

Rooster Crow April 2020

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

WE ARE INTO OUR STANDARD ROTATION FOR GATHERINGS:

MAY 17: ST JOHN'S UMC JUNE 21: Wellspring UMC JULY 19: First UMC

Emmaus Gatherings are the third Sunday each month at 5:30 pm

GEORGETOWN EMMAUS COMMUNITY GATHERING

Sunday, April 19

Gathering for April is cancelled. Watch for separate email with the 4th day talk information.

FOURTH DAY SPEAKER: Mary Powell

Mary's talk will be published electronically. Please watch for a notice after Easter with her message.

From our Spiritual Director, Rev. Dr. Ann Hagmann:

Dear Emmaus pilgrims,

Here we are - Holy Week 2020 – unlike any Holy Week we've ever known.... The world trust into a desert of cataclysmic change and uncertainty... Yes, we understand that everything has changed How much change ultimately will be uncertain for a while. But the wonderful news is we are not alone in whatever the future holds because we know who holds all futures! That One is Certain! We must stand firm in our faith and the best way to do that is to remain active in our relationship with God – Earth-Maker, Pain-Bearer, Life-Giver – of us all. Holy Week is that one week a year when Christians everywhere remember the last week of Jesus' life. How powerful in 2020 that we do this Earth wide with a clearer consciousness than ever before! Thank God! Together April 5 -12 from around the world we travel along with Jesus to Jerusalem ... from teaching and miracles and triumphant entry to betrayal, denial, and abandonment, from suspicion to hate, violence, torture, crucifixion, and death. But the story doesn't end there. The power of Love provided a tomb and Jesus' body was placed there. Love again led the women to the tomb Easter morning. Remember . . . a covenant was made and reaffirmed....

Tomorrow the sun will rise on the righteous as well as the unrighteous. Be careful not to judge - grace falls far beyond where we limit it. Next Sunday together we will celebrate the Son rising again and

because He has risen so to will we! For Jesus said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life, those who believe in me even though they die, yet will they live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die" (John 11:25-26). God is with us in life, death, and life after death. Trust this and act accordingly. Experience the Risen Christ leading you into all your 4th days.

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March Gathering Business Meeting Highlights

Meeting was cancelled due to Coronavirus guidelines for social distancing. Our prayers were lifted in unison for the health of our friends and our world.

Needing CHILDCARE for our GATHERINGS?

Please contact Sarah Shackelford at (512) 508-2659

ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE GATHERING!

Newsletter Articles and Devotionals WANTED:

If you have any inspirational or wonderful devotionals you would like to share with our Emmaus brothers and sisters, please send to Linda Miles at mileslm75@gmail.com.

LET OTHERS SEE CHRIST IN YOU

From WALKING WITH GOD Devotions

He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation." Mark 16:15

Christians need to be witnesses for Christ. We must not be ashamed of our faith in Jesus Christ. It is, however, important to know when to speak and when to be quiet.

There is one sure way to testify about your faith without offending other people, and that is to follow the example of Jesus Christ. His whole life was a testimony of commitment to His duty, sympathy, mercy, and love for all people — regardless of their rank or circumstances. This is the very best way to be a witness for Jesus.

Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you so that others will see Christ in everything you do and say. In this way you will fulfill the command of the Lord.

Help me, Lord Jesus, to let the Holy Spirit live through me in such a way that others may know of Your love for them. AMEN.



April 26 at 6:30 PM

Loving God and Seeking

the Sacred in the Ordinary

Taize service of Wholeness is cancelled for April. Please take this time to lift up our world and all those affected in prayer.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance as of March Gathering:
Not Available

From Co-Lay Director,

Mary Jane Berry



Upcoming Fourth Day Speakers

Please consider presenting the 4th Day Talk at a gathering this year. See the simple Talk Guidelines at the bottom of this newsletter. Both you and the community will be blessed by your witness.

May 17 Open

June 21 Nikki Underwood

July 19 Open

August 16 Carolyn Henry

September 20 Open
October 18 Open

November 15 Elaine Jackson
December 20 Ann & John

Please contact Ronan Shackelford or Mary Jane Berry if you are willing to present your witness.

May our character be blemish free so that others are able to see the life of God in us and give Him the praise. Matthew 5:16
Everything in life is a test of character. John Blanchard
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UPCOMING CENTRAL TEXAS WALKS

Women's Walk 448 - Rescheduled for 2021

Latham Springs Baptist Camp, Aquilla, TX Sponsoring 4th Day Group: DeCorEllis

Women's Walk 450 - Jul 9-12

Solid Rock Camp, Eastland, TX

Sponsoring 4th Day Group: Breckenridge

Women's Walk 452 - Oct 8-11

TBD

Sponsoring 4th Day Group: Twin Lakes

Men's Walk 447 - Rescheduled for 2021

Greene Family Camp, Bruceville, TX Sponsoring 4th Day Group: Twin Lakes

Men's Walk 449 - Rescheduled for 2021

Heart of Texas Baptist Camp, Brownwood, TX Sponsoring 4th Day Group: Pecan Valley

Men's Walk 451 - Sep 10-13

Latham Springs Baptist Camp, Aquilla, TX Sponsoring 4th Day Group: Greater Waco

Men's Walk 453 - Oct 22-25

Glen Lake Camp and Retreat Center, Glen Rose, TX Sponsoring 4th Day Group: Tarrant County

Sign up for participation on a team!!! Contact Crystal Jackson or Anne Castle if you are interested. You will be blessed by participating in the Emmaus weekend. You can find the team application form on the Central Texas Emmaus website at

http://ctcemmaus.org/index.php/walk-info/2020walks.

Greater Austin Emmaus Community 2020 Walks

NOTE: Because of the Coronavirus, we have moved Women's Walk #147 from May 14 - 17 to July 30 -August 2.

Women's Walk #147

Deena Raynor, Lay Director

Nancy Mossman, Spiritual Director

Lynn Magee, Board Rep.

Steven Scott, Servant Team Coor.

July 30 – August 2, 2020

Contact: Deena@austinemmaus.org

Contact: Lynn@austinemmaus.org Contact: Steven@austinemmaus.org

Women's Walk #148

Debby Duplantis, Lay Director

Spiritual Director TBD

Diane Merwarth, Board Rep. Bob Duplantis, Servant Team Coor. November 5 - 8,2020

Contact: Debby@austinemmaus.org

Contact: Diane@austinemmaus.org Contact: Bob@austinemmaus.org

Both of these Walks will be held at Eagle's Wings Retreat Center in Burnet. The fee is \$210.00 each.



OUR WONDERFUL LEADERSHIP

Spiritual Director: Rev. Dr. Ann Hagmann <u>revdrann@hotmail.com</u> **Co-Lay Directors:** Ronan Shackelford <u>ronanshackelford@gmail.com</u>

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Treasurer: Jackie Hammar <u>jackiefumc310@gmail.com</u>

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REUNION GROUPS

WOMEN'S REUNION GROUPS:

| MONDAY "Pass it On" 5:15 P.M. (1st and 3rd Monday) Linda Lindell 512-863-8161 <u>Lindell108@gmail.com</u> | FULL |
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| MONDAY "The GoFourthers" 5:00 P.M. St. John UMC Horizon House Carolyn Henry 512-217-0879 hnrylucas@aol.com | OPEN |
| 2 nd & 4 th THURSDAY "Soul Sisters" 3:30 p.m. Diane Nickerson dnickerson314@gmail.com | OPEN |
| THURSDAY "Rainbow Connection" 7:00 a.m. FUMC Library Jeannine Fairburn 512-863-5962 jw5689f@suddenlink.net | OPEN |
| THURSDAY "Lifetime Reunion Group" 9:00 A.M. McDonald's (Williams Dr.) Barbara Knorre 512-863-9708 <u>bknorre@suddenlink.net</u> | OPEN |
| FRIDAY "Grace Galore" 10:00 A.M. Nancy Marsh 512-864-6501 FUMC, room 301 nmarshtx@earthlink.net | OPEN |
| SATURDAY "Saturday Sisters" 8:00 A.M. City Market, Sun City Mary Meoli Johnson 512-636-5572 meolitx@gmail.com | OPEN |
| MEN'S REUNION GROUPS: | |
| MONDAY"Hombres DeColores"7:00 A.M. Weslayan Assisted LivingTerry Reed512-484-3953treed930@yahoo.com | OPEN |
| MONDAY. "Wellspring Men's Reunion Group" noon Whataburger Bob Miles milesrm71@gmail.com 512 656-3313 | OPEN |
| SATURDAY "Eye of the Storm" 7:00 A.M. Mariachis De Jalisco, Williams Drive | OPEN |