

Rooster Crow April 2023



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!
GEORGETOWN GATHERINGS!!**

APRIL 16: Wellspring UMC

MAY 21: First UMC

JUNE 18: St John's UMC

JULY 16: Wellspring UMC

AUGUST 20: First UMC

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

GEORGETOWN EMMAUS COMMUNITY GATHERING

Sunday, April 16

At 5:30 p.m.

Wellspring UMC

6200 Williams Drive

FOURTH DAY SPEAKER: Robert Miles

Join Georgetown Emmaus on April 16 at Wellspring UMC for worship with a potluck to follow. Bring your friends to enjoy the reflection, fun, food, and fellowship. Georgetown Emmaus Gatherings are still in need of 4th Day speaker for 2023. **We are all waiting expectantly to hear YOUR witness.** Please look to God for courage and inspiration in sharing your personal story with the Emmaus Community.

Upcoming Fourth Day Speakers

Please consider presenting the 4th Day Talk at a gathering this year. See our Georgetown Emmaus Website for 4th Day Talk Information.

April 16	Wellspring UMC	Robert Miles
May 21	First UMC	Open
June 18	St John UMC	Open
July 16	Wellspring UMC	Agape Party
August 20	First UMC	Open

Please contact Rev John Clifford, Rev May Powell, Brenda Rumbellow or Carolyn Henry if you are willing to present your witness.



From Spiritual Director, Rev Mary Powell

The Thief on the Cross

Luke 23:39-43 MSG

³⁹ One of the criminals hanging alongside cursed him: “Some Messiah you are! Save yourself! Save us!”

⁴⁰⁻⁴¹ But the other one made him shut up: “Have you no fear of God? You’re getting the same as him. We deserve this, but not him—he did nothing to deserve this.”

⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you enter your kingdom.”

⁴³ He said, “Don’t worry, I will. Today you will join me in paradise.”

I am always pleased to hear the thief chide the other thief. He recognizes Jesus as innocent like a lamb being sacrificed. He doesn’t understand much else except that Jesus is somehow able to provide a glorious life beyond death and he wants whatever that is. Was this thief raised as a faithful Jew, believing in the promised coming of the Messiah? What was it that told him who Jesus was at that moment? Perhaps it was because he had heard Jesus say, “Forgive them for they know not what they are doing.” That was a statement of love for Jesus’ enemies. During these last weeks of Lent and the beginning of the Easter season, we easily take God’s forgiveness of our sins for granted if we remain focused on what our “enemies” are doing and forget the forgiveness of them and of us that was bought by the blood of Jesus on the cross. When we can turn loose of resentment and judgment of others and embrace forgiveness and live together in peace, we, too, like the thief can look forward to life after death with the One who loves us more than we can ever love Him. We can then fulfill God’s plan for each of us to be the messengers who tell the good news of God’s love and desire to make us anew into His holy image, reflecting God’s glory in ways that draw others to kingdom living and loving here and now. May it be so. Saloam, brothers and sisters in the faith!

DE COLORES!! Rev Mary



A message from our friend, Rev Dr Ann Hagmann



Dear Friends,



It is with a heart full of gratitude for you and your prayers that I write this note to thank you and update you on my status dealing with breast cancer. This past week I completed 33 radiation treatments! Praise God. For the next year I will receive 2 non-chemo chemo -type drugs/shots every 3 weeks. I currently have received 2 of these treatments. I am also taking an anti-estrogen daily medication.

I can’t tell you what a wonderful difference your thoughts and prayers and cards and text have meant. They have fueled my faith and given me strength and courage. I have a battery run candle with butterflies on it. I’m pretty certain it came from Ann Castle’s (lay director) Walk to Emmaus. I served as the spiritual director, and it was my candle in the prayer room. It’s about 5” tall. I have had it on for the last 8 months to represent the gift of people’s thoughts and prayers during my cancer ordeal. It burns in cycles of 4 hrs on and then 4 hours off. Every time I step into my study and the light is on, I’m reminded that the light represents the prayers of so many kind people on my behalf, and I give thanks to God for you and for hearing all of our prayers. And I am strengthened.

The effects of cancer aren’t over, so I would be grateful for your continued prayers. Thank you and God bless you all. A blest and love filled Easter to each of you and all those you love.



Love, Ann



Greetings From Your Lay Directors



De Colores Friends,

As we look forward to the end of Lent and the beginning of the Easter season, we need to look back a bit to what we decided to give up, and the end of that sacrifice. I chose to add some things to my life to which I had been remiss in the past. How did that feel for me? It actually enriched my spiritual life, and gave me a hope for the future. I hope this Easter, with its promise for spiritual resurrection for the future inspires you all as well. De Colores! Brenda

DeColores!

Carolyn Henry and Brenda Rumbellow

Georgetown Emmaus Community Gathering

March 19, 2023



DeColores



DEVOTION From Linda Miles

I was waiting for a meeting to start at the church and picked up an Upper Room Devotional and turned right to this page for Sunday April 16. God works in amazing ways!!

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ROAD TO EMMAUS

READ Luke 24:13-35

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight.

— Luke 24:30-31 (NIV)

Over 55 years ago a friend gave my wife and me a picture that portrays Jesus walking with the disciples on the road to Emmaus. No matter where we live, this picture hangs in a prominent place, and I see it every day. One day I saw it in a

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
Jesus is with me even when I am not aware of it.

new way and realized that parts of my own spiritual journey are much like the disciples' experience on the road to Emmaus.

The disciples had learned to trust and rely on Jesus as they listened to his teaching, committed themselves to follow him, and witnessed his miraculous power to transform lives. With Jesus' death, that trust was broken, replaced by doubt and fear. But Jesus joined them on the road, encouraged them through the words of scripture, and performed an act he knew would cause them to recognize him — demonstrating that he would always be with them.

When I have experienced confusion and despair, Jesus has revealed himself to me and assured me of his continual presence. Just as Jesus was with those early disciples on their walk to Emmaus, he comes and meets us along our way and helps us understand the meaning of God's word within our own circumstances, assuring us that we are never alone.

Prayer: Eternal God, we give thanks that no matter what happens, we can rely on your presence to guide and strengthen us. Restore our hope as we continue on this journey. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Robert M. Terhune (Oregon, USA) — See p. 21.

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

GT COMMUNITY TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance as of August

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OUR WONDERFUL GEORGETOWN EMMAUS COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Our Emmaus Community continues looking to each of you to discern where you can support our 4th day walk in Georgetown. We are blessed by a dedicated leadership team. Many thanks to each of those below who have agreed to serve in their role for 2023 for the Emmaus Community. If you are interested in serving in any leadership role or an any Emmaus team, please contact one of the Lay Directors and let them know.

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From the Greater Austin Emmaus Community

2023 Walks at Eagle's Wings Retreat Center

Women's Walk #149 scheduled for May 4-7, 2023.

Now is the time for you, the members of our community, to seek and sponsor additional pilgrims to make this the "Best Walk Ever". We encourage the community to talk to people you know, complete applications early and submit them as soon as possible. Forms for registering pilgrims can be found at the GAEC website at

<https://www.austinemmaus.org/>

Men's Walk #150 : Next Men's Walk will be Nov 2-4, 2023

The cost of the weekend is \$240 and can be paid with a check or with a credit card for an additional fee of \$7.50 to cover the credit card processing fee. You can download pilgrim, sponsor, and church forms from the [austinemmaus.org](https://www.austinemmaus.org) website. Scholarships are available and forms are on the website at <https://www.austinemmaus.org/>

CENTRAL TEXAS EMMAUS



Tina LaCagnina, CTC Emmaus Board Representative, continues to support our Georgetown Emmaus Community on the Central Texas Emmaus board. Please try to support each Walk as you are able.

Sign up for participation on a team!!! Contact Tina LaCagnina or Anne Castle if you are ever interested in serving on a team. **Discern where God is calling you to sponsor a Pilgrim on a walk!!!** Talk to friends in your community about the Walk to Emmaus and sign up a pilgrim for a 2023 Walk. You can find the team and pilgrim application forms at <http://ctcemmaus.org/index.php/downloads>

The Pilgrims and you will all be blessed by participating in the Emmaus weekend.

2023 Women's Walks

Walk 472 - Apr 20-23

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

Walk 475 - Sep 21-24

Solid Rock Camp, Eastland, TX
Sponsoring 4th Day Group: TBD

Walk 476 - Oct 5-8

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

2023 Men's Walks

Walk 473 - Apr 27-30

Solid Rock Camp, Eastland, TX
Sponsoring 4th Day Group: TBD

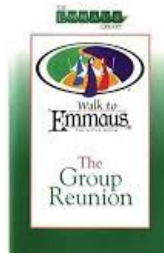
Walk 474 - Sep 7-10

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

Walk 477 - Oct 19-22

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

REUNION GROUPS



From DAY FOUR, The Pilgrim's Continued Journey

Many aspects of our world threaten the survival of the life which the Walk to Emmaus presents – the truly Christian, truly human life. Once we have returned to our everyday world, it does not take us long to discover that it is well-nigh impossible to go it alone. One way of being in touch with God's power to make that new life totally secure is through contact with other Christians who share the priority of a life in grace. . . the group reunion is a way of maintaining that contact – an important means of persevering in the life in grace.

If you are not meeting with a reunion group, please contact one of our brothers or sisters below to connect in the life of grace.

GROUP	TYPE	DAY	TIME	PLACE	STATE	CONTACT	PHONE	EMAIL
Pass It On	Women	Monday 1st & 3rd	5:15 PM		full	Linda Lindell	(512) 863-8161	Lindell108@gmail.com
The Go Fourthers	Women	Monday	5:00 PM	St John UMC Horizon	open	Carolyn Henry	(512) 217-0879	hnylucas@aol.com
Soul Sisters	Women	Thursday 2nd & 4th	1:00 PM	Sun City	open	Dianne Nickerson	(817) 269-4149	dnickerson314@gmail.com
Rainbow Connection	Women	Thursday	7:00 AM	FUMC Library	open	Jeannine Fairburn	(512) 863-5962	jw5689f@suddenlink.net
Lifetime Reunion	Women	Thursday	9:00 AM	Barbara Knorre Home	Closed - Full	Barbara Knorre	(512) 863-9708	bknorre@suddenlink.net
Grace Galore	Women	Friday	10:00 AM	Zoom	open	Nancy Marsh	(512) 635-0036	nmarshtx@earthlink.net
Saturday Sisters	Women	Saturday	8:00 AM	City Market, Sun City	open	Mary Meoli Johnson	(512) 636-5572	meolitx@gmail.com
Wesleyan Women	Women	Wednesday	8:00 AM	Zoom	open	Mary Powell	(512) 740-8984	maryfisherp@gmail.com
Hombres DeColores	Men	Monday	8:00 AM	San Gabriel Park	open	Bill Marsh	(512) 635-0035	bill.marsh.tx@gmail.com
Eye of the Storm	Men	Saturday	7:00 AM	Mariachis De Jalisco	open	Ken Sommerville	(512) 810-3848	ksommerville@yahoo.com