

# Rooster Crow May 2023



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!**  
**GEORGETOWN GATHERINGS!!**

**MAY 21: First UMC**  
**JUNE 18: St John's UMC**  
**JULY 16: Wellspring UMC**  
**AUGUST 20: First UMC**  
**SEPTEMBER 17: St John's UMC**

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

**GEORGETOWN EMMAUS  
COMMUNITY GATHERING**  
**Sunday, May 21**  
**At 5:30 p.m.**  
**First United Methodist Church**  
**410 East University Avenue**

## **FOURTH DAY SPEAKER: Terry France**

Join Georgetown Emmaus on May 21 at First 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 4<sup>th</sup> Day Talk at a gathering this year. See our Georgetown Emmaus Website for 4<sup>th</sup> Day Talk Information.**

<b>May 21</b>	<b>First UMC</b>	<b>Terry France</b>
<b>June 18</b>	<b>St John UMC</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>July 16</b>	<b>Wellspring UMC</b>	<b>Agape Party</b>
<b>August 20</b>	<b>First UMC</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>September 17</b>	<b>St John UMC</b>	<b>Open</b>

**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 John Clifford**

We are now past Easter in the Christian year; what's next? Formally, these are the "Great Fifty Days" of celebrating the Risen Lord, lasting until Pentecost. After the darkness and dullness of Lent, this is a season of light and joy. We have recovered hope, and experience the promises of God's grace.

Tucked into this season is a day we often forget or skip over. This year May 18 – a Thursday forty days after Easter – is Ascension Day. This is when we observe Jesus' final departure from the disciples as he ascends to heaven. He instructs them to wait for the Holy Spirit, which soon arrives and empowers them; but we miss something important. Now the disciples – even to disciples of today – are "in charge" of God's Kingdom on earth – not entirely alone, for the Spirit walks alongside us – but the Spirit can only enable when disciples are available and ready.

As we gather this month, keep that in mind. WE are God's hands and feet and voice and heart in today's world. We are the disciples of today.

**DE COLORES!! John**



## **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)

### **GT COMMUNITY TREASURER'S REPORT:**

**Balance as of April**

**\$1442.14**



## Greetings From Your Lay Directors



De Colores Friends,

At St. Johns, we have been studying “The Chosen” series. One of the questions in last week’s study guide was this: “When it comes to your plans, are you hoping God blesses what you want to do? Or has what you want to do been authorized by God? Incidentally, how can you tell the difference?” This is something I’ve thought about a lot over the years. It’s not as though God speaks to us from the clouds or with a human type voice, so how can you know for sure what God’s leading and calling is? I think God speaks to us through scripture, songs, sermons and conversations with friends. We have ALL these things in our monthly Gatherings. All the more reason to attend and enjoy fellowship, good food, and .... Maybe ... you will hear the voice of God there too.

*DeColores!*

*Carolyn Henry*

### Georgetown Emmaus Community

April 16, 2023



**Bob Miles, 4<sup>th</sup> Day Speaker**

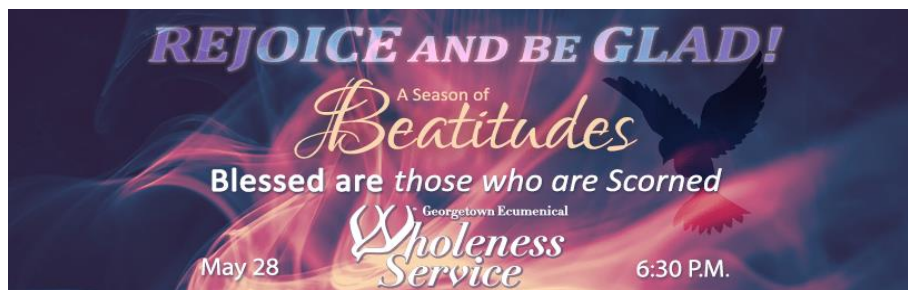


## 2023 Central Texas Conference Emmaus Gathering

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 [ctemmaus@yahoo.com](mailto:ctemmaus@yahoo.com)



## Georgetown Ecumenical Wholeness Service



May 28, 2023 @ 6:30 pm – 7:45 pm  
San Gabriel Presbyterian Church  
5404 Williams Dr Georgetown, TX 78633

The Georgetown Ecumenical Wholeness Service continues in-person services in 2022-2023, with its ninth, season finale service gathering on May 28, 2023. This year, we celebrate a season of Beatitudes with monthly speakers from the pastoral community of our Williamson County partner churches. We will meet at San Gabriel Presbyterian Church, Georgetown Texas. All services are open to the public.

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.



## Devotion from Linda Miles

Many of us gathered on Saturday, May 29, to celebrate the life of George Brightwell. George was a long-time co-journeyer in the Emmaus Community and a great witness to our walk with Jesus down the road to Emmaus. He will be missed!! As a tribute to George, I want to share an excerpt from Rev. Dr. Jeff Smith's sermon given at the celebration of life. You can find the whole sermon on Jeff's blog at <https://pastorjeffsmith.com/>

"If you asked George about his Christian journey, he would tell the story of a time that was truly transformative. George shared his testimony in this very chapel on March 4, 1993, and I promised him that I would share the main portion of it with you here. Listen to George's words:

*One Saturday morning, during a week-end program at the church, a fellow whom he had only met the night before, a fellow whom he had not had a chance to manipulate into being convinced that he was really (on the outside) a "good guy," a fellow from Mississippi, who looked like he could have played middle linebacker for the Packers, enfolded him in his arms and said, "George, God loves you and I love you." Love me? God love me? I, uh ... I couldn't possibly have earned enough brownie points yet! But (a miracle!) the message came through, the shell cracked, the manipulative devices began to disintegrate, and I began to live life directly, not through an intellectual filter of my own devising. I began to feel life, to deal in a real way with the trash inside me that I didn't even want GOD to know about. I began to love. I began to live as a man of faith. A flame extinguished more than twenty years before was rekindled.*

*That Saturday morning was twenty-five years ago this past weekend [which would have been the end of February 1968]. Tommy Giordano no longer lives in Jackson, Mississippi, and I was not able to find him this past week to tell him what GOD did for me through him and that the flame is still alive. That grace never gives up. That the spirit of GOD never keeps as strict a schedule as we do. I thank Tommy and others like him, and I thank GOD for giving my life back to me. It hasn't been easy since that Saturday, but it has been wonderful. The abundant life is full of love and joy, but it is not devoid of pain. Yet the pain is not self-inflicted; it comes from the richness of life, full of human relationships and all the joys and sorrows involved in loving self, others, GOD, the world. Loving self, the self which before I feared and hated. Loving others, the wife and friends who before I feared and manipulated (in the name of love, for GOD's sake!). Loving GOD, who before could not possibly have loved someone like me ... I wasn't good enough! Loving the world, that nasty old cruel world, which GOD loves so much, but I couldn't."*

May each of us, as we walk with our Lord, practice LOVE . . . of self, others, and God!!!



## 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.

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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 <http://ctcemmaus.org/index.php/downloads>

**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



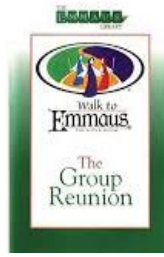
### **From the Greater Austin Emmaus Community**

**2023 Walks at Eagle's Wings Retreat Center**  
**Women's Walk #149 scheduled for May 4-7, 2023**  
**Candlelight Saturday May 6 at 7:30 pm**

#### **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](https://www.austinemmaus.org) website. Scholarships are available and forms are on the website at <https://www.austinemmaus.org/>.

# 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	<a href="mailto:Lindell108@gmail.com">Lindell108@gmail.com</a>
The Go Fourthers	Women	Monday	5:00 PM	St John UMC Horizon	open	Carolyn Henry	(512) 217-0879	<a href="mailto:hnylucas@aol.com">hnylucas@aol.com</a>
Soul Sisters	Women	Thursday 2nd & 4th	1:00 PM	Sun City	open	Dianne Nickerson	(817) 269-4149	<a href="mailto:dnickerson314@gmail.com">dnickerson314@gmail.com</a>
Rainbow Connection	Women	Thursday	7:00 AM	FUMC Library	open	Jeannine Fairburn	(512) 863-5962	<a href="mailto:jw5689f@suddenlink.net">jw5689f@suddenlink.net</a>
Lifetime Reunion	Women	Thursday	9:00 AM	Barbara Knorre Home	Closed - Full	Barbara Knorre	(512) 863-9708	<a href="mailto:bknorre@suddenlink.net">bknorre@suddenlink.net</a>
Grace Galore	Women	Friday	10:00 AM	Zoom	open	Nancy Marsh	(512) 635-0036	<a href="mailto:nmarshtx@earthlink.net">nmarshtx@earthlink.net</a>
Saturday Sisters	Women	Saturday	8:00 AM	City Market, Sun City	open	Mary Meoli Johnson	(512) 636-5572	<a href="mailto:meolitx@gmail.com">meolitx@gmail.com</a>
Wesleyan Women	Women	Wednesday	8:00 AM	Zoom	open	Mary Powell	(512) 740-8984	<a href="mailto:maryfisherp@gmail.com">maryfisherp@gmail.com</a>
Hombres DeColores	Men	Monday	8:00 AM	San Gabriel Park	open	Bill Marsh	(512) 635-0035	<a href="mailto:bill.marsh.tx@gmail.com">bill.marsh.tx@gmail.com</a>
Eye of the Storm	Men	Saturday	7:00 AM	Mariachis De Jalisco	open	Ken Sommerville	(512) 810-3848	<a href="mailto:ksommerville@yahoo.com">ksommerville@yahoo.com</a>