

JULY 21: Wellspring UMC AUGUST 18: First UMC SEPTEMBER 15: St John's GMC

Emmaus Gatherings are held on the third Sunday each month.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

# GEORGETOWN EMMAUS 4<sup>th</sup> DAY GATHERING Sunday, July 21 <u>At 4:30 p.m.</u> Wellspring UMC

6200 Williams Drive



# ANNUAL AGAPE MAKING PARTY

Georgetown Emmaus Community will meet on the 3<sup>RD</sup> Sunday July 21 **at 4:30** at Wellspring United Methodist Church. We are meeting early for our annual AGAPE making PARTY. We will have Agape projects to work on or everyone can bring their own project. Please bring finger foods or snacky items to share. Wellspring will also have ice cream and fixings to share. We will not have a worship service but will pray over our Agape that it nourishes the walk for Emmaus pilgrims.

#### **Upcoming Fourth Day Speakers**

Please consider presenting the 4<sup>th</sup> Day Talk at a gathering this year. See our Georgetown Emmaus Website for 4<sup>th</sup> Day Talk Information.

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	<b>Spiritual Directors</b>		

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 4<sup>th</sup> Day Talk at a gathering.



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

Summer has arrived again! As I write this, we finally have our first 100-degree day, a bit later than last year, and look forward (perhaps warily) to many more to come. So, what does "summer" mean to you? Is it your favorite season? A time for family reunions, cookouts, swimming and boating? Is it vacations and traveling? Or oppressive heat and no rain?

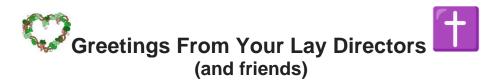
Having thought of that, what then do winter, spring, autumn mean to you? Is one of them your favorite time of year? And why? Each season in turn has something to offer us. Each one is a part of a complete picture of a year, of the time God has provided for us. Missing one affects the others!

Of course, this is a lesson the church has been teaching for centuries: we need parts of the body to be whole and healthy! Or, perhaps more to the point, we can't do it alone, all by ourselves!

Thus, the Emmaus model – after that "greatest walk ever" moment – has us invited to reunion groups and community gatherings, and serving in our local churches more intentionally. Daily devotions are not all there is, nor are they enough. We belong together!

(That's a hint! Join us this month to share "a season of community!")

# De Colores!! Rev John Clifford



### Hello Everyone!

We had a GREAT gathering. Brenda, Carolyn, Rev Mary and the Holy Spirit did an awesome job for a blessed gathering. Beth gave a wonderful 4<sup>th</sup> day talk, and of course played piano for the gathering. She did a great job. We were so glad to have several of out Greater Austin Community Co-Journeyers in attendance with us. What a joyful blessing!!

Over the past several months we have had many wonderful musicians step up to lead us at gathering. It is amazing how God provides when we are in need!! If anyone is interested in taking over the music leadership, please let Linda know!!

#### DeColores!

Submitted by Mary Jane Berry and Janet Pyle



## **GEORGETOWN WALK TO EMMAUS MINISTRIES**

As the Emmaus Ministry declines in some areas, Georgetown leadership has been looking for ways to solidify our presence and support to the local churches in our area. Many of the Central Texas Conference 4<sup>th</sup> 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 have been changed and Walk sites have been eliminated which causes confusion and extra work for the teams volunteering to plan and execute our walks.

Tina LaCagnina (Georgetown 4<sup>th</sup> Day Group and prior CTC Emmaus Board Rep) and Steven Scott (Lay Director of Greater Austing Emmaus Community) have led an initiative to implement a solution that would be beneficial to us and our future Emmaus Pilgrims. They have visited several of the 4<sup>th</sup> day groups in the Southern District to get input to a solution. Georgetown has been in prayer and discernment for this solution and reviewed a proposal at this June Gathering to move their membership from the Central Texas Conference Community to the Greater Austin Emmaus Community. The overwhelming vote was to notify Upper Room and make this change immediately. This change will move Georgetown to planning and implementing walks with GAEC in the future. At this time we will continue with Georgetown 4<sup>th</sup> day gatherings but work with GAEC on combined gathering plans in the future.

We are so very excited that we will merge with Greater Austin Emmaus Community ...*all the details will work out with God's blessings!* And how exciting that we will have spring walks in 2025 ...so exciting! Thank you to Tina and Steven for all your work to keep Emmaus going strong...for all of us...I am sure God is smiling. Brenda, Carolyn, Rev Mary and the Holy Spirit did an awesome job for a blessed gathering.





**June 2024 Words for Reflection** 

The rapid procession of church seasons, beginning with Advent every year, can sometimes seem like we're holding onto the tail of a runaway tornado. Advent, then Christmas (*and the season thereof that follows*), then Epiphany, which can take just a few weeks or a little longer depending on when Easter Sunday is that year. Lent, and the season of Easter, and the grand celebration of Pentecost with its violent wind and tongues of flame. Whew! Everybody, take a breath!

Then it seems we are in "*the season after…*" f-o-r-e-v-e-r! Six months. Immediately after Pentecost, families begin summer vacations and other travels, followed by the busyness of returning to the routine when August and September begin creeping in. It is easy to feel that nothing important happens in the church or in our spiritual lives during this time.

But nothing could be further from the truth. This season is when we step directly into the story of Jesus. We walk alongside him on the journey and participate in the teaching, preaching, giving, and forgiving of our Savior. As we walk, we observe the perfect example of Christian living and service, which is Jesus walking on this earth, fully human and fully divine. It is during this time that we are transformed into the image of Christ at work in the world ... if we will but allow it!

In this Season of "after Pentecost," let us live out our lives as mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, friends, and neighbors — and even strangers — together, being faithful to our calling to live in the love, grace, joy, and hope of Jesus Christ with one another. Let us truly live as the people — and the movement — that God calls us to be.

¡De Colores!

Hess "Doc" Hall on behalf of The Upper Room Emmaus Ministries staff



### 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 <u>milesIm75@gmail.com</u>



## **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. There are more openings for the four 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 <u>www.ctcemmaus.org</u>.

Upcoming Men's Walks									
Walk	Date	Pilgrims							
482	09/05/2024	6*							
485	10/17/2024	1*							

Upcoming Women's Walks

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# **Walk Application**

https://www.ctcemmaus.org/images/ctemmaus/emmausapplication.pdf Team Application

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### 2024 GEORGETOWN EMMAUS 4<sup>TH</sup> DAY GROUP LEADERSHIP

Spiritual Director Spiritual Director Spiritual Director Lay Director Lay Director Music Director Treasurer

Team Selection Agape Coordinator Agape Coordinator Communion Steward Newsletter Newsletter Distribution Webmaster Hospitality First UMC Hospitality St John's GMC

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Our Emmaus 4<sup>th</sup> 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**



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	ТҮРЕ	DAY	TIME	PLACE	STATE	CONTACT	PHONE	EMAIL
		Monday 1st						
Pass It On	Women	& 3rd	5:15 PM		full	Linda Lindell	(512) 863-8161	Lindell108@gmail.com
The				St John UMC				
GoFourthers	Women	Monday	5:00 PM	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	BY ZOOM	open	Nancy Marsh	512-635-0036	nmarshtx@gmail.com
Saturday		,		City Market, Sun		,		
Sisters	Women	Saturday	8:00 AM	, ,	open	Mary Meoli Johnso	(512) 636-5572	meolitx@gmail.com
Weslevan				Wesley				
Women	Women	Wednesday	8:00 AM	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
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Storm	Men	Saturday	6:00 AM	Jalisco	open	Ken Sommerville	(512) 810-3848	ksommerville@yahoo.com
				West Chappel				
Wesleyan Men	Men	Thursday	10:30 AM	at Wesleyan	open	Dan Bonner	(512) 876-9145	<u>dancucr@gmail.com</u>
Just Us Gals	Women	Monday	11:45 AM	BY ZOOM	open	Linda Miles	(512) 677-3867	milesIm75@gmail.com
Journeymen	Men	Tuesday	6:30 PM	BY ZOOM	open	Clint Fraser	(512) 818-0571	Rockbuster1959@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.