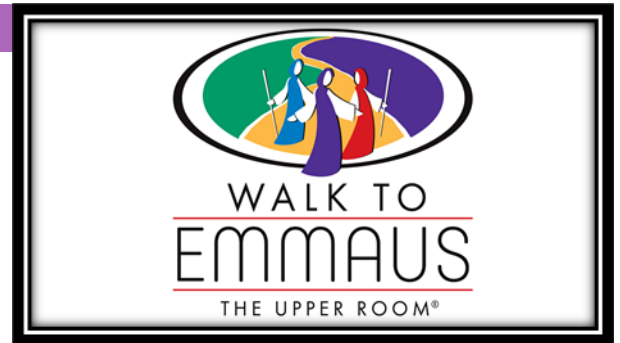


Walk to Emmaus

Winter
2021



CLD Notes

You've heard it before, "these are unprecedented times...." There are so many examples of the changes COVID 19 has brought. Some will long be forgotten. Hopefully, others may last quite a bit longer. Through Online Worship, in whatever fashion you may do it, we may be reaching more people who were homebound before the lockdown. When God closes one door (our Sanctuaries) He opens another...ZOOM, YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, you name it!

Most important of all, we must act in Love of Neighbor. We can't "rush" back because of our individual desires for in-person Worship, we can't risk the safety of others for our personal preference. I do miss Worshiping with others, shaking hands and hugging, sharing a snack or coffee. We value fellowship, and with God's love, care, and protection, we will once again gather as a Community of faithful believers, to celebrate and praise our Lord! There are other ways planned in which we can connect, please see those elsewhere in this newsletter.

Please feel free to call, email, or reach out if you'd like to talk, have an idea, or something to share with the community.

May God Bless you, and through you, many others!

Dan Genannt (ask me about Certified Lay Ministry!)

In Memorial

It is with great sadness, but joyous truth in an eternity with a loving God, that the passing of Community members has been shared on the Community FaceBook Page:

- Dave Miner, August 12, 2020
- Liane Osborne, December 16, 2020
- Marie Pierce, January 26 2021

May they enter into eternal Salvation as Good and Faithful Servants

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Next Walk

At this time we do not have our next Walk currently scheduled. Due to the Pandemic, and the cancellation of the Spring 2020 Walk, we had hoped to consider a Weekend Walk last Fall or even Spring 2021. It's been difficult to coordinate with the Retreat Center under these unprecedented conditions. Stay tuned for news when we are able to re-boot.

Follow the Community on FaceBook for frequent updates and important news to share.

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Community Spiritual Director

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

From his fullness we have all received grace upon grace. John 1: 16

It is a new year, and grace abounds! I did not start the year with any New Year's resolutions because I know I rarely keep them. However, I did identify a few things I would like to work on. These are things I enjoy and bring me a reasonable amount of peace.

One is working on my family genealogy. We have a direct line on my father's side of the family, but no one has ever fully researched my mother's side. I have a few handwritten notes from my grandmother, what she could remember. I also have information I've collected from the cemetery, from grave stones and cemetery records.

There are also a few stories in old town newspapers. It's like a jigsaw puzzle and a few pieces fit in more than one place. This is where the reasonable amount of peace mentioned before begins to get upsetting! Puzzles and genealogies are about connections or relationships. So is our faith. While it is fun to learn about our historical/familial connections, it is our faith connection that is reassuring. Ultimately, we are all children of God, brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ, related one to another. We may not all think alike, yet we all live under the umbrella of God's grace.

This grace we extend to one another, and it is God's grace that restores peace.

In this time that we are apart as a community, I am wondering: what connections we are maintaining that we may extend God's grace? Some are zooming reunion groups and attending zoom gatherings. This may or may not work for you. I would encourage you to pick up the phone, write a note, or even text, especially to our newest pilgrims and our more isolated members. If you need help connecting contact me, or one of the Spiritual Directors from your walk or our SNE Emmaus Board.

We have challenges ahead in 2021
and
with God we will meet them.

May God bless you,
Rev. Lori Eldredge
SNE Emmaus Community Spiritual
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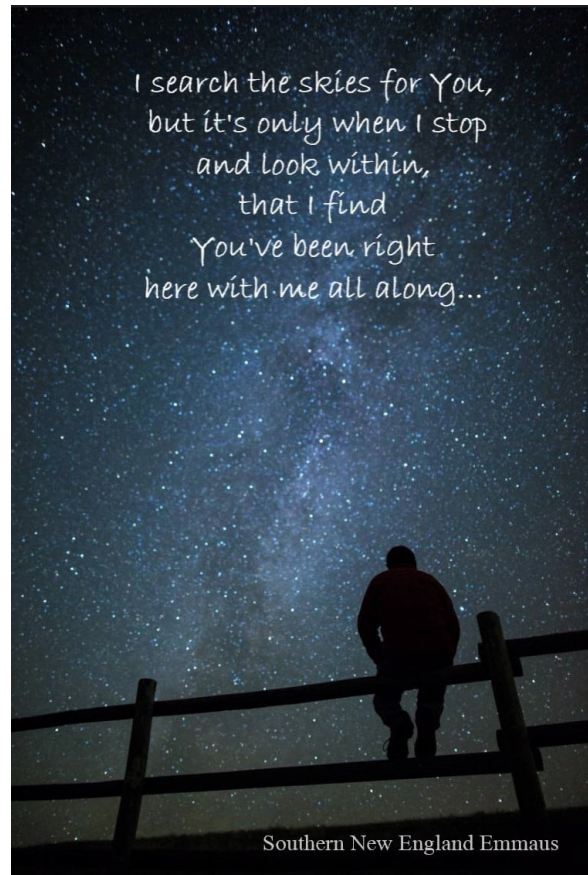


Announcing: Virtual Regional Gatherings!!

“With a Spirit of Cooperation and Charity” we’re going to try some regional gatherings! We’ve been in touch with both Emmaus Regional leadership and our Sister Community Crossroads Emmaus of New England, and we’ve scheduled two “regional” virtual gatherings. We hope that by staying close to home, even virtually, it will help us gather together in person in smaller groups of 4th Day Pilgrims! Stay tuned for additional details by email or on Facebook! Please Join one or Both!

North—Mass, Central/Western CT
Saturday, Feb. 20th, at 10:30 AM
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83718167607>

South—RI, Eastern CT, Cape Cod
Friday, Feb 12th, at 7:00 PM
<https://zoom.us/j/91441543190>



Summer Picnic!!!



It is with Great Hope and much prayer that we have scheduled a summer picnic for August 14, at “Shelter F” at Goddard Park in East Greenwich RI. Please hold this date on your calendar, more information will come as the date approaches.

THE UPPER ROOM

The Walk to Emmaus offers today’s disciples an unparalleled opportunity to rediscover Christ’s presence in their lives, to gain a fresh understanding of God’s transforming grace, and to form meaningful friendships that encourage a lifetime of spiritual growth. It all starts with a 72-hour retreat but soon becomes a meaningful way of life—a Fourth Day journey of prayer and study, growing in Christian service and leadership, and being a light for the world. This powerful movement of spiritual renewal is making a difference for countless disciples and congregations in many denominations and throughout the world. When you see a thriving church in your community, you can assume there’s a committed Emmaus leader behind the scenes, working in collaboration with the pastor and other church leaders and in cooperation with the living Spirit. Emmaus Ministries is making a world of difference—renewing lives, homes and families, churches and communities, and the world. It’s a difference rooted in abundant love and grace.



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WE DID IT!

In 2018, when we decided to not have Fall Weekends, we embarked on Community Wide “big” events, held each Fall. The first was our **Luke 24** event, where we came together to empower Church Leaders. Then came **Faith in Action: Feeding the 10,000**. Together, with Rise Against Hunger, we raised money, raised Spirits, and raised awareness as we gathered at Carter UMC to pack 10,000 meals for distribution to those in greatest need world-wide. In October 2020, with the Pandemic in full force, we held a virtual fundraiser, **Faith in Action: Feeding our Community**. We partnered with Feeding America and raised over \$6,500 to serve food insecurity needs in the US, as well as \$1,500 in pledges to support local food banks! Thanks to all who helped organize, donated, or participated in this fantastic display



In Community, throughout New England.

Emmaus is a global venture, and many communities have similar struggles, especially in the Northeastern US. Your Board leadership has been developing closer relationships with the Crossroads Emmaus of New England, been involved in regional conference calls, and have both offered and received some great advice on our common struggles.

Reunion Groups are one of the best ways to stay connected with fellow 4th Day Pilgrims and continue your journey with Christ together. There are some very active virtual groups, as well as others who are staying connected during the pandemic when they cannot meet. Please join our facebook group where we encourage existing Groups to post if they're welcoming of new members, or if you are looking for a group. Crossroads has offered a video on Reunion Groups available at <https://vimeo.com/460285914>.

Luke 24 On the Road to Emmaus

¹³ Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles^[a] from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶ but they were kept from recognizing him.

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