

ROOSTER CROW



FEBRUARY 2024

GEORGETOWN EMMAUS 4th DAY GATHERING

**Sunday, February 18
At 5:30 p.m.
First United Methodist Church
410 East University Avenue**

2024 GEORGETOWN GATHERINGS!!

FEBRUARY 18: First UMC

MARCH 17: St John's GMC

APRIL 21: The Wesleyan

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!



FOURTH DAY SPEAKER: Roger France

Join Georgetown Emmaus on February 18 a time of worship and fellowship. First United Methodist Church will host our gathering worship and pot luck. We are looking forward to hearing Roger's 4th day talk. It is wonderful when our friends share their stories!!

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.

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| February 18 | First UMC | Roger France |
| March 17 | St John GMC | Open |
| April 21 | The Wesleyan | Tim Nickerson |
| May 19 | First UMC | Brenda Rumbellow |
| June 16 | St John GMC | Open |
| July 21 | Wellspring UMC | Agape Party |
| August 18 | First UMC | Rita Handley |
| September 15 | St John GMC | Open |
| October 20 | The Wesleyan | Open |
| November 17 | First UMC | Dan Bonner |
| December 15 | St. John GMC | Open |



Spiritual Director
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Rev John Clifford
Rev Mary Powell
Rev Bob Sinclair

The Emmaus spiritual director is trained to listen, discern and sometimes ask questions. The task of the spiritual director is to diligently pay attention to the person's story and the Spirit, and to encourage spiritual growth. Thanks to each of our spiritual directors for being there for each of us in the Emmaus community.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS

From Rev John Clifford

“...Whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy because you know the testing of your faith produces endurance, and let endurance have its full effect. So that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing.” (James 1:3-4)

I have been thinking about an Emmaus term recently: “perseverance”! Our recent sermons at Round Rock have been from the Letter of James and have had a strong resonance with my current life situation. I have had to learn endurance, perseverance, in a new way for me.

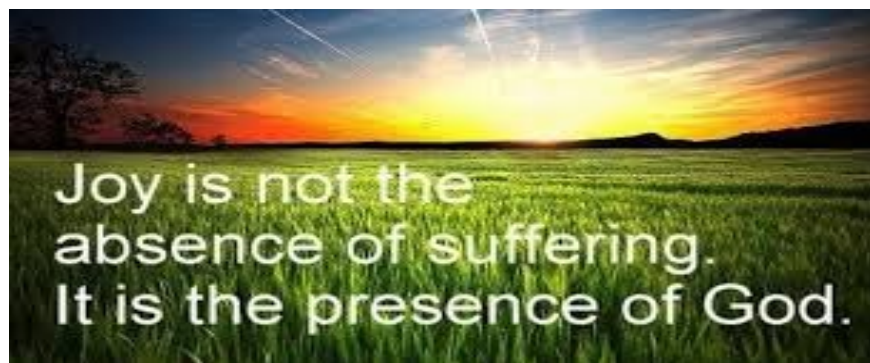
Before Christmas I fell and injured my arm and was set for the surgery to correct it. Then, literally on the operating table, a new concern appeared, and the surgery is now “in limbo” until that is resolved. Wait! One step at a time! Of course, it is not that I looked forward to surgery, but I did want to get on with the recovery to get back to “normal” life! I need “perseverance”!

In the meantime, I have decided that I can do other things that still leave each day open to moving forward with the goal of still getting back to full activity. They will just look a bit differently, and perhaps I will find the testing is also a learning season. I will endure!

De Colores !!

John

(P.S. I will share more of my story when I am able to come again – maybe even this month, if the current pace continues.)





Greetings From Your Lay Directors

Thanks to all who attended the January gathering. It was a wonderful time with fellowship, music and worship. We were so blessed to have new musicians who were willing to share their talents with us. Many thanks to Mary Sinclair, Nickie Carstarphen, Clint Frasier, and Guy Foster. If any of you wish to share your musical talents, this is an easy gig. Easy well-known music, one practice at 5:00 before the gathering just to get in sync with other musicians, and a warmed heart knowing you are spreading joy with others!!!! Please let Linda know if you can play for the February 18 Gathering.

The slate of officers was approved for 2024 and can be found in this newsletter. Thanks to each of these leaders for their willingness to share their service with Emmaus. It was also approved to hold two gatherings at the Wesleyan in 2024. Dan Bonner will serve as hospitality host and Mary Powell volunteered to assist him. The first gathering at the Wesleyan will be in April so please plan on joining us to see our Wesleyan friends that we miss seeing every month.

DeColores!

Linda Miles and Brenda Rumbellow

Georgetown 4th Day Group January Gathering



Thanks to our music team
and tech lead



GT COMMUNITY TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance as of April

\$1062.00



2024 GEORGETOWN EMMAUS 4TH DAY GROUP LEADERSHIP

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Our Emmaus 4th Day Group continues looking to each of you to discern where you can support our Emmaus walk in Georgetown. We are blessed by a dedicated leadership team. Many thanks to each of those who have agreed to serve in their role for 2024 for the Emmaus community. If you are interested in serving in any leadership role or on an Emmaus team, please contact one of the Lay Directors and let them know.

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

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

Additional Events

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| August 27, 2023 | <i>Singalong Social 4:00—6:00 PM</i> |
| November 1, 2023 | <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



The current CTC Board Rep for Georgetown and the South District is Dan Westbrook. The Board will be meeting in late January and we will try to get an update on current activities. **Sign up for participation on a team!!!** Contact Tina LaCagnina 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. **Men's Walk 478 in April has two pilgrims now, so we have work to do to fill each table.** You can find the team and pilgrim application forms at <http://ctcemmaus.org/index.php/downloads>

The Pilgrims and you will be blessed by participating in the Emmaus weekend.

2024 Walk to Emmaus Schedule

The 2024 Walk schedules are tentative yet to be confirmed by the CTC Emmaus Board!! We will update as soon as we have more information.

Men's Walk 479 is scheduled for April 4-7 to be held at Foundations Church in Temple. There are two pilgrims signed up, so please get in additional pilgrim applications as soon as possible. Walk 479 is also in need of several RVs to provide shower facilities for the walk. If you can provide these, please let Pastor Mary Powell or Tina LaCagnina know. Sometimes God calls us to provide our witness in strange ways!!!!

SUPPORT FOR MEN'S WALK 479

Georgetown Emmaus has been contacted by Rob Frazier, the Lay Director for the upcoming Temple-area men's walk - #479 - about needing more team members (and pilgrims). Just so you know, this walk has been plagued with problems and rescheduled several times already (both dates and locations). It will be the first walk in years, that will NOT be held at an encampment, but rather a local church in Temple. The walk is currently scheduled for **April 4-7 at Foundation Methodist Church in Temple.**

Rob indicated that he was looking to fill 5 team slots to fill – 3 prayer, 1 inside, and 1 outside. If you have never served OR if you haven't served in a long-long-time, prayerfully consider this team. Please spread the word to other Emmaus folks at your churches.

Also, now is the time to **gather pilgrims.** They only have 2 currently signed up.

If you would like to serve, please contact Rob Frazier at high_flyer@yahoo.com 254-423-9474 and let him know.



DEVOTION

From Everyday Comfort by Rebecca Currington and Patricia Mitchell

SURRENDER

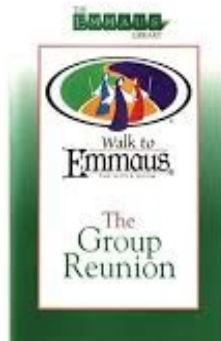
“Give yourselves completely to God. Stand against the devil, and the devil will run from you. Come near to God and God will come near to you.” James 4:7-8

Sometimes when we aren't entirely convinced we want to go all out for God, we try to keep Him at a safe distance. Yet to go all out for Him is what God is asking each of us to do. He knows how hesitance keeps us vulnerable to the pull of doubt, the fear of life, and the pain of reverting to our old ways. Let Him close the distance between you. You will be amazed by how comforting it can be to be fully surrendered to Him.

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

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 |
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| Pass It On | Women | Monday 1st & 3rd | 5:15 PM | | full | Linda Lindell | (512) 863-8161 | Lindell108@gmail.com |
| The GoFourthers | Women | Monday | 5:00 PM | St John UMC Horizon | open | Carolyn Henry | (512) 217-0879 | hnrylucas@aol.com |
| Rainbow Connection | Women | Thursday | 7:00 AM | FUMC Library | open | Jeannine Fairbur | (512) 863-5962 | jw5689f@suddenlink.net |
| Lifetime Reunion | Women | Thursday | 9:30 AM | Barbara's home | open | Barbara Knorre | (512) 863-9708 | bknorre@suddenlink.net |
| Grace Galore | Women | Friday | 10:00 AM | FUMC, room 301 | open | Nancy Marsh | 512-635-0036 | nmarshtx@gmail.com |
| Saturday Sisters | Women | Saturday | 8:00 AM | City Market, Sun City | open | Mary Meoli John | (512) 636-5572 | meolix@gmail.com |
| Wesleyan Women | Women | Wednesday | 8:00 AM | Wesley Independent | closed | Mary Powell | (512) 740-8984 | maryfisherp@gmail.com |
| Hombres DeColores | Men | Monday | 8:00 AM | The Wesleyan | 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 |