

2020 Manatee County CROP Walk Information

The walk is Sunday, February 23, and begins at First United Methodist Church of Palmetto, 330 11th Ave West. Registration starts at 1:30 pm. Walkers and their supporters can meet at PSPC at 1:15 and carpool, or join up at First United Methodist Church. Here are ways you can participate:

- 1. Sponsor our PSPC Team through a donation** in the yellow envelopes found in the pews, marking “CROP Walk” on the envelope’s ‘Other’ line. Cash or checks welcome; make out checks to PSPC with “CROP Walk” in memo line. Donations made in worship will be combined with those collected by the PSPC Team.
- 2. Join our PSPC Team, or create your own.** Through Sunday Feb 23, sign up in the church lobby or contact Andrea Harmon (see below) to join the PSPC Team or form your own team. Team members can walk two miles across Green Bridge into downtown Bradenton and back, or walk a loop along the Manatee River. Special CROP Walk collection envelopes are available for donations made or solicited by team members. T-shirts are provided to all registered walkers.
- 3. Experience the drum circle.** A drum circle will be held before the walk, and everyone is invited to participate or just observe.
- 4. Join Pastor Ted at the finish line** to greet PSPC Team members as they complete the walk. Sign up in the church lobby.

Share in the fun and excitement, and help raise awareness and funds to end hunger! **For questions or more information**, contact Andrea Harmon at 941-761-9847 or aharmon5@tampabayrr.com.

What are CROP Walks? CROP Walks are community events throughout the United States sponsored by the Church World Service (CWS) and organized by local churches and other groups. 75% of the money raised goes to CWS to help fight hunger around the world and 25% goes to local hunger relief efforts. 25% of the proceeds of the Manatee County CROP Walk will go to Our Daily Bread.

CROP Walks help to provide food and water, as well as resources, that empower people to meet their own needs, from seeds to tools, to wells and water systems, to technical training and micro-enterprise loans.

CROP stands for the Christian Rural Overseas Program, which was active from the late 1940s on, and involved American Midwest farmers who donated food and seed to help feed the hungry in post WWII Europe and Asia. The historic name (CROP) was kept when the first CROP Walk was organized in the U.S. in 1969.