This is much easier for me because it can eliminate my misspellings as I process the forms. Right now the Emmaus/Chrysalis Serve form is available on the Internet. I am currently working on ways to complete the Pilgrim's application and Sponsor's form on line. Of course you can still download these forms as a Word document. Log on and check out the web site at www.utwte.org. I am also open to suggestions on how to improve the site. Email me at myearling@comcast.net. Mark Yearling

Update on the 2011 Walk to Emmaus (Men's: 24-27 Feb, Women's: 3-6 March)

Place: Clearfield Community Church (<http://clearfieldcommunitychurch.org>)

I have decided to violate a long held and cherished principal, that while I don't hold in principal, I seem to hold in practice. What is this principal? That of waiting to the last moment on everything! (kind of one of those long standing principals some of us guys share..) In fact, this year we have decided to begin holding our team meetings in September (6 training sessions all together). Imagine training for Agape, Kitchen, Decorations, Love team, table leaders, musicians, ALD's... even directors! We can do that if we start a little earlier. We have one problem, however; In order to do that, we need a team. We need excited volunteers to train. Throughout the Summer we are actively recruiting to build the Men's and Women's teams for 2011.

Did you just attend a Walk? You are qualified: Isaiah 6:8 (Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!")

"Have you seen Jesus our Lord" the song goes. The song continues:

"Have you ever stood in the family
With the Lord there in you midst,
Seen the face of Christ on each other?
Then I say...
You've seen Jesus My Lord."

Recall what you saw and experienced when you last attended or served. Now you have the opportunity to present this gift to someone else!

You are invited to help! Please email Joe Umbriaco: (umbriaco@burgoyne.com). You may also phone me at 801-390-9450.

Got someone you know who might attend the Walk as a Pilgrim? Go to: <http://utwte.org/id2.html> to download an application. Don't have a computer or access to the internet? Just give me a call, I'll get one to you!!!

De Colores!
Joe Umbriaco
Community Team Builder

1 Peter 4:10

*Each one should use whatever gift he/or she has received to serve others,
faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.*

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Women's Walk Director

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven... (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

Our God is so awesome – He designed the ebb and flow of the seasons, of the oceans, and of our lives. I find myself often pondering this ebb and flow - there are times in my spiritual journey when the Spirit is flowing strong and swift and other times when it is meandering gently along. Right now, I find myself in an exciting time of a swift current – taking me down a path I had not anticipated when I first went on my Pilgrim Walk in 1997. I now find myself in a position of leadership in the Emmaus community – both as chairperson of the Board and as Lay Director for the 2011 Women's Walk. I must admit it is both fearsome and exciting! In July, at my first Board meeting as Chair, I introduced myself as the "Fearful Leader" – not because I am not willing to take on this opportunity, but because like most human beings, I fear the unknown. I don't know what challenges will come before the Board in the coming year and I don't know if I will know how to handle them.

Now, I have to tell you that I am a planner, I am NOT spontaneous. I like to know what is coming, when it is coming, and how it ends. Yes, I confess to reading the end of the really good mysteries – just to be sure I know how it ends. So, answering God's call is a fearful thing at times since He usually tells me to just hang on, He will guide me. So, I go reluctantly, saying "But what is coming, when it will happen, and, by the way, I have some suggestions for it should go..." God just smiles at me as says "Let go and let me take care of it." So, now I find myself in a season of faith – faith that God will provide the courage to face those challenges and the discernment to make wise decisions. I do know that God has called a wonderful group of dedicated board members to work with, a faith-filled community to pray with and the desire to follow Him where He leads.

As a community, we are starting to prepare for the next set of Walks. The current is beginning to flow more quickly and we are beginning to feel the excitement once again. Now is the time to once again to be carried by the Spirit into the unknown. It is time to set out on a journey to provide an opportunity for others to feel the movement of God in their lives. I invite you jump in with me and let's see where God takes us. The water is wonderful!

De Colores,
MaryAnn Hufteling

Sponsorship

I have been involved with the Emmaus Community here along the Wasatch Front every since I took my Pilgrim Walk back in 1999. I can say this with all certainty; I have never seen a Walk, whereby God did not use it in some way to deeply impact a person's life. By "deeply impact" I mean, God got below the surface – God's Grace made the attendees think in ways perhaps they had not before. I think all of us who have served in Emmaus over the years can testify of the same benefit. This is why we return again and again; this is why we encourage others to come.

Sometimes because things did not go the way we had hoped, we think we may have made a mistake in sponsoring someone. I would say this; even the worse case scenarios I have seen (i.e. I once sponsored someone who would not even sit with their table group at closing on Sunday), God still deeply impacted.

What I have learned, however, is that despite how badly I might want someone to come on the Walk, sometimes a person is ready and sometimes a person is not. And, out of proper care and compassion not only for the person we want to invite, but for the other pilgrims as well (i.e. a negative or "distracted" attitude impacts all), I have found I need to know how to practically determine the "readiness" of a person to come on the Walk to Emmaus.

I have had it on my heart for some time to share what I have learned. I don't presume I am always right, but I do have experience that might benefit someone else. What I hope to do is share with you through the next few issues of the newsletter. I also hope to be given a chance at a gathering to share a little, and to incorporate sponsorship training into team meetings as we prepare for the 2011 Walks.

In deciding how to approach this topic, I have decided to provide for you literature downloaded from the National Emmaus Site: <http://www.upperroom.org/Emmaus/invitation/>, then to provide specific comment from my experience within our community.

Here is comment from the National Site on "What is Sponsorship" and "Why do we sponsor":

EMMAUS PILGRIM SPONSORSHIP

WHAT IS SPONSORSHIP?

Good *sponsorship* is vital to the integrity of Emmaus. Many communities take *sponsorship* for granted; they assume that everyone knows the how and why of *sponsorship*. Yet *sponsorship* is the most important job in Emmaus. It is more than just "signing up people". The quality of *sponsorship* influences the pilgrim, the health of the Emmaus Movement, and the church affected by the movement.

First, good *sponsorship* is your first act of agape before a Walk ever begins; the experience of the Walk for a pilgrim really starts with how we handle *sponsorship*. Second, good *sponsorship* under girds the whole weekend with sacrificial, agape love on behalf of each pilgrim. Sponsors use discernment in recruiting pilgrims, embody the personal commitment of the community to each pilgrim, and provide personal acts of agape during the three days for the pilgrims. These acts of agape include prayer, agape letters, their presence at Send off, Candlelight and Closing, and follow-up.

Third, good *sponsorship* is the foundation for a healthy, effective Emmaus movement that is fulfilling its true purpose – which is - the Development of Christian leaders and the renewal of the church in ministry. The strength of any Emmaus community is a direct result of its recruiting practices. If the community is committed to recruiting strong church leaders for the purpose of strengthening the local church, then the community will be a strong, vital force in the renewal movement. If, on the other hand, the Walk to Emmaus is looked upon as a hospital where every human ill can be cured, it will have a weakening effect on the entire community.

WHY DO WE SPONSOR?

The aim of a sponsor should not be to "get all my friends to go", to fill up the weekend, to fix people's problems, or to reproduce one's own religious experience in others. Rather, the aim of the sponsor is to bring spiritual revitalization to Christians who, in turn, will bring new life and vision to the work of the church in their congregation, home, workplace, and community. The aim of *sponsorship* is to build up the Body of Christ.

In the next newsletter I wish to speak more at length regarding who is ready for sponsorship and who may not be ready. Because we are talking about humans we cannot simply apply a set of rules – but we are not without guidance!

As you consider what you just read, begin thinking about a few items pointed out in these brief two paragraphs from National:

1. Are we guilty of assuming everyone knows the “how” and “why” of sponsorship?
2. The statement is made: “The quality of sponsorship influences the pilgrim, the health of the Emmaus Movement, and the church affected by the movement. “ In your experience, how has quality of sponsorship impacted past walks, and the Wastach Front Walk to Emmaus Community?
3. Do we as sponsors always take sponsorship with as deep of commitment as we should? Do we always come to Send Off, Candlelight, and Closing? What sort of 4th day follow-up do we have with those who recently attended the walk?
4. What do the authors of this National guidance on sponsorship mean by: “If, on the other hand, the Walk to Emmaus is looked upon as a hospital where every human ill can be cured, it will have a weakening effect on the entire community.”

I hope you find this information helpful!

De Colores
Joe Umbriaco

Donations to the pilgrim scholarship fund are very welcome and can be sent to Mark Yearling 5720 South 2600 West, Roy, Utah 84067.

On Line Community Prayer Requests

Occasionally we all go through difficult times and need others to pray for us. Maybe a friend or relative needs some prayer help. Our community web site can make this possible. Prayer is the lifeline of the Emmaus Community. We envelope each other and the Body of Christ in prayer, as instructed by Jesus Christ. You are encouraged to view prayer concerns at www.utwte.org . You are also encouraged to post a prayer request so that we, as the Body of Christ, can be in prayer for your needs! This can be done on the web site or by sending an email to prayer@utwte.org . Let us know if you would like to have a member of our prayer team contact you. If you would like to have your email address added to our prayer chain, please let us know.

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints". (Ephesians 6:18)

Remember that other walks can use our prayers too, they are happening all the time, all over the world! Check it out at <http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetComm.phtml>

Gathered in His name.

The Gathering **May 23** at Community UMC Ogden was inspiring.
Several folks shared their 4th Day experiences with us.
Thank you to everyone for a wonderful gathering!
Great food for body and soul.
Don't miss the next Gathering: **Sept 12, 3pm at St Paul UMC, Copperton**

2010 Emmaus Board Members: Welcome to our new board members!!!

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(set up, keep up, clean up)

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(promote Chrysalis)

Open

Kitchen

Open

**YOUR NAME WHERE?
Join the Board!!**

*We usually meet the 2nd
Tuesday of odd months for an
hour or so.*

Next Board meeting:
Sunday, September 12 at 1:30pm
St Paul UMC, 410 E. Hillcrest in Copperton
Get on board!!

Send Emmaus newsletter articles to postmaster@utwte.org

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Return Service Requested



"While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and walked with them." -Luke 24:15

... "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Then the two told what had happened on the way [to Emmaus], and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread. ~Luke 24:34-35

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National Emmaus: <http://www.upperroom.com/emmaus/>

Christ is counting on you!

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**2011 Walks**  
**Men's Feb 24-27**  
**Women's March 3-6**

*Emmaus Walks are spiritual walks to strengthen, teach and renew active Christian leaders within the Church.*

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