



## **Rooster Crow December 2020**

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

**DECEMBER 20: ZOOM**

**JANUARY 17: ZOOM**

**FEBRUARY 21: ZOOM**

Emmaus Gatherings are held on the third Sunday each month at 5:30 pm and will be held by Zoom until we can meet again in person. Please join us for worship and fellowship!!

### **GEORGETOWN EMMAUS COMMUNITY GATHERING**

**Gathering for December will be held virtually on Zoom.**

**We look forward to everyone joining for an uplifting service.**

**Zoom access info below . . .**

### **FOURTH DAY SPEAKER: John Clifford and Ann Hagmann**

#### **Georgetown Emmaus Gathering Zoom Access**

Georgetown Emmaus will be gathering under more restrictive Zoom security. Zoom registration and access will only be sent to Georgetown Emmaus community by email. Let Linda Miles and Mark McCartney know if you do not receive before December 20 or if you have someone to add to the Georgetown community email lists.



#### **From our Spiritual Director, Rev. Dr. Ann Hagmann**

Dear Emmaus Co-journeymers,

This is a story about extraordinary power. About power that cannot be bought for all the gold in the world. About power that is a free gift from our Creator; about power that can transform us body, soul, mind, spirit, relationships. Does it sound too good to be true? Well, it isn't!!

It is the familiar story of God coming as Emmanuel, God with us, in Jesus of Nazareth, and the Holy Spirit working in us today. Let me give you my witness and you decide.

On November 13<sup>th</sup> I found out that I need a huge spinal surgery – 5 level fusion and 3 level laminectomy. I was terrified! Would I survive surgery? Would I be able to walk again? Could I rehab with a broken off iliac crest? Would I be able to go home again? My terror increased to the nth degree on

Monday when the surgery scheduler called and scheduled me for surgery on Monday December 7<sup>th</sup>. I asked her if I could call back and cancel! I'm serious!

The terror was literally coursing thru my arteries and veins. I was looking into a tunnel w/o being able to see around the bend or to see any light. I knew I needed a group to discern God's will with me in this specific situation. I had been praying about a list of people I was considering contacting, when I realized that the Spirit had already given me a small group whom I felt would be supportive of doing it. (Please note the importance of a small group in our lives. Even though my prayer group is not an accountability group, it is a deeply spiritual connection.)

You see I have been blest for many years to be a part of the Centering Prayer group at FUMC led by our own Nancy Marsh. On Tuesday November 17<sup>th</sup> we were a small group and all 5 were agreeable to discerning what the Spirit wants for me. Using the discernment method of St. Ignatius of Loyola, we asked the simple question, "Should Ann have this surgery?" For 10 minutes we sat in silence with the answer of "yes." Then we sat in quiet for another 10 minutes with "no." Afterwards we all shared what we felt during the prayer time. Everyone was affirmational to having the surgery. One described seeing a bright light during the "yes" and then when we switched to "no" a shroud covered it. That is pretty clear!

Another sang "Wade in the Water ... wade in the water ... o children wade in the water, God's gonna trouble the water today." And you know what the Bible tells us about God troubling the water, it brings healing to those in the water. Then she said, "I know you are terrified about being alone in the hospital due to Covid, but I have to tell you that you will not be alone. Your Mother and the Communion of Saints will be with you." I asked, "Did you say my Mother?" And she answered, "Yes, your Mother and the rest of the Communion of Saints." My Mother's birthday is December 6<sup>th</sup>, the day before my surgery.

Now to be absolutely honest, I was feeling peace early in the prayer, but as it continued and then others shared afterwards, my peace moved down into my deepest roots; it moved up into my highest reaches; peace filled every part of me. The terror gone.

Today, 12 days later, no change, and there will not be. Yes, I am still looking into a dark tunnel w/o being able to see around the bend or to see any light. But that does not matter. What matters is that I know that I know that I know that God is with me - God has me in life, in death, and in-between. Thanks be to God!! My mantra going forward is - *"I can do all things thru Christ who strengthens me!"* (Philippians 4:13) Amen!?!

I would be very grateful for your prayers. Rev. John Clifford will lead the December 20<sup>th</sup> Zoom gathering, and Rev Mary Powell will lead on January 17<sup>th</sup>. Beyond that, I am sure the Spirit will provide. I look forward to zooming with you in the future. God bless you and keep you. Have a wonderful Advent and Christmas season! De Colores. Love, Ann Hagmann SD *November 28, 2020*

*Psalm 27:13-14 "I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong, let your heart take courage, wait for the Lord."*

De Colores, Ann Hagmann SD



## Gathering Highlights

Here are some pictures from the October Georgetown Emmaus Gathering. October gathering included a sharing by the community on how each of us is thankful for God's Word. God spoke through each member as they shared their favorite scriptures.



**THANKS TO OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM**



## 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](mailto:mileslm75@gmail.com) .

## **MEDITATIONS**

### **TALK 8: CHRISTIAN ACTION**

NOW IN JOPPA, THERE WAS A DISCIPLE WHOSE NAME WAS TABITHA, WHICH IN GREEK IS DORCAS. SHE WAS DEVOTED TO GOOD WORKS AND ACTS OF CHARITY (ACTS 9:36).

IN FEBRUARY 1996, THE PUBLIC TELEVISION NETWORK RELEASED A TRIBUTE TO THE LATE MINNIE PEARL: HATS OFF TO MINNIE PEARL: AMERICA HONOR'S MINNIE PEARL. MANY GOOD FRIENDS GAVE TESTIMONY TO HER LOVING SPIRIT AND GENEROUS MANNER. THROUGH THE YEARS, MINNIE PEARL (SARAH OPHELIA CANNON) HAD ENCOURAGED AND ENABLED MANY YOUNG COUNTRY MUSIC ARTISTS, NOT ONLY IN THEIR CAREERS, BUT IN THEIR PERSONAL LIVES AS WELL. DURING THAT TRIBUTE, THE NETWORK AIRED A TAPE OF SARAH TALKING TO A GROUP OF YOUNG ADULT ACTORS AND SINGERS. SHE TOLD THEM THAT ONE NIGHT WHEN SHE WENT TO DO A SHOW, SHE DID NOT GIVE IT HER BEST EFFORT. AFTER ALL, THERE WERE ONLY FIFTEEN PEOPLE THERE. BUT IN THAT AUDIENCE WAS A TALENT SCOUT LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO PLAY THE PART OF ADO ANNIE IN THE MUSICAL

OKLAHOMA. BECAUSE SHE HAD DONE A HALF-HEARTED JOB, SHE WAS NOT CHOSEN FOR THE PART. SHE LEARNED THAT NIGHT THAT WHETHER SHE PLAYED TO A PACKED HOUSE OR AN EMPTY ONE, FROM THEN ON, SHE WOULD DO HER BEST. SHE TOLD THE GROUP THAT SOMETIMES IT'S BETTER TO BE SECOND RATHER THAN FIRST. HAD SHE BEEN CHOSEN FOR THE ADO ANNIE PART, WHO KNOWS WHERE SHE WOULD HAVE ENDED UP. SHE WOULD HAVE MISSED ALL OF HER YEARS AT THE GRAND OLE OPRY AND HER APPEARANCES ON THE TELEVISION SHOW HEE HAW. THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE TALKING WITH THESE ASPIRING PERFORMERS WOULD HAVE BEEN LOST. AS IT WAS, SHE WAS ABLE TO ENTERTAIN RIGHT WHERE SHE WANTED TO BE, DOING WHAT SHE WANTED TO DO. SHE FELT BLESSED BY HER LIFE AND WHERE GOD HAD LED HER.

MINNIE PEARL APPEARED TO HAVE A DOWN-TO-EARTH LIFE IN NASHVILLE WITH HER HUSBAND, HENRY, WHO PILOTED CHARTERED PLANES FOR COUNTRY MUSIC STARS. SHE WAS ALWAYS GRACIOUS TO OTHERS. SHE TAUGHT SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR YEARS, WAS COMMITTED TO HER CHURCH, AND GAVE GENEROUSLY OF WHAT SHE HAD BEEN GIVEN. SHE SUPPORTED CAUSES SHE BELIEVED IN WITHOUT FANFARE. DURING REHEARSALS HER HUMOR CUT THROUGH TENSION AND LIFTED THE SPIRITS OF OTHERS. LIKE DORCAS, SARAH CANNON WAS DEVOTED TO GOOD WORKS AND ACTS OF CHARITY. SHE LIVED THE LIFE OF A COMMITTED CHRISTIAN, ALWAYS HUMOROUS AND GENUINE, SIMPLE AND SINCERE, LOVING AND FRIENDLY. WE MISS HER "HOW-DEEEEE! I'M JUST SO PROUD TO BE HERE!" DON'T YOU IMAGINE THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID UPON ENTERING HEAVEN?

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION: ARE YOU FRIENDLY? ARE YOU PROUD TO BE WHERE GOD HAS PLACED YOU AT THIS TIME? IS GOD ABLE TO USE YOU WHEN TENSIONS ARISE IN SITUATIONS? ARE YOU A PEACEMAKER? DO YOU LOOK FOR GOOD WORKS AND ACTS OF CHARITY FOR WHICH GOD CAN USE ONLY YOU?

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### SERVICE OF WHOLENESS/TAIZE

To be sent when we have more  
information.

Virtual Service on Zoom

SEE LETTER FROM REV. DR. ANN  
HAGMANN BELOW AND ZOOM  
ACCESS AT END OF NEWSLETTER

### Upcoming Fourth Day Speakers

**Please consider presenting the 4<sup>th</sup> Day Talk at a gathering this year. See our Georgetown Emmaus Website for 4<sup>th</sup> Day Talk Information. Both you and the community will be blessed by your witness.**

<b>December 20</b>	<b>Ann &amp; John</b>
<b>January 17</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>February 21</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>March 21</b>	<b>Open</b>

**Please contact Ronan Shackelford or Mary Jane Berry if you are willing to present your witness. Pray about the 2021 gatherings and your call to witness.**

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

**Balance as of October Gathering:**  
Not Available



## Georgetown Service of Wholeness/Taize

Dear Friends of the Wholeness Services,

Greetings of grace and peace. Whew .... we have survived the elections, and Thanksgiving is now over! Happy Thanksgiving to you! Most importantly let us give genuine thanks to God and offer true prayers of gratitude for all our blessings.

I often think when I use something or consume it, to give thanks to God for everyone (including animals) involved in providing me that product. [You quickly learn how interconnected and involved everything is.] Think about your washer –all the parts and their origins; and everyone involved with the conception, design, production, transportation, assembly, transportation, and sale of the parts and washer. Be sure to add in thanks for all the janitors and managers etc. associated with all those facets of a ‘simple’ washer. I encourage you to make a habit of being aware and thankful, making every day a season of thanksgiving.

There are behind the scenes people in the Wholeness Gatherings to thank, too. I would like to give Ginger Mann a shout out for the tech work and coordination she had done to provide the Zoom services and the Facebook and YouTube presences. Also, to Karen Strange who is instrumental in assisting her and to Bill Marsh who helps on the Zoom services.

I am excited to tell you about our December Zooms this year. On December 20<sup>th</sup> Rev. Steve Buchele will lead us in a very interesting meditation, “A Peace that Is Not ....” The December service will offer our traditional Christmas carols. Please keep everyone connected with the services in your prayers, and we hope to see you there! Please reach out and encourage someone else to join. ACCESS information for the Zoom Gatherings is below following my letter.

I enjoyed seeing you on November 29<sup>th</sup>. After that I must step aside. As some of you know I have been having increasing difficulty with my back the last 5 months. On December 7<sup>th</sup> I am having major spine surgery. Once I am out of the hospital, I anticipate going into therapy for a couple of weeks. I hope to go home on Christmas. But the future is very uncertain except for who has it! I would be most grateful for your prayers. I have had laminectomies and fusions, and I know how tough it is to recover. My recovery this time is grossly complicated by my broken iliac crest but thank goodness I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength (*Philippians 4:13*). Amen?! All prayers are appreciated!!

Mr. Jim Deuser and the Revs. Steve Buchele, John Clifford, and Mary Powell will provide pastoral leadership and help be a bridge in our spiritual journey to healing and wholeness through worship and prayer. Ginger and Karen, graphic artist Keith Howell, and the musicians who work with them will continue to provide the wonderful worship for us. Keep them all in your prayers. I hope to be back. It has been an enormous blessing and honor these last 18 years to be a part of this awesome service! Thank you to everyone. God bless and keep each and every one of you.

A blessed Thanksgiving to you and those you love,

*Rev. Dr. Ann Hagmann*

# Georgetown Wholeness Service – December Zoom Access

DECEMBER Gathering: **BY ZOOM**

WHEN: December 20, 2020 @ 6:45 pm – 8:00 pm America/Chicago Timezone

WHERE: Zoom bridge

<https://wholeness-service.org/2020/10/19/zoomlink/>

Please see below message about 'Viewing Our Zoom bridge'.

**VIEWING OUR ZOOM BRIDGE: LOGIN REQUIRED (REGISTER ON WHOLENESS-SERVICE.ORG)**

Our Zoom Portal: You may use our website's Zoom Portal in order to join our meetings with one click. Simply log in (click the link above), and you will be directed to the page with all Zoom details. If you do not have an account, click the "register" button to create a new one. Registration takes only seconds, but give yourself time to complete it, and to reach out for support if you need.

Email instead: If you would rather receive a Zoom invitation by email, please send a request to [inviteme@wholeness-service.org](mailto:inviteme@wholeness-service.org). A service leader will respond by sending you a Zoom invitation directly.

Joining the meeting: Connect by clicking one of the "join" links at around 6:15 pm on the day of the meeting (NOTE DIFFERENT TIME FOR DECEMBER 20). You will be placed in our waiting room, and the meeting coordinator will admit you.

Using Zoom in our meetings: At first your Zoom window may not fill your whole screen. Click on the Square at the top right of the Zoom window to expand it. Your microphone will be muted, as you may see by the microphone image in the bottom left. You may unmute by pressing the space bar when you wish to share. The stage manager will switch from a gallery view with all participants showing to another view for presentations, but you are in full control of your individual experience, and may change it at any time.

Recordings: Screen capture recordings of some segments of the service will take place. Prayers, meditations, candle lighting, intercessory litanies – all of these will be recorded for use in virtual service videos after the meetings. Please be assured that personal concerns and congregational sharing will NOT be recorded or shared publicly except with the consent of all person(s) involved.

Support: If you have problems with your computer or with joining the Zoom bridge, you may call Bill Marsh at 512-635-0035. You may also wish to watch a brief tutorial on [wholeness-service.org](https://wholeness-service.org) about joining a Zoom meeting.

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**A note from our Georgetown CTC Emmaus Board Rep, Crystal Jackson . . . (Thank you, Crystal for representing us and keeping us informed of the activities of the CTC Emmaus Board)**

Dear Georgetown Emmaus Community –

Here are the dates and places for the walks in 2021. As of right now they are all still on the calendar to happen. I will not have a board meeting until November 21 which is after the gathering but after that meeting and if there are updates that our community needs to know about, I will let you know so it can get out.

**Women Walks 2021:**

Walk 454 - May 13-16 - Glen Lake Camp

Walk 455 - April 15-18 - Latham Springs

Walk 458 - July 15-18 - Solid Rock Camp

\*\*\*\*\*Walk 460 - October 7-10 - Greene Family Camp, and the sponsoring community is Georgetown

\*\*\*\* Jessica Smith is Lay Director & Tommy Prud'homme is Spiritual Director and Crystal Jackson is Board Rep

**Men Walks 2021:**

\*\*\*\*\*Walk 456 - March 25-28 - Greene Family Camp - Brian Smith is Lay Director\*\*\*\*\*

Walk 457 - April 29- May 2 - Solid Rock Camp

Walk 459 - September 9-12 - Latham Springs

Walk 461 - October 21-24 - Glen Lake Camp

De Colores,

*Crystal*

**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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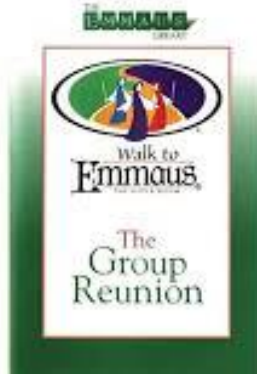
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**Wishing you all a very safe, healthy and blessed Christmas season!**





## 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
<b>Pass It On</b>	Women	Monday 1st & 3rd	5:15 PM		full	Linda Lindell	(512) 863-8161	<a href="mailto:Lindell108@gmail.com">Lindell108@gmail.com</a>
<b>The GoFourthers</b>	Women	Monday	5:00 PM	St John UMC Horizon	open	Carolyn Henry	(512) 217-0879	<a href="mailto:hnrlyucas@aol.com">hnrlyucas@aol.com</a>
<b>Soul Sisters</b>	Women	Thursday 2nd & 4th	3:30 PM	ZOOM	open	Dianne Nickerson	(817) 269-4149	<a href="mailto:dnickerson314@gmail.com">dnickerson314@gmail.com</a>
<b>Rainbow Connection</b>	Women	Thursday	7:00 AM	FUMC Library	open	Jeannine Fairburn	(512) 863-5962	<a href="mailto:jw5689f@suddenlink.net">jw5689f@suddenlink.net</a>
<b>Lifetime Reunion</b>	Women	Thursday	9:00 AM	McDonald's, Williams Dr	open	Barbara Knorre	(512) 863-9708	<a href="mailto:bknorre@suddenlink.net">bknorre@suddenlink.net</a>
<b>Grace Galore</b>	Women	Friday	10:00 AM	FUMC, room 301	open	Nancy Marsh	(512) 864-6501	<a href="mailto:nmarshx@earthlink.net">nmarshx@earthlink.net</a>
<b>Saturday Sisters</b>	Women	Saturday	8:00 AM	City Market, Sun City	open	Mary Meoli Johnson	(512) 636-5572	<a href="mailto:meolix@gmail.com">meolix@gmail.com</a>
<b>Hombres DeColores</b>	Men	Monday	8:00 AM	ZOOM	open	Bill Marsh	(512) 635-0035	<a href="mailto:bill.marsh.tx@gmail.com">bill.marsh.tx@gmail.com</a>
<b>Wellspring Men</b>	Men	Tuesday	6:30 PM	ZOOM	open	Robert Miles	(512) 656-3313	<a href="mailto:milesrm71@gmail.com">milesrm71@gmail.com</a>
<b>Eye of the Storm</b>	Men	Saturday	7:00 AM	Mariachis De Jalisco	open	Ken Sommerville	(512) 810-3848	<a href="mailto:ksommerville@yahoo.com">ksommerville@yahoo.com</a>