

ROOSTER CROW



2024 GEORGETOWN GATHERINGS!!

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

**GEORGETOWN EMMAUS
4th DAY GATHERING
Sunday, January 21
At 5:30 p.m.
Wellspring UMC
6200 Williams Drive**

FOURTH DAY SPEAKER: Linda Miles

Join Georgetown Emmaus on January 21 for a time of worship and fellowship. Wellspring United Methodist Church will host our gathering worship and pot luck. The January meeting will be a business meeting to elect officers. Linda Miles will share goals if the Emmaus programs and how we all can support witnessing the love of Jesus to our local churches.

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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| January 21 | Wellspring UMC | Business meeting/ Linda Miles |
| February 18 | First UMC | Open |
| March 17 | St John GMC | Open |

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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Greetings From Your Lay Directors



Thanks to all who attended the December gathering. It was a blessed time with music and worship. For the 4th day talk, John Clifford led singing of traditional Christmas Hymns and stories in song. The sharing was a special blessing to us all.

A reminder that the Georgetown 4th Day Group will be electing new officers in January. 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

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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

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



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

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

These are tentative schedules yet to be confirmed by the CTC Emmaus Board!!

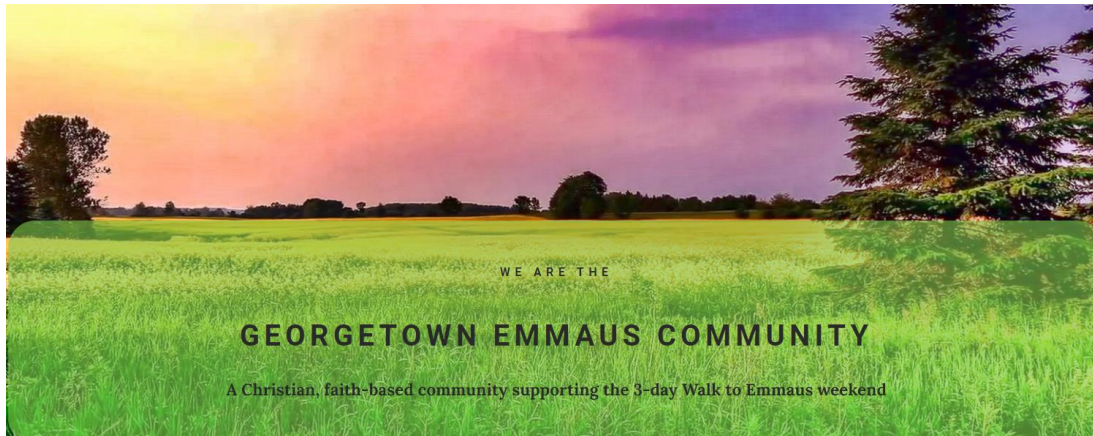
| WALK | DATE | TYPE | LOCATION |
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| 478 | February 29 | Women's | Glen Lake Camp |
| 479 | March 21 | Men's | Greene Family Camp |
| 480 | April 18 | Women's | Latham Springs |
| 481 | May 2 | Men's | Solid Rock |
| 482 | September 5 | Men's | Latham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

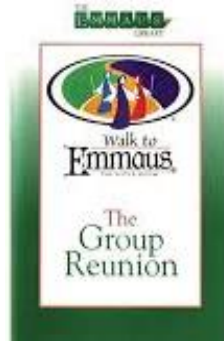
Our Emmaus Community continues looking to each of you to discern where you can support our 4th day walk in Georgetown. We are blessed by a dedicated leadership team. Many thanks to each of those below who have agreed to serve in their role for 2023 for the Emmaus Community. If you are interested in serving 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
- 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
- Webmaster: Ken Sommerville
- Hospitality: FUMC: Terry France
- Hospitality: St John's: Debby Leshner
- Hospitality: Wellspring: Linda Miles

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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.

Please review this list and notify Linda Miles of any changes needed.

| 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 GoForthers | 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 Fairburn | (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 | nmarsh.tx@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 |