



# The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Newsletter



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## De Colores!

## Welcome New Pilgrims

**Women's Walk #1597, February 10-13, 2011  
Camp Young Judaea**

Lacy Acord  
Connie Agudelo  
Tracey Beadle  
Heather Brady  
Anne Brownlee  
Winn Cantwell  
Suzanne Copeland  
Connie Ellis  
Loretta Foster

Tausha Fuller  
Kelli Grimm  
Donna Gruver  
Christine Henners  
Laura Holland  
Sheila Hooley  
Wendy Jones  
Sydell Kowalyshen  
Shirley Leydecker

Isabel Morales  
Alana Oehler  
Pat Pound  
Sandra Roberts  
Jeanna Stephens  
Joy Unger  
Jennifer Wehmeyer  
Farrah Zuniga



### Living a life of faith through confession and absolution

Throughout the ages, the church has used Lent to help Christians prepare for the Easter celebration through a focus on repentance, confession and absolution.

On Ash Wednesday we are reminded to not focus on our recognition when we do "acts of righteousness" but to instead remember that we fall short and need to daily repent and confess our sins. We are also to receive the assurance of God's forgiveness through Christ's sacrifice, and by faith receive this forgiveness joyfully as our lifestyle and works demonstrate God's grace in us.

Let me encourage you during your Lenten journey to think about those areas in your life that are against the commandments and do not honor God. Let these be in your mind as you make public confession in worship services. Rejoice when you hear the words of absolution and be in prayer asking the Holy Spirit to empower you with the fruit of repentance.

De Colores! Gerard Kern

# Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group

## 2010/2011 Board of Directors and Volunteers

### Lay Director

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4th Day Group Website:  
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## The Walk Talk Deadline for May 2011 is April 20th!

Please send your articles, Community Opportunities,  
4th Day Stories, Group appreciation and reflections to  
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or email to [franklingdom@gmail.com](mailto:franklingdom@gmail.com)

## Were You There?

Have you been going to the monthly Gathering?

**Why not?!?!?!?**

They are normally on the first Thursday of each month.  
Childcare is available at all Gatherings! Check out the  
schedule on page 5!

**We'll be looking for you!**

## 2011 Austin Sponsored Walks

### Women's Walk #1629 **Sept. 22-25**

Gina Franklin, Lay Director  
Cindy Layton, Spiritual Director  
Roxie Greenway, Board Rep.  
Nancy Minchew, ST Coordinator

### Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley

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### Men's Walk # 1640 **Oct. 20-23**

Jack Foreman, Lay Director  
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Gene McConnell, Board Rep.  
Kathy Shaw, ST Coordinator

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## Agape Signup Online

The signup for Women's Walk to Emmaus #1629 is: [www.mysignup.com/walk1629agape](http://www.mysignup.com/walk1629agape)

The signup for Men's Walk to Emmaus #1640 is: [www.mysignup.com/walk1640agape](http://www.mysignup.com/walk1640agape)

The general format at the web site is a list of instructions at the top of the page, followed by a grid of 6 columns with many rows for the items needed. The list of items is in alphabetical order. If you want to search for a particular item, you can enter <Control-F>, enter the name in the Find box, and press the Next button.

Approximately one week prior to the beginning of a Walk, a reminder e-mail will be sent to you for each item that you have promised to bring. The drop-off locations will be listed in the reminder e-mail.

## Chrysalis News

### Time to Start Planning for Chrysalis!!

The Chrysalis Community is sponsoring two Flights this summer:

#### Girl's Flight # 346

Steph Bridwell, Lay Director

**June 16, 2011**

Val Sansing, Spiritual Director

**Cathedral Oaks**

#### Boy's Flight # 353

Tim Deschner, Lay Director

**July 28, 2011**

Kyle Toomire, Spiritual Director

**Austin First UMC**

Registration forms are posted on the SWTX Conference website:

<http://www.umcswtx.org/mw-chrysalis.html>

or you may contact any member of the Chrysalis Next Steps Group.

Scholarships are available!



## SWTX Walk/Flight Leadership Training Sessions

To register for an Emmaus Leadership Training Event please go to [www.swtxumc.org/emmaus](http://www.swtxumc.org/emmaus) or contact Emmaus Register at: [Emmaus@umcswtx.org](mailto:Emmaus@umcswtx.org)

## Greater Austin Emmaus 4<sup>th</sup> Day Group - Board of Directors Meeting

The Greater Austin Emmaus 4<sup>th</sup> Day Group Board of Directors met on Thursday, February 3, 2011 at Lake Travis UMC. In attendance were: Gene McConnell – Lay Director; Bob Duplantis – Member Support; Myles McKemie – Gathering Support; Diane Merwarth – Walk Support; Sandy Brooks – Assistant Lay Director; Roxie Greenway – Treasurer; Cheryl Broome, Spiritual Director; Jack Foreman, Past Lay Director; and Jim Anthony – Board Rep.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Gene McConnell. The minutes of the previous Board Meeting were approved as read by a motion by Bob Duplantis, seconded by Myles McKemie.

The treasurer's report was presented by Roxie Greenway and was approved unanimously upon a motion by Jack Foreman with a second from by Bob Duplantis.

Jim Anthony reported that at the January Southwest Conference Board meeting, it was announced that we would be getting new crosses. The wooded crosses break too easily. Metal crosses will be used as soon as possible. Jim also reported that on April 9 there will be a presentation on the relationship between the 4<sup>th</sup> Day groups and the Next Step groups. It will be at Oxford UMC in San Antonio. Gene McConnell and Sandy Brooks will attend.

Jim sent an email to SW Conference about how to handle the 501(c)(3) status. The Board will review the bylaws on this issue.

Jim announced that local lay director training will be on Saturday, February 5. It was suggested that all ALDs for upcoming walks be encouraged to attend Local Lay Director training as well as Walk Flight training.

Bob Duplantis agreed to circulate a list of the people who are close to fulfilling necessary requirements for Lay Director.

Jim announced that team selection will take place on February 8 at 6:30 at Tarrytown UMC.

Diane Merwarth announced that if we are going to have childcare for candlelight, the forms need to be sent in by February 5. Diane reported that Kathy Shaw volunteered to make curtains for the Zoid building at Camp Young Judea. The Board approved reimbursing Kathy for the purchase of supplies to make the curtains.

Sandy Brooks will form the nominations committee to present the slate for next year's board.

Cheryl Broome reported on recent clergy training. It was held in a separate room than Walk Flight training. It will now be a one-time training, not every three years. Clergy will be asked to go to this one time training.

Jim Anthony announced that The Gift will not be presented at Welcome Back, but it will be left up to the 4<sup>th</sup> day community on how to respond.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 to attend the gathering and team commissioning.

There were 84 people who ventured out in the cold 25 degree weather to attend the gathering.



## Upcoming Greater Austin Emmaus Gatherings

Singing at 7:00 p.m., Worship at 7:30 p.m., Agape Feast Following

### April 2011

Thursday, April 7, 2011  
Crestview UMC  
1300 Morrow Street

### May 2011

Thursday, May 5, 2011  
Westlake UMC  
1460 Redbud Trail

### June 2011

Thursday, June 2, 2011  
University UMC  
2409 Guadalupe

### July 2011

Thursday, July 7, 2011  
Northwest Hills UMC  
7050 Village Center

### August 2011

Thursday, August 4, 2011  
Bethany UMC  
10010 Anderson Mill Road

### September 2011

Thursday, September 1, 2011  
Covenant UMC  
4410 Duval Road

### October 2011

Thursday, October 6, 2011  
First UMC Pflugerville  
500 East Pecan

### November 2011

Thursday, November 3, 2011  
Riverbend Church  
4214 N. Capital of Texas Hwy.

### Reminder:

Childcare Services are available  
at all Gatherings.

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