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January 2025

GEORGETOWN EMMAUS 4th DAY GATHERING
Sunday, January 19 5:30 p.m. St John's Methodist Church

4th DAY SPEAKER: Linda Lindell

Georgetown Emmaus 4th Day Gathering will be held at St. John's on January 19. We hope you can all attend to hear the witness from Linda Lindell. We will need music team for this gathering so please let Linda Miles know if you can support the music team. Please join us for a music filled, spirit filled, fun filled time of fellowship and worship. We will share in a potluck feast after worship!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR EMMAUS GATHERINGS

Held monthly to worship, fellowship, and celebrate our 4th day walk!!

Upcoming Gatherings

Please consider presenting the 4th Day Talk at a gathering this year. See our Georgetown Emmaus Website for 4th Day Talk Information.

January 19	St John's	Linda Lindell
February 16	Wellspring	TBD

Thanks to each of you who will share your witness with the Emmaus community. See our Georgetown Emmaus Website for 4th Day Talk Information. Please contact Linda Miles if you are willing to present a 4th Day Talk at a gathering.

GT COMMUNITY TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance as of December
\$1195.00

2025

The Georgetown Gatherings are normally held the third Sunday of each month at 5:30 pm. At our January Gathering we would like to take a look at the whole year to determine any changes needed to accommodate holidays during 2025. Here is how the calendar looks at this time. We will vote on and make changes as needed.

Sunday, January 12	Blended Community Gathering – Northwest Hills
Sunday, January 19	Georgetown Gathering - St John's
Sunday, February 16	Georgetown Gathering - Wellspring
Saturday, March 1	Men's Walk 150 Candlelight
Sunday, March 16	Georgetown Gathering – First UMC – new pilgrims
Sunday, April 13	Palm Sunday
Sunday, April 20	Easter
Saturday, April 26	Women's Walk 151 Candlelight & Agape Feast
Sunday, May 18	Georgetown Gathering – St John's – new pilgrims
Sunday, June 15	Father's Day
Sunday, June 15	Georgetown Gathering – Wellspring
Sunday, July 20	Georgetown Gathering Agape Party – First UMC
Sunday, August 17	Georgetown Gathering – The Wesleyan
Sunday, September 21	Georgetown Gathering – St John's
Sunday, October 19	Georgetown Gathering - Wellspring
Sunday, November 16	Georgetown Gathering – First UMC
Thursday, November 27	Thanksgiving
Sunday, December 21	Georgetown Gathering – St John's
Wednesday, December 24	Christmas Eve
Thursday, December 25	Christmas

Newsletter Articles and Devotionals WANTED

If you have any inspirational devotionals you would like to share with our Emmaus brothers and sisters, please send to Linda Miles at mileslm75@gmail.com

Message from your Spiritual Directors

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. Our Spiritual Directors for 2025 include Rev John Clifford and Rev Bob Sinclair.

Here are some ideas for a blessed 2025:

- **Express gratitude:** Thank God for your family, friends, and health.
- **Release grudges:** Let go of anger, pain, and grudges.
- **Live with love:** Resolve to live each day in a loving and God-conscious way.
- **Consider your hope:** Reflect on what gives you hope for the new year.
- **Consider God's plans:** Think about what God has in store for you in the new year.
- **Read Bible verses:** Consider reading Bible verses that inspire hope, such as Proverbs 3:5-6, Isaiah 43:18-19, or Psalm 100:4.
- **Reflect on Psalm 37:4:** Remember that God will lead you and give you what you desire if you seek Him first.

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Rev John and Rev Bob

FROM THE UPPER ROOM

EMBRACING THE VISION: Living into the Ecumenical, Interracial, and International Call of Emmaus Ministries

The Emmaus Ministries was born from a vision to renew Christian disciples and strengthen local churches for their mission. This work takes root in the understanding that the body of Christ is diverse, vibrant, and united. As part of The Upper Room, an ecumenical ministry of the United Methodist Church, Emmaus Ministries embraces the call to break down barriers and reflect the unity Christ prayed for in John 17:21: *“That they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.”*

While our mission is grounded in being ecumenical, interracial, and international, we recognize a pressing challenge: many Emmaus communities today are predominantly composed of members of a single denomination or race. How can we fully live into our founding vision of unity amid diversity? **How can we better reflect this diversity on Boards of Directors, Event Teams, participants, and relationships within communities worldwide?**

This article is the first of a series of four in which we will...

- explore the Gospel's Call to unity and diversity,
- highlight barriers to ecumenism and diversity,
- motivate and equip communities with practical strategies for becoming more inclusive and diverse,
- and provide guidance for maintaining and deepening the commitment to diversity over time.

Continue reading [Embracing the Vision of Emmaus Ministries](#).



GREETINGS



Dear Friends,

What wonderful worship service we had December 1. Rev John Clifford gave a moving and inspirational devotion for Christmas celebration. The slate of officers was approved for 2025 as noted later in this newsletter. We were able to update the GT 4th day group on the work of the new blended community including a report on the blended gathering. The next blended community gathering will be on January 12 at Northwest Hills UMC in Austin. OUR next GT 4th day group gathering will take a look at the gathering calendar for 2025 to make sure we have good dates surrounding holidays. We hope to see you at these gatherings as you can attend. Merry Christmas and Hopeful New Year!!!

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Linda

For unto YOU is BORN this day, in the city of David, a SAVIOR, which is CHRIST the Lord. Luke 2:11

Georgetown Emmaus 4th Day Group Gathering December 1, 2024 5:30 pm Singing and Worship 6:30 pm Potluck

Joy to the world

Gloria to GOD in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Luke 2:14



Georgetown 4th Day Group Leadership Team

2025 Leadership approved at the December 1 Gathering

The 2025 slate of officers presented at the December 1 Gathering was unanimously approved. We are still in need of a Music Director and Agape Coordinator. Thanks to each of you who are willing to serve in the roles needed to support our Georgetown 4th Day Group.

Spiritual Director

Spiritual Director

Lay Director

Music Director

Treasurer

Team Selection/Board Rep

Agape Coordinator

Communion Steward

Newsletter

Newsletter Distribution

Webmaster

Hospitality First UMC

Hospitality St John's GMC

Hospitality Wellspring UMC

Hospitality The Wesleyan

Rev John Clifford

Rev Bob Sinclair

Linda Miles

TBD

Terry France

Tina LaCagnina

TBD

Carolyn Henry

Linda Miles

Mark McCartney

Ken Sommerville

Terry France

Debby Leshar

Dianne Nickerson

Dan Bonner



Empowering leaders to be the hands and feet of Christ.



The New Emmaus Blended Community

As Reported by Tina LaCagnina

BLENDING COMMUNITY NAME

The Southern 4th Day Groups of the Central Texas Community and the Greater Austin Emmaus Community are working on a complete merger beginning with the development of a blended board, sharing in the two 2025 walks, rewriting blended policies, working with Upper Room to establish the new Community, and changing the community name. Per the Board meeting on 11/7, the following were the top 7 names to be presented to the members.

- Living Water Emmaus Community
- Living Fire Emmaus Community
- Tejas Emmaus Community
- Bread of Life Emmaus Community
- New Creation Emmaus Community
- Lone Star Emmaus Community
- Texas Spirit Emmaus Community

All community members from the GAEC and the legacy Southern CTC 4th day groups will be sent an email asking them to vote for their top three choices for a new blended community name. After a new name is decided, the real work begins with changing our name legally with the State and IRS eventually, the Upper Room, the bank accounts, any existing contracts, titles etc. By-laws will need to be amended and the community members will be asked to approve the new name tag for members.

The link to vote for the new name is included in our Rooster Crow notice email and also here. Please take time to vote for your top three choices for the name you believe best represents our new Emmaus Community. You can vote at the following site:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSee_9iv8DZEgQMukHB1BT5WZhLljD9Kz_dL9M0HllpIZeAT4YA/viewform?usp=sharing

Blended Gathering - Jan 12

The gathering of the GAEC and South District Emmaus 4th day groups will be held on Sunday, January 12 at 4:00 pm at Northwest Hills United Methodist Church. The address is 7050 Village Center Drive, Austin 78731. We will gather at 4:00 to worship followed by a potluck dinner. This is a great opportunity to fellowship not only through the gathering, but through carpooling. Contact your Emmaus friends to attend with you. Please plan on attending this Emmaus Gathering as we join our hearts in Emmaus Ministries.

UPCOMING WALK INFORMATION

Walk 150 – Men’s Walk – 2/27 – 3/2 Paul South will serve as Lay Director, Rev. Gary White will serve as the Spiritual Director, Gene McConnell will serve as the Board Representative.

Walk 151 – Women’s Walk – 4/24 – 4/27 Linda Miles will serve as the Lay Director, Rev. Tommy Prud’homme will serve as the Spiritual Director, Tina LaCagnina will serve as the Board Representative.

To submit application for Pilgrim to Women’s Walk #151 – April 24-27 Or for Men’s Walk #150 – February 27-March 2

Copies of forms and instructions can be found on the Georgetown Emmaus Website at <https://www.georgetownemmaus.org/> There are three required forms – one for pilgrims, one for sponsors, and one for the pilgrim's local clergy. Also, if needed, there is an application for a Community Scholarship. The forms can be completed by typing in required information and printing; or by printing the blank form and filling with written responses.

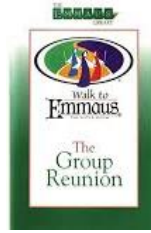
Completed form package with signatures and payments should be emailed to registrar@austinemmaus.org or mailed to Rev. Mary Powell, Emmaus Registrar at 139 Estrella Crossing, #101, Georgetown, TX, 78628



Luke 24:20-32

³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³² They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

REUNION GROUPS



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	Wednesday	9:00 AM	McDonalds on Williams	full	Linda Lindell	512-289-2468	Lindell108@gmail.com
The GoFourthers	Women	Monday	4:30 PM	St John GMC 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
Lifeline 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	9:00 AM	City Market, Sun City	open	Mary Meoli Johnson	(512) 636-5572	meolix@gmail.com
Wesleyan Women	Women	Thursday	8:00 AM	Wesley Independent	open	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	6:00 AM	Mariachis De Jalisco	open	Ken Sommerville	(512) 810-3848	ksommerville@yahoo.com
Wesleyan Men	Men	Thursday	10:30 AM	West Chappel at Wesleyan	open	Dan Bonner	(512) 876-9145	dancucr@gmail.com
Just Us Gals	Women	Monday	11:45 AM	BY ZOOM	open	Linda Miles	(512) 677-3867	mileslm75@gmail.com



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.