

ROOSTER CROW



May 2024

MAY 19: First UMC

JUNE 16: St. John's GMC

JULY 21: Wellspring UMC

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

GEORGETOWN EMMAUS 4th DAY GATHERING

Sunday, May 19

At 5:30 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

410 East University Avenue



**Make a friend.
Be a friend.
Bring a friend
to Christ.**

FOURTH DAY SPEAKER: Brenda Rumbellow

Join Georgetown Emmaus on Sunday May 19 for our first gathering at First United Methodist Church. Our lay director, Brenda Rumbellow, will present the 4th day talk and we look forward to hearing from her. We hope all our Emmaus Co-Journeymers can join us for an evening of Worship and Fellowship. Please note that we need a 4th day speaker for June. If you are willing to do this, let Brenda know.

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.

May 19	First UMC	Brenda Rumbellow
June 16	St John GMC	Open
July 21	Wellspring UMC	Agape Party
August 18	First UMC	Rita Handley
September 15	St John's GMC	Open
October 20	The Wesleyan	Open
November 17	First UMC	Open
December 15	St John's GMC	Spiritual Directors

Thank you to each of you who will share your witness with the Emmaus community. Please contact Brenda Rumbellow or Linda Miles if you are willing to present a 4th Day Talk at a gathering.



Spiritual Director
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Rev John Clifford
Rev Mary Powell
Rev Bob Sinclair

The Emmaus spiritual director is trained to listen, discern and sometimes ask questions. The task of the spiritual director is to diligently pay attention to the person's story and the Spirit, and to encourage spiritual growth. Thanks to each of our spiritual directors for being there for each of us in the Emmaus community.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS

Easter was quite early this year – and Pentecost follows early too.

For forty days, the disciples enjoyed Jesus' fellowship as He continued to teach them and guide them. This must have been a thrilling time to be a disciple! And then, after forty days, Jesus is gone, ascending to the Father, telling them to wait for the Holy Spirit. Surely, they must have asked themselves, "what now?!"

The answer comes soon afterward, on the Jewish festival of Pentecost, when they experience the true power of the Spirit, and are reminded again of their call, Jesus' command to go to all nations with the Good News of God's love.

Today the church takes those fifty days from Easter to Pentecost as a season of celebration and rejoicing – realizing that following this is the real challenge of discipleship: being the hands and feet and voice of God in the world.

Jesus had ascended; now they are God's representatives on earth. And ow, WE are God's witnesses in our world.

May we be as kind and loving, as gracious and merciful as our Lord, and remember, the Spirit is with us always.



De Colores !!

Rev John Clifford



Greetings From Your Lay Directors

The Georgetown Emmaus Community had a wonderful gathering on Sunday, April 21 held for the first time at The Wesleyan. We had a record crowd of thirty-five attendees including close to twenty new attendee residents of the Wesleyan. It was a joyful time of worship and fellowship. Rev. Dr. Dan Bonner presented the fourth day talk reminding us all of the call to make disciples and welcome others to fellowship with Christ through our own walk to Emmaus.

Thanks to Clint, Guy and Mike for serving as music team again this month. The music was heavenly and the joy radiated throughout the room. Join us next month for an uplifting gathering worship service at First United Methodist.

DeColores!

Linda Miles and Brenda Rumbellow



Georgetown Emmaus
4th Day Group
Gathering
April 21, 2024
5:30 pm Singing and
Worship
6:30 pm Potluck



GT COMMUNITY TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance as of April

Approximately \$800.00

A DEVOTION

From the April Emmaus E-News

WORDS FOR REFLECTION

"The angel said to the women, '... He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.'" —Matthew 28:5-6 (NIV)

The angel's words capture the heart of the Easter celebration for Christians - the resurrection of Jesus Christ. They serve as a powerful reminder of the hope and promise of new life that Easter brings. They encourage believers to embrace the transformative power of faith and to live each day in the light of Christ's victory.

Between now and Pentecost Sunday, I invite you to continue reflecting on the profound impact of Jesus' resurrection and its significance on your faith journey. The following questions may serve as a guide for your reflection. You may also want to keep a journal to keep track of and further reflect on what comes to mind.

1. Hope and Renewal: In what ways does the resurrection give you hope and assurance of renewal, both spiritually and in your life circumstances?
2. Transformative Power: In what ways has the resurrection of Jesus transformed your understanding of love, forgiveness, and grace?
3. Living in the Light of Resurrection: How can you live each day in the light of Christ's resurrection, embodying His love, compassion, and redemption?
4. Easter Beyond the Celebration: How can you carry the message and meaning of Easter beyond the holiday celebration and integrate it into your daily life, relationships, and actions?

Go with God, Hope, and Love! De Colores!!

Rev. Stéphane Brooks
on behalf of The Upper Room Emmaus Ministries staff

2023-2024 GEORGETOWN ECUMENICAL WHOLENESS SERVICE

What is the Wholeness Service?

History

The Georgetown Ecumenical Wholeness Service started in the late 1990's at First Presbyterian Church as a ministry of healing prayer for those in need. As it grew, it attracted other churches and soon formed an ecumenical circle of leadership. After a few years, the service adopted a second style of contemplative prayer. Named for the French Christian community of the same name, Taizé Common Prayer now intersects with the original service of Healing and Wholeness, expanding the opportunities to connect with the Holy Spirit. Supported by a fellowship of Christians in Greater Williamson County, Texas, the Wholeness Service may take place in any of its partner churches. Our host for the current season is San Gabriel Presbyterian Church, Georgetown, Texas.

Prayers from Taizé

Congregational songs in our services are an ancient form of contemplative prayer. In Taizé, France, a worldwide congregation of monks and pilgrims pray together three times daily. Based on early Christian chant, their united voices sing short, easy phrases,

repeated many times. Each song is enhanced by vocal and instrumental solos. Like the Taizé congregations, we find that singing together helps to open our hearts to the Spirit, encouraging our focus on God alone. Also in the tradition of Taizé, we observe a long moment of silence, deep in each Wholeness Service. During this moment we pause to sit silently with God.

Candlelight Intercession

Intercessory prayers are the heart of the Wholeness Service. From its beginnings, people met to pray for each other and for personal needs. Prayers are offered for neighbors and for the world. All concerns are welcomed, and all are invited to speak at the appropriate time. Following group intercession, every person is given the chance to light a candle representing their prayers.

Anointing with Oil

During candle lighting, there is an opportunity for private prayer accompanied by the laying on of hands and anointing with oil. You can receive prayer for yourself or for another. Private prayer with a pastor is also offered in a secluded space. If you would like prayer at your seat, please let us know. We will be happy to serve you in place.

Illumination of Scripture

Brief messages are presented each month by ministers of the Word. Combined with song and prayer, scriptural illumination adds God's Word to the evening's meditation. Messages are focused—topically and scripturally—in ways that help the assembly to discern and commune with the Holy Spirit. Each year features a new set of topics. For the 2023-2024 season, we welcome you with a series on called "Pursuing Peace."

Open Communion

Understanding that the communion table is the Lord's Table and not the property of any church or group, we celebrate the reality of Jesus' love for everyone.

All are welcome and embraced here.

We gather in wholeness around the table as the children of God to feed on Christ's Grace, which bids us all to come and join in communion. Gluten free elements are an option, as is service at your seat.

Pursuing Peace

2023-2024

6:30p.m. in the Church Sanctuary of San Gabriel Presbyterian Church

September 24, 2023	Love Your Neighbor
October 22, 2023	Be Not Afraid
November 19, 2023	From Anger to Peace
December 17, 2023	Peace for All
January 28, 2024	Peace Within
February 25, 2024	Forgiving Peace
March 24, 2024	Believing in Peace
April 28, 2024	Power of Peace
May 26, 2024	Responsible Peace

Additional Events

August 27, 2023	Singalong Social 4:00—6:00 PM
November 1, 2023	All Saints' Observance (Outdoors at Sunset)

Worship Leadership Team:

Rev. Steve Buchele, Rev. John Clifford, Jim Deuser, Rev. Vicki Joy McClure, Ginger Mann, Sean Mann, Rev. Mary Powell, Rev. Mary Sallet, and Karen Strange

SAVE THE DATES

The Upper Room Emmaus Ministries Office invites you to save the following dates.

DAY FOUR RESTORE: June 29, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (CT)



Join us for the first offering of Day Four Restore Year Three
June 29, 2024 9:00 a.m. — 3:30 p.m. (Central Time)

Day Four Restore Year Three (*of the three-year cycle*) is the first hosting of the new materials in the one-day retreat model designed to refresh the spirit and renew the commitment of those who have attended any Fourth Day movement event. As we worship, pray, listen to speakers, and share together, participants will experience God's grace in new and refreshing ways.

Together, we will be renewed in our faith and inspired for ongoing leadership and service. This event also promises to be an excellent opportunity for communities interested in hosting Day Four Restore in the future.

REGISTER FOR DAY FOUR RESTORE

Year Three Agenda (all times listed are Central Time)

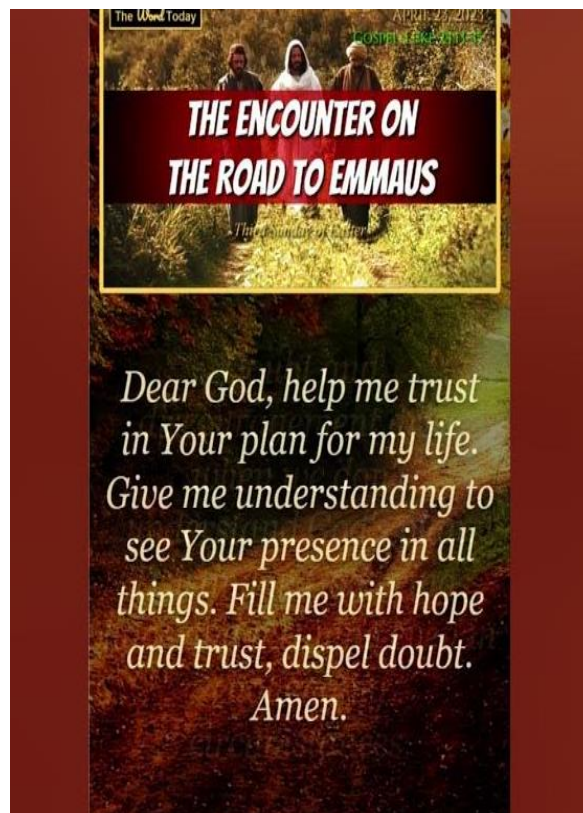
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| 9:00 a.m. | Spiritual and Lay Directors openings and devotional table introductions |
| 9:30 | Spiritual Directors' meditation |
| 10:00 | Talk #1 given by the Spiritual Director |
| 11:15 | Talk #2 given by the Lay Director |
| Noon | Break for lunch |
| 1:00 p.m. | Spiritual Practice Exercise - <i>Loving the World with God in a Fourth Day Lifestyle</i> |
| 3:15 | Closing with a Love Feast |

Register for the inaugural Day Four Restore Year Three virtual event [here](#).

PRAYERS FOR CENTRAL TEXAS WALK TO EMMAUS MINISTRIES

The Georgetown Emmaus Leadership is asking for all of the community to be in prayer for the life of the Walk to Emmaus in Central Texas, Georgetown and in Austin. As the Emmaus Ministry declines in some areas, leadership is looking for ways to solidify our presence and support to the local churches in our area. Many of the CTC 4th Day groups find that the size of the Central Texas Conference Emmaus Community (formed around the previous UMC conference boundaries) and the lack of Board representation in the southern most area is detrimental to the mission of Emmaus. The results of this structure is that Walk dates are being changed and Walk sites are being eliminated which causes confusion and extra work for the teams volunteering to plan and execute our walks. The Austin Community is finding that the distance between churches and the aging out of participants is causing lack of participation in gatherings and walk teams.

Together these leadership teams are looking for solutions that will sustain and grow our Emmaus ministries. They are meeting at the local 4th Day Group gatherings to ask for all of our prayers for this effort. Tina LaCagnina (Georgetown 4th Day Group and prior CTC Emmaus Board Rep) and Steven Scott (Lay Director of Greater Austing Emmaus Community) presented at the Georgetown gathering an initial look at these issues and at their work to find and implement a solution that would be beneficial to us and our future Emmaus Pilgrims. In future gatherings with Georgetown, they will report their progress in these initial efforts and take suggestions and comments on how to move forward. Until then, they ask you to be in prayer for Emmaus leadership and the vision of making disciples through Emmaus ministries.





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



Central Texas Emmaus Walk Information

Below please find updated information on the remaining Walks to be held by the Central Texas Conference Emmaus Ministries in 2024. As a reminder, Walks have to have 20 pilgrims confirmed two weeks out for a Walk to make. Sadly the past two Walks have not made due to lack of pilgrims. Men's Walk 481 currently has 25 pilgrim and is a go! There are more openings for that Walk as well as the four additional Walks in the fall. It is not too late to get someone signed up for one of these fall Walks. Start promoting these Walks within your church and area. Who do you know that you want to share the Walk to Emmaus with? The cost for Walks for pilgrims and team members is \$225.00. Pilgrim Applications are available at www.ctcemmaus.org.



Central Texas Conference Emmaus Ministries Upcoming 2024 Walks

Men's Walk 481 May 2 - 5
Solid Rock Camp
599 CR 570A, Eastland, Texas, 76448

Men's Walk 482 September 5 - 8
Latham Springs Camp
134 Private Road 223, Aquilla, Texas 76622

Women's Walk 483 September 19-22
Solid Rock Camp
599 CR 570A, Eastland, Texas, 76448

Women's Walk 484 October 3-6
Camp Buckner
3835 FM 2342, Burnet, Texas 78611

Men's Walk 485 October 17-20
Glen Lake Camp
1102 NE Barnard St, Glen Rose, Texas, 76043

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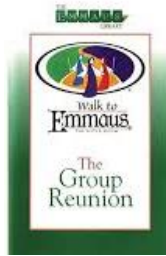


2024 GEORGETOWN EMMAUS 4TH DAY GROUP LEADERSHIP

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Our Emmaus 4th Day Group continues looking to each of you to discern where you can support our Emmaus walk in Georgetown. We are blessed by a dedicated leadership team. Many thanks to each of those who have agreed to serve in their role for 2024 for the Emmaus community. If you are interested in serving in any leadership role or on an Emmaus team, please contact one of the Lay Directors and let them know.

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 GoFourthers	Women	Monday	5:00 PM	St John UMC Horizon	open	Carolyn Henry	(512) 217-0879	hnrylucas@aol.com
Rainbow Connection	Women	Thursday	7:00 AM	FUMC Library	open	Jeannine Fairburn	(512) 863-5962	jw5689f@suddenlink.net
Lifetime Reunion	Women	Thursday	9:30 AM	Barbara's home	open	Barbara Knorre	(512) 863-9708	bknorre@suddenlink.net
Grace Galore	Women	Friday	10:00 AM	FUMC, room 301	open	Nancy Marsh	512-635-0036	nmarsh.tx@gmail.com
Saturday Sisters	Women	Saturday	8:00 AM	City Market, Sun City	open	Mary Meoli Johns	(512) 636-5572	meolitx@gmail.com
Wesleyan Women	Women	Wednesday	8:00 AM	Wesley Independent	closed	Mary Powell	(512) 740-8984	maryfisherp@gmail.com
Hombres DeColores	Men	Monday	8:00 AM	The Wesleyan	open	Bill Marsh	(512) 635-0035	bill.marsh.tx@gmail.com
Eye of the Storm	Men	Saturday	6:00 AM	Mariachis De Jalisco	open	Ken Sommerville	(512) 810-3848	ksommerville@yahoo.com

A new Men's Reunion Group is forming to meet at the Wesleyan in the new West Chapel on Thursdays at 10:30 am. All men needing the fellowship and comfort of a reunion group are welcome. Contact Dan Bonner for more information.