



ILLINOIS HEARTLAND WALK TO EMMAUS

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Meet Tom Newby, *Walk* #103 Lay Director

My name is Tom Newby, and I am blessed and excited to be the Weekend Lay Director for Men's Walk 103. My wife Karen and I live in Princeton and attend Princeton FUMC, where I am Lay Leader and a Certified Lay Servant. My Pilgrim Walk was Bloomington-Normal Walk 66 in 2004. My first contact with Illinois Heartland Emmaus was the Candlelight service for a coworker in 2006. Since then I have been privileged to serve on several Emmaus teams, two Chrysalis teams, and a Via de Cristo team. I am also serving my second term on the Board. Like all of you, I am delighted to be able to serve again after Covid.

This is a very important time for us to keep the Community vital and active. Please be in prayer and then action as to who you can sponsor as a pilgrim and introduce to a Life in Grace. Then prayerfully consider how you can support the current and future teams with your service. I promise you won't regret it! De Colores!



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*Meet Diana Farrar, Walk
#104 Lay Director*

My name is Diana Farrar, Weekend Lay Director for Illinois Heartland Walk to Emmaus #104. I have been married 46 years to Gary Farrar. We have two adult sons through whom we have 13 grandchildren who all live far away. Gary and I moved from Washington, IL to Virginia in 1982 where we lived in 3 different towns for 34 years. We did our Walk to Emmaus in the National Capital Emmaus community in Northern Virginia, served there once, then moved to Fredericksburg, VA where we served in many various ways on many different teams.

Gatherings

February 18, 2023
Kewanee UMC
7:00 PM
Pastor John Hauck

TENTATIVE
March 18th
Toulon UMC
7:00 PM
Pastor John Pomeroy

I served as Weekend Lay Director on the Greater Fredericksburg Area Emmaus on Walk #12. My last teaming experience in VA was with weekend #100. In 2016, Gary retired early and we moved back to IL to care for his parents. I worked at the UIC College of Medicine – Peoria campus until I retired at the end of March, 2021. We are members of Crossroads Church in Washington. I welcome the opportunity to get to know people in Central Illinois through the Walk to Emmaus.

Diana Farrar
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Speak, Lord, for Your servant is listening!
~ 1 Samuel 3:9 ~



About East Bay Camp

The Walks this Spring will once again be held at East Bay Camp. East Bay Camp & Retreat is located in Central Illinois on beautiful Lake Bloomington just 12 miles north of Bloomington-Normal at Hudson, IL, just a few minutes from Interstate 39. The address is: 24248 Ron Smith Memorial Highway Hudson, IL 61748.

Lodging is dormitory style in Pilchard Hall and Hummel Hall. Pilchard and Hummel are fully climate-controlled and are accessible to persons with disabilities. The dining hall is about 100 steps away from Pilchard.

The Camp provides the noon and dinner meals which will be served in the dining hall. Breakfast will be continental style provided by the Emmaus Community.



Encouragement For Living

Galatians 2:20

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Jesus died on the cross in my place - in your place....it was like me and you up on that cross. Our old life is dead. Now we are alive in Christ and have the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in us. Our life is no longer our own. It belongs to Jesus. We are the managers of it. We live daily by faith (not under the law as we now live under grace). The faith that we live in is based totally on what Jesus did for us, not on anything we can do for Him. We must remember that while He hung on the cross He loved us. Yes, it's important for every Christian to know and claim it for themselves personally.

Charles Spurgeon said, " Take these blessed words of the Apostle, put them in your mouth, and let them lie there as wafers of honey, till they melt into your very soul: WHO LOVED ME, AND GAVE HIMSELF UP FOR ME."

De Colores Illinois Heartland Walk to Emmaus!

2022 was a year of change for our community. The Spaulding Renewal Center was unexpectedly closed ending many years where our walks were held. My original walk 36 was held there. I will always treasure the memories of that walk and the many others where I served on the team or in the background. The board already had weekends scheduled for the fall after a long pause due to the COVID 19 pandemic. What a blow! But as always, God is faithful and had a plan! The board searched for alternate locations that would support our weekends, and we found that East Bay Camp was available!

Walks 101 and 102 were held. While the location is further than we were accustomed to, I think all the pilgrims and team would agree, East Bay is the perfect place to spend a weekend with Jesus! East Bay provided lunch and dinner. The community provided continental breakfast. The lake and trees in their fall colors were beautiful and peaceful. We are looking forward to our spring walks 4/20-4/23 and 4/27-4/30.

This year will be another year of change! The data about our community and its members is now being entered into MinistryManager provided by Upper Room at no cost to us. The previous database used did have a monthly expense which we gladly gave up in an effort to be good stewards of the money provided to us by the community. As is the case with all new systems, we are working out the kinks. One of the culture changes we found is the terminology used by Upper Room. Table Leaders will now be known as Assistant Table Leaders, and Speakers will be known as Table Leaders. Their functions on the team have not changed, just their title. The other change we found is that only 2 talks and Assistant Table Leader experience are required to serve as an Assistant Lay Director. That is a good change which will help in the progression toward serving as a Weekend Lay Director!

Each member of our community has a profile in MinistryManager. Please sign up and review your information to be sure it's correct. If you receive an email from MinistryManager, please open and read it! I promise, it's not spam.

The focus of the Board this year is to increase communication, revive group reunions, and improve our website (Illinois Heartland Walk to Emmaus). Our communication will be through email, Facebook, and by keeping the website updated. A newsletter will be provided using one of those formats. Unfortunately, sending it through regular mail is cost prohibitive. If someone you know does not have access through one of the above formats, please let me know, and I will deliver a printed copy!

I look forward to seeing you at upcoming gatherings or on future weekends! I am excited about what God has in store for our community.

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