

ROOSTER CROW



August 2024

**GEORGETOWN EMMAUS
4th DAY GATHERING
Sunday, August 18
At 5:30 p.m.
First United Methodist
410 East University Avenue**

**AUGUST 18: First UMC
SEPTEMBER 15: St John's GMC
OCTOBER 20: The Wesleyan**

Emmaus Gatherings are held on the
third Sunday each month.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!



**Make a friend.
Be a friend.
Bring a friend
to Christ.**

4th DAY SPEAKER: RITA HANDLEY

Georgetown Emmaus Community will meet on the 3RD Sunday August 18 **at 5:30** at First United Methodist Church. We will celebrate in worship, singing, and prayer. After worship, we invite all to join us for a potluck dinner. These are joyous celebrations when we lift our voices in unison to God as we walk with Christ on the Road to Emmaus.

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.

August 18	First UMC	Rita Handley
September 15	St John's GMC	Tina LaCagnina
October 20	The Wesleyan	Brenda Rumbellow
November 17	First UMC	Open
December 15	St John's GMC	Spiritual Directors

Thank you to each of you who will share your witness with the Emmaus community. Please contact Brenda Rumbellow or Linda Miles if you are willing to present a 4th Day Talk at a gathering.



Spiritual Director
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Rev John Clifford
Rev Mary Powell
Rev Bob Sinclair

The Emmaus spiritual director is trained to listen, discern and sometimes ask questions. The task of the spiritual director is to diligently pay attention to the person's story and the Spirit, and to encourage spiritual growth. Thanks to each of our spiritual directors for being there for each of us in the Emmaus community.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS

The Heavens Declare the Glory of God

Psalm 19

Psalm 19 begins with a statement of how creation is announcing how wonderful God is. Paul reminds us in Romans 1:20 “Since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—His eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.” I experienced the truth of these words, God’s creation is so immense and powerful, that we have a spiritual experience just contemplating the beauty and majesty of the world and all the creatures within it.



I had just such a deeply spiritual experience of seeing up close the majesty of the mountains and glaciers and huge whales of Alaska this past week. I hope you have been steeped in such memories of your own experiences of nature. Take time to recall the sense of awe you have had in the past when exploring some part of the world, letting your spirit absorb the power and glory of God. Somehow the chaos of this world fades when one stands in awe in the peace and beauty of God’s creation. I pray you can pause and allow that peace to remind you that God is in charge of our world and all shall be well, all shall be well, indeed all shall be well.

De Colores!!

Rev Mary Powell

GT COMMUNITY TREASURER’S REPORT:

Balance as of April
Approximately \$800.00



Greetings From Your Lay Directors



Again, this year we celebrated the July Gathering at Wellspring UMC with Agape Party. We completed around 15 kits of agape to give out to pilgrims at future walks. Each package of agape was prayed over by the table making the gift. What a joy to send our love and prayers to pilgrims as they walk the road with Jesus!! We also enjoyed ice cream and snacks provided by all. This time of fellowship was not only fun, but a blessing to us all. Thanks to Tina LaCagnina and Terry France for planning the Agape kits and providing work to keep our hands busy.

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Submitted by Linda Miles

Georgetown 4th Day Group July Gathering AGAPE PARTY



DEVOTION

“Walking in the Presence of God” by Henri J. M. Nouwen

We must continually remind ourselves that the first commandment requiring us to love God with all our heart, all our soul, and all our mind is indeed the first. I wonder if we really believe this. It seems that in face we live as if we should give as much of our heart, soul, and mind as possible to our fellow human beings, while trying hard not to forget God . . . But Jesus’ claim is much more radical. He asks for a single-minded commitment to God and God alone. God wants all our heart, all of our mind, and all of our soul.

³⁶ “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” ³⁷ Jesus replied: ““Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”^[a] ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment.
Matthew 22:36-38

GEORGETOWN WALK TO EMMAUS MINISTRIES

As the Emmaus Ministry declines in some areas, Georgetown leadership has been looking for ways to solidify our presence and support to the local churches in our area. Many of the Central Texas Conference 4th Day groups find that the size of the Central Texas Conference Emmaus Community (formed around the previous UMC conference boundaries) and the lack of Board representation in the southernmost area is detrimental to the mission of Emmaus. The results of this structure is that Walk dates have been changed and Walk sites have been eliminated which causes confusion and extra work for the teams volunteering to plan and execute our walks.

Tina LaCagnina (Georgetown 4th Day Group and prior CTC Emmaus Board Rep) and Steven Scott (Lay Director of Greater Austing Emmaus Community) have led an initiative to implement a solution that would be beneficial to us and our future Emmaus Pilgrims. They have visited several of the 4th day groups in the Southern District to get input to a solution. Georgetown has been in prayer and discernment for this solution and reviewed a proposal at this June Gathering to move their membership from the Central Texas Conference Community to the Greater Austin Emmaus Community. The overwhelming vote was to notify Upper Room and make this change immediately. This change will move Georgetown to planning and implementing walks with GAEC in the future. At this time, we will continue with Georgetown 4th day gatherings but work with GAEC on combined gathering plans in the future.

We are so very excited that we will merge with Greater Austin Emmaus Community ...*all the details will work out with God's blessings!* And how exciting that we will have spring walks in 2025 ...so exciting! Thank you to Tina and Steven for all your work to keep Emmaus going strong...for all of us...I am sure God is smiling.

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Tina LaCagnina





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



Central Texas Emmaus Walk Information

Below please find updated information on the remaining Walks to be held by the Central Texas Conference Emmaus Ministries in 2024. As a reminder, Walks have to have 20 pilgrims confirmed two weeks out for a Walk to make. Sadly, women's Walk 484 had to be cancelled. There are more openings for the other three Walks in the fall. It is not too late to get someone signed up for one of these fall Walks. Start promoting these Walks within your church and area. Who do you know that you want to share the Walk to Emmaus with? The cost for Walks for pilgrims and team members is \$225. 00. Pilgrim Applications are available at www.ctcemmaus.org.

Upcoming Men's Walks

Walk	Date	Pilgrims
482	09/05/2024	6*
485	10/17/2024	1*

Upcoming Women's Walks

Walk	Date	Pilgrims
483	09/19/2024	16*

Walk Application

<https://www.ctcemmaus.org/images/ctemmaus/emmausapplication.pdf>

Team Application

<https://www.ctcemmaus.org/images/ctemmaus/teamapplication.pdf>



Servant Leadership

2024 GEORGETOWN EMMAUS 4TH DAY GROUP LEADERSHIP

Spiritual Director	Rev John Clifford	jayefsee@gmail.com
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Our Emmaus 4th Day Group continues looking to each of you to discern where you can support our Emmaus walk in Georgetown. We are blessed by a dedicated leadership team. Many thanks to each of those who have agreed to serve in their role for 2024 for the Emmaus community. If you are interested in serving in any leadership role or on an Emmaus team, please contact one of the Lay Directors and let them know.

REUNION GROUPS



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 GoFourthers	Women	Monday	5:00 PM	St John UMC Horizon	open	Carolyn Henry	(512) 217-0879	hnrylucas@aol.com
Rainbow Connection	Women	Thursday	7:00 AM	FUMC Library	open	Jeannine Fairburn	(512) 863-5962	jw5689f@suddenlink.net
Lifetime Reunion	Women	Thursday	9:30 AM	Barbara's home	open	Barbara Knorre	(512) 863-9708	bknorre@suddenlink.net
Grace Galore	Women	Friday	10:00 AM	BY ZOOM	open	Nancy Marsh	512-635-0036	nmarshtx@gmail.com
Saturday Sisters	Women	Saturday	8:00 AM	City Market, Sun City	open	Mary Meoli Johnson	(512) 636-5572	meolix@gmail.com
Wesleyan Women	Women	Wednesday	8:00 AM	Wesley Independent	closed	Mary Powell	(512) 740-8984	maryfisherp@gmail.com
Hombres DeColores	Men	Monday	8:00 AM	The Wesleyan	open	Bill Marsh	(512) 635-0035	bill.marsh.tx@gmail.com
Eye of the Storm	Men	Saturday	6:00 AM	Mariachis De Jalisco	open	Ken Sommerville	(512) 810-3848	ksommerville@yahoo.com
Wesleyan Men	Men	Thursday	10:30 AM	West Chappel at Wesleyan	open	Dan Bonner	(512) 876-9145	dancucr@gmail.com
Just Us Gals	Women	Monday	11:45 AM	BY ZOOM	open	Linda Miles	(512) 677-3867	mileslm75@gmail.com
Journeyman	Men	Tuesday	6:30 PM	BY ZOOM	open	Clint Fraser	(512) 818-0571	Rockbuster1959@gmail.com



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.