# Rooster Crow March 2023



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! GEORGETOWN GATHERINGS!!

MARCH 19: St John's UMC

APRIL 16: Wellspring UMC

MAY 21: First UMC

JUNE 18: St John's UMC

JULY 16: Wellspring UMC

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

# GEORGETOWN EMMAUS COMMUNITY GATHERING Sunday, March 19 At 5:30 p.m.

St John's United Methodist Church 311 East University Avenue

# FOURTH DAY SPEAKER: TBD

Join Georgetown Emmaus on March19 at First United Methodist Church for worship with a potluck to follow. Bring your friends to enjoy the reflection, fun, food, and fellowship. 2023 has arrived with expectations of joy, celebration, 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.

**February 19 First UMC** Open March 19 St John UMC **Open April 16 Wellspring UMC Open May 21** First UMC **Open** June 18 St John UMC **Open Wellspring UMC** July 16 **Open** 

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

### From Spiritual Director, Rev John Clifton

We are now in the heart of the Lenten season, heading toward Easter. These are the days we are days we are invited to seriously take to heart the "examination of conscience" we experienced ent we need to forgive? What are the habits which cause us trouble? How can we make our lives look more like Christ's as we face daily challenges?

Lent is famous for fasting and other spiritual disciplines. In reality all such practices, whether for Lent of daily practice, are our tools for the life of grace we choose to walk. If we want to follow Christ, these are the means of experiencing growth in holiness, what we Methodists call "sanctifying grace." Prayer, fasting, service, study, worship, communion – all in their way draw us closer to the cross. We find in these that head and heart work together to introduce us to our Lord.

And so, may this truly be a Holy Lent, a season of great and wonderful spiritual growth as we look into our lives and try to discern more clearly the reflection of Jesus Christ there.

### DE COLORES!! Rev John



### **Greetings From Your Lay Directors**



De Colores Friends.

We had a great gathering in February. Thanks to the NEW music team for an inspirational sharing of their talents with us.

Please keep Rev Ann Hagmann in your prayers for continued healing.



## **DEVOTION From Rev Mary Powell**

Here are suggestions for praying for Emmaus or Kairos weekends, gatherings or any church event. Go to God in prayer!!!!

Since you have agreed to pray for the team and guests at our Kairos Outside Weekend,

Begin by asking God to clear your mind from all outside distractions. Place your thoughts and spirit with the guest and the weekend.

Be silent a few moments and begin to feel His presence with you. Pray as if you are talking to your best friend – you are! Ask Him to bless the buildings, the grounds, and a the things used to bring those present to an awareness of Him.

Pray for the Leader. Help her to know that she must walk in His spirit for any problem she may be asked to solve.

Pray for the assistant leaders. Help them to know that they must walk in His spirit for any problem they may be asked to solve.

Pray for the Spiritual Directors, that they may be truly an instrument of His spirit.

Pray for the volunteers, that they remember WHOM they represent, lay down self and glorify God.

Pray for the talks, the message they give, for the giver and those who hear.

Pray for the musicians, that their music brings God's message and helps to soothe troubled souls.

Pray for the guests, the ones who can't leave their thoughts behind, the ones uneasy in this setting, the ones who can't sleep. Pray that they are open and receiving for all conditions known only to God.

Pray for the fun and fellowship, that it may warm hearts and be focused on God.

Pray for the cooks and all who serve in unrecognized ways.

Pray for the agape gifts, for the hands that made them and the blessings they bring.

Pray for the special times - Forgiveness Service, Chapel Times, the letters from there incarcerated loved ones, and the Closing Service

> **GT COMMUNITY TREASURER'S REPORT: Balance as of August** \$1202.42

# **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

### **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 Clifford
 Spiritual Director: Rev Mary Powell
 Co-Lay Directors: Carolyn Henry

Co-Lay Directors: Brenda RumbellowAV/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

Tagging Calabian Agency Control

Team Selection: Anne Castle

Agape Co-Coordinator: Terry France

Agape Co-Coordinator: Nikki Underwood

Communion Steward: Rita Handley

Newsletter: Linda Miles

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## From the Greater Austin Emmaus Community

# 2023 Walks at Eagle's Wings Retreat Center Women's Walk #149 scheduled for May 4-7, 2023.

Now is the time for you, the members of our community, to seek and sponsor additional pilgrims to make this the "Best Walk Ever". We encourage the community to talk to people you know, complete applications early and submit them as soon as possible. Forms for registering pilgrims can be found at the GAEC website at <a href="https://www.austinemmaus.org/">https://www.austinemmaus.org/</a>

#### Men's Walk #150 : Next Men's Walk will be Nov 2-4, 2023

The cost of the weekend is \$240 and can be paid with a check or with a credit card for an additional fee of \$7.50 to cover the credit card processing fee. You can download pilgrim, sponsor, and church forms from the austinemmaus.org website. Scholarships are available and forms are on the website at <a href="https://www.austinemmaus.org/">https://www.austinemmaus.org/</a>

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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.

**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 470 - Mar 2-5

Glen Lake Camp and Retreat Center, Glen Rose, TX Sponsoring 4th Day Group: Tarrant County

Walk 472 - Apr 20-23

Latham Springs Baptist Camp, Aquilla, TX Sponsoring 4th Day Group: DeCorEllis

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 471 - Mar 23-26

Greene Family Camp, Bruceville, TX Sponsoring 4th Day Group: TBD

Walk 473 - Apr 27-30

Solid Rock Camp, Eastland, TX Sponsoring 4th Day Group: TBD

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



### 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