



The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Newsletter



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Come Holy Spirit!

“Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.”

We have a rare and wonderful opportunity on the calendar for celebrating the Presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Our June Gathering is Saturday, June 7th, where we shall surely recite the Prayer to the Holy Spirit, and Pentecost Sunday is June 8th. It presents us with a time for our ecumenical GAE4DG members to join hands in prayer, fellowship, worship and praise, then go to our respective Pentecost services on Sunday to do that all over again!

“God is Good, All the Time, and All the Time, God is Good.”

With prayers for all of you and your families, I ask that you help us by signing up for the Saturday, June 7th Gathering at Northwest Hills UMC, 7050 Village Center Drive, Austin, 78731, from 5-8 pm. Help us prepare for a good experience by signing up at the following:

Attending the June 7th Gathering (26 people so far)

http://www.mysignup.com/gae4dg_gathering_attending

Donating a Cake or Pie to the Silent Auction (2 signups so far)

http://www.mysignup.com/gae4dg_gathering_silent_auction

Donating cookies and/or cupcakes to the Kids' Walk (7 signups so far)

http://www.mysignup.com/gae4dg_gathering_cookie_cupcake_walk

Let's commit to trying out this special Gathering and giving our host enough information to make it a huge success, and let's give thanks to God for His Gift of the Holy Spirit.

De Colores!

Anne Rioux

Lay Director, Greater Austin Emmaus



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Bank Balance

\$1,765.00

(unencumbered funds)

Scholarship Fund

\$1,132.33

Visit the Greater Austin Emmaus
4th Day Group Website:
<http://www.austinemmaus.org>



**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 78 attending the April Gathering
at Berkeley UMC, with Steve Collins
giving an amazing 4th Day talk !**

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 #1758

August 21 — 24, 2014

Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley

David Graham, Lay Director

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Jim Austin, Spiritual Director

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Bob Duplantis, ST Coordinator

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Welcome Back TBD

<http://www.mysignup.com/walk1758agape>

Women's Walk #1775

November 13 — 16, 2014

Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley

Ronee Gilbert, Lay Director

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Spiritual Director TBD

Lynn Magee, Board Rep.

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ST Coordinator TBD

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

<http://www.mysignup.com/walk1775agape>



The following signups are up
and linked to the Walks web page:

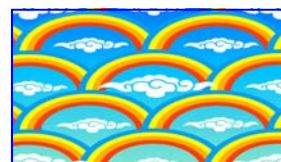
<http://www.mysignup.com/walk1758agape>

<http://www.mysignup.com/walk1775agape>



If you would like to be considered for the
Conference Room Team for any Walk,
please submit a Team Application. You
can download one by going to this link
below!

http://www.austinemmaus.org/team_app.php



Chrysalis News!



Dear sisters and brothers of the GAEC,

This summer we will have two Austin-area Chrysalis flights, and the work of building teams and recruiting butterflies is well underway. Both flights will begin the morning of Thursday, July, 17th, and end the afternoon of Saturday, July 19th. The flights are:

Boys Flight 381 at Covenant UMC, directed by Matt Trocha of Dripping Springs UMC
Girls Flight 382 at Bethany UMC, directed by Wendy Boatwright of Manor UMC

With your prayer and support, we will set the stage for more Austin flights in the summers to come. Here are a few things you can do to help make that happen:

Explain the value of Chrysalis to your church's youth director. All youth directors, whether professional or volunteer, care deeply about the spiritual growth of their young people, but not all of them know how Chrysalis might help them accomplish that. Chrysalis is designed to ignite the spiritual life of teenagers, and, in turn, invigorate their home churches and youth groups. We've approached Austin youth directors about Chrysalis, and some will need your help explaining Chrysalis to their youth, identifying eligible butterflies (Chrysalis isn't for everyone), and finding suitable sponsors in your congregation. The best way to introduce youth directors to Chrysalis is to sponsor them on a Walk to Emmaus if they haven't already been.

Offer to be a sponsor or help find sponsors. Signing up for a "three-day spiritual retreat" can be intimidating for teenagers. They need lots of support and encouragement from a living, breathing, caring sponsor who will help with the paperwork, do the behind-the-scenes agape work, provide transportation, and attend all relevant events during the Chrysalis weekend.

Serve with the Chrysalis community and board. Our Chrysalis board needs **YOU!** We need volunteers to serve in the same roles required for Emmaus – prayer vigil and agape coordinators, musicians, a treasurer, next-step (fourth-day) coordinator, etc. You don't have to be twenty-something or love Lady Gaga to work with teenagers. You just need a servant's heart.

It may seem like a tall order to give your time and energy for teenagers who don't belong to you. Why would anyone do that? Well, because embedded in that effort is Christ's redemption of the world through the energy, enthusiasm, passion and idealism of youth. We do it because Christ is counting on us, because the church without its teenagers is Christ without all his body parts, because inside that tiny cocoon of commitment, God has placed a butterfly waiting to spread its wings. God bless you and thank you for your support.

De Colores and Fly with Christ!
Tim Deschner, Chrysalis Representative

P.S. If you have questions or need information, call me (Tim Deschner) at 512-934-8077 or email at tdeschner@att.net.



**Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group
Board of Directors' Monthly Meeting
St. John's UMC, Austin
Thursday, March 6, 2014**

Opening: The regular meeting of the Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Board was called and held on March 6th at St. John's UMC, commencing at 6:05 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Anne Rioux, with the opening prayer given by Gary Johnson. Present were: Anne Rioux, Lay Director; Mel Chambers, Assistant Lay Director; Gary Johnson, Immediate Past Lay Director; Tom Rioux, Board Representative to SWTC; Debby Duplantis, Treasurer; Bobby Callison, Board Member for Walk Support; Jim Burgess, Board Member for Member Services; Kellye Noret, *WalkTalk* Editor; Paul Draper, Lay Director for Men's Walk 1740; Susan Curtis, Lay Director for Women's Walk 1749; Diane Merwarth, Board Representative for Women's Walk 1749; and Lois Draper.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved with corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Debby Duplantis informed us that there was no change in our financial status. The Board approved the report. The yearend report was completed and sent to the SWTC Emmaus office.

SWTC Board Representative Report: We need spiritual directors for Walks 1749 and 1758. Walk/Flight training will be held at Coker UMC, and all team leaders were notified. There is a Southwest Texas Conference Board meeting scheduled.

Gathering Support Report: No updates to report.

Walk Support Report: Bobby Callison reported that childcare was held at Camp Young Judaea and worked out very well. Walk 1740 Welcome Back had a great turn out with over 65% of the pilgrims in attendance.

Members Services Report: Jim Burgess did some work on our email list. He is still working on getting the email addresses for all church's point of contacts.

Immediate Past Lay Director Report: Gary Johnson told us he had some samples of 501 (c) 3 filings to look at and was working to get a sample of our filing for the board.

Spiritual Director Report: No report filed.

Walk 1740 Report: Paul Draper said Walk 1740 went well. He and Debby Duplantis were going to meet for the walk close out.

Walk 1749 Report: Susan Curtis has 13 pilgrims for Walk 1749.

Old Business: Carl Fisher said he would agree to be Prayer Vigil Coordinator for the GAE4DG. Chris McKemie said she would be considered for Assistant Lay Director for GAE4DG. We need to find someone to take over Walk Support.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m. by Anne Rioux. The next general meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. April 3rd at Berkeley UMC.

Minutes submitted by Mel Chambers, Assistant Lay Director



The Resurrection of Our Lord

God planned a perfect Paradise – no pain and no death. But sin of disobedience ruined it and tore us away from God. We were all doomed. Only a sinless existence would save us, but being by nature sinful made that impossible. We condemn ourselves over and over.

We had no hope until in God's merciful kindness, He sent Christ to pay the supreme price for each of us. With His death, He suffered in our place. At His resurrection, He sealed our futures. Through God's grace and love, He allowed His Son to endure terrible pain for each of us, and then on this special day gave us the assurance of our own resurrection from death. We no longer need to fear death. Let's share this great joyful news with everyone!

Is death the winner? No! We know death will come. But because of this special day, Christ's resurrection from the dead, we are the final victors. We will live with Him forever.

**God, we praise and thank You for this special day
and the gift of life with You forever through our Savior. Amen.**

**De Colores!
Gerard Kern**



Walk Reunions!

The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group is sponsoring a reunion for the following Walks at the May 1st Gathering at First UMC:

Women's Walk #133, 11/30/89, Mt. Wesley
(LD Effie Eastham)

Women's Walk #654, 5/21/98, Harambe Oaks
(LD Andrea Peck)

Men's Walk #1344, 1/11/07, Highland Lakes
(LD Ed White)

If you were a pilgrim or a team member on one of these Walks, we hope to see you at First UMC on May 1st!

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

May 1, 2014

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

June 7, 2014

Saturday, June 7, 2014
5:00 — 8:00p.m.
Northwest Hills UMC
7050 Village Center Dr., 78731
4th Day Speaker TBA
Reunion for Walks #141, #676, #1355

July 10, 2014

Thursday, July 10, 2014
Westlake UMC
1460 Redbud Trail., 78746
4th Day Speaker TBA
Walk #1758 team commissioning
Reunion for Walks #149, #666, #1409

August 7, 2014

Thursday, August 7, 2014
First UMC Pflugerville
500 East Pecan St., Pflugerville, 78660
4th Day Speaker TBA
Reunion for Walks #165, #700, #1425

September 4, 2014

Thursday, September 4, 2014
Covenant UMC
4410 Duval Rd., 78727
4th Day Speaker TBA
Reunion for Walks #170, #704, #1435

October 2, 2014

Thursday, October 2, 2014
Hill Country Bible Church
11880 Old 2243 West, Leander, 78641
4th Day Speaker TBA
Walk #1775 team commissioning
Reunion for Walks #182A, #721, #1451

November 6, 2014

Thursday, November 6, 2014
Wesley UMC
1164 Bernard Street, Austin, 78702
Reunion for Walks #184, #738, #1456

December 4, 2014

Thursday, December 4, 2014
Location TBA
Location TBA
Reunion for Walks #193, #750, #1485

Childcare available at all Gatherings!

Contact:

Board Member for Gathering Support
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LeeLeen@austinemmaus.org

**Please note that the
June Gathering is
SATURDAY, June 7th,
and the
July Gathering is the
2nd Thursday (July 10th)
instead of the 1st Thursday**