



Rooster Crow January 2021

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!
ZOOM GATHERINGS!!**

**JANUARY 17: ZOOM
FEBRUARY 21: ZOOM
MARCH 21: ZOOM**

Emmaus Gatherings are held on the third Sunday each month at 5:30 pm and will be held by Zoom until we can meet again in person. Please join us for worship and fellowship!!

GEORGETOWN EMMAUS COMMUNITY GATHERING

Gathering for January will be held virtually on Zoom.

We look forward to everyone joining for an uplifting service.

Zoom access info below . . .

FOURTH DAY SPEAKER: Beth Butler

Georgetown Emmaus Gathering Zoom Access

Georgetown Emmaus will be gathering under more restrictive Zoom security. Zoom registration and access will only be sent to Georgetown Emmaus community by email. Let Linda Miles and Mark McCartney know if you do not receive before January 17 or if you have someone to add to the Georgetown community email lists.

Our 4th Day speaker, Beth Butler, is the daughter of our own Rev. Mary Powell. She has been active in Emmaus for years in various locations, has worked many walks, and has been active in Crysalis flights. We are blessed to have her with us in January.

We are still in need of 4th Day speakers for May through September. Please discern where God is calling you to share your witness.



From one of our Spiritual Directors, Mary Powell

Forgetting the Past and Leaning toward the Goal

We have turned the page on 2020 and embraced with hope the days ahead in 2021. More than ever, we will benefit this year from renewing our purpose in life. We do well to be like Paul who speaks of himself in Philippians.

Philippians 3 ¹⁰“I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

¹⁵ All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. ¹⁶ Only let us live up to what we have already attained.”

What have we already attained? Are we growing as disciples? Are we lighting the way to Christ for someone else? What is the prize of which Paul speaks?

Let us close the book on last year and start afresh to become the Christ-carriers we are designed to be. One way to do that is a tradition used by congregations each new year.

John Wesley challenged his pastors and congregations to be deliberate in their embracing of a new beginning each calendar year. Our Methodist hymnal has the Covenant Prayer many churches use at the first service of the year. However, Wesley says that the first covenant service was not held in January but held on Monday 11 August 1755, at the French church at Spitalfields in London, with 1800 people present. He reported that he "recited the tenor of the covenant proposed, in the words of that blessed man, Richard Alleine". Reading it together tonight can be our way of forgetting the past and leaning into the life God has planned for us for 2021.

A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition

I am no longer my own, but thine.

Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed by thee or laid aside by thee.

Exalted for thee or brought low for thee.

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

thou art mine, and I am thine.

So be it.

And the covenant which I have made on earth,

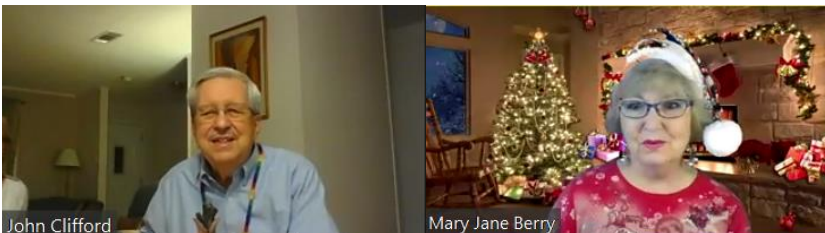
Let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

Blessings, Mary Powell

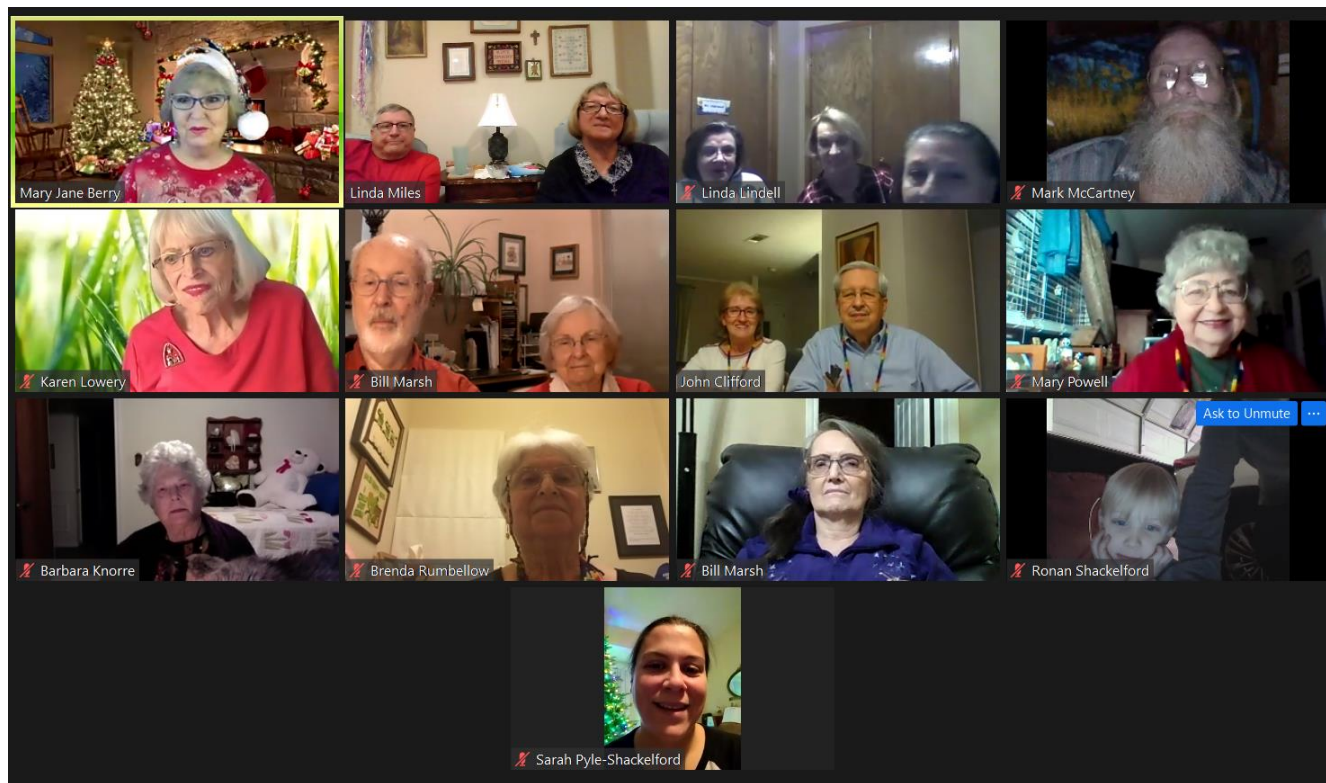


Gathering Highlights

Here are some pictures from the December Georgetown Emmaus Gathering. December special service was led by Rev John Clifford and Mary Jane Berry with Rev Dr Ann Hagmann and Rev John Clifford as the 4th day speakers.



THANKS TO OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM



Please keep Reverend Ann in your prayers for continued healing from her surgery. Her 4th day talk was a blessing and reminder of our responsibility for the care of God's creatures.



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 .

CENTRAL TEXAS EMMAUS

A message to the Georgetown Community from Tina LaCagnina

Please check the CTC Emmaus new FaceBook page for updated info on Central Texas Emmaus activities. The site is in development so check it as it grows and improves. We will be updating the site and also emailing individuals, clergy and communities to get information out as best as possible. It's going to be awesome!

Below is information on a worship event sponsored by the Central Texas Conference Emmaus. More information to follow by email to the Georgetown Community. Save this date and join us as we worship our Lord!!

DeColores, Tina



♥♥♥ *SAVE THE DATE* ♥♥♥

*Central Texas Conference Emmaus
invites you to join us for a
Worship Webinar!*

*“Hearts on Fire” - Emmaus 2021
Thursday, February 4 at 7:00 p.m.*

Stay tuned for registration information!

*www.ctcemmaus.org
Follow us on Facebook—Central Texas Conference Emmaus*

MEDITATION



Talk 13: Body of Christ

[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink" (John 4:5-7).

Jesus traveled through Samaria, a much-hated country by the Jews, on his way to Jerusalem. Samaria, inhabited by conquered peoples brought to that territory by the Assyrians around 700 years before, lay outside Herod's jurisdiction. Jesus made a political and Messianic statement by choosing this road over a more familiar route.

Samaritans, like the Jews of Jesus' time, believed in the Torah (God's law contained in the Bible); in fact, the Pentateuch—the first five books of the Old Testament—was all they had. They believed that a Messiah would come to overthrow the Roman government. Their faith lay in the fact that the Messiah's seat of government would be in Samaria, not Jerusalem.

The familiar story of the woman at the well takes place at Jacob's well. The woman had come to the well at the sixth hour, that is, noon. It would be hot and lonely. Other women gathered at the well early in the morning before the sun rose high and burned hot. It was a social gathering place. They visited, told stories about their children, lamented their lot in life, and shared joys and concerns. A woman who came at noon with a tarnished reputation was certainly a social outcast. She came to the well then because she knew no one else would be there. Perhaps she had tried early one morning to draw water with the other women. Had they shunned or taunted her and her tawdry way of life?

This familiar story has an element, however, that may not be well-known. In those days, a stone or rock lid was placed over the well. Together, the women would have had to remove the lid so they could dip into the cool well water for their families' daily supply. This heavy lid not only kept people from taking more water than their share, but it was a team effort to benefit all of the families in Sychar. So, this Samaritan woman came to the well alone. Did she have to wrestle the lid off her-self? If so, no easy task.

Like the woman at the well, the Body of Christ needs its members working together to accomplish necessary tasks in our churches, communities, and the world. Without cooperation at the right place and the right time, and without vision to see God's peoples' needs, many ministries may go undone.



**SERVICE OF
WHOLENESS/TAIZE**

To be sent when we have more
information.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

**Balance as of October Gathering:
Not Available**

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. Both you and the community will be blessed by your witness.

January 17

Beth Butler

February 21

Sarah Pyle-Shackelford

March 21

Ann Hagmann/John Clifford

April 18

Amy Scott

May 16

Open

June 20

Open

Please contact Ronan Shackelford or Mary Jane Berry if you are willing to present your witness. Pray about the 2021 gatherings and your call to witness.

Our great leadership wishes you all the best as we move into 2021. Most of the Georgetown Emmaus leadership have agreed to continue through 2021 in their 2020 roles. Many thanks to each of them for this service to the Emmaus Community. Once we begin meeting in person, we will look at leadership changes as needed.

OUR WONDERFUL LEADERSHIP

Spiritual Director: Rev. Dr. Ann Hagmann revdrann@hotmail.com

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Audio/Visual: TBD

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Information from our Georgetown CTC Emmaus Board Rep, Crystal Jackson . . . Crystal Jackson has resigned as the Board Rep and Tina La Cagnina has agreed to stand in during 2021 to represent Georgetown community. **A special thank you to Crystal for her smile, laugh, friendship, and willingness to serve our Lord. We will miss her leadership but continue to enjoy our relationship with her in the community.**

The walks for 2021 have been rescheduled to continue in safety during the pandemic. Here are changes to the Walk Schedule. As of right now the Board has agreed to postpone the following Walks.

Walk #454 - ~~May 13, 2021~~ - Women's - Glen Lake Camp to **2022**

Walk #455 - ~~April 15, 2021~~ - Women's - Latham Springs to **2022**

Walk # 456 - ~~March 25, 2021~~ - Men's - Greene Family Camp to **2022**

Walk #457 - ~~April 29, 2021~~ - Men's - Solid Rock Camp to **August or September 2021**

Walks still scheduled for 2021 are as follows:

Women Walks 2021:

Walk 458 - July 15-18 - Solid Rock Camp

Walk 460 - October 7-10 - Greene Family Camp - *Note the sponsoring community is Georgetown*

**** Jessica Smith is Lay Director & Tommy Prud'homme is Spiritual Director and Crystal Jackson is Board Rep

Men Walks 2021:

Walk 457 – August or September - Solid Rock Camp

Walk 459 - September 9-12 - Latham Springs

Walk 461 - October 21-24 - Glen Lake Camp

De Colores,

Crystal and Tina

Sign up for participation on a team!!! Contact Tina LaCagnina or Anne Castle if you are interested. You will be blessed by participating in the Emmaus weekend. You can find the team application form on the Central Texas Emmaus website at

<http://ctcemmaus.org/index.php/walk-info/2020walks>.

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 GoFourthers	Women	Monday	5:00 PM	St John UMC Horizon	open	Carolyn Henry	(512) 217-0879	hnrylucas@aol.com
Soul Sisters	Women	Thursday 2nd & 4th	3:30 PM	ZOOM	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	McDonald's, Williams Dr	open	Barbara Knorre	(512) 863-9708	bknorre@suddenlink.net
Grace Galore	Women	Friday	10:00 AM	FUMC, room 301	open	Nancy Marsh	(512) 864-6501	nmarshtx@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	Wesley Independent	closed	Mary Powell	(512) 740-8984	maryfisherp@gmail.com
Hombres DeColores	Men	Monday	8:00 AM	ZOOM	open	Bill Marsh	(512) 635-0035	bill.marsh.tx@gmail.com
Wellspring Men	Men	Tuesday	6:30 PM	ZOOM	open	Robert Miles	(512) 656-3313	milesrm71@gmail.com
Eye of the Storm	Men	Saturday	7:00 AM	Mariachis De Jalisco	open	Ken Sommerville	(512) 810-3848	ksommerville@yahoo.com