



Rooster Crow December 2022

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!
GEORGETOWN GATHERINGS!!
DECEMBER 18: St John's UMC
JANUARY 15: Wellspring UMC
FEBRUARY 19: First UMC
MARCH 19: St John's UMC
APRIL 16: Wellspring UMC

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

**GEORGETOWN EMMAUS
COMMUNITY GATHERING**
Sunday, December 18
At 5:30 p.m.
St John's UMC

FOURTH DAY SPEAKER: Spiritual Directors

Join Georgetown Emmaus on December 18 for worship with a potluck to follow. We will celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ in fellowship with Emmaus friends. Bring your friends to enjoy the reflection, fun, food, and fellowship.

Georgetown Emmaus Gatherings are still in need of 4th Day speaker for 2023. YES – can you believe it – 2023 is just around the corner. We are all waiting expectantly to hear YOUR witness. Please look to God for courage and inspiration in sharing with the Emmaus Community.

Beginning in January, Wellspring UMC will share in hosting the monthly Georgetown Emmaus Gatherings. They are excited to share in these events as partners with the Georgetown 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.

November 20	First UMC	Carolyn Henry
December 18	St John UMC	Spiritual Directors
January 15	Wellspring UMC	Brenda Rumbellow
February 19	First UMC	Open
March 19	St John UMC	Open
April 16	Wellspring UMC	Open

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

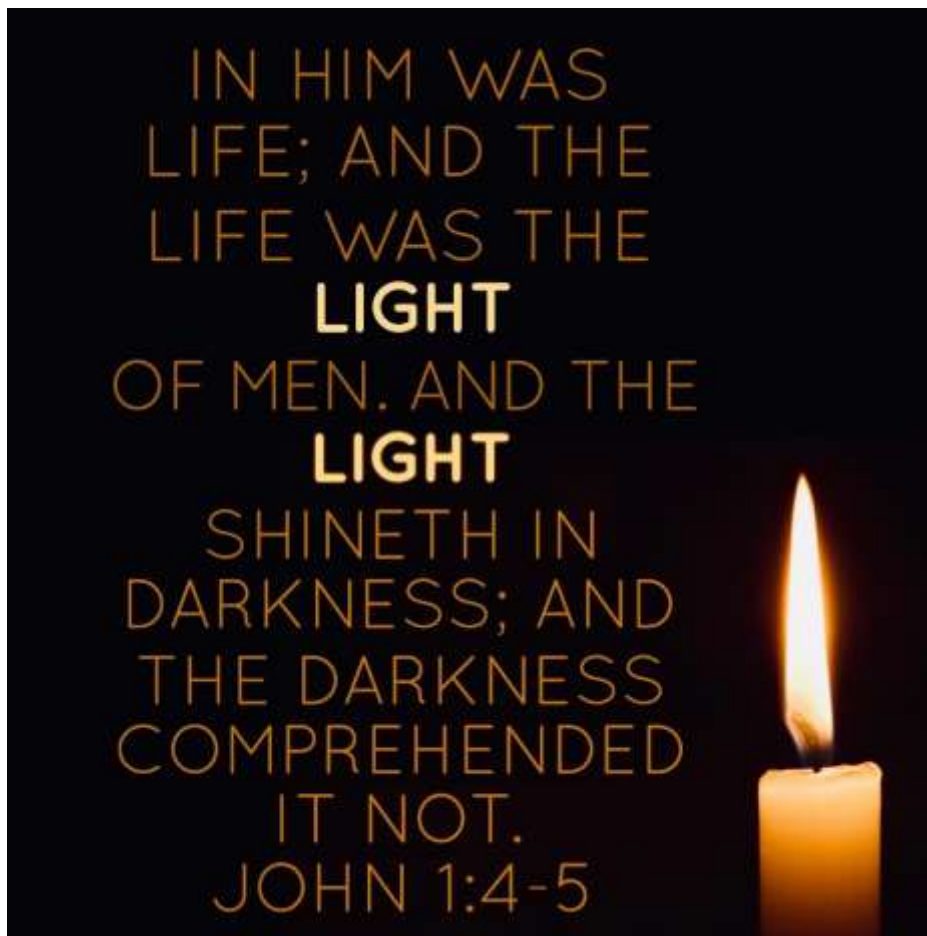


Dear Emmaus Co-Journeyers,

Have you noticed how dark these days have become? This year's Daylight Savings Time change has been accompanied by drizzle and clouds on more days than not. Those of our families who have been ill have burrowed into their beds and embraced the darkness in their attempts to recover their health.

Even my plants, especially my African violets, have leaned desperately into our gray windows, seeking any ray of light beaming through the cloudy cold layers of fog and rain. Finally, yesterday I just turned on every light possible in my apartment to supplement the gloom. Sure enough, the leaves of each plant began to gradually rotate toward the stronger light inside.

We, too, benefit most by turning toward our sun, the Son of God, for the joy and peace of mind we are created to find only in the presence of God. Advent is a time to turn our backs on the darkness of this world and remember the Light of our Savior overcomes all the fear and sadness we may face. John 1:2-5 reminds us of the purpose of the coming of our Lord we so anticipate each Sunday of December. We are called to be the people of light, Christ-carriers, pointing the way out of the gloom and evil of this world.



Having an empty seat at the Thanksgiving table reminded many of us that there are loved ones for whom we grieve this year. However, we have especially celebrated those lives that have ended this year. The Light of Christ shone into our sadness and reminded us of the hope we have for us all to soon live together in eternal light. We gave thanks! Yes, each day brings us closer to the day we celebrate the arrival of the Christ Child, but also closer to the day we each see Him face-to-face, basking in the light of heavenly joy and celebration forever.

I thank God for the Light each of you brings into our world! Christmas blessings,

De Colores!!

Rev Mary Powell





Greetings From Your Lay Directors



In anticipation of the coming holidays and the hustle and bustle of the season, it is important to remember the reason we are celebrating. Here's what Methodists say about Advent: "During Advent, we prepare and anticipate the coming of Christ. We remember the longing of Jews for a Messiah and our own longing and need for forgiveness, salvation, and a new beginning. Even as we look back and celebrate the birth of Jesus in a humble stable in Bethlehem, we also look forward anticipating the second coming of Christ as the fulfillment of all that was promised by his first coming."

DeColores!

Brenda Rumbellow



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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2023 LEADERSHIP PLANNING

The time has come to begin planning for the upcoming year. 2023 is approaching fast and our Emmaus Community will be looking to each of you to discern where you can support our 4th day walk in Georgetown. Many of the leadership team below have served in their roles for several years. Although they are committed, several would like an opportunity to serve in other roles or to serve God's Kingdom in other areas. 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. If you would like more information on what the leadership role entails, please contact the current person in that role.

OUR WONDERFUL GEORGETOWN EMMAUS COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Many thanks to each of those below who have agreed to serve in their role for 2022 for the Emmaus Community.

- Spiritual Director: Rev. Dr. Ann Hagmann revdrann@hotmail.com
- Co-Lay Directors: Carolyn Henry hnrylucas@aol.com
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- AV/Technical support: Dianne Nickerson dnickerson314@gmail.com
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- Hospitality: Wellspring: Linda Miles mileslm75@gmail.com

Georgetown Ecumenical Wholeness Service



The Georgetown Ecumenical Wholeness Service continues in-person services in 2022-2023, with its fourth service gathering on Dec 11, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. This year, we celebrate a season of Beatitudes with monthly speakers from the pastoral community of our [Williamson County partner churches](#). December's talk will be given by our own Rev. Mary Powell. We will meet at [San Gabriel Presbyterian Church, 5404 Williams Drive, Georgetown Texas](#). All services are open to the public.

The theme for December is from Matthew 5:8 that says, "Blessed are the virtuous for they shall see God." We know that Jesus wouldn't make such a promise and not fulfill it. But what does it mean and how do we become so? Few are familiar with the seven, heavenly virtues that serve as counterparts to the seven deadly sins. It's important to know about these virtues, or good habits, so you can answer the call to personal holiness ... The seven heavenly virtues are humility, liberality, chastity, meekness, temperance, brotherly love, and diligence." from [John Laney | 01/10/2017](#). "The Seven Heavenly Virtues."

We will pray together by combining two very special types of worship services: the Service of Healing and Wholeness and Taizé Common Prayers. We are a diverse community of area Christians, and these services are open to all who would come. Songs are sung from the Community of Taizé. Opportunities are given for intercessory prayer and the lighting of candles. A time is set aside for anointing by ministers. Communion is offered to all in attendance, with pre-packaged and gluten-free elements available.

DEVOTION - Advent and Christmas Wisdom From Henri J.M. Nouwen

IN THE MIDST OF OUR DARK WORLD

I keep expecting loud and impressive events to convince me and others of God's saving power. Our temptation is to be distracted by them. When I have no eyes for the small signs of God's presence – the smile of a baby, the carefree play of children, the words of encouragement and gestures of love offered by friends – I will always remain tempted to despair.

The small child of Bethlehem, the unknown man of Nazareth, the rejected preacher, the naked man on the cross, *he* asks for my full attention. The work of our salvation takes place in the midst of a world that continues to shout, scream and overwhelm us with its claims and promises.

Today I will look for one small sign that God is present in my daily life. I will give thanks for his presence. If he is absent, I will resolve to find out why.

¹ A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

² The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³ His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

Isaiah 11:1-3

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 470 - Mar 2-5

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

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 471 - Mar 23-26

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

Walk 473 - May 4-7

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

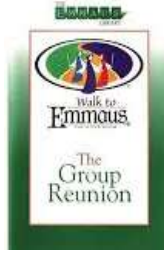
Glen Lake Camp and Retreat Center, Glen Rose, TX
Sponsoring 4th Day Group: Tarrant County



From the Greater Austin Emmaus Community

The next GAEC walk, Women's Walk #149, is 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. The instructions and applications are available on our website: <https://www.austinemmaus.org/forms-forms-forms/>. We have also scheduled Men's Walk #150 for Nov. 2-5, 2023. With the hope of Jesus, we continue to step forward one day at a time. Thank you for all you are doing to keep hope alive, and continued blessings on you and all those around you.

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	hnrylucas@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	meolix@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