

# Rooster Crow December 2023



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

**DECEMBER 17: St John's GMC  
JANUARY 21: Wellspring UMC  
FEBRUARY 18: First UMC  
MARCH 17: St John's GMC**

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

**GEORGETOWN EMMAUS  
4<sup>th</sup> DAY GATHERING  
Sunday, December 17  
At 5:30 p.m.  
St John's Global Methodist  
311 East University Avenue**

## **FOURTH DAY SPEAKER: TBD**

Join Georgetown Emmaus on December 17 for a time of worship and fellowship. St John's Global Methodist Church will host our gathering worship and pot luck.

### **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.**

<b>December 17</b>	<b>St John GMC</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>January 21</b>	<b>Wellspring UMC</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>February 18</b>	<b>First UMC</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>March 17</b>	<b>St John GMC</b>	<b>Open</b>

**Please contact [Rev John Clifford](#), [Rev May Powell](#), [Brenda Rumbellow](#) or [Carolyn Henry](#) if you are willing to present your witness.**

### **GT COMMUNITY TREASURER'S REPORT:**

**Balance as of April**

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SHINE THROUGH ME at Christmas 2022 - "Light the dark" was the theme for the 6 a.m. Jolotta service at St. John's UMC this morning. (No, we were not invited to wear our pajamas for this early service.) I was so blessed to get up, scrape the ice from the car (23 degrees) and make it there just as the service was beginning. The hymns and liturgy were mostly done in Swedish and English, sometimes with the translations in the bulletin. I understood one word in the solo Swedish carol: "Hosianna." I loved the theme of walking out of darkness into the light of Christ. That was especially appropriate coming into the church from the early morning darkness and leaving in the early daylight, having been surrounded by candles for the hour. The other solo sung by Dave Pencil was "Carry Your Candle," such a fitting song for me considering this is my theme for this autobiography and my experience of faith all these years.

**Go Light Your World by Kathy Troccoli**

*Songwriters: Christopher M. Rice. For non-commercial use only. Go Light Your World - Kathy Troccoli - Bing video*

There is a candle in every soul  
Some brightly burning, some dark and cold  
There is a spirit who brings a fire  
Ignites a candle and makes his home  
So carry your candle, run to the darkness  
Seek out the hopeless, confused and torn  
And hold out your candle for all to see it  
Take your candle, and go light your world  
Take your candle, and go light your world

'Cause we are a family whose hearts are blazing  
So let's raise our candles and light up the sky  
Praying to our father, in the name of Jesus  
Make us a beacon in darkest times  
So carry your candle, run to the darkness  
Seek out the helpless, deceived and poor (deceived and poor)  
Hold out your candle for all to see it  
Take your candle, and go light your world

Frustrated brother, see how he's tried to  
Light his own candle some other way  
See now your sister, she's been robbed and lied to  
Still holds a candle without a flame  
So carry your candle, run to the darkness  
Seek out the lonely, the tired and worn (the tired and worn)  
Hold out your candle for all to see it  
Take your candle, and go light your world  
Take your candle, and go light your world

Carry your candle, run to the darkness (run to the darkness)  
Seek out the hopeless (hopeless), confused and torn (confused and torn)  
Hold out your candle (candle) for all to see it (all to see it)  
Take your candle, and go light your world  
Take your candle, and go light your world

I just spent about 8 minutes listening to King George III speaking to his nation with his first ever, Christmas Greetings, and he focused, too on the Light that came into the world, our Jesus Christ, and the need to reach out with light to others no matter our faith, because it is the humble thing to be and do all year long, not just at Christmas time. So here at Christmas in 2023 we are all challenged to light our corner of the world. How do you plan to do that?

**DE COLORES!!**

**Merry Christmas!!**

**Rev. Mary Powell**





## Greetings From Your Lay Directors



Thanks to all who attended the November gathering. It was a blessed time with music and worship. For the 4<sup>th</sup> day talk, John Clifford and Linda Miles shared the vision of the United Methodist Central Texas Conference as presented by Bishop Saenz at his visit to Georgetown. This vision reflects what all of us as followers of Christ, no matter what denomination we worship in, see as call for the future of the church, ourselves and our families. Vision: We are followers of Jesus, seeking the loving, just and free world God imagines for all people. Our Strategic Priorities include

- Multiply Jesus Followers
- Champion Children and Youth
- Maximize Care and Healing
- Pursue and Embrace Diversity
- Tell Our Story

As part of the talk each person in attendance shared their vision of the future and how they are working to make that vision happen. The sharing was a special blessing to us all.

A reminder that the Georgetown 4<sup>th</sup> Day Group will be electing new officers in December. Anyone interested in serving should contact us for information or to volunteer.

**DeColores!**

**Carolyn Henry and Brenda Rumbellow**

### 2023-2024 GEORGETOWN ECUMENICAL WHOLENESS SERVICE

#### What is the Wholeness Service?

##### History

The Georgetown Ecumenical Wholeness Service started in the late 1990's at First Presbyterian Church as a ministry of healing prayer for those in need. As it grew, it attracted other churches and soon formed an ecumenical circle of leadership. After a few years, the service adopted a second style of contemplative prayer. Named for the French Christian community of the same name, Taizé Common Prayer now intersects with the original service of Healing and Wholeness, expanding the opportunities to connect with the Holy Spirit. Supported by a fellowship of Christians in Greater Williamson County, Texas, the Wholeness Service may take place in any of its partner churches. Our host for the current season is San Gabriel Presbyterian Church, Georgetown, Texas.

#### Prayers from Taizé

Congregational songs in our services are an ancient form of contemplative prayer. In Taizé, France, a worldwide congregation of monks and pilgrims pray together three times daily. Based on early Christian chant, their united voices sing short, easy phrases,

repeated many times. Each song is enhanced by vocal and instrumental solos. Like the Taizé congregations, we find that singing together helps to open our hearts to the Spirit, encouraging our focus on God alone. Also in the tradition of Taizé, we observe a long moment of silence, deep in each Wholeness Service. During this moment we pause to sit silently with God.

#### Candlelight Intercession

Intercessory prayers are the heart of the Wholeness Service. From its beginnings, people met to pray for each other and for personal needs. Prayers are offered for neighbors and for the world. All concerns are welcomed, and all are invited to speak at the appropriate time. Following group intercession, every person is given the chance to light a candle representing their prayers.

#### Anointing with Oil

During candle lighting, there is an opportunity for private prayer accompanied by the laying on of hands and anointing with oil. You can receive prayer for yourself or for another. Private prayer with a pastor is also offered in a secluded space. If you would like prayer at your seat, please let us know. We will be happy to serve you in place.

#### Illumination of Scripture

Brief messages are presented each month by ministers of the Word. Combined with song and prayer, scriptural illumination adds God's Word to the evening's meditation. Messages are focused—topically and scripturally—in ways that help the assembly to discern and commune with the Holy Spirit. Each year features a new set of topics. For the 2023-2024 season, we welcome you with a series on called "Pursuing Peace."

#### Open Communion

Understanding that the communion table is the Lord's Table and not the property of any church or group, we celebrate the reality of Jesus' love for everyone.

**All are welcome and embraced here.**

We gather in wholeness around the table as the children of God to feed on Christ's Grace, which bids us all to come and join in communion. Gluten free elements are an option, as is service at your seat.



## Pursuing Peace

### 2023-2024

6:30p.m. in the Church Sanctuary of San Gabriel Presbyterian Church

<b>September 24, 2023</b>	<i>Love Your Neighbor</i>
<b>October 22, 2023</b>	<i>Be Not Afraid</i>
<b>November 19, 2023</b>	<i>From Anger to Peace</i>
<b>December 17, 2023</b>	<i>Peace for All</i>
<b>January 28, 2024</b>	<i>Peace Within</i>
<b>February 25, 2024</b>	<i>Forgiving Peace</i>
<b>March 24, 2024</b>	<i>Believing in Peace</i>
<b>April 28, 2024</b>	<i>Power of Peace</i>
<b>May 26, 2024</b>	<i>Responsible Peace</i>

**Additional Events**

<b>August 27, 2023</b>	<i>Singalong Social 4:00—6:00 PM</i>
<b>November 1, 2023</b>	<i>All Saints' Observance (Outdoors at Sunset)</i>

**Worship Leadership Team:**  
 Rev. Steve Buchele, Rev. John Clifford, Jim Deuser,  
 Rev. Vicki Joy McClure, Ginger Mann,  
 Sean Mann, Rev. Mary Powell, Rev. Mary Sallet,  
 and Karen Strange



## **DEVOTION**

**A Prayer Submitted by Linda Miles from Ministry Matters 12/13/2021**

**“Public Prayers for Advent” by Steven Langhofer**

### **“For Whom This Time Is Difficult”**

Glorious and blessed God, we give you thanks and praise your name. We declare your faithful love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night. you make us glad for your reconciling work among us, and we sing for joy! From everlasting to everlasting you are God, our refuge and rock!

Help us be still in your presence and grow strong, depending on your strength and not our own. Cast out our sin, enter in and be born in us this day.

We confess we are scared far too much of the time. Free us from fear and worry. You’ve known us since before we were born, and love us exactly as you’ve made us. You know us inside out. We belong to you. We are secure in you. You are in charge. Help us remember. Keep us close. Help us not miss out on your grace. Save us from disbelief. Hear now our silent prayers as we open our hearts to you. (Silence)

Thank you for the blessings of this Christmas season. Thank you for health and home, for parents, for children, for sisters and brothers and good friends. Thank you for our baptism and place in your Church. We pray for those who are sad and for whom this time is difficult. We pray for the sick, the poor, those in prison, those at war.

Pour out your grace upon all your creation, O God of glory, O Prince of Peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Emmanuel, Sun of Righteousness, Light and Life to us all. Amen.



### **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)



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. Tina will be leaving the Board at the end of this year. Please contact Tina if you are interested in supporting the Board or the future Walks of Central Texas Emmaus.

**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.**

## 2024 Walk to Emmaus Schedule

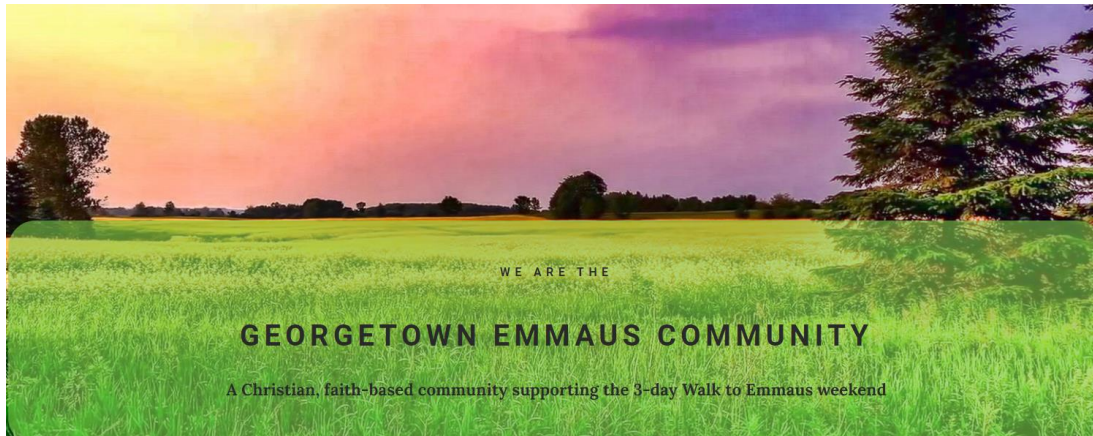
WALK	DATE	TYPE	LOCATION
478	February 29	Women's	Glen Lake Camp
479	March 21	Men's	Greene Family Camp
480	April 18	Women's	Latham Springs
481	May 2	Men's	Solid Rock
482	September 5	Men's	Latham Springs
483	September 19	Women's	Solid Rock
484	October 3	Women's	Greene Family Camp
485	October 18	Men's	Glen Lake Camp

### GEORGETOWN EMMAUS COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

The Georgetown Emmaus Community is in need of a Music Director. This role is a simple way for someone who is musically inclined to support the community. The role requires selecting the music for gatherings, providing music to the musicians (all available on the community file storage site), leading the singing and doing the annual reporting on our license. There is already a list of musicians (guitars, pianos, flute, etc) that are willing to play at the gatherings. Since most are experienced musicians, they do not normally practice between gatherings. Linda Miles prepares the song slides for the gatherings.

Please consider this as a service opportunity and contact John Clifford, Carolyn Henry, or Brenda Rumbellow if you are interested or know someone who may be interested. God bless you for all you do and the joy of music you can provide to our worship.

Please consider where you can serve in the Georgetown Emmaus Community.  
Contact a lay director if you are able to serve in 2024!!



### OUR WONDERFUL GEORGETOWN EMMAUS COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

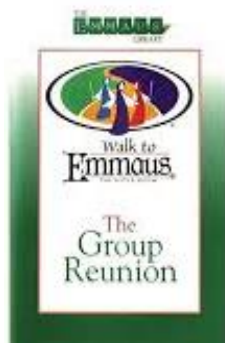
Our Emmaus Community continues looking to each of you to discern where you can support our 4<sup>th</sup> day walk in Georgetown. We are blessed by a dedicated leadership team. Many thanks to each of those below who have agreed to serve in their role for 2023 for the Emmaus Community. If you are interested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

- Spiritual Director: Rev John Clifford
- Spiritual Director: Rev Mary Powell
- Co-Lay Directors: Carolyn Henry
- Co-Lay Directors: Brenda Rumbellow
- AV/Technical support: Mary Jane Berry
- AV/Technical support: Linda Miles
- Music Director:
- Treasurer: Terry France
- Board Rep: Tina LaCagnina
- Team Selection: Anne Castle
- Agape Co-Coordinator: Terry France
- Agape Co-Coordinator: Nikki Underwood
- Communion Steward: Rita Handley
- Newsletter: Linda Miles
- Newsletter Distribution: Mark McCartney
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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
<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 GoForthers</b>	Women	Monday	5:00 PM	St John UMC Horizon	open	Carolyn Henry	(512) 217-0879	<a href="mailto:hnrylucas@aol.com">hnrylucas@aol.com</a>
<b>Soul Sisters</b>	Women	Thursday 2nd & 4th	1:00 PM	Sun City	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	9:30 AM	Barbara's home	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	512-635-0036	<a href="mailto:nmarshtx@gmail.com">nmarshtx@gmail.com</a>
<b>Saturday Sisters</b>	Women	Saturday	8:00 AM	City Market, Sun City	open	Mary Meoli Johns	(512) 636-5572	<a href="mailto:meolix@gmail.com">meolix@gmail.com</a>
<b>Wesleyan Women</b>	Women	Wednesday	8:00 AM	Wesley Independent	closed	Mary Powell	(512) 740-8984	<a href="mailto:maryfisherp@gmail.com">maryfisherp@gmail.com</a>
<b>Hombres DeColores</b>	Men	Monday	8:00 AM	The Wesleyan	open	Bill Marsh	(512) 635-0035	<a href="mailto:bill.marsh.tx@gmail.com">bill.marsh.tx@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>