

Rooster Crow February 2020

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

WE ARE INTO OUR STANDARD ROTATION FOR GATHERINGS: <u>FEBRUARY 16:</u> ST. JOHN'S <u>MARCH 15:</u> WELLSPRING <u>APRIL 19:</u> FIRST UMC

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

FOURTH DAY SPEAKER:

GEORGETOWN EMMAUS COMMUNITY GATHERING

Sunday, February 16

At 5:30 p.m. St. John's United Methodist 311 East University Avenue

Rita Handley

From our Spiritual Director, Rev. Dr. Ann Hagmann:

Greetings fellow Emmaus journeyers,

"For God did not give us a spirit of fear, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of a sound mind" (2Timothy 1:7). These words from 2Timothy are words of power and hope. Today they are a source of encouragement, as I grieve the loss of another friend to death in the last 6 months. Death is an inescapable humbler. We all face it. Even Jesus died a human death. But we are not just left victims of death. As the writer of 2Timothy went on to share, "Christ Jesus abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel" (vs 10). God has bigger plans than death! God has transformed death on this level to birth and new life in the next! So, let us seek God and stir up our faith. Let us find comfort and hope through the Scriptures. The good news is that we are not alone for we have One, the Good Shepherd who accompanies us through all of life including the valleys of the shadow of death and the tables of our enemies, and ultimately leads us home not to an end but a beginning. That is our faith and our hope. Thanks be to God! Amen

Ann Hagmann, SD

January Gathering Business Meeting Highlights

A call was put out for 4th day gathering speakers and for newsletter devotions. Please consider supporting one of these items for the community.

Crystal Jackson delivered the Board report. The Temple district is in need of two Board Reps immediately. Crystal is the only one representing this district, so please prayerfully consider supporting this need. Contact Crystal if you are interested in supporting the CTC Emmaus. Crystal also reported on the announced changes in the Upper Room staffing including the elimination of the position for Elder programs. Due to this change the Face To Face program has been put on hold. Upper Room will deliver updates to structures and program support later in the year which will position the direction of Face to Face. Please be in prayer for this program which was unanimously supported by our community with planning for this work through a partnership with the Wesleyan communities.

Crystal presented also a heart moving devotion on priorities and the life of the Emmaus community. Where do you serve and more important where can you server in 2020? If you are moved to action, please contact Ann, Ronan or Crystal for needs within the Georgetown Emmaus Community.

The Central Texas Emmaus council gathering will be held August 8, 2020. Watch for more information on this inspirational gathering of all Central Texas Emmaus districts.

Needing CHILDCARE for our GATHERINGS? Please contact Sarah Shackelford at (512) 508-2659 <u>ONE WEEK PRIOR</u> TO THE GATHERING!

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.

CHANGE

From Jesus Calling, Sarah Young

¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! 2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV

I am the Risen One who shines upon you always. You worship a living Deity, not some idolatrous, man-made image. Your relationship with Me is meant to be vibrant and challenging, as I invade more and more areas of your life. Do not fear change, for I am making you a new creation, with old things passing away and new things continually on the horizon. When you cling to old ways and sameness, you resist My work within you. I want you to embrace all that I am doing in your life, finding your security in Me alone.

It is easy to make an idol of routine, finding security within the boundaries you build around your life. Although each day contains twenty-four hours, every single one presents a unique set of circumstances. Don't try to force-fit today into yesterday's mold. Instead, ask Me to open your eyes so you can find all I have prepared for you in this precious day of Life.



SERVICE OF WHOLENESS/TAIZE

February 23 at 6:30 PM Loving God and Seeking

the Sacred in the Ordinary

<u>Relationships</u>

First United Methodist Church

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance at January Gathering: \$1,559.30

UPCOMING WALKS

Women's Walk 446 - Feb 20-23 Glen Lake Camp and Retreat Center, Glen Rose, TX Sponsoring 4th Day Group: Tarrant County

Women's Walk 448 - Apr 16-19 Latham Springs Baptist Camp, Aquilla, TX Sponsoring 4th Day Group: DeCorEllis

Women's Walk 450 - Jul 9-12 Solid Rock Camp, Eastland, TX Sponsoring 4th Day Group: Breckenridge

Women's Walk 452 - Oct 8-11 TBD Sponsoring 4th Day Group: Twin Lakes

Upcoming Fourth Day Speakers

Please consider presenting the 4th Day Talk at a gathering this year. See the simple Talk Guidelines at the bottom of this newsletter. Both you and the community will be blessed by your witness.

February 16	Rita Handley
March 15	Ann & John
April 19	Open
May 17	Open
June 21	Nikki Underwood
July 19	Open
August 16	Carolyn Henry
September 20	Open
October 18	Open
November 15	Elaine Jackson
December 20	Ann & John

Please contact Ronan Shackelford if you are willing to present your witness.

Men's Walk 447 - Apr 16-19 Greene Family Camp, Bruceville, TX Sponsoring 4th Day Group: Twin Lakes

Men's Walk 449 - Apr 30-3 Heart of Texas Baptist Camp, Brownwood, TX Sponsoring 4th Day Group: Pecan Valley

Men's Walk 451 - Sep 10-13 Latham Springs Baptist Camp, Aquilla, TX Sponsoring 4th Day Group: Greater Waco

Men's Walk 453 - Oct 22-25 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. The team selection for Women's Walk 452 will be February 15. 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. Click on the application button at bottom of website.

OUR WONDERFUL LEADERSHIP

Spiritual Director: Rev. Dr. Ann Hagmann revdrann@hotmail.com Co-Lay Directors: Ronan Shackelford ronanshackelford@gmail.com **Co-Lay Directors:** Mary Jane dberry3@suddenlink.net Music Director: Janet Pyle janetLynn29@hotmail.com Audio/Visual: Crystal Jackson jacksoncrystal78@gmail.com Treasurer: Jackie Hammar jackiefumc310@gmail.com **Board Rep:** Crystal Jackson jacksoncrystal78@gmail.com Team Selection: Anne Castle acastle880@aol.com Agape Coordinators: Terry France tfrancetl.france@gmail.com **Communion Steward:** Elaine Jackson jerbell48@gmail.com **Newsletter:** Linda Miles mileslm75@gmail.com Newsletter Distribution: Mark McCartney mac431@gmail.com Webmaster: Ken Sommerville ksommerville@yahoo.com **Hospitality:** FUMC: Terry France <u>tfrance@gmail.com</u> Hospitality: St John's: Barbara Knorre bknorre@suddenlink.net Hospitality: Wellspring: Linda Miles mileslm75@gmail.com

REUNION GROUPS

WOMEN'S REUNION GROUPS:

MONDAY <i>"Pass it On"</i> 5:15 P.M. (1st and 3rd Monday) Linda Lindell 512-863-8161 <u>Lindell108@gmail.com</u>	FULL	
MONDAY "The GoFourthers" 5:00 P.M. St. John UMC Horizon House Carolyn Henry 512-217-0879 hnrylucas@aol.com	OPEN	
2nd & 4th THURSDAY Wellspring Women's Reunion Group3:30 p.m.Diane Nickersondnickerson314@gmail.com	OPEN	
THURSDAY "Rainbow Connection"7:00 a.m.FUMC LibraryJeannine Fairburn512-863-5962jw5689f@suddenlink.net	OPEN	
THURSDAY "Lifetime Reunion Group" 9:00 A.M. McDonald's (Williams Dr.)Barbara Knorre512-863-9708bknorre@suddenlink.net	OPEN	
FRIDAY "Grace Galore"10:00 A.M.FUMC, room 301Nancy Marsh512-864-6501nmarshtx@earthlink.net	OPEN	
SATURDAY <i>"Saturday Sisters"</i> 8:00 A.M. City Market, Sun City Mary Meoli Johnson 512-636-5572 <u>meolitx@gmail.com</u>	OPEN	
MEN'S REUNION GROUPS:		
MONDAY"Hombres DeColores"7:00 A.M. Weslayan Assisted Living treed930@yahoo.comTerry Reed512-484-3953treed930@yahoo.com	OPEN	
MONDAY. "Wellspring Men's Reunion Group" noon Whataburger Bob Miles <u>milesrm71@gmail.com</u> 512 656-3313		
SATURDAY " <i>Eye of the Storm</i> " 7:00 A.M. Mariachis De Jalisco, Williams Drive O Ken Sommerville 512-810-3848		

Georgetown Fourth Day Community

4th Day Talk Outline

Talk should be **10-15 minutes** long and should **include a scripture reading**.

PRE-WALK:

(2-5 minutes)

- short personal history before the walk: churched? religious? problems? needs?
- short story of how you evolved to the walk: sponsor? time frame? willing? expectations?

WALK:

(2-3 minutes)

• Brief summary of the walk experience inspiring? uplifting? life-changing? what did it mean to you?

POST-WALK

(5-10 minutes)

 Story of your Fourth Day What did you come home with? What was your reaction to the world in which you live? What changes have you made in your life (if any)? What changes have you made in your life (if any)? What have you done as a result of going on the walk? What are you going to do in the future? How has being in a reunion group or attending Gatherings helped you in your fourth days?

** If it has been many years since your walk or you have given multiple Fourth Day talks, please tie the talk into your Fourth Day experiences.