



The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Newsletter



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A Lenten Reflection

Hard to believe, but Lent is just around the corner! Ash Wednesday falls on March 5. For six weeks we immerse ourselves in Jesus' ministry leading to Holy Week and His ultimate sacrifice for us, followed by His glorious resurrection. Sometimes we find it hard to imagine anyone doing this for us. We sing, "Open the eyes of my heart Lord, I want to see you!" However, in the Gospel of Luke, even when faced with Christ in person, Cleopas and his fellow disciple discovered on their Walk to Emmaus that until He broke the bread at supper they had no idea He was right in front of them!

So how will you engage in Lent this year to recognize and get closer to Christ? Will you pray more, ask for forgiveness more, forgive someone and release a long-held grudge? Some traditions suggest giving up something that we really like (fasting from chocolate, sweets, alcohol, smoking, or skipping one meal a day and donating its value to the church, etc.) Some suggest we quietly and secretly do good deeds. It is an extremely personal decision, not to be taken lightly.

Regardless of our commitment, in Matthew, Chapter 6:1-4, 16-18, Jesus clearly instructs us to give without expecting others to notice, and to avoid looking gloomy. In exchange He promises that God, who sees all, will know what we have done in His name.

Whatever you decide, I will pray for you, dear brothers and sisters, and ask that in return you pray for me. May each and every one of you have a blessed Lent. When Easter arrives on April 20, may you experience anew the Joy of the Resurrection and the Hope of Salvation!

De Colores!

Anne Rioux

Lay Director, Greater Austin Emmaus



Save the Date!
Saturday, June 7, 5:00 — 8:00 p.m.
GAE4DG June Gathering!
See inside for more details!

Saturday,
June 7th!

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Scholarship Fund = \$724.00

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<http://www.austinemmaus.org>

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The WalkTalk Deadline is the 20th of each month.

Please send your articles, information, community opportunities, 4th Day experiences/reflections to:

Kellye@austinemmaus.org

There were 122 attending the February Gathering at Bethany UMC, and we heard a GREAT 4th Day talk by Gayle Rolland!

Check out the Gathering schedule on the last page!
They are normally the first Thursday of the month.
Childcare available.

2014 Austin Sponsored Emmaus Walks



Men's Walk #1740

February 27 — March 2

Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley

Paul Draper, Lay Director

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Tom Deviney, Spiritual Director

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Welcome Back, March 4, 2014, 6:30, Bethany UMC, 10010 Anderson Mill Rd., Austin, 78750, 512-258-6017

Women's Walk #1749

April 24 — 27, 2014

Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley

Susan Curtis, Lay Director

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Welcome Back, April 29, 2014, 6:30, Berkeley UMC, 2407 Berkeley Avenue, Austin, 78745, 512-447-6633

Men's Walk #1758

August 21 — 24, 2014

Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley

David Graham, Lay Director

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Mel Chambers, Board Rep.

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Welcome Back TBD

Women's Walk #1775

November 13 — 16, 2014

Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley

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Cindy Layton, Spiritual Director

Lynn Magee, Board Rep.

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ST Coordinator TBD

Welcome Back, November 18, 2014, 6:30, Hill Country Bible Church, 11880 Old 2243 West, Leander, 512-259-1900



Chrysalis is the youth version of the Walk to Emmaus for ages 15 – 18. College-age young adults ages 18 – 24 attend a Chrysalis Journey. They are normally held during the summer months or at other times when school is out, such as Winter Break. For more information about a Chrysalis Flight or Journey, please contact our Chrysalis Representative, Tim Deschner, at Tim@austinemmaus.org. Fly with Christ!

Men's Emmaus Walk #1740 is **HERE!**

Men's Walk to Emmaus #1740 starts Thursday, February 27 and ends Sunday, March 2, 2014 at [Camp Young Judaea](#), just north of Wimberley. The Walk Lay Director is Paul Draper, the Walk Spiritual Director is Tom Deviney, the Walk Board Representative is Ed White, and the Walk Servant Team Coordinator is Teresa Edwards.

There are still openings for pilgrims! Sponsors can find forms [here](#), and completed forms and fees should be sent directly to Paul Draper (contact Paul@austinemmaus.org for more info).

There are still open agape items needing people to sign up to bring. Click on [this link](#) to sign up.

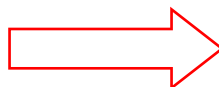
Candlelight is Saturday, March 1. Singing starts at 7:30pm, Worship starts at 8:00pm, and pilgrims will arrive approximately at 9:00pm. **Childcare will be provided at the Welcome Center.**

Closing is open to everyone and is Sunday, March 2, starting at 3:30pm.

The Welcome Back is open to everyone and is Tuesday, March 4, starting at 6:30pm at Bethany United Methodist Church, 10010 Anderson Mill Road, Austin, TX 78750.

Please pray for the pilgrims and the team!

De Colores!



Update on Women's Walk #1749

Women's Walk #1749 will take place at Camp Young Judaea near Wimberley, April 24 – 27. The team is preparing for "The Best Walk Ever." We have heard some amazing talks which certainly will bless the pilgrims who come.

At this time there are only 8 confirmed pilgrims, so those of you who have been talking to or thinking about a certain woman who might be ready to go on a Walk need to follow up and get her registered! Remember how you were blessed when your sponsor helped you get that done and made it possible for you to experience the Walk. This is your opportunity to pass on that blessing to someone else.

Please pray for the team and the pilgrims of this Walk! Our Lay Director is Susan Curtis, Spiritual Director is Rev. Jeannie Whitehurst, Servant Team Coordinator is Myles McKemie, and Emmaus Board Rep. is Diane Merwarth.

De Colores!
Susan Curtis, Lay Director



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Jim Thomas



Walk Reunions!

The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group is sponsoring a reunion for the following Walks at the March 6th Gathering at St. John's UMC:

Men's Walk #83A, 9/15/1988
(LD Jack Franks)

Women's Walk #619, 1/8/1998, Harambe Oaks
(LD Margaret Byron)

Men's Walk #1316, 8/24/2006, Highland Lakes
(LD Melvin Chambers)

If you were a pilgrim or team member on one of these Walks, we hope to see you there!

Save the Date!!!!
JUNE FAMILY GATHERING
Saturday, June 7, 2014
5:00 – 8:00 PM
(replaces the Thursday, June 5th Gathering)
Northwest Hills United Methodist Church
7050 Village Center Dr., Austin, TX 78731

Our 2013 Survey showed that a lot of Emmaus members cannot attend our Thursday evening Gatherings due to work and children's schedules. We hope this will give many of you a chance to reunite with your Emmaus friends in a family-friendly setting.

Our activities include:

- 5:00 PM – How to Sponsor Effectively—Role Playing the “Do’s” and “Don’t’s”
- 5:30 PM – The Wealth of Poverty – A Special Presentation by Rev. Tina Carter, Parker Lane UMC
- 6:00-7:00 PM – Potluck Supper with:
 - Silent Auction of Cakes and Pies benefitting the GAE4DG Scholarship Fund
(Be sure to bring CASH or CHECKS to pay for your winning items.)
 - Free Cookie/Cupcake Walk for the kids
 - Very brief Business Meeting
- 7:00-8:00 PM – Worship and Holy Communion

NOTE: Childcare will be provided from 5-8 PM so you may decide when it's time to bring the kids into the events.

We need donations of cakes and/or pies for the Silent Auction. If you can help, please sign up at http://www.mysignup.com/gae4dg_gathering_silent_auction. BE SURE TO DELIVER YOUR DONATION TO THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER BY 5:30 PM.

We need donations of cookies or cupcakes for the Free Cookie/Cupcake Walk for Kids. If you can help, please sign up at http://www.mysignup.com/gae4dg_gathering_cookie_cupcake_walk, BE SURE TO DELIVER YOUR DONATION TO THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER BY 5:30 PM.

Please RSVP via http://www.mysignup.com/gae4dg_gathering_attending if you plan to attend, and if you need childcare tell us how children and their ages so we can staff accordingly.



Upcoming Greater Austin Emmaus Gatherings

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

2014 Gatherings

March 6, 2014

Thursday, March 6, 2014
St. John's UMC
2140 Allandale Rd., 78756
4th Day Speaker Mark Adleman
Reunion for Walks #83A, #619, #1316

April 3, 2014

Thursday, April 3, 2014
Berkeley UMC
2407 Berkeley Ave., 78745
4th Day Speaker TBA
Walk #1749 team commissioning
Reunion for Walks #108, #635, #1338

May 1, 2014

Thursday, May 1, 2014
First UMC
1201 Lavaca Street, 78701
4th Day Speaker TBA
Reunion for Walks #133, #654, #1344

June 7, 2014

Saturday, June 7, 2014
5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Northwest Hills UMC
7050 Village Center Dr., 78731
4th Day Speaker TBA
Reunion for Walks #141, #666, #1355

July 3, 2014

Thursday, July 3, 2014
Westlake UMC
1460 Redbud Trail., 78746
4th Day Speaker TBA
Reunion for Walks #149, #676, #1409

August 7, 2014

Thursday, August 7, 2014
Location TBD
4th Day Speaker TBA
Reunion for Walks #165, #700, #1425

September 4, 2014

Thursday, September 4, 2014
Location TBD
4th Day Speaker TBA
Reunion for Walks #170, #704, #1435

Reminder:

Childcare available
at all Gatherings!

Contact:

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