# Rooster Crow June 2023



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! GEORGETOWN GATHERINGS!!

JUNE 18: St John's UMC
JULY 16: Wellspring UMC
AUGUST 20: First UMC
SEPTEMBER 17: St John's UMC
OCTOBER 15: Wellspring UMC

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

# GEORGETOWN EMMAUS COMMUNITY GATHERING Sunday, June 18 At 5:30 p.m. St John's United Methodist 311 East University Avenue

# FOURTH DAY SPEAKER: TBD

Join Georgetown Emmaus on June 18 at St. John's United Methodist Church for worship with a potluck to follow. Bring your friends to enjoy the reflection, fun, food, and fellowship. Georgetown Emmaus Gatherings are still in need of 4<sup>th</sup> Day speaker for 2023. **We are all waiting expectantly to hear YOUR witness.** Please look to God for courage and inspiration in sharing your personal story with the Emmaus Community.

#### **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.

June 18 St John UMC Open

July 16 Wellspring UMC Agape Party

August 20 First UMC Open
September 17 St John UMC Open
October 15 Wellspring UMC Open
November 19 First UMC Open

Please contact Rev John Clifford, Rev May Powell, Brenda Rumbellow or Carolyn Henry if you are willing to present your witness.

#### 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.



#### From Spiritual Director, Rev Mary Powell

Matthew 18:20 NIV says "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." I am sure this reminds you of the value of living up to the challenge of taking part in your Emmaus Reunion Group. (If you are on a team, you are assumed to be meeting in one and attending gatherings regularly.)

You might be surprised to learn that some scholars see the context of this text as the church needing to apply church discipline. Remember in Jesus' day the court needed two or three witnesses to tell the same story for a wayward person to be judged as needing to be corrected so they will repent of their wayward behavior.

Our Emmaus Reunion Booklet calls for self-examination as we get to the part asking if our discipleship has been denied. Deeper spiritual growth happens when a group is willing to get serious and delve into the specific details of one's failure to answer a Holy Spirit nudge or even resist a temptation. This takes a level of trust that confidence will be maintained, at the same time that members will be in serious prayer for any struggle a member may disclose. This way the group can celebrate progress or continue encouraging the battle being waged in someone's life. We are knit together and strengthened like Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 describes:

"Two are better than one,

because they have a good return for their labor:

If either of them falls down,

one can help the other up.

But pity anyone who falls

and has no one to help them up.

Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm.

But how can one keep warm alone?

Though one may be overpowered,

two can defend themselves.

A cord of three strands is not quickly broken."

So, the question is: Has your reunion group reached a place where you intentionally share your deepest struggles so that those who are praying for you can console and encourage and strengthen you to grow in every way? Jesus will be there! So, next time you meet, don't rush, take the time to discuss the details of your friends' needs and pray specifically for each other as you draw closer to God and each other in heart, mind, and spirit. That is my prayer for us all. Hopefully, Rev. Mary Powell

#### **DE COLORES!!**



# **Greetings From Your Lay Directors**



Emmaus Friends,

We had a wonderful gathering in May. It was so nice to have Rev Ann join us for the celebration. Hoping to see you all in June.

DeColores!

Carolyn Henry and Brenda Rumbellow



# **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 milesIm75@gmail.com

GT COMMUNITY TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance as of April

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### 2023 Central Texas Conference Emmaus Gathering

Mark your calendars now for the 2023 Central Texas Conference Emmaus Community Gathering on Saturday, June 10, at God's House in Lone Elm. Bring your Lawn Chair! For questions, email Pat at ctcemmaus@yahoo.com

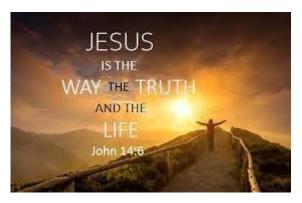


### **Devotion from Mary Jane Berry**

From Words of Hope and Help by Max Lucado

The story's told of a man on an African safari deep in the jungle. The guide had a machete and was whacking away the tall weeds and thick underbrush. The traveler, wearied and hot, asked in frustration, "Where are we? Do you know where you're taking me? Where's the path?" The seasoned guide stopped and looked back at the man and replied, "I am the path."

We ask the same questions, don't we? "God, where are you taking me? Where's the path?" Oh, he may give us a hint or two but that's all. If he did give us more, would we understand? No. Like the traveler, we're unacquainted with this jungle. So rather than give us an answer, he gives us a far greater gift – Jesus gives us himself. He says in Matthew 28:20, "I am with you always to the very end of the age." We need that reminder!



#### **OUR WONDERFUL GEORGETOWN EMMAUS COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP**

Our Emmaus Community continues looking to each of you to discern where you can support our 4<sup>th</sup> 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 CliffordSpiritual 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: Tom Carstarphen

Treasurer: Chris at FUMC – Terry France contact

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 Lesher

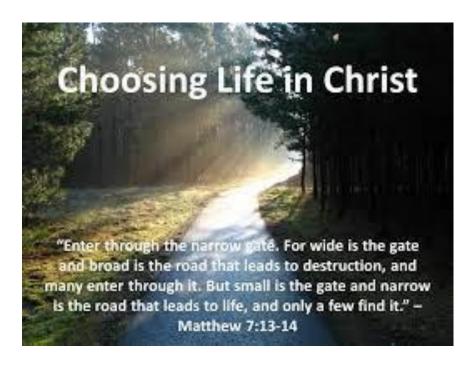
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# **CENTRAL TEXAS EMMAUS**



Tina LaCagnina, CTC Emmaus Board Representative, continues to support our Georgetown Emmaus Community on the Central Texas Emmaus board. Please try to support each Walk as you are able.

Tina will be leaving the Board at the end of this year and is looking for someone to serve next year as Board Rep. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve the Emmaus Community and future pilgrims in a special way. Please contact Tina if you are interested.

**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 <a href="http://ctcemmaus.org/index.php/downloads">http://ctcemmaus.org/index.php/downloads</a>

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

# 2023 Women's Walks

Walk 475 - Sep 21-24 Solid Rock Camp, Eastland, TX Sponsoring 4th Day Group: TBD

Walk 476 - Oct 5-8 Greene Family Camp, Bruceville, TX Sponsoring 4th Day Group: TBD

# 2023 Men's Walks

Walk 474 - Sep 7-10 Latham Springs Baptist Camp, Aquilla, TX Sponsoring 4th Day Group: TBD

Walk 477 - Oct 19-22 Glen Lake Camp and Retreat Center, Glen Rose, TX Sponsoring 4th Day Group: Tarrant County

## **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 Go Fourthers	Women	Monday	5:00 PM	St John UMC Horizon	open	Carolyn Henry	(512) 217-0879	hnrylucas@aol.com
Soul Sisters	Women	Thursday 2nd & 4th	1:00 PM	Sun City	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	Barbara Knorre Home	Closed - Full	Barbara Knorre	(512) 863-9708	bknorre@suddenlink.net
Grace Galore	Women	Friday	10:00 AM	Zoom	open	Nancy Marsh	(512) 635-0036	nmarshtx@earthlink.net
Saturday Sisters	Women	Saturday	8:00 AM	City Market, Sun City	open	Mary Meoli Johnson	(512) 636-5572	meolitx@gmail.com
Wesleyan Women	Women	Wednesday	8:00 AM	Zoom	open	Mary Powell	(512) 740-8984	maryfisherp@gmail.com
Hombres DeColores	Men	Monday	8:00 AM	San Gabriel Park	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