

# *THE ROOSTER'S CROW*

October 2014

It is the fall of the year! And we are starting to feel some "coolness" in the air! A new beginning of a new season! Thanks be to God!

Did you know that in Israel today, there are set feasts - or appointed seasons of the Lord - that are proclaimed as holy convocations? The first of the Fall Feasts is the Feast of Trumpets, as recorded in Leviticus, Chapter 23. This particular feast is also called Rosh Hashanah. Jews all over the world consider this time to be the Jewish New Year, celebrated by eating apples and honey, and recalling sweet memories.

They greet one another by saying, "Shana Tovah!" This means "Happy New Year." But, the biblical New Year actually begins at Passover, in early spring. Jewish people, today, see this feast as a new beginning. They hope, by their work and good deeds, their names will be written in the Book of Life. There are 10 days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement) that are holy days to most religious Jews, worldwide. They call these the "Days of Awe." It's a time of personal evaluation, and it's also a time of repentance and turning from sin. "The 10 days of Awe are a reflection of the relationship with God and with family."

As I was researching this\*, I realized that each time we meet for our monthly Emmaus Community Gatherings it is also a ***"feast for us and it is a reflection of our relationship with God and our Emmaus family"***. How awesome...not, just once a year but monthly, we can feel His presence with us at our Emmaus Community Gatherings through the music, the fourth day talks and the fellowship with each other. We want to encourage you to join us every month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 5:30PM at alternating First United Methodist Church of Georgetown and St John's United Methodist Church. We look forward to seeing more of our Emmaus family members, please come when you can!!! Abundant Blessings to you all.

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Mary Jane Berry





### **Notes from September Gathering:**

Prior to our Gathering, we had a wonderful agape-making time, topped off with wonderful ice cream, toppings, waffle bowls, etc. that Anne Castle brought. Thank you, Anne and Terry France, for all your hard work in coordinating our agape for upcoming Walks!

Elaine Jackson asked members to sign the colored Prayer Chain for the upcoming Kairos the end of October, plus to give \$5.00 to sponsor a meal. Our Community has budgeted \$300 for the upcoming Kairos, to include sponsorship for Crystal and one inmate, leaving \$50. We voted to give the \$50 to sponsor ten meal tickets.

Jackie Hammer gave a report that our current balance is \$1705-plus. Mary Jane Berry has purchased a projector and screen, but it will be under the \$600 we budgeted. Anne Castle's expenses are around \$200. Polly Nelon asked for \$150 to sponsor a golf cart for the upcoming Women's Walk #401. It was voted on and granted.

Anne Castle and Terry France reported that a lot of agape was made during our workshop. Both women have agreed to continue their jobs as agape coordinators for next year. Thank you, ladies! A suggestion was made by Barb Hunsberger, Board Representative, that Anne could bring agape kits to Gatherings and people could check them out and take them home, complete them, and return to Anne or Terry.

Sarah Shackelford needs a Co-Lay Director for next year! Please prayerfully consider this. It is not difficult and it is much easier with two Co-Lay Directors, especially if one of them is absent.

Crystal Jackson's job as Newsletter Editor will end in December. WE NEED ONE! It has been so wonderful having our monthly newsletter. Crystal has done a great job, but it is time for someone else to have the opportunity. She has it all formatted, so it will not be too difficult.

Barb Hunsberger, Board Representative thanked the Community for the donation of the golf cart for Walk #401. Georgetown team members are Peggy Blair, Rev. Dr. Ann Hagmann, Polly Nelon, and Serena Whitley. The walk is full with a waiting list. The Men's Walk at the end of October has 30 Pilgrims, so there is still room. It will be at Glen Lake Camp.

Also due to the maximum of 42 Pilgrims on Walks, the Board has decided to add another Women's Walk in the Fall of 2015. We have been having eight Walks per year. This would be an "Open Walk" at Latham Springs, more centrally located, and will incorporate the entire conference.

Barb also announced that they are actively pursuing getting Crysalis started again in our area. They need adults AND youth. College age can help as table leaders, etc. They need help in getting it going. Anyone interested should contact Barb at [tahunsberger@msn.com](mailto:tahunsberger@msn.com). She also reminded us that SPONSORSHIP is MORE THAN JUST GETTING PILGRIMS THERE! It is to get them into Reunion Groups, Gatherings, etc.

# Treasure's Report



Balance on March 31, 2014

\$2147.05

## Deposits:

5/18/14 Gathering

\$ 61.00

6/19/14 Gathering

23.00

84.00

## Expenses:

6/25/14 CCLI License Renewal

\$ 261.00

Balance as of June 30, 2014:

\$1,970.05

Jackie Hammar

Treasurer



# Upcoming Walks

## *Women's Walk:*

401 - 10/16/14 - Greene Family Camp—42 pilgrims with waiting list

## *Men's Walk:*

402 - 10/23/14 - Glen Lake—17 pilgrims

## Kairos Walk:

Lane Murrary #18 - 10/29/14 - Gatesville, TX



# Upcoming Events

10/19/2014 - Emmaus Gathering at 5:30 pm @ First UMC

# Emmaus Links

Check these Emmaus links out:

**Georgetown Emmaus:** [www.georgetownemmaus.org](http://www.georgetownemmaus.org)

Georgetown Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/GeorgetownEmmaus](http://www.facebook.com/GeorgetownEmmaus)

Round Rock Emmaus: [www.roundrockemmaus.org](http://www.roundrockemmaus.org)

Central Texas Emmaus: [www.ctcemmaus.org](http://www.ctcemmaus.org)

Kairos: [www.kpmifoundation.org](http://www.kpmifoundation.org)

Epiphany: [www.epiphanyministry.com](http://www.epiphanyministry.com)

Chrysalis: [www.chrysalis.upperroom.org](http://www.chrysalis.upperroom.org)

Upper Room: [www.upperroom.org](http://www.upperroom.org)



## Gathering Dates

October 19, 2014 First UMC

November 16, 2014 St. John's UMC

December 21, 2014 First UMC

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