

Pathway East Georgia Walk to Emmaus

THE GATHERING

7:00 PM Singing _____

Opening Prayer _____

Welcome

7:20 PM Introductions _____

- New members of Community that went on Men's & Women's Walk # _____? (You can fill in the most recent walk) – Have them stand to be recognized
- Clergy Present – have them introduce themselves
- Recognize other communities/movements present (Chrysalis, Tres Dias, etc.) – have them introduce themselves
- Introduce Board Chair (Barry Patrick) to come up to make Board Announcements

Announce: Barry Patrick

- future walk dates
- next Gathering location and date

7:30 PM **Community Prayer Requests/Prayer Needs**

Announce that everyone is welcomed to list any prayer requests, needs, or concerns, on pieces of paper provided. (These should be “anonymous” if appropriate). You may have the pieces of paper distributed at the beginning or placed among the pews. These prayer needs can be collected by helpers and brought to the altar area.

Announce that these prayer needs will be addressed by the clergy before the Community receives communion, and then left upon the altar for community members to take during the communion and prayer time. (*Make sure someone distributes these on the altar.*) Members are asked to provide prayer support for the prayer needs described. Encourage those who leave a prayer request to also take one.

Pray the Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit; fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created, and You shall renew the face of the earth. O God, Who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy Your consolations. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

7:35 PM Introduction of the Fourth Day Speaker(s)

(Note: This is not a testimony of their salvation. These talks should be kept to a maximum 10 minutes per speaker. The talk should emphasize their “Fourth Day” since they have taken their Walk to Emmaus. Make sure the speakers are briefed before giving the Fourth Day talks. As the host couple, you are responsible for ensuring that the Fourth Day Speakers understand the purpose and the time constraint for their talk.)

7:55 Offering - Song –

***Reminder** – of the basket for collection for the nursery helpers and to help fund scholarships for Pathway East pilgrims and team members.

8:00 PM

Holy Communion by: _____

Holy Communion may be preceded by special music or other activity.

Please remind the Pastor that a brief meditation no longer than 5 to 10 minutes should be given. Serving of the Elements should begin no later than 8:45 PM.

**Clergy should include prayer for the community’s written prayer concerns.*

Members may be allowed to also pray for these concerns and may be invited to take one in order to offer continued prayer support.

Closing Prayer and Blessing

Dismissal – (**Suggestions** – Allow parents of small children to leave first, and announce that the parents of children will be picking up their little ones from the nursery and will be allowed to be first in line for refreshments. This would also be an excellent time to ask if there are any announcements from the community, i.e. the location of the next gathering, any special “sign-up” or agape needs, etc.)

9:15 PM REFRESHMENTS: Fellowship Hall

THINGS TO REMEMBER FOR THE HOST COUPLE:

- A. Consider designating who will do what during the entire gathering in the way of introductions, etc. and indicating this information on the Gathering outline to aid in smooth conduct of the service.
- B. Suggested criteria for the Fourth Day Couple or Speakers:
 - 1. Members of a Reunion Group
 - 2. Actively participating in church and gatherings
 - 3. Members of an Emmaus community for a minimum of 12 months
 - 4. An experienced Fourth Day Couple should train a potential future Fourth Day Couple if possible, to familiarize them with the Fourth Day process.
 - 5. Not necessarily members of the church where the gathering is being held.
- C. Please ask the minister to keep the communion meditation to 5 to 10 minutes in length. Communion is to be served by **INTINCTION**. (The bread is broken from the loaf and dipped into the cup.)
- D. Babysitting/nursery is to be arranged by the Host Couple. During the gathering, announce a Love Offering will be collected after the service to pay the workers. Any amount over that needed for the sitters will be donated to Pathway East to fund scholarships for Pathway East pilgrims and team members.
- E. Host church should provide drinks for refreshments and some finger foods. The Community will also bring finger foods.
- F. Don't forget to "pray up" with participants before the Gathering begins.

- Please notify Don Wall if there are any questions or problems –
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You are asked to carefully follow the time frame indicated on this suggested format. If you find you cannot agree with the time limits established, please call to discuss any problems. We have an obligation to the community to keep to a reasonable schedule.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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