

Rooster Crow February 2023



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

**FEBRUARY 19: First UMC
MARCH 19: St John's UMC
APRIL 16: Wellspring UMC
MAY 21: First UMC
JUNE 18: St John's UMC**

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

**GEORGETOWN EMMAUS
COMMUNITY GATHERING
Sunday, February 19
At 5:30 p.m.
First United Methodist Church
410 East University Avenue**

FOURTH DAY SPEAKER: TBD

Join Georgetown Emmaus on February 19 at First United Methodist Church for worship with a potluck to follow. Bring your friends to enjoy the reflection, fun, food, and fellowship. 2023 has arrived with expectations of joy, celebration, and fellowship. Georgetown Emmaus Gatherings are still in need of 4th Day speaker for 2023. We are all waiting expectantly to hear YOUR witness. Please look to God for courage and inspiration in sharing your personal story with the Emmaus 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.

February 19	First UMC	Open
March 19	St John UMC	Open
April 16	Wellspring UMC	Open
May 21	First UMC	Open
June 18	St John UMC	Open
July 20	Wellspring UMC	Open

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



From Spiritual Director, Rev Mary Powell

One Bible study I am in this month is “Discerning the Voice of God” by Phyllis Shirer. Right away Phyllis began to chip away at anyone’s reluctance to obey God and how obedience is really the best way to live and show our love for God. We need to be surrendered to God’s lead before we can discern what is needed. Surrender can mean among many things such as a willingness to sacrifice something we enjoy in order to gain the better things in life. When such obedience involves hardship and risk, like Abraham’s sacrifice of Isaac, we may struggle to face the uncertain future ahead. Abraham was rewarded for his faith by God providing a ram to die instead of Isaac. The challenge is how do we know what God’s will for us may be? Phyllis suggests that any decision needs to be held up against the “Word of God” and a spiritual inner impression that the Holy Spirit is really leading us. Christian friends may help by affirming our choices or questioning our motives or reluctance to move forward. If we can’t find an applicable scripture, we may also look for examples from spiritual leaders of our time or of the past. Again, this is where the Word of God is helpful.

I’m not sure I can practice as much brinkmanship as Abraham, but I want to be in the very center of God’s will. However, I know for sure that I need to obediently sacrifice time to get in thousands of steps each day and follow an intermittent diet to lose weight. After all scripture speaks of our body being a temple for the Holy Spirit (I Corinthians 6:19-20) and gluttony (Proverbs 23:2-3, 21) is not beneficial to our body or spirit. I also have wise doctors who motivate me even more with their test results and guidelines.

Phyllis tells of a time that she agreed to star in the film, War Room. There wasn’t a scripture about making movies, but after reading the script she felt deeply in her soul that it was a chance at ministry. The power of prayer was the theme and there are lots of scriptures about that. Later she found in her journal from years before that someone prophetically had predicted she would teach thousands about prayer. That is exactly what that movie did for millions, including me. So, when we follow God’s lead, we often see good fruit as a result, affirming our prayerful choices and making peace in our spirits.

Discerning God’s will and following up may be as difficult as leaving family to go to college or seminary, giving up a job, or learning a spiritual discipline. Many churches today are struggling with their call to be witnesses to the world around them. What does the Word of God say? How do we interpret those words? How can we be true to all those we love and enjoy and obediently love God, too? My prayer is for each of us to take time to actually inform ourselves as to what scripture says and look for the fruit of similar decisions made by others in the past. May we each find peace in following God’s call to our personal ministries and see the fruit that blesses us and pleases God.

DE COLORES!! Rev Mary



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



Greetings From Your Lay Directors



De Colores Friends,

A recent devotional from “The Upper Room” has really got me thinking. The writer began with the familiar story from Mark 2:1-5 where friends of a paralytic lowered him down through the roof in order for him to receive Jesus’ healing. But the emphasis was not on these friends and their heroic actions, but about the many in the crowd who not only didn’t help, but who STOOD IN THE WAY! And I started thinking – am I standing in someone’s way, someone who needs a relationship with Jesus and His healing? Am I so content in my relationship with Jesus that I just stand there basking, and not reaching out to others? When others see me – do they see the light of Jesus shining through and want to draw nearer to HIM, or do they just see that I’m blocking His light? I’ve often heard pastors say that they give their best sermons when they “got out of God’s way”. I pray that we all will get out of God’s way, be willing share our stories and our vulnerabilities so that others who need Jesus will have no problem reaching Him. Jesus is our ultimate healer! Let us help – not hinder His work!

DeColores!

Carolyn Henry

We missed you at the January gathering. Brenda Rumbellow gave a powerful 4th day witness. Please join us next month for inspiration in your 4th day walk.

GEORGETOWN EMMAUS GATHERING

JANUARY 2023



Thanks to Brenda Rumbellow, 4th day speaker.

GT COMMUNITY TREASURER’S REPORT:

Balance as of August

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Georgetown Emmaus Community Transitions Music Director Leadership Role

In January, Janet Pyle, our GT Community Music Director, sent the following note to the GT Emmaus Leadership:

Dear Emmaus Leadership Team,

It has been an honor and privilege to serve our Fourth Day Community with the planning, organizing and playing music for our monthly Gatherings. It has been a fast 20 years since I joined the Emmaus Music Team. At this time I am resigning my leadership role as Music Leader. However, I will offer to continue playing piano when needed.

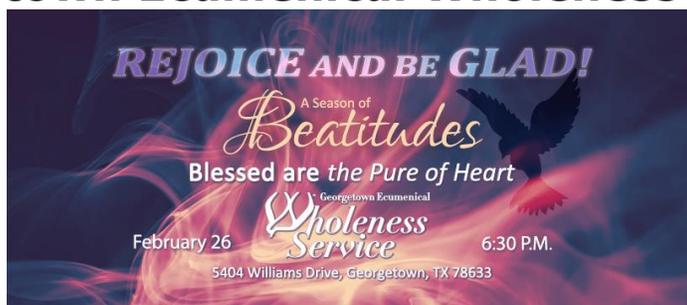
Thank you for the last 20 awesome years. **De Colores,** **Janet**

Georgetown Emmaus has been greatly enriched over the years by Janet's leadership, loyalty, and love. What a blessing to have flourished under her years of service.

Now we will transition to new leadership in the Community Music Team with the addition of Tom Carstarphen to our leadership team. A huge Emmaus Welcome to Tom Carstarphen who will be joining as our Music Director. Tom holds a bachelor's and master's degrees in music, was a HS/MS band and choir director for 10 yrs, was a church music/choir director for 16 yrs, and a Music Coordinator for 3 yrs with the Greater Austin Emmaus praise band, better known as the Austin Emmaus All-Stars. Instrumentally, Tom plays trombone, bass guitar and sings (tenor). Through his previous work with Emmaus, he is familiar with the planning and machinations of programming music and musicians for monthly Gatherings. It is a pleasure to welcome Tom and a joy that Janet will continue as part of the team in other roles.

Please join us at the February gathering where we will welcome Tom to the team!!!!

Georgetown Ecumenical Wholeness Service



The Georgetown Ecumenical Wholeness Service continues in-person services in 2022-2023, with its sixth service gathering on Feb 26, 2023. This year, we celebrate a season of Beatitudes with monthly speakers from the pastoral community of our [Williamson County partner churches](#). We will meet at [San Gabriel Presbyterian Church, Georgetown Texas](#). All services are open to the public. Our subject for the coming season is, "The Beatitudes." Brief homilies will be prepared by area ministers, and guided by a senior pastor. The Beatitude topic for February is "Blessed are the Pure of Heart."

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 From Mary Jane Berry

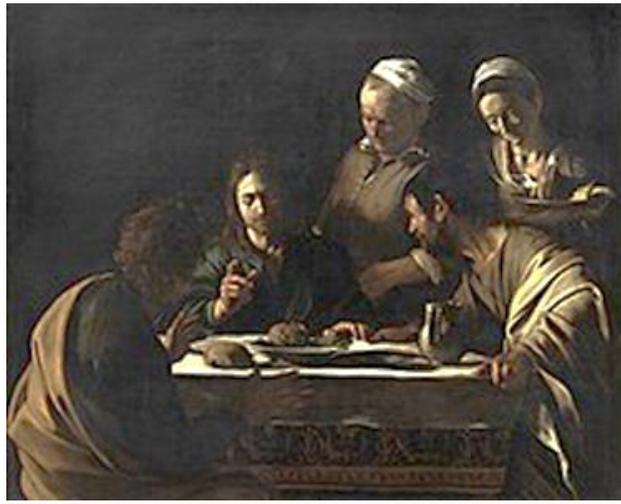
Supper at Emmaus (Caravaggio, London)

The Supper at Emmaus is a painting by the Italian Baroque master Caravaggio, executed in 1601, and now in London. Originally this painting was commissioned and paid for by Ciriaco Mattei, brother of cardinal Girolamo Mattei.

The painting depicts the moment when the resurrected but incognito Jesus reveals himself to two of his disciples (presumed to be Luke and Cleopas) in the town of Emmaus, only to soon vanish from their sight (Gospel of Luke 24: 30–31). Cleopas wears the scallop shell of a pilgrim. The other apostle wears torn clothes. Cleopas gesticulates in a perceptively-challenging extension of arms in and out of the frame of reference. The standing groom, forehead smooth and face in darkness, appears oblivious to the event. The painting is unusual for the life-sized figures, the dark and blank background. The table lays out a still-life meal with the basket of food teetering over the edge.

In the Gospel of Mark (16:12) Jesus is said to have appeared to them "in another form", which may be why he is depicted beardless here, as opposed to the bearded Christ in *Calling of St Matthew*, where a group of seated money counters is interrupted by the recruiting Christ. It is also a recurring theme in Caravaggio's paintings to find the sublime interrupting the daily routine. The unexalted humanity is apt for this scene, since the human Jesus has made himself unrecognizable to his disciples, and at once confirms and surmounts his humanity. Caravaggio seems to suggest that perhaps a Jesus could enter our daily encounters. The dark background envelops the tableau.

May you recognize Jesus' presence in your daily encounters with others.



OUR WONDERFUL GEORGETOWN EMMAUS COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Our Emmaus Community continues looking to each of you to discern where you can support our 4th 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 jayefsee@gmail.com
- Spiritual Director: Rev Mary Powell maryfisherp@gmail.com
- Co-Lay Directors: Carolyn Henry hnrylucas@aol.com
- Co-Lay Directors: Brenda Rumbellow brumbellow@hotmail.com
- AV/Technical support: Mary Jane Berry dberry3@suddenlink.net
- AV/Technical support: Linda Miles mileslm75@gmail.com
- Music Director: Tom Carstarphen tom.carstarphen@gmail.com
- Treasurer: Chris at FUMC – Terry France contact
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From the Greater Austin Emmaus Community

2023 Walks at Eagle's Wings Retreat Center

Women's Walk #149 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. Forms for registering pilgrims can be found at the GAEC website at

<https://www.austinemmaus.org/>

Men's Walk #150 : Next Men's Walk will be Nov 2-4, 2023

The cost of the weekend is \$240 and can be paid with a check or with a credit card for an additional fee of \$7.50 to cover the credit card processing fee. You can download pilgrim, sponsor, and church forms from the [austinemmaus.org](https://www.austinemmaus.org) website. Scholarships are available and forms are on the website at <https://www.austinemmaus.org/>

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

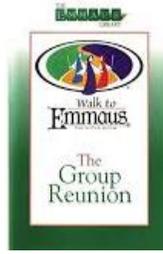
Walk 474 - Sep 7-10

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
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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
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	nmarsh.tx@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