



Rooster Crow October 2019

GEORGETOWN EMMAUS COMMUNITY GATHERING

Sunday, October 20, 2019

5:30 p.m.

**First United Methodist Church
410 East University Avenue**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

**WE ARE INTO OUR ROTATION FOR
GATHERINGS THIS YEAR:**

OCTOBER: FIRST UNITED METHODIST

NOVEMBER: ST. JOHN'S

DECEMBER: WELLSPRING

FOURTH DAY SPEAKER: Mary Jane Berry and YOU

From our Spiritual Director, Rev. Dr. Ann Hagmann:

You know how I love a good synchronicity as a clear God kiss or God wink that we are not alone, God is with us always. As a community we all get to be a part of one this month at our October 20th Gathering. Polly Nelson was scheduled to be our 4th Day speaker. Obviously not being able to fulfill that, Mary Jane Berry stepped in and said she would do it and share her 4th days with Polly. Expanding on that, our service is going to be a big 4th day talk about our 4th days with Polly. Come and plan to be blest and a blessing. De Colores, Ann Hagmann Spiritual Director

Dear Community, as you have briefly heard in the past, Emmaus is producing a new model of doing Emmaus with older adults where you do not go off for a retreat weekend but rather meet 8 times over 4 weeks with 2 3-hour sessions each week. Face to Face as it is called is for men and women together. Rev Mary Powell has an article in our Newsletter to tell us more about it. Round Rock would like our community to join them in co-sponsoring the first Face to Face which would be next April-May timeframe. Face to Face has a team of 25 people. Their Agape Team provides for the refreshments for the team and participants at their meetings. As a sponsoring community one of our biggest things would be the daytime candlelight service. Important thing is, can you help with the Face to Face? They will need team members and community supporters. I support our co-sponsoring the event, but we need to make sure we are committed to being a part of the work to make it happen.

See articles on both of these events further down in newsletter!!

Special October Gathering

It is with much sadness that we lost one of our most vibrant members in August, Polly Nelson, to a rare and fatal neurological disease. Polly was a bright light in our world and her sudden illness and death not only robbed us of her continued presence with us, the situation slaps us all in the face with our own mortality. The fact that she could wake up one day and have blurry vision and then be dead within 2 months is shocking. We, like Polly, may feel our faith has been challenged. But like Polly, we must respond with faith, hope, and love. When Jesus was talking with Martha at her brother Lazarus' tomb, Jesus said "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die" (John 11:25-26). Jesus' resurrection is the assurance of our own continuation after death; death that is an ending of one life and the birthing of another. Our stance is to trust and hold on to the One who loves us and gave us life. May the Holy Spirit confirm our hearts and keep them!

Polly was to be our 4th Day speaker in October. Mary Jane Berry has graciously agreed to do the 4th day instead, focusing on her 4th Days with Polly. I would like to give some members of our community the opportunity to share some "Polly stories." It is obviously going to be an atypical gathering. If you would like to share a story at our October meeting, please contact me and let me know [512-517-0705 revdrann@hotmail.com].

**Needing CHILDCARE for our GATHERINGS?
Please contact Sarah Shackelford at (512) 508-2659
ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE GATHERING!**

Jubilee Prison Ministry

I am Regional Director of Jubilee Prison Ministry in the Central Texas Region. We sponsor three units in Central Texas. Travis State Prison in Austin, Dominquez unit in San Antonio and the Havins unit in Brownwood Texas. The Lord has set a goal for our ministry to expand to four additional units by end of 2020. We are working on two Women's units in Gatesville and two Men's units in the San Antonio area. We may add a youth unit ministry God willing.

I would like to share testimonies from the Havins Unit in Brownwood at the August weekend. We knew two Satan worshipers would be attending. We were delighted to see they both prayed to Jesus Christ three times each during the weekend. We did not know that two members of the Arian brotherhood were among the 42 inmates, both of whom gave their lives to Christ. One testified at open mic on Sunday that he had learned that God is color blind and that he now has four brothers of color that he deeply loves and praised God for opening his heart. The second testified that his intention when he got out in twenty-one days was to beat his new son in law almost to death, not kill him as that would be a life sentence, just a near death beating, Why? The son in law is black, married to his white daughter they now have twin girls of mixed race, he has a new plan after meeting Jesus, to go and love his new granddaughters.

Let me share a little about Jubilee Prison Ministry. Being fellow Emmaus members most of you are familiar with Kairos. I served three years with Kairos at Bartlett and Luther units. Praise the Lord for Kairos and all they do. Jubilee was started by four men in the Woodlands that had been doing Kairos for thirty years. They discovered many prisons in the Greater Houston area that were not being served by Kairos. The reason was the short-term nature of these prisons as transfer units with a max stay of

two years or treatment facilities. The Lord placed a burden on these four men to find a way to serve these units. They discussed their plans with Kairos, which lead them to start a ministry for these units that are outside the scope of Kairos. Jubilee does not go into or compete with Kairos units in anyway. Jubilee is a 4th day program much like Kairos with weekly prayer and share events at the units, God gets done what he wants done every weekend with the same amazing results you have seen at Kairos weekends.

The next Jubilee weekend is at Travis State Prison, it will take place October 23-25. The goal is to have two Jubilee weekends a year at each unit. Local Jubilee Volunteers attend a 2-hour time of prayer at Travis State every Friday evening with inmates that have attended a previous weekend.

With the goals the Lord has for Jubilee our present thirty volunteers needs to grow to eighty of both men and women. Please prayerfully consider joining us, praying for Jubilee or contributing financially to this ministry.

For more information or to get involved, as the Lord leads you, contact Kevin Tanner (kevinrtanner@gmail.com), (512) 694.5420).

FACE-TO-FACE Face-to-Face is an adaptation of the Walk to Emmaus for Older Adults (age 60+)

Rev. Mary Powell will be presenting at the October Gathering a brief introduction to the Face-to-Face program being offered by Upper Room and Central Texas Emmaus. There is an organizational team looking at the possibility of offering this program in Georgetown. But they are in need of leadership and support team members who are passionate about our Emmaus experience and our Older Adults.

The program includes 14 talks given by clergy and lay persons including 4 video meditations based on Bishop Job's book *Living Fully, Dying Well*, followed by table discussions, worship and Holy Communion. The Emmaus Community provides overall coordination and recruits and trains speakers. The hosting organization provides meeting facilities and a Logistics Leader who recruits and registers participants (if not handled by the community registrar), coordinates facilities setup and take down and refreshments and meals if team decides to have one at the end of the event. We have available facilities at the Wesleyan Home for Independent Living to hold the event.

Cost for doing Face-to-Face is much less than regular walk as 1) it is in Georgetown 2) no one goes somewhere but their own bed at night 3) team and pilgrims who live at the Wesleyan or nearby can eat their usual meals 4) cost for pilgrims is \$40 - \$80 and team is \$25, reflecting a much lower budget needed. A closing meal may be held as the team chooses to plan one.

Team meeting sites and cost are to be determined but team is smaller as there are only table leaders (no assistants), music team, and 14 talks (2 given by Lay Leader). Team will be Lay Director, Spiritual Director plus 4 other clergy, 2 coaches, logistics leader and their assistants, music leader or two, agape leader with 4 assistants, prayer team leader plus 3, media leader. Some talks have a different format based on the books *Coping in Tough Times* about hospice and grief and *Living Fully, Dying Well* by Job with 4 video meditations. Sponsors are not necessary. Some talks are shorter. 2 men's tables and 4 women's tables are the usual. Face-to-Face may be held from 9-12 am on several days in a row over 1 or over 2 weeks or extended up 8 weeks.

Similar programs held at the Wesleyan for Independent Living this summer have been well received with full participation. The personnel at the Wesleyan are accommodating and supporting this program if we have leadership to make it happen. Now is the time to do Face-to-Face while the residents (and others from the community) are open to additional programming. Late April of 2020 is probably the earliest it can be done following the guidelines for Face-to-Face.

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 milesrdlm53@att.net



SERVICE OF WHOLENESS/TAIZE

October 27 at 6:30 PM

*Loving God and Seeking
the Sacred in the Ordinary*

Changing Seasons

First United Methodist Church

Upcoming Fourth Day Speakers

October 20, 2019 Mary Jane Berry

November 17, 2019 Elaine Jackson

December 15, 2019 Christmas Service

TREASURER'S REPORT:

**Balance after September Gathering:
\$1,321.30**

UPCOMING WALKS:

WOMEN: Walk #444 Oct. 10-13, 2019

MEN: Walk #445 Oct. 17-20, 2019

Please plan on attending the Emmaus Candlelight for the October Walks.

Women's Walk 444 Saturday October 12 at Greene Family Camp, Bruceville, Tx

Men's Walk 445 Saturday October 19 at Glenn Lake Camp, Glenn Rose, TX

Candlelight music begins at 7:30 with Worship at 8:00. Pilgrims should arrive around 9:30.

Much of our Christian journey is REMEMBERING. Remember God's love each day, Remember Christ's sacrifice at each communion, Remember your Baptism and journey with Christ, and Remember your Candlelight. It is a special time for the Pilgrims so your presence will be welcomed, appreciated, and REMEMBERED!

Interested in serving on a Walk to Emmaus or Chrysalis team? You need to fill out an application and make sure you are in the database. Go to: ctcemmaus.org Click on team application or Chrysalis application at the bottom of the page.

OUR WONDERFUL LEADERSHIP

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REUNION GROUPS

WOMEN'S REUNION GROUPS:

MONDAY	<i>"Pass it On"</i>	5:15 P.M. (1st and 3rd Monday)		FULL
Linda Lindell	512-863-8161	Lindell108@gmail.com		
MONDAY	<i>"The GoFourthers"</i>	5:00 P.M. St. John UMC Horizon House		OPEN
Carolyn Henry	512-217-0879	hnrylucas@aol.com		
2nd & 4th THURSDAY	<i>Wellspring Women's Reunion Group</i>	3:30 p.m.		OPEN
Diane Nickerson		nickerson.dianne@gmail.com		
THURSDAY	<i>"Rainbow Connection"</i>	7:00 a.m. FUMC Library		OPEN
Jeannine Fairburn	512-863-5962	jw5689f@suddenlink.net		
THURSDAY	<i>"Lifetime Reunion Group"</i>	9:00 A.M. McDonald's (Williams Dr.)		OPEN
Barbara Knorre	512-863-9708	bknorre@suddenlink.net		
FRIDAY	<i>"Grace Galore"</i>	10:00 A.M. FUMC, room 301		OPEN
Nancy Marsh	512-864-6501	nmarshtx@earthlink.net		
SATURDAY	<i>"Saturday Sisters"</i>	8:00 A.M. City Market, Sun City		FULL
Mary Ann Reed	512-289-7222	marsc430@yahoo.com		

MEN'S REUNION GROUPS:

MONDAY	<i>"Hombres DeColores"</i>	7:00 A.M. Wesleyan Assisted Living		OPEN
Terry Reed	512-484-3953	treed930@yahoo.com		
TUESDAY	<i>"Wellspring Men's Reunion Group"</i>	7:00 P.M. Wellspring UMC		OPEN
Bob Miles	Milesrdlm53@att.net	512 656-3313		
SATURDAY	<i>"Eye of the Storm"</i>	7:00 A.M. Mariachis De Jalisco, Williams Drive		OPEN
Ken Sommerville	512-810-3848			