



**GEORGETOWN
EMMAUS
COMMUNITY**

JANUARY GATHERING:

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2018

5:30 p.m.

St. John's United Methodist Church

311 E. University

Fourth Day Speaker: RON SPATES

Join us for Fellowship and a Potluck Supper

**PLEASE SEE INSERT FROM OUR WONDERFUL MUSIC DIRECTOR, JANET PYLE
TO PREPARE FOR A SPECIAL MUSIC FOR OUR GATHERING!**

From our Spiritual Director, Rev. Dr. Ann Hagmann: I don't know about you, but I began 2018 in a different place with a different reality than I did in 2017 or any year before. Fortunately, in this evolving new normal, there is a constant presence of God's Spirit and Grace to companion and guide me. When Janet told me about the new song for all of us – to encourage and remind us (see lyrics). "I've got an old church choir singing in my soul...I've got a heart overflowing 'cause I've been restored...Ain't nothing going to steal my joy..." When "valleys become insurmountable mountains," we have to "clap our hands and stomp our feet til we find that gospel beat." The new year is a good time to commit to different spiritual disciplines and practices that are essential to help us be aware of God and to connect with God in our daily lives. Emmaus Reunion Groups and Gatherings are good commitments. Hope to see you January 21st. Blessings and DeColores! Ann

From our Lay Director, Crystal Jackson: I can't believe that we are in year 2018 already. When we think of the New Year starting, we often think about resolutions, and the most popular one that I have heard over and over through the years is losing weight. Ninety-five percent of the time after about a month or so, I start hearing people quitting the gym or the diet of whatever it may have been. About 3 years ago, I quit making resolutions. I just didn't actively choose to do anything different. This year though is different. Instead of making resolutions, I made some goals. As many of you know that back in the summer of 2017, I found out that I had some major health issues going on. It really scared me. So the last 6 months I have been seeing doctors and specialists and getting positive results, which really encourages me that I can do this. So, on January 1, 2018, I made the goal to take better care of myself physically and mentally and doing things a bit different. I have the feeling that this year is going to be a year that I have never had before. What are some goals that you have made in 2018? If you haven't made one yet, it's not too late. I would like to see this year for the Georgetown Emmaus Community not only for more Pilgrims coming to Gatherings, but for more people to volunteer to get involved.

Last month we voted on our new Leadership Team for 2018:

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR: Rev. Dr. Ann Hagmann
Co-Lay Directors: Crystal Jackson & Sarah Pyle-Shackelford
Music Director: Janet Pyle
Audio/Visual: Sarah Pyle-Shackelford
Treasurer: Jackie Hammar
Board Rep: Anne Castle
Team Selection: Anne Castle & Polly Nelon
Agape Coordinators: Terry France & Polly Nelon
Communion Stewards: Elaine Jackson & Mary Jane Berry
Newsletter: Polly Nelon & Mark McCartney
Webmaster: Ken Sommerville
Hospitality: FUMC: Terry France ST. JOHN'S UMC: Barbara Knorre

Thank you to all of you that have volunteered. I appreciate you! Our next Gathering is January 21, 2018, at St. John's UMC at 5:30 p.m. with Potluck and Fellowship to follow! DeColores! Crystal

From our Board Rep, ANNE CASTLE: We have one team member for the Feb. 8-11 Men's Walk, Terry Reed. First UMC also has two Pilgrims. Let's show our support and go to Candlelight on Saturday, February 10. Of course, we should stop for dinner on the way. If interested, contact Anne Castle at 512-680-0364 or Polly Nelon at 512-422-7229.

UPCOMING WALKS:

WOMEN:

Walk #430	Feb. 22-25, 2018	Heart of Texas Baptist Camp, Brownwood
Walk #431	March 1-4, 2018	Glen Lake Camp and Retreat Center, Glen Rose
Walk #432	April 19-22, 2018	Latham Springs Baptist Camp, Aquilla
Walk #434	July 12-15, 2018	TBD
Walk #436	Oct. 11-14, 2018	Greene Family Camp, Bruceville

MEN:

Walk #429	Feb. 8-11, 2018	Greene Family Camp, Bruceville
Walk #433	May 3-6, 2018	Heart of Texas Baptist Camp, Brownwood
Walk #435	Sept. 6-9, 2018	Latham Springs Baptist Camp, Aquilla
Walk #437	Oct. 18-21, 2018	Glen Lake Camp and Retreat Center, Brownwood



Music Notes from Janet Pyle

We continue to make a joyful noise during our Gatherings. Big thanks to our musicians and to YOU, our community.

In the coming months we would like to learn a new song "Old Church Choir" by Zach Williams. Please click the following link to hear the song:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=yOEviTLJOqo>

There's revival and it's spreading like a wildfire in my heart.
A Sunday morning hallelujah and it's lasting all week long.
Can you hear it? Can you feel it? It's the rhythm of a gospel song.
Oh, once you choose it you can't lose it There ain't nothing, there ain't nothing
gonna steal my joy.

**I've got an old church choir singing in my soul
I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful
I've got a heart overflowing 'cause I've been restored
No, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy
No, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy**

When the valleys that wander turn to mountains that I can't climb
oh, You are with me You never leave me Oh, 'cause there ain't nothing,
there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy.

Clap your hands and stomp your feet till you find that gospel beat
cause He's all you'll ever need, all you'll ever need
Clap your hands and stomp your feet til you find that gospel beat
cause He's all you'll ever need, all you'll ever need.

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FOURTH DAY SPEAKERS:

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| February 18, 2018: Polly Nelon | September 16, 2018: |
| March 18, 2018: Special Easter Service | October 21, 2018: Elaine Jackson |
| April 15, 2018: Carolyn Henry | November 18, 2018: Julie Pickel |
| May 20, 2018: Tommy Prud'homme | December 16, 2018: Special Christmas |
| June 17, 2018: Nikki Underwood | Service |
| July 15, 2018: Linda Miles | |
| August 19, 2018: Tina LaCagnina | |

Interested in serving on a Walk to Emmaus or Chrysalis team? You need to fill out an application and make sure you are in the database. Go to ctcemmaus.org Click on team application or Chrysalis application.

REUNION GROUPS:

COMBINED MEN/WOMEN'S GROUPS:

THURSDAY "Guys and Gals" 6:30 P.M. OPEN
Tim Nickerson nickerson.dianne@gmail.com

WOMEN'S REUNION GROUPS:

MONDAY "Pass it On" 5:15 P.M. (1st and 3rd Monday) FULL
Linda Lindell 512-863-8161 Lindell108@gmail.com

MONDAY "The GoFourthers" 5:00 P.M. St. John UMC Horizon House OPEN
Carolyn Henry 512-217-0879 hnyrlucas@aol.com

WEDNESDAY "Grace Galore" 4:00 P.M. FUMC Library OPEN
Nancy Marsh 512-864-6501 nmarshtx@earthlink.net

THURSDAY "Rainbow Connection" 7:00 a.m. FUMC Library OPEN
Jeannine Fairburn 512-863-5962 jw5689f@suddenlink.net

THURSDAY "Lifetime Reunion Group" 9:00 A.M. McDonald's (Williams Dr.) OPEN
Barbara Knorre 512-863-9708 bknorre@suddenlink.net

SATURDAY "Saturday Sisters" 8:00 A.M. City Market, Sun City FULL
Mary Ann Reed 512-289-7222 marsc430@yahoo.com

MEN'S REUNION GROUPS:

MONDAY "Hombres DeColores" 7:00 A.M. Wesleyan Assisted Living OPEN
Terry Reed 512-484-3953 treed930@yahoo.com

SATURDAY "Eye of the Storm" 7:30 A.M. Mariachis De Jalisco, Williams Dr.

From the treasurer:

Current balance is

\$1,155.24