

ROOSTER CROW



April 2024

**GEORGETOWN EMMAUS
4th DAY GATHERING
Sunday, April 21
At 5:30 p.m.
The Wesleyan Hewlett Room
210 White Heron Drive**

APRIL 21: The Wesleyan

MAY 19: First UMC

JUNE 16: St. John's GMC

JULY 21: Wellspring UMC

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!



FOURTH DAY SPEAKER: Rev. Dan Bonner

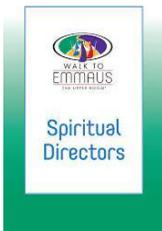
Join Georgetown Emmaus on Sunday April 21 for our first gathering to be held at the Wesleyan. Rev. Dan Bonner will present the 4th day talk and we look forward to hearing from him. We will meet in the Hewlett room. Because there is no kitchen, we are asking for our friends to bring finger foods and easily served items for the potluck. See more below with directions and parking information for the Wesleyan Gathering.

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.

April 21	The Wesleyan	Dan Bonner
May 19	First UMC	Brenda Rumbellow
June 16	St John GMC	Open
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	Spiritual Directors

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.



Spiritual Director	Rev John Clifford
Spiritual Director	Rev Mary Powell
Spiritual Director	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

A note about our spiritual director, The Reverend John Clifford. After a cancelled shoulder surgery and cardiac testing, John is once again scheduled for surgery. Please keep John in your prayers for healing and that he will soon be back with us for worship.

Dear Friends,

One of my devotions this week reminded me of the perfume that was poured out on Jesus' feet. I never thought about how perfume lingers on our bodies. This perfume was nard, meant for part of the burial ritual of the Jews. I thought it was untimely for the woman to anoint him for burial when she had no idea when or how he would die let alone when his burial would be. However, the value of nard is like many excellent perfumes, it lingers for days. That means when the disciples ate their last meal with Jesus, the beautiful smell still lingered around the room. When Judas leaned in to kiss Jesus, he smelled a sign that the kiss could lead to Jesus' death, just as Jesus had told Judas days before. When Pilate questioned Jesus and when the soldiers beat and mocked him, there was an uncanny smell wafting around the room. Finally, when the Roman soldier knelt to hammer the nail into Jesus' feet, his nose was filled with the sharp sweetness of nard. I don't know about you, but often the smells surrounding events often become the first thing that brings back the memory of the occasion. Perhaps when the risen Jesus spoke Mary's name in the garden beside the empty tomb, her approach to him included the faint odor of nard, recalling the time of the anointing of his feet. Can you imagine what that must have been like?



De Colores !!

Rev Mary Powell

GT COMMUNITY TREASURER'S REPORT:
Balance as of April
Approximately \$800.00



Greetings From Your Lay Directors

The Georgetown Emmaus Community is so thankful for the message from the Reverend Dr. Roger Clayton of St. John's Methodist Church at the March Gathering. His enthusiasm for ecumenical fellowship and service was heartening. A message for us to follow Christ's teachings of love for all throughout our 4th day. Thank you, Roger.

We had reports from Mark McCartney on Jubilee Ministries and the weekend event he will serve this week; and from Clint Frasier on the Men's Kairos weekend, he served last week. These are both faith-based prison ministries similar to the Walk to Emmaus to uplift and support the incarcerated. If you want more information, please contact Mark or Clint. Please, pray for these ministries.

Carolyn Henry reported that she will be working a Kairos Outside weekend in May. Kairos Outside weekends are held for the families of incarcerated people to support their journey with their loved ones through Christ's eye. The community unanimously approved supporting this weekend with a \$250 donation. Also look for information from Carolyn about service and prayer opportunities.

Tina La Cagnina and Steven Scott reported on Central Texas South Emmaus District and on Greater Austing Emmaus. Please see article below for more information

Attendance at the gathering was 33 blessed disciples in their 4th day walk. The music was heavenly and the joy radiated throughout the room. Join us next month for an uplifting gathering worship service at the Wesleyan.

DeColores!

Linda Miles and Brenda Rumbellow



Georgetown Emmaus 4th Day Gathering April 21

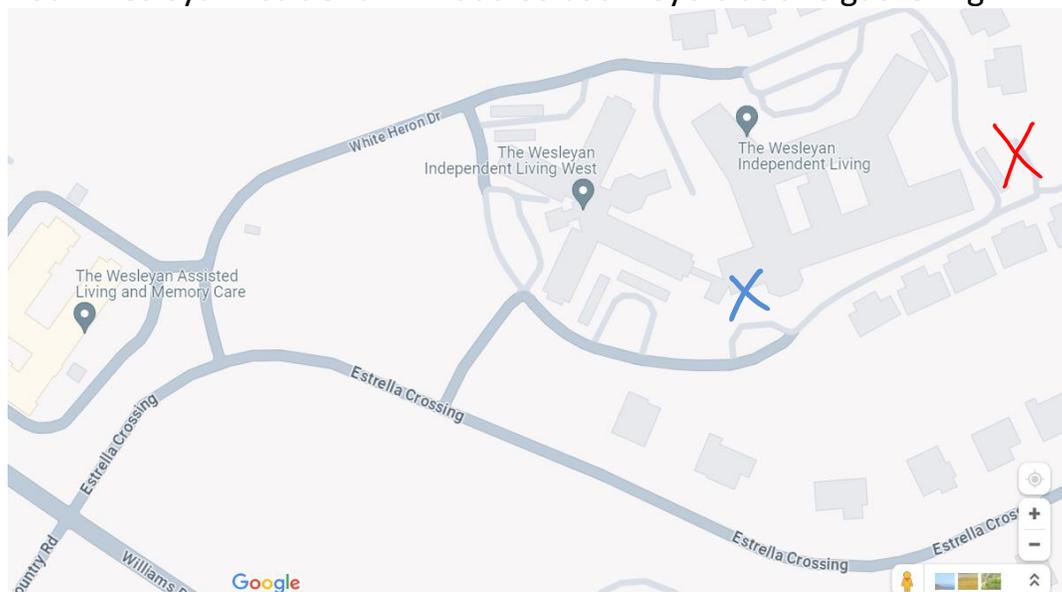


The Wesleyan Independent Living Community will be hosting the Georgetown 4th Day Gathering in April. The first Gathering will be held in the Hewlett Room on Sunday April 21 at 5:30 pm. Dan Bonner is coordinating the gathering site and would welcome any assistance you may want to offer. His contact information is on the leader's page of this newsletter.

There is a piano available for music if needed. If you are able to support music for April, Let Linda Miles know. We can have food but there will be no kitchen facilities so plan on more finger foods and snacky type agape feast. Wellspring will host the feast by bringing the paper goods, utensils, and the drinks. (Oh, and a blessing that Tim Nickerson of Wellspring will bring the 4th day talk.) As always, if you can't bring snacks, please still plan on sharing in those brought by others. All are welcome to feast in love and fellowship.

The Hewlett Room is located in the Independent Living East wing of the facility located at 210 White Heron Dr, Georgetown, TX 78628. See map and directions below for entry and parking

Please plan on joining for this new gathering location. Our prayer is that we will be able to see many of our Wesleyan resident Emmaus Co-Journeymers at this gathering.



The Wesleyan Independent Living East Hewlett Room at 210 White Heron Dr

From Williams turn at the light onto Estrella Crossing. Take the second left onto White Heron Drive and at the stop sign you will be at the West Independent Living Parking lot. If you turn right there is some parking right outside the Hewlett Room and Wendland Chapel Entrance (**BLUE X**) or you can go to the end of the road and park in the back lot (**RED X**). We will have people posted at each entrance at 5:15 to guide you to the Hewlett Room.

A DEVOTION Submitted by Linda Miles
From Advent and Christmas Wisdom by Henri J.M. Nouwen
 “Real Listening”

The word “listening” in Latin is obedire, and audire means “listening with great attention.” That is where the word “obedience” comes from. Jesus is called the obedient one, that means the listener. The Latin word for not listening, being deaf, is “surdus.” If you are absolutely not listening, that is where the word “absurd” comes from. So it might be interesting to note that somebody who is not listening is leading an absurd life . . .

Now to become a listener, one way to do it is to say, “How can I let the ‘Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want,” enter in from my mind to my heart? I can say it is here and that is just a statement, but it becomes prayer when I experience shepherding presence of God in the center of my being . . . Listening starts precisely when you move from the mind to the heart and let the truth of your being center you down.



Lord, help us to rein in all the distractions that bombard us daily. Let us pay our full attention to you. Let us truly listen to your requests. Keep us from the shortsighted absurdity of bestowing our attention on the wrong things. Amen.

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>

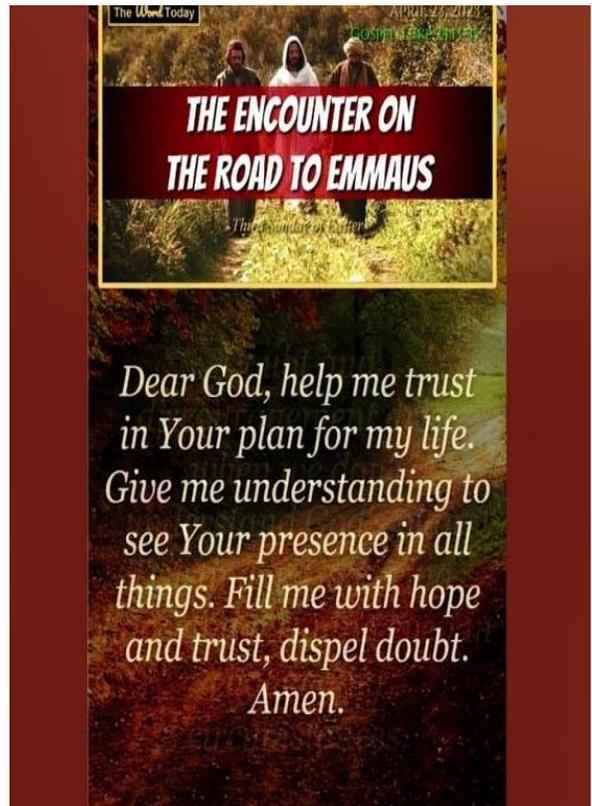
Worship Leadership Team:
 Rev. Steve Buchele, Rev. John Clifford, Jim Deuser, Rev. Vicki Joy McClure, Ginger Mann, Sean Mann, Rev. Mary Powell, Rev. Mary Sallet, and Karen Strange

PRAYERS FOR WALK TO EMMAUS MINISTRIES IN CENTRAL TEXAS

The Georgetown Emmaus Leadership is asking for all of the community to be in prayer for the life of the Walk to Emmaus in Central Texas, Georgetown and in Austin. As the Emmaus Ministry declines in some areas, leadership is looking for ways to solidify our presence and support to the local churches in our area. Many of the CTC 4th 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 are being changed and Walk sites are being eliminated which causes confusion and extra work for the teams volunteering to plan and execute our walks. The Austin Community is finding that the distance between churches and the aging out of participants is causing lack of participation in gatherings and walk teams.

Together these leadership teams are looking for solutions that will sustain and grow our Emmaus ministries. They are meeting at the local 4th Day Group gatherings to ask for all of our prayers for

this effort. Tina LaCagnina (Georgetown 4th Day Group and prior CTC Emmaus Board Rep) and Steven Scott (Lay Director of Greater Austing Emmaus Community) presented at the Georgetown gathering an initial look at these issues and at their work to find and implement a solution that would be beneficial to us and our future Emmaus Pilgrims. In future gatherings with Georgetown, they will report their progress in these initial efforts and take suggestions and comments on how to move forward. Until then, they ask you to be in prayer for Emmaus leadership and the vision of making disciples through Emmaus ministries.



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

SUBSCRIBE TO THE UPPER ROOM EMMAUS MINISTRIES E-NEWS

See what is happening in Emmaus across the world and share in the ministry. <https://mailchi.mp/upperroom/emmaus-enews-february-2024?e=1a1d6bd6a7>

As we enter the new year, The Upper Room Emmaus Ministries Office invites you to save the following dates.

INTERNATIONAL VIRTUAL GATHERING: April 19 at 7:00 p.m. (CT)

This yearly event will bring together Emmaus Ministries community leaders and members from around the globe. Together, we will praise God in song and hear from lay and clergy speakers as they share their Fourth Day experiences. We will meet in small groups to share and encourage each other on the journey. The session will end with a love feast that will provide us with an opportunity to continue to open ourselves to God's grace.

Register at

https://www.upperroom.org/walktoemmaus/gathering?utm_source=The+Upper+Room+Newsletters&utm_campaign=0e207d487c-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_01_15_05_31_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0542d9a4cf-0e207d487c-205776939



Central Texas Emmaus Walk Information

We want to make you aware of a couple of changes. Due to rising costs of camps and other costs for the Walks, the CTC Emmaus Board has raised the fee effective immediately for Walks to \$225.00 for Pilgrims & Team Members. Please throw away any Pilgrim Applications you may have and use only the ones dated November 20, 2023. You can find the updated Pilgrim Application on the CTC Website – <http://ctcemmaus.org/images/ctemmaus/emmausapplication.pdf>

The April Walk #479 did not meet the minimum requirement for pilgrims and was cancelled. Please keep the team in your prayers as they had done all the work necessary to have the best walk ever and I am sure they are saddened at this turn of events. Now it is time for each of us to look at our sponsorship responsibilities to ensure future walks happen. Contact Tina LaCagnina, GT 4th Day Team Selection Rep, if you have pilgrims for future walks or want to participate on a team.

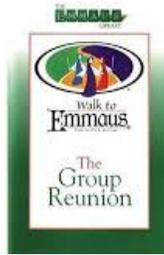


2024 GEORGETOWN EMMAUS 4TH DAY GROUP LEADERSHIP

Spiritual Director	Rev John Clifford	jayefsee@gmail.com
Spiritual Director	Rev Mary Powell	maryfisherp@gmail.com
Spiritual Director	Rev Bob Sinclair	Sinclairbob941@gmail.com
Lay Director	Brenda Rumbellow	Brumbellow@hotmail.com
Lay Director	Linda Miles	mileslm75@gmail.com
Music Director	TBD	Call Linda Miles if interested
Treasurer	Terry France	Francetl.france@gmail.com
Team Selection	Tina LaCagnina	tinalacagnina@gmail.com
Agape Coordinator	Terry France	Francetl.france@gmail.com
Agape Coordinator	Tina LaCagnina	tinalacagnina@gmail.com
Communion Steward	Carolyn Henry	hnrylucas@aol.com
Newsletter	Linda Miles	mileslm75@gmail.com
Newsletter Distribution	Mark McCartney	mac431@gmail.com
Webmaster	Ken Sommerville	ksommerville@yahoo.com
Hospitality First UMC	Terry France	Francetl.france@gmail.com
Hospitality St John's GMC	Debby Leshar	judges4n5@yahoo.com
Hospitality Wellspring UMC	Dianne Nickerson	dnickerson314@gmail.com
Hospitality The Wesleyan	Dan Bonner	dancucr@gmail.com
Technical Coordinator	Mary Jane Berry	maryjaneberry813@gmail.com
Board Rep	Dan Westbrook	saladodan71@gmail.com

Our Emmaus 4th 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



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 GoFourthers	Women	Monday	5:00 PM	St John UMC 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	FUMC, room 301	open	Nancy Marsh	512-635-0036	nmarshtx@gmail.com
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	6:00 AM	Mariachis De Jalisco	open	Ken Sommerville	(512) 810-3848	ksommerville@yahoo.com

A new Men's Reunion Group is forming to meet at the Wesleyan in the new West Chapel on Thursdays at 10:30 am. The first gathering will be on Thursday, April 18. All men needing the fellowship and comfort of a reunion group are welcome. Contact Dan Bonner for more information.