



## **Rooster Crow May 2020**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!**

**WE ARE INTO OUR STANDARD  
ROTATION FOR GATHERINGS:**

**JUNE 21: Wellspring UMC**

**JULY 19: First UMC**

**AUGUST 16: St John's UMC**

**Emmaus Gatherings are the third  
Sunday each month at 5:30 pm**

## **GEORGETOWN EMMAUS COMMUNITY GATHERING**

**Sunday, May 17**

**Gathering for May is  
cancelled. Watch for  
separate email with the 4<sup>th</sup>  
day talk information.**

**FOURTH DAY SPEAKER:      Surprise**  
**The May talk will be published electronically.**

### **From our Spiritual Director, Rev. Dr. Ann Hagmann**

Dear Sisters and Brothers, Co-Experiencers on this Walk to Emmaus,

As I sat down to write this devotional word of encouragement, I glanced at the base of the paper and found a Scripture, *John 1:4 "In Him was life, and the life was the Light of all people."* Indeed, Jesus is the life that became the Light for millions of Christians for the past 2000 years!!! Amen??!

Friends, we have all found life and Light in Christ. Our Emmaus experiences have taught us how loved and treasured we are by God and others. And how Christ counts on us to be His hands and feet, hearts and shoulders for others, even strangers and those in the worst of need. Jesus put it in an image *Matthew 5:14-16* records, where Jesus tells His followers: "*You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand and it gives light to all the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.*"

If we are to be lights of the Light, what does that look like? It means the things important to Jesus are important to us. What was at the top of Jesus' list? Love, value, and respect. Jesus loves everyone which meant Jesus valued women, children, tax collectors, prostitutes, fishermen, every sort of person including enemies and those who mistreated Him. As lights we are called to do the same. And it can be tough. I have been observing stay-at-home orders and venturing out only for occasional pick-up orders, bank, post office, and drives. A few hours ago, I went out to the bank and

post office. I decide to catch gas on the way home. As I was filling my tank, a truck pulled up on the other side of the gas pumps. As the driver exited his car, he spat onto the medium between us. A few minutes later while gassing his vehicle, he sneezed a couple of times (and I was glad there was a gas pump between us!!). My initial response was to be grossed out and think he was thoughtless and crude. When I reflected on what Jesus would do (sorry for the true but old cliché), I knew my hostility needed to change to acceptance. We never had eye contact; he never looked my way, so he saw neither my hostile eyes nor my accepting eyes. But God did and I did.

How's your light shining during these dark times? I'm sure many of you are a beacon of hope and love to others. Please don't find this as a time to cut others off, or to project your own fears and frustration onto others, but rather let it be a time to reach out and help, to **be strong – be kind** so that others will know Jesus' love and light through us. May it be so!

De Colores, Ann Hagmann SD

### **March Gathering Business Meeting Highlights**

Meeting was cancelled due to Coronavirus guidelines for social distancing. Our prayers were lifted in unison for the health of our friends and our world.

**Needing CHILDCARE for our GATHERINGS?  
Please contact Sarah Shackelford at (512) 508-2659  
ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE GATHERING!**

### **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](mailto:mileslm75@gmail.com).

### **AGAPE LOVE**



During this time of isolation let your creative energy flow and prepare Agape for upcoming walks.

Create cards of encouragement – all you need is index cards or notecards. Handwrite or print your favorite scripture on them.

Birthday candles, pennies, band-aids, coupons, Q-tips, and rocks can all be turned into messages of encouragement. If you need ideas email Linda Miles or Terry France (email addresses at end of newsletter)

Make 65 and give your finished products to Terry France or Nikki Underwood when we get back together.

From Compelling Truth website at <https://www.compellingtruth.org/agape-love.html>

*Agape*, and its verb form *agapao*, is one of the several Greek words for love. The Bible also mentions *phileo*, or brotherly love, and refers to *eros*, erotic love. The Greeks also spoke of *storge*, which is a love between family members.

*Agape* love is a little different. It is not a feeling; it's a motivation for action that we are free to choose or reject. *Agape* is a sacrificial love that voluntarily suffers inconvenience, discomfort, and even death for the benefit of another without expecting anything in return. We are called to *agape* love through Christ's example: "Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God" (Ephesians 5:1-2).

Although 1 Corinthians 13 is known as the chapter on love, there is no book that speaks more about *agape* than 1 John. Two important themes come out of 1 John. The first is that it is inconsistent and false to claim we *agape* love God while not *agape* loving other believers. We cannot love God without loving brothers and sisters who also love Him. The second is that it is inconsistent and false to claim we *agape* love God if we don't obey Him. It is impossible to love God while ignoring what He says. The two are inextricably connected, as Galatians 5:14 says: "For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"

## DEVOTION ON HOPE

### FROM TERRY FRANCE

Beloved Friends,

A dear friend sent this video a few days ago: <https://vimeo.com/410734024>

Grace and Peace,

Terry



**SERVICE OF  
WHOLENESS/TAIZE**

May 24 at 6:30 PM

We will publish virtual access if  
we get it again this month.

*Loving God and Seeking  
the Sacred in the Ordinary*  
**Answering God's Call**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

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

**Upcoming Fourth Day Speakers**

**Please consider presenting the 4<sup>th</sup> Day  
Talk at a gathering this year. See the  
simple Talk Guidelines at the bottom of  
this newsletter. Both you and the  
community will be blessed by your  
witness.**

<b>June 21</b>	<b>Nikki Underwood</b>
<b>July 19</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>August 16</b>	<b>Carolyn Henry</b>
<b>September 20</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>October 18</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>November 15</b>	<b>Elaine Jackson</b>
<b>December 20</b>	<b>Ann &amp; John</b>

**Please contact Ronan Shackelford or  
Mary Jane Berry if you are willing to  
present your witness.**

## UPCOMING CENTRAL TEXAS WALKS

### **Women's Walk 448 – Rescheduled for 2021**

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

### **Women's Walk 450 - Jul 9-12 may be rescheduled; watch next newsletter for final decision.**

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

### **Women's Walk 452 - Oct 8-11**

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

### **Men's Walk 447 – Rescheduled for 2021**

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

### **Men's Walk 449 – Rescheduled for 2021**

Heart of Texas Baptist Camp, Brownwood, TX  
Sponsoring 4th Day Group: Pecan Valley

### **Men's Walk 451 - Sep 10-13**

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

### **Men's Walk 453 - Oct 22-25**

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

**Sign up for participation on a team!!! Contact Crystal Jackson 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>.**

### **Greater Austin Emmaus Community 2020 Walks**

**NOTE: Because of the Coronavirus, we have moved Women's Walk #147 from May 14 – 17 to July 30 – August 2.**

#### **Women's Walk #147**

Deena Raynor, Lay Director  
Nancy Mossman, Spiritual Director  
Lynn Magee, Board Rep.  
Steven Scott, Servant Team Coor.

#### **July 30 – August 2, 2020**

Contact: [Deena@austinemmaus.org](mailto:Deena@austinemmaus.org)  
Contact: [Lynn@austinemmaus.org](mailto:Lynn@austinemmaus.org)  
Contact: [Steven@austinemmaus.org](mailto:Steven@austinemmaus.org)

#### **Women's Walk #148**

Debby Duplantis, Lay Director  
Spiritual Director TBD  
Diane Merwarth, Board Rep.  
Bob Duplantis, Servant Team Coor.

#### **November 5 – 8, 2020**

Contact: [Debby@austinemmaus.org](mailto:Debby@austinemmaus.org)  
Contact: [Diane@austinemmaus.org](mailto:Diane@austinemmaus.org)  
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Both of these Walks will be held at Eagle's Wings Retreat Center in Burnet.  
The fee is \$210.00 each.



## OUR WONDERFUL LEADERSHIP

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## REUNION GROUPS

### WOMEN'S REUNION GROUPS:

<b>MONDAY "Pass it On"</b> 5:15 P.M. (1st and 3rd Monday)	FULL
Linda Lindell 512-863-8161 <a href="mailto:Lindell108@gmail.com">Lindell108@gmail.com</a>	
<b>MONDAY "The GoForthers"</b> 5:00 P.M. St. John UMC Horizon House	OPEN
Carolyn Henry 512-217-0879 <a href="mailto:hnrlyucas@aol.com">hnrlyucas@aol.com</a>	
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> THURSDAY "Soul Sisters"</b> 3:30 p.m. meeting virtually now	OPEN
Diane Nickerson <a href="mailto:dnickerson314@gmail.com">dnickerson314@gmail.com</a>	
<b>THURSDAY "Rainbow Connection"</b> 7:00 a.m. FUMC Library	OPEN
Jeannine Fairburn 512-863-5962 <a href="mailto:jw5689f@suddenlink.net">jw5689f@suddenlink.net</a>	
<b>THURSDAY "Lifetime Reunion Group"</b> 9:00 A.M. McDonald's (Williams Dr.)	OPEN
Barbara Knorre 512-863-9708 <a href="mailto:bknorre@suddenlink.net">bknorre@suddenlink.net</a>	
<b>FRIDAY "Grace Galore"</b> 10:00 A.M. FUMC, room 301	OPEN
Nancy Marsh 512-864-6501 <a href="mailto:nmarshtx@earthlink.net">nmarshtx@earthlink.net</a>	
<b>SATURDAY "Saturday Sisters"</b> 8:00 A.M. City Market, Sun City	OPEN
Mary Meoli Johnson 512-636-5572 <a href="mailto:meolix@gmail.com">meolix@gmail.com</a>	

### MEN'S REUNION GROUPS:

<b>MONDAY "Hombres DeColores"</b> 7:00 A.M. Wesleyan Assisted Living	OPEN
Terry Reed 512-484-3953 <a href="mailto:treed930@yahoo.com">treed930@yahoo.com</a>	
<b>MONDAY. "Wellspring Men's Reunion Group"</b> noon Whataburger	OPEN
Bob Miles <a href="mailto:milesrm71@gmail.com">milesrm71@gmail.com</a> 512 656-3313	
<b>SATURDAY "Eye of the Storm"</b> 7:00 A.M. Mariachis De Jalisco, Williams Drive	OPEN
Ken Sommerville 512-810-3848	