



## The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Newsletter



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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The March Gathering was awesome!! St. Mark's was filled with 105 Emmaus brothers and sisters, clergy, and pilgrims from Walk #1821, for whom this was their first Gathering.

At the Gathering, Joanne Robison gave her 4<sup>th</sup> Day Talk, beginning with the Prayer to the Holy Spirit:

*"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in us the fire of your love.  
Send forth your spirit and we shall be created,  
and You shall renew the face of the Earth."*

I assure you the Holy Spirit was present with us at this Gathering, and did indeed fill our hearts and kindled our hearts to burn even brighter. Our faith filled the room! Our voices filled the room in song! Our words filled the room as we worshipped! We left this sacred space renewed, restored, strengthened, and sent forth into the world to share God's blessings and God's love with all we will meet.

Our next Gathering will be at Wesley UMC on April 7<sup>th</sup>, and Walk#1839 will be commissioned. I pray you will mark this date on your calendar and make it a priority to attend the Gathering, to be present for the commissioning of this team, to be in prayer for the team and the pilgrims God is sending to be on this Walk, to be present to share in fellowship, friendship, and worship, and to leave after an evening in this sacred space fully blessed, restored, rekindled and renewed.

**In God's Love,  
Chris McKemie,  
Lay Director GAE4DG**



### Walk #1839 May 5 - 8, 2016 Camp Young Judaea

Please be in prayer for this Walk, the pilgrims God has chosen, and for these team members who are preparing for **THE BEST WALK EVER!**

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**Financial Statement**  
*as of 2/29/16*

**Bank Balance**

**\$14,129.88**

**Unencumbered funds**

**\$2,075.97**

**Scholarship Fund**

**\$3,700.39**

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Visit the Greater Austin Emmaus  
4th Day Group Website:

<http://www.austinemmaus.org>

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**DeColores**



**The WalkTalk deadline is  
the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.**

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

[WalkTalkEditor@austinemmaus.org](mailto:WalkTalkEditor@austinemmaus.org)

**105 attended the March Gathering  
at St. Mark's UMC on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, and  
Joann Robison gave a great 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.

## 2016 Austin Community Sponsored Emmaus Walks

### Women's Walk #1839

Roslynn Hopkins, Lay Director  
Tina Carter, Spiritual Director  
Gina Franklin, Board Rep.  
Sherry Wilkinson, ST Coordinator

May 5 — 8, 2016

contact: [Roslynn@austinemmaus.org](mailto:Roslynn@austinemmaus.org)

Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley

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[www.mysignup.com/walk1839agape](http://www.mysignup.com/walk1839agape)

*Welcome Back TBD*

### Men's Walk #1847

Rob Turk, Lay Director  
Audrey Spencer, Spiritual Director  
Melvin Chambers, Board Rep.  
Gene McConnell, ST Coordinator

August 25 — 28, 2016 Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley

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*Welcome Back TBD*

### Women's Walk #1863

LD, SD, BR, STC to be determined

October 6 — 9, 2016

Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley

*Welcome Back TBD*

If you would like to be considered for the Conference Room Team  
for a Walk, please submit a Team Application here:

[http://www.austinemmaus.org/team\\_app.php](http://www.austinemmaus.org/team_app.php)

### Rio Texas Conference 2016 Walk Schedule

The Rio Texas Conference 2016 Walk schedule is available at the below link. This includes ALL walks in our Conference. If your pilgrim is unable to attend an Austin Community sponsored walk, there are others to choose from!

<http://riotexas.org/emmaus/>





## Walk Reunions

The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group sponsors Walk reunions at each Gathering. At the April 7<sup>th</sup> Gathering at Wesley UMC, the following Walks will be recognized:

**Women's Walk #358, 5/5/1994, Mt. Wesley**

*(Lay Director, Annie Lancaster)*

**Men's Walk #968, 2/7/2002, Highland Lakes**

*(Lay Director, Jerry Dike)*

**Women's Walk #1730, 11/7/2013, Camp Young Judaea**

*(Lay Director, Tonna Marcyes)*

Below are the original pilgrim/team photos of these Walks (*Walk #968 photo unavailable*). See anyone you recognize? If you were a pilgrim or team member on one of these Walks, come to the April 7<sup>th</sup> Gathering at Wesley UMC to be reunited!



**Women's Walk #358  
May 5, 1994  
Mt. Wesley**

*LD, Annie Lancaster  
SD, Sherry Strain  
BR, Mary Frances Markley*



**Women's Walk #1730  
November 7, 2013  
Camp Young Judaea**

*LD, Tonna Marcyes  
SD, Dick West  
BR, Roxie Greenway*



Walk to Emmaus #1730



## Fellowship! Friendship! Worship! Pot Luck Gathering

Where: First UMC Pflugerville

When: June 2, 2016

Time: 6:30 dinner ~ 7:30 worship

Mark your calendars, bring a favorite dish to share,  
a friend to worship with, and a heart filled with love and joy!

For more info, contact Chris McKemie at [LayDirector@austinemmaus.org](mailto:LayDirector@austinemmaus.org)

*See you there! DeColores!*



### Did you know.....

.....that a Walk has to have a minimum of 20 pilgrims for it to make?

.....that the GAEC has had to cancel several Walks recently because they didn't meet this minimum?

.....that the deadline for a Walk to make is two weeks before the Walk is to begin?

### What's the answer?

Sponsor pilgrims! Meet the deadline!

### Emmaus Sunday April 3, 2016!

Wear your Emmaus cross lanyards to church on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.



### Opportunities To Serve Our Community

Do you have a "Servant Heart" and want to share it? Our Greater Austin Emmaus 4<sup>th</sup> Day Group is looking for volunteers with a servant heart to help us continue to grow by serving on the Board of Directors. We are currently in need of someone to fill the position of Board Member for Walk Support. This can be an individual or a couple. We also need someone to serve as an assistant to the Board Member for Walk Support. For more information, please contact Harold Sundbeck, Assistant Lay Director, at [hsundbeck@gmail.com](mailto:hsundbeck@gmail.com).



### Nominating Committee

The Board of Directors is looking for individuals to serve on the Nominating Committee for upcoming Board Members. Our meetings will discuss viable candidates to serve 3-year terms on the Board of Directors. If you would like to help with the selection process, please contact Harold Sundbeck, Assistant Lay Director, at [hsundbeck@gmail.com](mailto:hsundbeck@gmail.com).



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**Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group  
Board of Directors Meeting  
St. Mark's UMC, Austin  
Thursday, March 3, 2016**

The regular meeting of the GAE4DG Board was held on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at St. Mark's UMC commencing at 6:10 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Chris McKemie and the opening prayer was given by Rev. Sylvester Chase. Present were: Chris McKemie, Lay Director; Harold Sundbeck, Assistant Lay Director; Mel Chambers, Rio Texas Board Representative and Immediate Past Lay Director; LeeLeen Sundbeck, Board Member for Gathering Support; Rev. Sylvester Chase, Spiritual Director; Jim Burgess, Board Member for Member Support; and Kellye Noret, Editor of the *WalkTalk*.

**Lay Director's Opening Remarks:** Chris McKemie welcomed everyone.

**Minutes:** The Board approved the February 2016 minutes by email and they were submitted to Kellye Noret for publication in the *WalkTalk*.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mel Chambers presented the Treasurer's Report in Sam Johnson's absence. The ending balance as of February 29, 2016 was \$14,129.88, with an unencumbered balance of \$2,075.97 after outstanding liabilities of \$12,053.91. There is \$3,700.39 available for Walk Scholarships. Chris McKemie made motion to accept the report, LeeLeen Sundbeck seconded, and report was voted on and approved.

Walk #1821 had an additional expense of \$575.00 for golf cart rentals, delivery, and pick-up. Beth Bible paid this expense, and a motion was made by Harold Sundbeck to reimburse the Bible's. Mel Chambers seconded the motion, it was voted and approved and a check for \$575.00 was issued to Beth Bible. With the cost of golf cart rental being very expensive, the BOD recommends the use of personal cars at a Walk if there are no golf carts available to be used in lieu of renting.

**Rio Texas Board Representative's Report:** Mel Chambers reported he still needs someone to be the Lay Director for Women's Walk #1863, scheduled for October 6. If no one is willing to serve, this Walk will be cancelled. Men's Walk #1847 is scheduled for August 25. LeeLeen suggested Kristin Hampton for LD for the October Women's Walk. Robert Waddle was also mentioned as serving as a Spiritual Director for a future Walk.

Mel also reported we will need insurance once we become a 503c entity. He will talk to someone he knows who is an insurance agent.

**Gathering Support:** LeeLeen reported she is continuing to work on Gatherings and continuing contacting churches to hold Gatherings. The May Gathering will be the second Thursday due to Women's Walk #1839 beginning on the first Thursday. She reported she will need to shift churches for the May, August, and October Gatherings to the Lay Director's home churches. The next Emmaus Sunday is April 3, 2016. The June Gathering will be a pot-luck with meeting to follow. Also, new officers will be announced.

**Walk Support:** We need volunteers to take over Carl's duties. Harold will send a note to Kellye to place in the *WalkTalk* asking for volunteers to serve on the Board.

**Immediate Past 4th Day Board Rep:** Tom Rioux is still working on the 503c. The Board will need to meet with an attorney concerning our 503c status.

**Assistant Lay Director:** Will make an announcement tonight for individuals to serve on the Board.

**Old Business:** Discussion concerning using the Yahoo blast to the community for announcements concerning deaths of members. After discussion, a motion was made by Chris McKemie to approve the use of the Yahoo Blast for member death announcements. Harold Sundbeck seconded and the motion was voted and approved. Rev. Sylvester Chase will assist the BOD with conveying the wishes of the Board to the Yahoo Blast moderators to make this happen.

**New Business:** Discussion on putting sign-ups for the Yahoo e-mail list along with prayer e-mail sign-ups in Pilgrim's Closing Packet. This can be added to the Servant Team duties. Chris will discuss with Carl Fisher.

**Walk #1836 Report:** Second team meeting will be March 12, team is full as well as music team. Arrangements have been made for Candlelight. Help is needed for Servant Team and Agape is needed.

**Walk #1821:** Best Walk Ever!

Tom Rioux entered the meeting to report on the current work on the 503c. He has talked to several attorneys and we need to finalize the 503c status.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. by Chris McKemie. Sylvester Chase gave the closing prayer.

*Minutes submitted by Harold Sundbeck, Assistant Lay Director*



## Upcoming Greater Austin Emmaus Gatherings

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

### 2016 Gatherings

#### **April 7, 2016**

Thursday, April 7, 2016  
Wesley UMC  
1164 San Bernard, Austin, 78702  
4th Day Speaker TBD  
*Reunion for Walks #358, #968, #1730*

#### **\*\* May 12, 2016 \*\***

Thursday, May 12, 2016  
Northwest Hills UMC  
7050 Village Center Drive, Austin, 78731  
4th Day Speaker TBD  
*Reunion for Walks #372, #988, #1740*

#### **June 2, 2016**

Thursday, June 2, 2016  
First UMC Pflugerville  
500 E. Pecan St., Pflugerville, 78691  
4th Day Speaker TBD  
*Reunion for Walks #376, #381, #1008, #1749*

#### **July 7, 2016**

Thursday, July 7, 2016  
Westlake UMC  
1460 Red Bull Trail, Austin, 78746  
4th Day Speaker TBD  
*Reunion for Walks #1035, #1775*

#### **August 4, 2016**

Thursday, August 4, 2016  
Covenant UMC  
4410 Duval Road, Austin, 78727  
4th Day Speaker TBD  
*Reunion for Walks #397, #1042, #1778*

#### **September 1, 2016**

Thursday, September 1, 2016  
Cedar Park UMC  
600 W. Park St., Cedar Park, 78613  
4th Day Speaker TBD  
*Reunion for Walks #408, #1057, #1789*

#### **\*\* October 13, 2016 \*\***

Thursday, October 13, 2016  
Lake Travis UMC  
1502 RR 620 North, Austin, 78734  
4th Day Speaker TBD

#### **November 3, 2016**

Thursday, November 3, 2016  
TBD  
4th Day Speaker TBD

#### **December 1, 2016**

Thursday, December 1, 2016  
TBD  
4th Day Speaker TBD

*\*\* Gatherings are on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month unless otherwise noted.\*\**

**Childcare provided.**

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