



Rooster Crow August 2020

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!
ZOOM GATHERINGS!!**

AUGUST 16: ZOOM

SEPTEMBER 20: ZOOM

OCTOBER 18: ZOOM

Emmaus Gatherings are the third Sunday each month at 5:30 pm and will be held by Zoom until we can meet again in person. Virtual Hugs Work!!! Please plan on joining!!

GEORGETOWN EMMAUS COMMUNITY GATHERING

Gathering for August will be held virtually on Zoom.

We look forward to everyone joining for an uplifting service.

Zoom access info below . . .

FOURTH DAY SPEAKER: Carolyn Henry

Linda Miles is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: August Emmaus Gathering

Time: Aug 16, 2020 05:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting at URL

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83711586855?pwd=engwN1pUMldrZi85V0hXMVN6VnpwZz09>

Meeting ID: 837 1158 6855

Passcode: 572329

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From our Spiritual Director, Rev. Dr. Ann Hagmann

Rev Ann sends her love and blessings. She would like to share this meditation sent to her from Mary Jane Berry.

Devotion from Co-Lay Director, Mary Jane Berry

You are a Sanctuary!



A sanctuary ...well, prior to my Walk to Emmaus, I had never given much thought to what a sanctuary even was! According to Webster, it is “a place of refuge or safety; or a nature reserve”. However, according to the Bible, a sanctuary is a “consecrated place, such as:1.) the ancient Hebrew temple at Jerusalem or its holy of holies; 2.) the most sacred part of a religious building (such as the part of a Christian church in which the altar is placed)”.

Perhaps, you can say since we are all “*sheltered in place*” that our homes are our sanctuary. That is correct our home is a sanctuary but as I read what Paul taught in Corinthians chapter 3 ~ he shared to the local church in Corinth, that they are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in them. It is thought that the church in Corinth likely had no building of their own, and instead they meet in smaller groups in the homes of various members. Paul's answer is to the point: God's Spirit lives in them (1 Corinthians 2:12; 6:19). To be clear, God's Spirit lives in each believer individually, but Paul shows here that in this way the Holy Spirit occupies the collected believers known as the church. Thus, they become the temple of God, even without a physical structure to meet in. As Christians often say, "the church" is *the people*, not *the building*.

So, we may not be meeting in our local sanctuary...church and we are just staying at home, please take comfort that we are a living sanctuary! Reminds me of the song we sing in Emmaus, “Sanctuary” ... 🎵*Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary* . . . use this link to sing along: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AxB9VH3cCN4>

This was one of Polly and my favorite songs to “sway to”! ☺ Although, we are not gathering in person, we have God within us “in person” and you are His sanctuary! Blessings to you all. ♡



July Gathering Business Meeting Highlights

In July the Emmaus Community held our first Gathering by Zoom. We were able to sing, pray, follow the Emmaus liturgy, and share communion in remembrance of our Lord. We thank everyone who was able to join and hope more of our friends are in attendance in August as we continue Gatherings by Zoom.



Beginning August 1, the Rooster Crow Newsletter will be delivered only through the new Website capabilities. Please make sure you go in and subscribe to the newsletter to continue receiving it. Here is the link to the new web site. It has all the latest news and the latest newsletter. <http://georgetownemmaus.org/>

Here is a link that you will need to use to subscribe to for your monthly newsletter in your email. <https://georgetownemmaus.weebly.com/news.html> You are able to subscribe to receive the newsletter or unsubscribe from it. This will be the only way you will be able to receive the newsletter by email and any other communication by email. Will start using this on August 1 2020.

Questions can be addressed to Mark McCartney at emmauswellspring@gmail.com

4th day speakers are needed for September and October. Please contact Ronan or Mary Jane if you can share your witness with the Georgetown Emmaus Community.

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 .

Selection from Choose Joy Devotional written by Kay Warren

Trusting God for the Future

Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you. 1 Peter 5:7

By far the hardest of the Bible's commands for me to obey and live out are "Don't worry about anything" and "Rejoice always." It's not because I think they're wrong. I know the truth – nothing kills joy faster than worry! But we all worry, and some of us are really good at it. Some people just worry about their health; some just worry about their kids; some just worry about finances. But some of us worry about absolutely everything! If there were jobs for professional worriers, some of us could earn money – we're that good at it!

It's impossible to be joyful and full of worry at the same time – they cancel each other out.

So, if you are among the constant worriers, anxiety has you in its death grip. All that worry is choking out the joy in your life. Remember our definition of joy: **it is the settled assurance that God is in control of all the details of my life, the quiet confidence that ultimately everything is going to be all right, and the determined choice to praise God in all things.**

Our antidote to worry is trust. Trust that God is in control of all the details of our lives. Our trust leads to confidence that it will all be okay – not that everything will turn out the way I want it to, but that God is at work in the details. Trust will loosen that death grip of worry and allow joy to flow back into your life. As a friend of mine said, "When you're worrying, you're not trusting, and when you're trusting, you're not worrying."

. . . Friends, bad things happen. This is earth, not heaven. I can't deny the reality of all that could go wrong and perhaps has already gone wrong. But as 1 Peter 5:7 says, we can throw the whole weight of our concerns upon God for we are his personal concern. We can find the peace that comes from trusting God; and when our hearts are at peace, joy returns.



SERVICE OF WHOLENESS/TAIZE

Taize services will begin again in the fall. We will publish the schedule when received

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance as of May Gathering:
Not Available

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. Both you and the community will be blessed by your witness.

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| 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.

UPCOMING CENTRAL TEXAS WALKS

Due to concerns of the Covid 19 virus, the Central Texas Emmaus Board made the very difficult decision to postpone the remaining walks for 2020. We will assess the situation for the February walk in 2021 when the time arises. In the mean-time think about how we can keep the fire alive in Emmaus. Keep in contact with your reunion groups and let's think about creative ways that Georgetown community can share the Emmaus message.

Women's Walk 448 – Rescheduled for 2021

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

Women's Walk 450 – Rescheduled for 2021

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

Women's Walk 452 – Rescheduled for 2021

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

Women's Walk 454 – February 25, 2021

TBD
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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 – Rescheduled for 2021

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

Men's Walk 453 – Rescheduled for 2021

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>.

OUR WONDERFUL LEADERSHIP

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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 |
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| Pass It On | Women | Monday 1st & 3rd | 5:15 PM | | full | Linda Lindell | (512) 863-8161 | Lindell108@gmail.com |
| The GoForthers | Women | Monday | 5:00 PM | St John UMC Horizon | open | Carolyn Henry | (512) 217-0879 | hnrylucas@aol.com |
| Soul Sisters | Women | Thursday 2nd & 4th | 3:30 PM | ZOOM | 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 Gro | Women | Thursday | 9:00 AM | McDonald's, Williams Dr | open | Barbara Knorre | (512) 863-9708 | bknorre@suddenlink.net |
| Grace Galore | Women | Friday | 10:00 AM | FUMC, room 301 | open | Nancy Marsh | (512) 864-6501 | nmarshtx@earthlink.net |
| Saturday Sisters | Women | Saturday | 8:00 AM | City Market, Sun City | open | Mary Meoli Johnson | (512) 636-5572 | meolix@gmail.com |
| Hombres DeColores | Men | Monday | 8:00 AM | ZOOM | open | Bill Marsh | (512) 635-0035 | bill.marsh.tx@gmail.com |
| Wellspring Men's Gro | Men | Monday | NOON | ZOOM | open | Robert Miles | (512) 656-3313 | milesrm71@gmail.com |
| Eye of the Storm | Men | Saturday | 7:00 AM | Mariachis De Jalisco | open | Ken Sommerville | (512) 810-3848 | ksommerville@yahoo.com |