

ROOSTER CROW



November 2024

**GEORGETOWN EMMAUS
4th DAY GATHERING
Sunday, December 1
At 5:30 p.m.
First United Methodist
410 East University Avenue**

DECEMBER 1: First UMC

JANUARY 19: St. John's GMC

FEBRUARY 16: Wellspring UMC

Emmaus Gatherings are held on the
third Sunday each month.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!



4th DAY SPEAKER: Spiritual Directors

Georgetown Emmaus Community voted in August to cancel the November Gathering and to have the December Gathering earlier to serve as a HOLIDAY GATHERING. The Spiritual Directors will plan the 4th day devotion for this gathering. So, come join us for a music filled, spirit filled, fun filled time of fellowship and worship on Sunday December 1 at 5:30 at First United Methodist Church, Georgetown. We will share in a potluck feast after worship!!

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.

December 1	First UMC	Spiritual Directors
January 19	St John's	TBD
February 16	Wellspring	TBD

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.

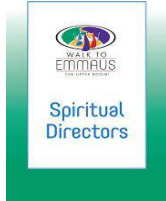


GT COMMUNITY TREASURER'S REPORT:

**Balance as of August
\$1461.16**

Newsletter Articles and Devotionals WANTED

If you have any inspirational devotionals you would like to share with our Emmaus brothers and sisters, please send to Linda Miles at mileslm75@gmail.com



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

Have you noticed?! It's holiday season! Stores are decorated and holiday "special season's sales" are all around. Our calendars are filled with "once-a-year" activities. Families are planning reunions (or "whose turn is it to host?") Our favorite music is finally all we hear.

Yes, it's holiday season. But is it also HOLY DAY season? It's easy to forget in the hurry and excitement of the month the holy moments we are observing.

"Thanksgiving" as in "giving thanks" for the abundance of God's provisions (and a lament that everyone does not or cannot share our blessings.)

Advent – a season devoted to expectation and hope, a reminder that our God is a God of promise and the future, with a resurrection to sustain us.

Christmas – a moment to remind us of God's presence – Emmanuel, "God with us in an intimate and gentle way on other deity ever chose, a child given for us all.

Even New Year's Day, the reminder that in Christ we have forgiveness, and a call to a new, fresh beginning of daily "being transformed by the Spirit of God."

May this holiday season truly be a parade of Holy Days in your life!

De Colores!!

Rev. John Clifford



Kairos Weekend – Nov. 2-3

The Kairos team NEEDS outside servants to support the weekend on November 2-3. Any one who can dedicate a half or whole day to working behind the scenes or in the kitchen are welcome. This weekend will be held at Cedar Brakes Camp in Belton. Please contact Mary Powell or Carolyn Henry for more information and if you are able to serve.



Greetings From Your Lay Directors



The Georgetown gathering was held Sunday, October 20, at the Wesleyan with 31 in attendance. What a joy to gather with our Wesleyan resident friends for fellowship and worship. Several items of business were reviewed and unanimously approved during the business meeting including the following:

- The 4th day group approved donating \$250 to the Kairos weekend. Carolyn Henry and Mary Powell are serving on the team for this weekend and are looking for others who can come up to help as Day Angels.
- The 4th day group approved to sponsor the Agape Feast for Walk #151 after candlelight. Mary Jane Berry will coordinate the planning but will need support to prepare and deliver the feast to the walk. Please let her know if you are attending candlelight and can assist. The date is April 26, 2025 and candlelight begins around 7:00 pm. More information to follow as we get closer.

The next opportunity for gathering will be on Sunday, November 10 at 4:00 for a blended community gathering. This will be held at Pflugerville First United Methodist Church. Contact Linda Miles if you want to carpool to this event.

A special thanks to our powerpoint operator and photographer, Mary Jane Berry. She stays cool and calm in the face of mismatching presentation materials!! Mary Jane serves our Georgetown 4th day group in many ways and is always a shining example of the happy servant!

Remember we will gather next as the Georgetown 4th day group on December 1 at 5:30 at First United Methodist Church, Georgetown.

De Colores!

Submitted Linda Miles



Georgetown Emmaus
4th Day Group
Gathering

5:30 pm Singing and
Worship
6:30 pm Pot Luck





The First Blended Gathering

The first gathering of the GAEC and South District Emmaus 4th day groups will be held on Sunday, November 10 at 4:00 pm at Pflugerville First United Methodist Church. The address is 500 East Pecan Street, Pflugerville. We will gather at 4:00 to worship followed by a potluck dinner. Please plan on attending this Emmaus Gathering as we join our hearts in Emmaus Ministries.

FOURTH DAY SPEAKERS

At the December 1 gathering, we will be recruiting 4th day speakers for 2025. Now is YOUR time to Witness to your 4th day walk!!! AND it is EASY!! Not something to stress about or spend weeks working on, but something that brings you closer to the heart of God and you share His work in your life. Here are some simple guidelines for a 4th day talk.

Pre-Walk (2-5 minutes)

- Short personal history before the walk: life history? Churched? Religious? Problems? Needs? Heart?
- Short story of how you evolved to the walk: sponsor? time frame? Willingness? Expectations?

Walk (2-5 minutes)

- Brief summary of the walk experience: Inspiring? Uplifting? Life-changing? What did it mean to you?

Post-Walk (5-10 minutes)

- Story of your Fourth Day
- What did you come home with?
- What was your reaction to the world in which you live?
- What changes have you made in your life (if any)?
- What have you done as a result of going on the walk?
- What are you going to do in the future?

AND as you witness, your story will touch a co-journeyer in their 4th day just as Jesus touched the hearts of the disciples on the Road to Emmaus!!!

DEVOTION

WORDS FOR REFLECTION From Emmaus Ministries

Read Colossians 2: 1-7 (The Message)

In environments where local Christian churches abound, many Emmaus Ministries communities struggle to meet the minimum required number of pilgrims. Usually, a conversation about the make-up of these communities reveals a limited outlook in terms of denomination, local churches, race, culture, ethnicity, and language.

As we seek to continue to “renew Christian disciples, strengthen local churches” and, in the process, transform our world, the rapidly changing demographics and religious landscape of many countries, states, cities, and towns come with an invitation to cast our nets on the other side of the boat, an invitation to expand our work to those that, for one reason or the other, we do not usually see.

The recommended scripture reading — the central piece for our recently held 2024 Regional Gathering and Celebration — reminds us that Christ’s call to make disciples is indeed a call to fully embrace the incredibly rich diversity with which no one else but God has gifted us.

“I want you woven into a tapestry of love.” Those were the words of the writer to the multicultural Christian gathering in Colossae. Along with that came an invitation to remain focused on Christ, who is able to remove all barriers and provide us with the ability to truly see, embrace, and share these ministries with all of God’s people, all of whom are incredibly loved and gifted.

May we ponder these things in a spirit of charity and love and continue to pursue our mission. May grace and peace always abound. De Colores!

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



Georgetown 4th Day Group

Merger with GAEC as a blended community

As Reported by Tina LaCagnina



[Colossians 3:14](#)

And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect **unity**.

Walk 150 – Men’s Walk – 2/27 – 3/2 Paul South will serve as Lay Director, Rev. Gary White will serve as the Spiritual Director, Gene McConnell will serve as the Board Representative.

Walk 151 – Women’s Walk – 4/24 – 4/27 Linda Miles will serve as the Lay Director, Rev. Tommy Prud’homme will serve as the Spiritual Director, Tina LaCagnina will serve as the Board Representative.

To submit application for Pilgrim to Women’s Walk #151 – April 24-27 Or for Men’s Walk #150 – February 27-March 2

Copies of forms and instructions can be found on the Georgetown Emmaus Website at <https://www.georgetownemmaus.org/> There are three required forms – one for pilgrims, one for sponsors, and one for the pilgrim's local clergy. Also, if needed, there is an application for a Community Scholarship. The forms can be completed by typing in required information and printing; or by printing the blank form and filling with written responses.

Completed form package with signatures and payments should be emailed to registrar@austinemmaus.org or mailed to Rev. Mary Powell, Emmaus Registrar at 139 Estrella Crossing, #101, Georgetown, TX, 78628





2025 Leadership to be approved at the December 1 Gathering

Please review the 2025 slate of leadership below for approval at our December Gathering. Offices with a “TBD” need to be filled, so we are looking for YOU to consider volunteering to hold a leadership position. Please let Linda Miles and Brenda Rumbellow know if you are willing to serve.

Spiritual Director	Rev John Clifford
Spiritual Director	Rev Bob Sinclair
Co-Lay Director	TBD
Co-Lay Director	Linda Miles
Music Director	TBD
Treasurer	Terry France
Team Selection	Tina LaCagnina
Co-Agape Coordinator	Terry France
Co-Agape Coordinator	Tina LaCagnina
Communion Steward	Carolyn Henry
Newsletter	Linda Miles
Newsletter Distribution	Mark McCartney
Webmaster	Ken Sommerville
Hospitality First UMC	Terry France
Hospitality St John's GMC	Debby Leshner
Hospitality Wellspring UMC	Dianne Nickerson
Hospitality The Wesleyan	Dan Bonner
Technical Coordinator	Mary Jane Berry
Board Rep	Tina La Cagnina
Board Registrar	Rev Mary Powell

REUNION GROUPS



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	Wednesday	9:00 AM	McDonalds on Williams	full	Linda Lindell	512-289-2468	Lindell108@gmail.com
The GoFourthers	Women	Monday	4:30 PM	St John GMC 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
Lifeline 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	nmarshtx@gmail.com
Saturday Sisters	Women	Saturday	9:00 AM	City Market, Sun City	open	Mary Meoli Johnson	(512) 636-5572	meolitx@gmail.com
Wesleyan Women	Women	Thursday	8:00 AM	Wesley Independent	open	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
Wesleyan Men	Men	Thursday	10:30 AM	West Chappel at Wesleyan	open	Dan Bonner	(512) 876-9145	dancucr@gmail.com
Just Us Gals	Women	Monday	11:45 AM	BY ZOOM	open	Linda Miles	(512) 677-3867	mileslm75@gmail.com



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.