

Rooster Crow November 2023



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

**NOVEMBER 19: First UMC
DECEMBER 17: St John's GMC
JANUARY 21: Wellspring UMC
FEBRUARY 18: First UMC**

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

**GEORGETOWN EMMAUS
4th DAY GATHERING**
Sunday, November 19
At 5:30 p.m.
First United Methodist Church
410 East University Avenue

FOURTH DAY SPEAKER: TBD

Join Georgetown Emmaus on November 19 for a time of worship and fellowship. First United Methodist Church will host for our gathering worship and pot luck.

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.

November 19	First UMC	Open
December 17	St John GMC	Open
January 21	Wellspring UMC	Open
February 18	First UMC	Open

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

GT COMMUNITY TREASURER'S REPORT:

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Dear Emmaus Co-Journeyers,

We have entered the "holiday season" again! The end of the year is cluttered with special occasions and assorted celebrations. It begins with Halloween (for us Christians, "All Saints' and All Souls' Days), progresses to Thanksgiving (our American version), and on through Advent to Christmas, then New Year's, and for some, Epiphany. That's a lot of feasts and parties!

Now consider: we call them "holidays" – that is, "holy days" –but do we observe them with much sense of holiness? Do we find in them anything which points us toward God or Christ? Folks often speak of "keeping Christ in Christmas" (really should be "I'M keeping Christ in MY Christmas!"); so how do we "keep the holy in our holidays"?

At All Saints' can we honor those who have come before us by modeling our behavior after theirs? At Thanksgiving can we give thanks even better by sharing our blessings? At Christmas, can Jesus come before the presents and parties and décor? Will the New Year really usher in a fresh covenant with God?

It is indeed a "holiday season" but will it end with a more holy community we live in?

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BLESSINGS TO ALL

Rev. John Clifford



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

Additional Events

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

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

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



Greetings From Your Lay Directors



Thanks to all who attended the October gathering. We were honored to welcome our new pilgrims to the Georgetown 4th Day Gathering - Nina Barrett, Suzanne George, Kris Holm!!!

A reminder that the Georgetown 4th Day Group will be electing new officers in December. Anyone interested in serving should contact us for information or to volunteer.

DeColores!

Carolyn Henry and Brenda Rumbellow



DEVOTION

Submitted by Susan Cottrell

From Daily Word on Monday, October 16, 2023

I Give Thanks For Those Who Have Helped Me Spiritually

I reflect on those teachers and wise guides who have inspired me along my spiritual journey. I prayerfully center each one in the love and light of God, remembering the ways they supported and encouraged me. These radiant souls nurtured my spiritual growth.

I give thanks for the guides and teachers who inspired me, whether as a clergyperson, counselor, or true friend. Some may have been beacons of light who illuminated my way. Other's may have shared their spiritual resources and practices that helped me along my journey.

I am grateful for opportunities to uplift and encourage others as they find their way. With an open and humble heart, I do my best to live as an example who inspires my children, family members, and friends to live their truths.

I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you.

Isaiah 41:10

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. Please contact Tina if you are interested in supporting the Board or the future Walks of Central Texas Emmaus.

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.

2024 Walk to Emmaus Schedule

WALK	DATE	TYPE	LOCATION
478	February 29	Women's	Glen Lake Camp
479	March 21	Men's	Greene Family Camp
480	April 18	Women's	Latham Springs
481	May 2	Men's	Solid Rock
482	September 5	Men's	Latham Springs
483	September 19	Women's	Solid Rock
484	October 3	Women's	Greene Family Camp
485	October 18	Men's	Glen Lake Camp



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.

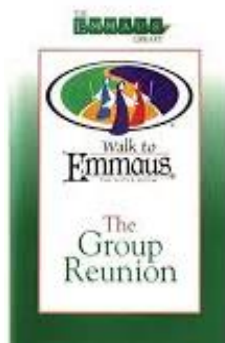
Please consider this as a service opportunity and contact John Clifford, Carolyn Henry, or Brenda Rumbellow if you are interested or know someone who may be interested. God bless you for all you do and the joy of music you can provide to our worship.

OUR WONDERFUL GEORGETOWN EMMAUS COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Our Emmaus Community continues looking to each of you to discern where you can support our 4th 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 jayefsee@gmail.com
- Spiritual Director: Rev Mary Powell maryfisherp@gmail.com
- Co-Lay Directors: Carolyn Henry hnrylucas@aol.com
- Co-Lay Directors: Brenda Rumbellow brumbellow@hotmail.com
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- AV/Technical support: Linda Miles mileslm75@gmail.com
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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	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 GoForthers	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	9:30 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) 864-6501	nmarsh.tx@earthlink.net
Saturday Sisters	Women	Saturday	8:00 AM	City Market, Sun City	open	Mary Meoli Johns	(512) 636-5572	meolix@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	7:00 AM	Mariachis De Jalisco	open	Ken Sommerville	(512) 810-3848	ksommerville@yahoo.com