



The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Newsletter



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Keeping the Flame Going

As we count down the days to Women's Walk #1789 (April 23-26, 2015), we need to remember we still have time to ask someone to go on this journey. As of this printing, we have 18 pilgrims. We need at least 2 more for the Walk to make. We need to keep the fire that we have started this year burning. You know our motto:

**IF WE SCHEDULE IT,
YOU WILL ASK!**

We are planning a Potluck Dinner for the May 7th Gathering at Wesley UMC, my home church. I want to make my last time to stand in front of you as your Lay Director a special gathering. There will be signup sheets for food on the website (<http://www.austinemmaus.org>). I know we are busy people, but I expect to have some great home cooked food. We will have childcare so bring the whole family and invite a friend or two. I am looking forward to seeing you at the Gathering!

De Colores!
Mel Chambers
GAE4DGLay Director



Upcoming Walk

Women's Walk #1789
February 19 – 22, 2015
Camp Young Judaea

Please be in prayer for these team members!

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Lori Foster
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Financial Statement as of 2/28/15

Bank Balance

\$1,734.17

(unencumbered funds)

Scholarship Fund

\$1,129.50



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:

WalkTalkEditor@austinemmaus.org

**48 attended the March Gathering at
Manor UMC, with Maggie Shelton
giving an amazing 4th Day talk!**

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

2015 Austin Sponsored Emmaus Walks

Women's Walk #1789

Debby Krueger, Lay Director
Tina Carter, Spiritual Director
Anne Rioux, Board Rep.
Jack Forman, ST Coordinator

April 23 — 26, 2015

Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley

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Welcome Back TBD

Walk #1789 Agape Signup <http://www.mysignup.com/walk1789agape>

**** Men's Walk #1803**

Myles McKemie, Lay Director
Tom Deviney, Spiritual Director
Tom Rioux, Board Rep.
ST Coordinator, Chris McKemie

Oct 1 — 4, 2015

Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley

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Welcome Back TBD

Walk #1803 Agape Signup <http://www2.mysignup.com/walk1803agape>

**** Note Date Change**

Women's Walk #1818

LD, SD, BR, STC to be determined

Nov. 12 — 15, 2015

Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley

Men's Walk REQUESTED

Harold Sundbeck, Lay Director
SD, BR, STC to be determined

Feb. 18 — 21, 2016

Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley

contact: Harold@austinemmaus.org

Welcome Back TBD



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 the link below:

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

Chrysalis News

Chrysalis is the youth version of the Walk to Emmaus for ages 15 – 18. They are normally held during the summer months or at other times when school is out, such as winter break. This year the Austin community sponsored Chrysalis Flights (Boys and Girls, separately) will be July 9-11. Location TBD. For more information, please contact Tim Deschner:

ChrysalisRepresentative@austinemmaus.org

Fly with Christ!



A Note From the Editor...

Do you have 4th Day experiences you would like to share? Perhaps a reflection on your spiritual journey, a short devotional, or your favorite scripture and why? Or maybe you would like to share your answers to the two questions asked at Closing: What has this weekend meant to you? What are you going to do with it?

Well, this is your space to do that! Send them to WalkTalkEditor@austinemmaus.org, and they will be printed as space allows.



Upcoming Walk

Women's Walk to Emmaus #1789
April 23-26, 2015
Camp Young Judaea

Lay Director, Debby Krueger
Spiritual Director, Tina Carter
Board Rep., Anne Rioux
STC, Jack Forman

Agape Signup

<http://www.mysignup.com/walk1789agape>

Please be in prayer for this Walk and about how you can help with agape needs.



Walk Reunions

The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group is sponsoring reunions for the following Walks at the April 9th Gathering at First UMC Pflugerville:

Women's Walk #237, 3/19/92, Mt. Wesley
(LD Jane Posten)

Women's Walk #814, 3/23/2000, Mt. Wesley
(LD Ginger Daniels)

Women's Walk #1555, 4/22/10, Highland Lakes
(LD Chris Wehl)

If you were a pilgrim or team member on one of these Walks, we hope to see you April 9th at First UMC Pflugerville!



Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group
Board of Directors Meeting
Manor UMC
Thursday, March 5, 2015

The regular meeting of the GAE4DG Board was held on Thursday, March 5, 2015 commencing at 6:00pm at Manor UMC. The meeting was called to order by Mel Chambers and the opening prayer was given by Tom Rioux. Present were Mel Chambers, Lay Director; Chris McKemie, Assistant Lay Director; Anne Rioux, Immediate Past Lay Director; Tom Rioux, Rio Texas Board Rep.; Debby Duplantis, Treasurer; Carl Fisher, Board Member for Walk Support; LeeLeen Sundbeck, Board Member for Gathering Support; Jim Burgess, Board Member for Member Support; Kellye Noret, *WalkTalk* Editor; Debby Krueger, Lay Director for Women's Walk #1789.

Minutes: The Board approved the February minutes by email.

Treasurer's Report: Debby Duplantis presented the treasurer report. Tom Rioux made a motion to approve the report, Carl Fisher seconded and the treasurer's report was approved.

Rio Texas Board Representative's Report: Tom Rioux presented the Team Selection for Men's Walk #1803. Mel Chambers made a motion for the BOD to approve the team selection, Tom Rioux seconded the motion and the BOD approved the team selection. Tom reported a Lay Director is still needed for the Women's Walk in November, 2015.

Tom Rioux made a motion that the changes to the GAE4DG Bylaws be read, Carl Fisher seconded the motion and the BOD passed the first reading of the Bylaw changes. The changes are: references to SWTC are to be changed to read RTECC (Rio Texas Emmaus & Chrysalis Community); responsibility for the Treasurer: Shall promptly comply with any request to review the income, expenses, and finances of the GAE4DG with the person or persons making the request being responsible for any direct expenses such as making copies, minor grammatical changes; a Walk Board Representative shall have been a Walk Lay Director on a GAE4DG sponsored walk.

Gathering Support: LeeLeen Sundbeck reported that Wesley UMC will host the May 7, 2015 Gathering. This will be a pot luck Gathering with worship and a short program presented. Flyers will be given out at the April Gathering to inform the community about this Gathering and an email blast will be sent. Emmaus Sunday will be held on March 22.

Walk Support: Carl Fisher reported all went well with agape and prayer vigils for the Men's Walk #1778. Welcome Back for Men's Walk #1778 was attended by 17 pilgrims and all on the Walk agreed it "was the best walk ever." Carl also reported the GAE4DG now has 3 people approved for childcare.

Immediate Past Lay Director Report: Anne Rioux has not yet heard any updates from Gary Johnson concerning the GAE4DG application to become a 501(c)3 organization. Mel Chambers advised that he met a gentleman on Walk #1778 who has expertise in such matters and agreed to make contact with Gary Johnson to see what is needed to bring the matter to a conclusion.

Assistant Lay Director: Chris McKemie reported two people are in prayerful consideration for serving on the BOD in the positions of ALD and Member Support, and Mel Chambers has accepted the position for Board Rep. Rob Turk has accepted the position of Music Coordinator and will be starting in June.

Spiritual Director: Rev. Cheryl Broome was not present and no report was given.

Chrysalis Report: Tim Deschner was not present and no report was given.

Walk #1778 Update: David Graham was unable to attend tonight's BOD meeting. Close out report for Men's Walk #1778 will be given at the April BOD meeting.

Walk #1789 Update: Debby Krueger, LD for Women's Walk #1778, reported all the Walk's teams are complete. There are 11 confirmed pilgrims and 3 more applications are being processed.

Old Business: BOD voted to approve 1/3 scholarships for the first 21 Pilgrims for each Walk for the entire year of 2015.

Mel Chambers motioned the meeting be adjourned, Debby Duplantis seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm by Mel who gave the closing prayer.

Minutes submitted by Chris McKemie, Assistant Lay Director





**May 7, 2015 Gathering
Potluck Supper and Special Presentation
6:00 PM – 8:30 PM
Wesley UMC
1164 San Bernard Street, Austin, TX 78702**



Join us at the May Gathering to share a potluck supper at 6:00 PM at historic Wesley UMC in the Fellowship Hall (street level).

Bring your favorite entrée, side, salad or dessert and catch up with old and new Emmaus friends.

After supper there will be a special presentation of the video entitled “*Women’s Storybook Project of Texas*,” followed by singing and worship upstairs in the Sanctuary.

Childcare will be provided.

For more info, contact Mel Chambers at LayDirector@austinemmaus.org or LeeLeen Sundbeck at BM4GatheringSupport@austinemmaus.org.

Christ Descended to Lift Us Up – Easter Vigil

The sentence of Christ’s descent into hell gained usage in the middle of the fourth century, as an ancient church historian from that day tells us. Today, by way of ecumenical church councils that met to combat the heresies of their day, we confess these words in the Apostles’ Creed.

We confess these words, for they come to us from Scripture. The Apostle Peter tells us that Christ was “put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, who formerly were disobedient.” (I Peter 3:18-19)

Christ descended into hell to display His defeat over sin, death, and the devil. He descended to proclaim His victory! Thanks be to God that He has given us the victory through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior! Christ suffered hell on the cross so that we would not have to go to the cross and die ourselves. Christ descended into hell that He might lift you and draw you to Himself. And now has Christ washed you in Holy Baptism, even as He has cleansed His bride, the Church. He has emptied the tomb so that you would be filled on His gifts. Thanks be to God!

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**DeColores!
Gerard Kern**



Upcoming Greater Austin Emmaus Gatherings

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

2015 Gatherings

****April 9, 2015****

(note date change)

Thursday, April 9, 2015
First UMC Pflugerville
500 East Pecan St., Pflugerville, 78660
4th Day Speaker Coe Groce
Women's Walk #1789 team commissioning
Reunion for Walks #237, #814, #1555

May 7, 2015

Thursday, May 7, 2015
POTLUCK — see page 6 for more info
Wesley UMC
1164 San Bernard St., Austin, 78702
4th Day Speaker Willie Everett
Reunion for Walks #256, #1580

June 4, 2015

Thursday, June 4, 2015
Northwest Hills UMC
7050 Village Center Dr., Austin, 78731
4th Day Speaker TBD
Reunion for Walks #261, #825, #838, #1593

July 2, 2015

Thursday, July 2, 2015
St. Mark's UMC
601 West Braker Lane, Austin, 78753
4th Day Speaker TBD
Reunion for Walks #274, #845, #1597

August 6, 2015

Thursday, August 6, 2015
Covenant UMC
4410 Duval Rd., Austin, 78727
4th Day Speaker TBD
Reunion for Walks #276, #853, #1629

September 3, 2015

Thursday, September 3, 2015
Lake Travis UMC
1502 North RM 620, Austin, 78734
4th Day Speaker TBD
Men's Walk #1803 team commissioning
Reunion for Walks #293, #876, #1640

October 1, 2015

Thursday, October 1, 2015
Oak Hill UMC
7815 Highway 290 W., Austin, 78736
4th Day Speaker TBD
Reunion for Walks #296, #881, #1644

November 5, 2015

Thursday, November 5, 2015
Berkeley UMC
2407 Berkeley Ave., Austin, 78745
4th Day Speaker TBD
Reunion for Walks #300, #895, #1659
Women's Walk #1818 team commissioning

December 3, 2015

Thursday, December 3, 2015
Parker Lane UMC
2105 Parker Lane, Austin, 78741
4th Day Speaker TBD
Reunion for Walks #316, #914, #1674

Gatherings are on the 1st Thursday of the month unless otherwise noted.

Childcare provided

Contact LeeLeen Sundbeck
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