

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! GEORGETOWN GATHERINGS!!

<u>MAY 15</u>: First UMC <u>JUNE 12</u>: St John's UMC (2nd Sunday due to Father's Day) <u>JULY 17</u>: First UMC <u>AUGUST 21</u>: St John's UMC

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

Rooster Crow May 2022

GEORGETOWN EMMAUS COMMUNITY GATHERING Sunday, May 15 At 5:30 p.m.

First United Methodist Church 410 East University Avenue

FOURTH DAY SPEAKER: Brenda Rumbellow

The May Gathering will be held the third week of May with Brenda Rumbellow bringing our 4th day message. We will celebrate the agape feast following the service for fellowship, fun, and food. Bring your favorite potluck dish!!!

Georgetown Emmaus Gatherings are still in need of 4th Day speakers for the remainder of 2022. We are all waiting expectantly to hear YOUR witness. Please look to God for courage and inspiration in sharing with the Emmaus Community.

Upcoming Fourth Day Speakers								
-		t a gathering this year. See our						
Georgetown Emmaus Webs	ite for 4 th Day Talk	c Information.						
May 15	First UMC	Brenda Rumbellow						
June 12	St John UMC	Carolyn Henry and Linda Lindell						
July 17	First UMC	Open						
August 21	St John UMC	Mary Jane Berry						
September 18	First UMC	Open						
October 16	St John UMC	Open						
November 20	First UMC	Open						
		Rumbellow or Carolyn Henry if you ut the 2022 gatherings and your call						

to witness.



Hello Emmaus Co-Journeyers,

I was reading the Scriptures the other night, and I was struck by a passage Paul wrote to the Galatians in Chapter 5 verse 6:"For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything; <u>the only thing that counts is faith working through love</u>." Paul wrote these words during the height of the controversy about the need for Gentiles to be circumcised. But the next words cut to our core - <u>the only thing that counts is faith working through love</u>. Each of us must embody in our lives faith working through love ... in how we treat our families, how we interact at work etc. That is a lot of faith working through love for the rest of our lives! So remain strong, go to your Source - Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the Good Shepherd, go where you find the most comfort and connection. And stay plugged in. Wishing each of you the grace and strength necessary for your life. God bless you.



The April gathering was held in person at St John's United Methodist Church. We were blessed to have Guy Foster as our 4th day speaker. Guy just completed his walk in February and his message was a reminder to us all of the love, excitement, and blessings of each of our Walks and our 4th day journey with Christ. 25 members of the community enjoyed the talk, worship, and fellowship at the Agape meal after. Hoping everyone joins us next month as we journey together on this walk with Christ.





EMMAUS Sponsorship

Good sponsorship is vital to the integrity of the Walk to Emmaus. Many people take sponsorship for granted; they assume that everyone knows the how and why of sponsorship. Yet sponsorship is arguably the most important job in Emmaus. It is more than just "signing up people". The quality of sponsorship influences the pilgrim, the health of the Emmaus Movement, and the churches affected by the movement.

Good sponsorship is your first act of agape before a Walk ever begins; the experience of the Walk for a pilgrim really starts with how we handle sponsorship.

Good sponsorship undergirds the whole weekend with sacrificial love on behalf of each pilgrim. Sponsors use discernment in recruiting pilgrims, Sponsors embody the personal commitment of the community to each pilgrim, and Sponsors provide personal acts of agape during the three days for the pilgrims. These acts of agape include signing up for the prayer vigils, collecting Agape letters, and taking their pilgrim to Send off at your church if there is one, attending Candlelight and Closing, and following up to help your pilgrim get connected.

Good sponsorship is the foundation for a healthy, effective Emmaus movement that is fulfilling its true purpose – the development of Christian leaders and the renewal of the church in ministry. The strength of any Emmaus community is a direct result of its recruiting practices. If the community is committed to recruiting strong church leaders for the purpose of strengthening the local church, then the community will be a strong, vital force in the renewal movement. If, on the other hand, the Walk to Emmaus is looked upon as a hospital where every human ill can be cured, it will have a weakening effect on the entire community.

The following is taken from DAY FOUR: The Pilgrim's Continued Journey. . .

- 1. Pray for the person's openness to God's call to discipleship, not for how to get him or her to go on a walk.
- 2. Make an appointment with the person or couple for the purpose of discussing their participation in Emmaus.
- 3. Extend an invitation. Invite them to attend for the sake of a more vital relationship with Jesus Christ, not just a weekend to go on. Share your faith; explain the basic elements of the walk, its purpose and follow-up dimensions which help us live in grace for the rest of our lives. Have the attitude that you are giving them a wonderful gift rather than that they need to go.
- 4. Ask them to make a commitment by filling out the registration form. If the person is married, speak with both partners and encourage an equal commitment by both spouses.
- 5. Sing up for the Prayer Vigil, prepare agape letters, enlist the support of their pastor. Collect ten or more personal agape letters. Remind them "No personal gifts during the weekend". Agape must be for all pilgrims.
- 6. Support the Walk through your prayers by signing up for a slot during the 72-hour prayer vigil and by your presence at the send-off, sponsors hour, Candlelight, and Closing. Support the Pilgrim's family by house sitting, babysitting, and watering plants, picking up the mail, feeding pets or just checking in with the spouse to see if any help is needed.
- 7. Encourage the Pilgrim in his or her Fourth day involvement. Give your friend an opportunity to talk through and appreciate the experience. Help them find a reunion group. Or, be prepared to start a group with him or her for a period of time until they find others to be in the group. Take them to Gatherings as your guest for a couple of months.
- 8. Help the pilgrim reenter their Church and consider ways to act out new commitment and enthusiasm.
- 9. Inform the Pilgrim of how he or she can serve the Emmaus community and future walks.
- 10.Help the Pilgrim sponsor others after 12 months. New pilgrims must wait 12 months before serving as a sponsor.

Sponsorship is an act of love for God, for the Pilgrims, for the Emmaus Community, and for the church. It is a demonstration of agape love. It is making oneself an instrument of prevenient Grace.

PILGRIMS ARE PRECIOUS, HANDLE WITH PRAYER "..serve one another in love." Galatians 5:13

Devotion shared by Mary Jane Berry "Take Up The Cross" by Max Lucado

Luke 9:22-24

²² And he said, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life." ²³ Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. ²⁴ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.

Four soldiers. One criminal. One cross. Simon, a farmer, stands among the crowd and can't see the man's face, only a head wreathed with thorny branches. Jesus stops in front of Simon and heaves for air. The beam rubbing against an already raw back. "His name is Jesus," someone speaks.

"Move on!" commands the executioner. But Jesus can't, and the beam begins to sway. Simon instinctively extends his strong hands and catches the cross. "You! Take the cross." Simon dares to object. "I don't care," the soldier says, "take up the cross!"

Simon did literally what God calls us to do figuratively—take up the cross and follow Jesus. Luke 9:23 says, *"If any of you want to be my followers, you must forget yourself. You must take up your cross each day and follow me."*



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

TREASURER'S REPORT: Balance for January

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Georgetown Ecumenical Wholeness (Taize) Service



May 22, 2022 @ 6:30 pm – 7:45 pm San Gabriel Presbyterian Church, Georgetown, Texas 5404 Williams Drive Georgetown Texas 78633

The Georgetown Ecumenical Wholeness Service continues in-person services in 2021-2022, with its ninth and season finale gathering on May 22, 2022. This season, we will meet at <u>San Gabriel</u> <u>Presbyterian Church, Georgetown Texas</u>. <u>All services are open to the public</u>.

As before, we will pray together by combining two very special types of worship services: the Service of Healing and Wholeness and Taizé Common Prayers. We are a diverse community of area Christians, and these services are open to all who would come. Songs are sung from the Community of Taizé. Opportunities are given for intercessory prayer and the lighting of candles. A time is set aside for anointing by ministers. Communion is offered to all in attendance, with pre-packaged and gluten-free elements available.

About the meditations: Our subject for the coming season is, "The Lord's Prayer." Brief homilies will be prepared by area ministers, and guided by a senior pastor. On May 22, Rev. Dr. Ann Hagmann will share our final message of this season.

CENTRAL TEXAS EMMAUS



Tina LaCagnina, CTC Emmaus Board Representative, continues to support our Georgetown Emmaus Community on the Central Texas Emmaus board. The walks for 2022 dates have been published on the CTC Emmaus website as shown below.

The All Conference Gathering will be held in Hillsboro on Saturday, August 6. This is a joyous gathering of many to celebrate the Emmaus Communities and God's goodness. More information can be found on the Central Texas Website at <u>http://ctcemmaus.org</u>. Here is the location and time information so you can plan on attending:

Saturday, August 6, 2022 From 9am - 2pm First United Methodist Church 315 E Elm Street Hillsboro, TX 76645

Sign up for participation on a team!!! Contact Tina LaCagnina or Anne Castle if you are ever interested in serving on a team. You can find the team and pilgrim application forms at <u>http://ctcemmaus.org/index.php/downloads</u> **The Pilgrims and you will all be blessed by participating in the Emmaus weekend.**

Central Texas Emmaus 2022 Women's Walks

Walk 467 - Sep 22-25 Solid Rock Camp, Eastland, TX Sponsoring 4th Day Group: TBD

Walk 468 - Oct 6-9 Greene Family Camp, Bruceville, TX Sponsoring 4th Day Group: TBD

Central Texas Emmaus 2022 Men's Walks

Walk 466 - Sep 8-11 Latham Springs Baptist Camp, Aquilla, TX Sponsoring 4th Day Group: Open Door

Walk 469 - Oct 20-23 Glen Lake Camp and Retreat Center, Glen Rose, TX Sponsoring 4th Day Group: Tarrant County

Please discern where God is calling you to sponsor a Pilgrim on a walk. Applications for the walks for both men and women are being accepted now.

Greater Austin Emmaus Community



The GAEC Fourth Day Community has reserved the 2022 Walk dates. They will sponsor a Women's Walk May 12-15,2022 and a Men's Walk November 3-6, 2022. Please start discussing the Walk to Emmaus with people you know and start sponsoring people for the two weekends. For more walk information from Greater Austin Emmaus visit their website at https://www.austinemmaus.org/. With the hope of Jesus, we continue to step forward one day at a time. Thank you for all you are doing to keep hope alive, and continued blessings on you and all those around you.

De Colores!

Steven Scott, Lay Director, GAEC

OUR WONDERFUL GEORGETOWN EMMAUS COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Many thanks to each of those below who have agreed to serve in their role for 2022 for the Emmaus Community.

- Spiritual Director: Rev. Dr. Ann Hagmann
- Co-Lay Directors: Carolyn Henry
- Co-Lay Directors: Brenda Rumbellow
- AV/Technical support: Tim Nickerson
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- Music Director: Janet Pyle
- Treasurer: Chris at FUMC
- 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
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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	ТҮРЕ	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	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	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	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	Chandler Park	open	Bill Marsh	(512) 635-0035	<u>bill.marsh.tx@gmail.com</u>
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