



# The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Newsletter



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## Emmaus Walk # 1640

Please support this Walk with your prayers, your agape, and your presence at Candlelight and Closing. Please keep these team members in your prayers, and remember, there are many unseen and unsung community members working on the Servant Team!

### Conference Room Team Members

Jack Foreman – <i>Lay Director</i>	Monte Marshall – <i>Spiritual Director</i>	Gene McConnell – <i>Board Rep.</i>
Jim Austin	Dahl Black	Bud Broeker
Tina Carter	Peter Castles	Bob Duplantis
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David McConnell	Myles McKemie	Clark Meier
Rusty Pancoast	George Tolleson	Rob Turk
		Dale Williams
		Bobby Callison
		Don Greenway
		Steve McCain
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## 2011 Austin Sponsored Walk

Men's Walk # 1640      **Oct. 20-23**

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

**Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley**

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## Agape Signup Online

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.

## Reminders for Emmaus Walk 1629

**Sponsor Hour: 7:00 pm, Thursday, October 20th**

**Candlelight: 7:30 pm, Saturday, October 22nd**

**Closing: 3:30 pm, Sunday, October 23rd**

[Directions to Camp Young Judaea](http://www.cyjtxas.org/clientuploads/PDF/directions%20to%20CYJ.pdf)

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# Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group

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Visit the Greater Austin Emmaus  
4th Day Group Website:  
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## The Walk Talk Deadline for October is September 20th!

Please send your articles, Community Opportunities, 4th Day Stories, Group appreciation and reflections to Gina Franklin 12905 Irongate Ave., Austin, TX 78727; 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!**



## Upcoming 2012 Austin Sponsored Walks

Women's Walk # 1644    **February 2-5**

Robbie Cripe, Lay Director

Anne Rioux, ST Coordinator

**Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley**

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Men's Walk # 1659    **May 3-6**

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### PSST....Don't Forget!

Just a reminder that photos and videos are not permitted during a Walk to Emmaus. This includes Thursday night check-in, Candlelight, and Closing along with the Conference Room activities. The Walk to Emmaus is a copyrighted program of The Upper Room, and the copyright prevents reproducing any part of the weekend. Please also be mindful of posts on social media regarding these same Walk events. We want our Pilgrims to know the weekend is kept confidential.

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### 75th Anniversary Celebration Eucharist

On July 19th, 1936, First English Lutheran Church was officially organized. Today we celebrate 75 years of this community of faith. We give thanks for all who started this congregation, and for all who have sustained and renewed it through all the years. We give thanks to God whose grace in Christ has guided us all along the way, and whose Spirit has gifted us with faith, hope, and love to be the church in this place.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness,  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Blessed be God, the source of all life, the word of salvation, the spirit of mercy.

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive." 1 Kings 8

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and, "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 1 Peter 2

Word of God. Word of life. Thanks be to God.

De Colores!

Gerard Kern

## 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, August 4 at Bethany United Methodist Church. In attendance were: Sandy Brooks - Lay Director; Cheryl Broome-Spiritual Director; Gary Johnson - Assistant Lay Director; Gene McConnell - Past Lay Director; Roxie Greenway - 4<sup>th</sup> Day Representative; Ann Rioux – Treasurer; Bob Duplantis – Member Services; Bobby Callison – Gathering Support. Also in attendance was Diane Merwarth.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by Sandy Brooks. Reverend Cheryl Broome gave the opening prayer. The Board Minutes of the previous board meetings were reviewed and some changes made. The minutes, with amendments, were approved by the Board.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Ann Rioux. Anne noted that the treasurer's report has been adapted per the July meeting and is more clearly stated. She noted that she has had problems with the Wells Fargo bank accounts. Also, there is an outstanding check #170 of \$93.00 to Chrysalis from 2010 that has not yet cleared. Taking this into account, this leaves a balance of \$7,478.82.

Ann stated that her intent was to work with Quicken software and Wells Fargo to resolve reconciliation issues. Gary moved we accept the report as presented and Bob seconded. The financial statements were accepted.

Ann also handed out a draft Treasurer's Duties list from May 2009 and suggested that this be updated. There was a discussion about the duties and that the Treasurer should be a voting member of the Board. There was also a discussion that the by-laws and job descriptions of each Board member needs to be updated.

In addition there was a discussion about why there is so much money left in the checking account, especially the unencumbered funds. Roxie suggested that we might want to see that the average unencumbered amount is, so that we can make a better decision on how much to leave in the checking account.

Bob stated that regarding funds, with the Houston Emmaus the Board pays the costs of the walks for the team and also pays a portion of the fees for the pilgrims so that they pay no more that \$50.00. Bob also mentioned that in the past the balance in the checking account was built up to make large purchases, such as the trailer.

Roxie Greenway provided a report on the upcoming walks. The four walks for 2012 now have walk numbers. She also discussed the new lanyard cross that will probably be in production in the fall of 2011. The fall walks will use the old crosses.

She stated that the Walk fees at CYJ will be \$200.00 in 2012, but that we still are open to other sites given the price and the facilities. She mentioned that Twin Oaks is a possible site for future walks. We also need to complete the fall walks at CYJ before making a decision about future walk sites. She mentioned the CYJ is upgrading and attempting to satisfy our needs.

Roxie mentioned that regarding team selection for the women's walk, it will be held next Tuesday at Covenant UMC. She also said that clergy have traditionally been part of the selection process, but this has not been consistently followed.

Gary Johnson provided an update on the issue of obtaining a 501 (c)(3) status, that he would begin working on the application and that he was not sure of the fee amount for the application. There was a discussion by the Board and it was seconded and approved to move forward with the application and the Gary was to notify Ann of the amount needed and a check would be issued.

Diane Merwarth provided an update of the marketing campaign at the various Austin UMC churches. This appears to be very productive and has generated a lot of interest in Emmaus. Each church is handling it slightly different but overall the campaign appears to be very successful. Diane provided an update of the churches to be visited in the coming weeks.

Bobby Callison discussed the forms needed for approving the baby sitters for Walks. Roxie said she would obtain the forms for this purpose.

Cheryl Broome closed with a prayer and the meeting adjourned at 7:00.

Attendance at the Gathering was 103.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gary Johnson

## Upcoming Greater Austin Emmaus Gatherings

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

### October 2011

Thursday, October 6, 2011  
First UMC Pflugerville  
500 East Pecan  
Walk 1640 Team Commissioning

### November 2011

Thursday, November 3, 2011  
Northwest Hills UMC  
7050 Village Center Drive

### December 2011

Thursday, December 1, 2011  
Parker Lane UMC  
2105 Parker Lane

## Upcoming 2012 Gatherings

### January 2012

Thursday, January 5, 2012

### February 2012

Thursday, February 9, 2012

### March 2012

Thursday, March 1, 2012

### April 2012

Thursday, April 5, 2012



### Reminder:

Childcare Services are available  
at all Gatherings.

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