

**BRISBANE NORTH COAST
EMMAUS COMMUNITY
NEWSLETTER
September 2019**

Next Gathering

When: *Saturday, 14th September 2019 – 5.30pm*

Where: *Morayfield Uniting Church,
12-16 Weier Rd, Morayfield*

*Please bring a plate of food for a shared dinner
after the Gathering.*

love to see you there!

De Colores



From our Community

Lay Director

We have just had 2 very successful walks lead by Malcolm James and Leanne Close and we welcome the pilgrims from walks 103 & 104 to our community with 11 on the Men's walk and 13 on the Women's walk. The Candlelighting and Closing ceremonies for both walks were well attended and we look forward to meeting again at the gathering on the 14th September. I would like to thank all those who helped in any way in showing the pilgrims how much God loves them through the many acts of Agape love; prayer, making and distributing the Agape gifts, attending the Candlelighting and Closing ceremonies, and serving in many and various ways. You all did a wonderful job.

The next event we will be having is the Face to Face Encounter #3 which being held each Tuesday starting on the 22nd October and finishing on the 12th November at the Coolum Uniting Church. The Candlelighting will be during the day on Tuesday 5th November with the Closing Ceremony, also during the day, on the 12th. It would be great to see as many as possible attending these events to support the pilgrims and the team of the Encounter. More details as to times will be emailed closer to the events. Don't forget to sign up for the 72hr prayer vigil, <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050f4ba8aa2fa1fe3-face1> to support and uplift the Encounter.

As per my previous report, there are still a number of Board positions to be filled. Two of the positions are the Website Coordinator and the Gatherings Coordinator. The role of Gatherings Coordinator is getting desperate as the current co-ordinator will be doing a lot of travelling next year and will not be able available. Both positions are not onerous so if you feel led to take on one of these roles please speak to or phone the current board member about what's involved in these roles.

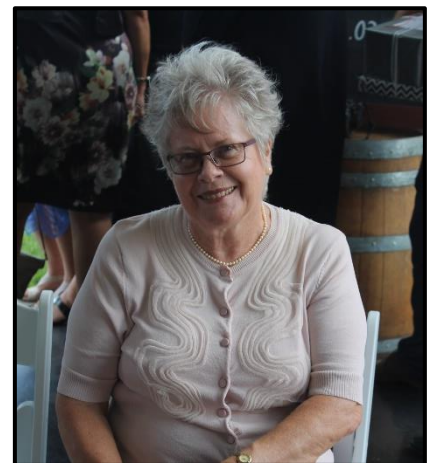
With the website being down at the moment, we have paper copies of the newsletter available. If you know anyone who couldn't attend the gathering this month and hasn't received one, please pass on the information as we would like everyone to know all the great things that are happening in the community at the moment. I'm hoping that the new website will be up and running before the next newsletter is due so that we can email a link to the newsletter so that everyone will be able to hear what God is doing in our community.

De Colores

Paul Fletcher

From our Community Spiritual Director

At our next Gathering, 14th September, we will welcome the pilgrims of Walk #103 and #104. We celebrate what God has done and is doing in your lives as you give yourselves more fully to Jesus!



It has been a busy year with the March Men's Walk, Face to Face Encounter #2 at Gympie, and Walks #103 & 104 in August. We still have Face to Face Encounter #3 at Coolum in late October and early November (Tuesday 22 and 29th October and 5th and 12th November).

With all the time involved in training and attending Gatherings where Team have been commissioned and with preparation of talks and organization of the Walks/Encounter, it is a significant commitment of time and energy. Thank you to all who have answered God's call and accepted the challenges of being on Team. I believe that those who come on Team to serve in whatever way, are blessed by God over and over again, not only in their own Christian Walk but in the developments of gifts and confidence as they serve in the Emmaus Community, in

their Church communities and in the wide community. What a joy to serve our God when we see God's hand touching pilgrims and touching us as we open our hearts and lives more fully to God's mercy and grace.

Please be praying and asking who you might sponsor on the Face to Face Encounter #3. Now is the time to be doing that! Training starts this month. What a joy to sponsor others!

The Emmaus movement exists to renew and equip Christian leaders. You have a chance to bless others as you sponsor them on a Walk.

A word of encouragement for each one of you:

How do we grow in the grace of God?

As we give our lives to God and open our hearts to receive God's grace through the Holy Spirit [Romans 12: 1 & 2].

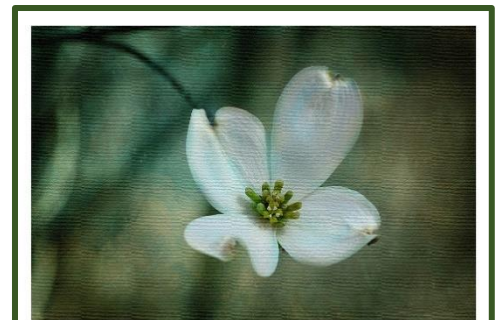
As we are constantly filled with the Holy Spirit [Ephesians 5: 18]

As we abide in Christ through prayer and the other means of grace his life flows through us so there is healthy growth and fruitfulness. [John 15: 1-12]

As we participate in the life and worship of the Christian community.
[Ephesians 4: 13]

And as we are obedient and available to serve as God calls us in the mission of Christ.
[Philippians 2: 13]

May the God of hope fill you with **all joy and peace** in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13-15 (NRSV)



I pray
that God, the source of hope,
will fill you completely
with joy and peace,
because you trust in Him.
Then you will overflow
with confident hope
through the power of the Holy Spirit.

†Romans 15:13 †NLT



Jenny Sims

LD's Progress Report

Face to Face Encounter # 3



(Coolum Beach Uniting Church Oct.-Nov. 2019)

We now have a full conference room team but we are still looking for a couple of assistant Prayer Directors and Agape coordinators. Moira could also use some help with Logistics and catering.

Training starts soon on Saturday 21st September and we are privileged to have Vince Van Sant attending. (Vince is the national coordinator for Face to Face.) Vince and his wife Joh helped with training on our first Encounter at Sandgate UC and they were also on team.

As I mentioned in my last report, Face to Face is a promising new ministry that needs your support. So please continue to pray for the success of this encounter and seriously consider attending Candle lighting which will start in the Catholic church next door to the UC at 1:30pm 5th November, and the closing service which will be held at Coolum Beach UC at 2:30pm 12th November.

Thank you everyone who has helped lay the foundation for Face to Face in our Community and to those who have committed to be on this our third team.

The team so far: **LD:** Ian Riding, **SD:** Margaret Niethé

ASDs: Michele Shumack, Lyn Richardson, Dave Thomas & Neil Sims

Coaches: Geoff Irwin & Pam Nalder (BN South)

Table Leaders: Brian Price, Charles Nalder (BN South), Geoff Weston,
Jean Maricich, Carolyn Dean & Jill Day

Prayer Directors: Russell Walker & Naomi Thomas - (2 more needed)

Music: Dawne Price & Triscia Riding

Logistics: Moira Dodsworth - (1-2 assistants needed)

Catering: Monika Giger & Wendy O'Hara (help needed)

Agape: No one as yet (2 needed)

Board Rep: Karren McDermott

Media IT: Ian Riding

Report for Men's Walk # 103

The Men's Walk held from the 15th to 18th of August was a great success. The team and pilgrims had a great time learning and sharing God's love and grace with one another. For many team members a time of revitalisation and for some pilgrims a time of eye opening a deep awakenings. This was truly a blessed weekend and our 11 pilgrims all gained some insight into God's immense and powerful love for them. Thanks to the wider Emmaus community for your support, prayers and assistance with walk 103. There was a genuine feeling of the weekend being surrounded in prayer. I would like to say a huge thank you to those who sacrificed their time and resources, both as active participant on the team but also all those behind the scenes. At the risk of leaving someone out, I would like to thank the agape makers, the candlelight and closing ceremony attenders, the sponsors, the dining room servers, the prayer vigil prayers and everyone else involved. I am sure the pilgrims of walk 103 had an unforgettable experience and will hold onto these memories for a lifetime.

My deep and sincerest thanks to all involved who made walk #103 a huge success. Most importantly, thanks and praise to our Lord God, for without his blessing and providence, walk #103 would have never happened.

De Colores

Malcolm James

LD Men's Walk #103

Report for Women's Walk # 104

Thank you to all those involved in making Women's Walk #104 truly a success; those who were present in the conference room, dining room, support, and community.

We had 13 pilgrims attend for the weekend at Glendalough; they arrived Thursday evening excited for the weekend. The walk was filled with God's love and the love of the team and community around them. The table groups very quickly formed new friendships, this was amazing to watch. We had 15 amazing talks which brought tears, laughter, love and inspiring words.

Thank you to those who prayed and supported us by attending the Candlelighting service and closing.

Now let's see what He has in store for our new Fourth Dayers.

De Colores

*Leanne Close
Lay Director*

For any prayer needs that you wish to share with the Emmaus Community, please contact Helen Nutley while Margaret Niethé is away.



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2019 CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	PLACE	COMMENTS
14 September 2019	5.30 pm	Morayfield Uniting Church 12-16 Weier Rd, Morayfield	Gathering and celebration Walks 103 & 104
12 October 2019	5.30 pm	Morayfield Uniting Church 12-16 Weier Rd, Morayfield	Gathering & Commissioning Face to Face Encounter #3
22 October 2019		Coolum Uniting Church 22 Elizabeth St, Coolum Beach	Face to Face Encounter #3 Day 1 of 4
29 October 2019		Coolum Uniting Church 22 Elizabeth St, Coolum Beach	Face to Face Encounter #3 Day 2 of 4
5 November 2019		Coolum Uniting Church 22 Elizabeth St, Coolum Beach	Face to Face Encounter #3 Day 3 of 4
5 November 2019	1.15 pm	TBA	Gathering & Candlelighting Face to Face Encounter #3
9 November 2019	5.30 pm	Morayfield Uniting Church 12-16 Weier Rd, Morayfield	END OF YEAR CELEBRATION!
12 November 2019		Coolum Uniting Church 22 Elizabeth St, Coolum Beach	Face to Face Encounter #3 Day 4 of 4
12 November 2019	2.30 pm	Coolum Uniting Church 22 Elizabeth St, Coolum Beach	Closing Ceremony Face to Face Encounter #3

2020 CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	PLACE	COMMENTS
8 February 2020	5.30 pm	Morayfield Uniting Church 12-16 Weier Rd, Morayfield	Gathering
14 March 2020	5.30 pm	Morayfield Uniting Church 12-16 Weier Rd, Morayfield	Gathering
4 April 2020 (Easter is 12 April)	5.30 pm	Morayfield Uniting Church 12-16 Weier Rd, Morayfield	Gathering
14-17 May 2020		Frederick Marsden Youth Centre, Kallangur	Men's walk #105
21-24 May 2020		Frederick Marsden Youth Centre, Kallangur	Women's walk #106
13 June 2020	5.30 pm	Morayfield Uniting Church 12-16 Weier Rd, Morayfield	Gathering