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AGAPE

You can never tell when a small act of kindness to a friend, an act of agape, can end up also impacting so many other people. It's the little things that we do for others, not expecting anything in return. This is what we experienced, this Agape, on our Pilgrim Walk. Seeing the letters from Emmaus communities around the world, and even from those in prison, that were sent out of love for us gave us all a sense of being connected to all these people through these acts of Agape.

One of our members of this community is a craftsman making beautiful wood cut-outs that read HUG – Hold Us God. I was given one and it sat on my desk at work and I would look at it taking inspiration from those words. A while back, over a year ago, I met with a friend to catch up on what was going on in her life. She was someone I used to work with and she had also been on a Walk to Emmaus. I knew from our conversation before we met up that she was in need of a HUG and so I took my HUG and passed it on to her. Recently, she told me that it had sat on her desk giving her inspiration, just as it had for me, but she passed it on to her sister living in Arkansas who was battling cancer. Her sister told her that while going through chemo she met an older woman who was also battling cancer and going through chemo. She gave this woman the HUG to give her strength in her battle. The woman started to cry and told her the gift of the HUG was the best gift she had ever received. A small act of Agape traveled a long way, passing through many hands and hearts, touching all who received as an act of love. Agape, pass it on.

Speaking of which, we have Women's Walk #142 coming up October 12-15 and we have our Agape List on-line waiting for you to sign up. I encourage all of you to go through our Agape list and sign up for the items we will need on the Walk.

By the way, we have 10 Pilgrims signed up for the October Women's Walk and we are counting on the community to reach out to those women you know of who are ready to experience the Walk to Emmaus. So, if you are interested in sponsoring a Pilgrim, please go to www.austinemmaus.org and follow the directions to find the Sponsor forms.

One excellent way to promote the Walk to Emmaus is to wear your lanyards to church on the first Sunday of every month.

Our next monthly Gathering will be at Northwest Hills UMC, located at 7050 Village Center Drive, Austin 78731. The pot luck dinner begins at 6:00 pm, music at 7:15 pm, and worship at 7:30 pm. I hope to see all of you there when we gather for fellowship and worship.

De Colores!
LeeLeen Sundbeck
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Financial Statement
as of 7/20/17

Bank Balance
\$21,704.39

Scholarship Fund
\$2,400.00

Visit the Greater Austin
Emmaus Community
Website at

<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:

WalkTalkEditor@austinemmaus.org

**Approximately 50 attended the July 6th
Gathering at Cedar Creek UMC, and Shirley
Ellis gave an inspiring Fourth Day talk.**

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

2017 Austin Community Sponsored Emmaus Walk

Women's Walk #142 October 12 — 15, 2017 CYJ, Wimberley

Kristin Riggs Hampsten, Lay Director Contact: Kristin@austinemmaus.org

Dick West, Spiritual Director

LeeLeen Sundbeck, Board Rep.

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Candlelight – October 14, 2017 @ 7:30pm at CYJ

Closing – October 15, 2017 @ 3:30pm at CYJ

Welcome Back – October 19, 2017 @ 7:00pm at Covenant UMC

4410 Duval Road, Austin, Texas, 78727, 512-346-3124



GAEC 2018 Walks

We have approved the 2018 Walks!

Men's Walk #143 is March 15 – 18, 2018 (*Note: We are trying to move it to March 22-25, 2018.*) We are still looking for a Lay Director for this Walk.

Women's Walk #144 is October 11 – 14, 2018, with Chris McKemie as Lay Director.

We are hoping to have our first Face To Face Walk in 2019, and our first Journey to the Table in 2020. Also, we are working on moving our database to Access and we are considering a Facebook page. I hope you are willing to help make these things a success because you are Christ's hands and feet.

God bless you, your church, the Greater Austin Emmaus Community, and America.

**Melvin "The Real" Chambers
Upper Room Support**



Women's Walk #142

We are gearing up for Walk #142, October 12-15 at Camp Young Judea. We have a full Conference Room team but are still in need of some Servant Team members. If you would like to serve in this capacity, please send an email to Jeanne Randall at limeylass@gmail.com, or Harold Sundbeck at hsundbeck@gmail.com.

We already have 10 pilgrims registered, and we expect this to be a full Walk, so please sign up your pilgrims now! There is some great information on our website regarding sponsoring, so please check that out.

Finally, we need a group to volunteer for the Agape Feast at Candlelight on October 14th. Please contact the Lay Director, Kristin Hampsten, at khampsten@gmail.com if you are interested.



Greater Austin Emmaus Community Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Cedar Creek UMC, July 6, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m., by Harold Sundbeck, who opened the meeting with prayer and presided over the meeting in the absence of the Lay Director.

The following directors were present: Rob Turk, Assistant Lay Director; Jeanne Randall, Secretary; Kristin Hampsten, Member Services Coordinator; Carl Fisher (*by phone*), Walk Support Coordinator; Rev. Sylvester E. Chase, Jr., Spiritual Director; Harold Sundbeck, Immediate Past Lay Director.

QUORUM: It was determined that 8 directors were present, which did constitute a quorum. There were no additional persons present:

MINUTES: The Board of Directors Meeting Minutes were sent by email for the previous meeting held on June 1, 2017. Corrections that had been submitted were made and a final draft was emailed and approved by the Board. Copies of the approvals are filed with the Minutes.

REPORTS: The following officers, directors, or other persons presented reports to the Board of Directors, with any items discussed or actions taken as noted below. The following items were discussed:

TREASURER'S REPORT: Email report from Patti, with recommendations.

OLD BUSINESS: The GAEC and ABC Emmaus trailers have been merged and condensed. Numerous duplicates (for example, a total of 4 Talk Boxes) on both trailers have been sorted. Dried markers, pens and leaking batteries have been disposed of, and “leftover” construction paper, plastic flatware, etc. have been donated. The trailer is ready for Walk #142.

WALK #142 REPORT: We have nine confirmed Pilgrims. The next Team meeting is in August.

ADJOURNMENT: At 5:50 p.m., a motion was made that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Worship Booklets Available in Electronic Format

Emmaus and Chrysalis worship booklets are now available for download in epub and Kindle formats. Print booklets remain available for distribution to participants during the weekend event.

[Emmaus Worship Booklet for Pilgrims \(ePub\)](#)
[Emmaus Worship Booklet for Pilgrims \(Kindle\)](#)
[Chrysalis Worship Booklet \(ePub\)](#)
[Chrysalis Worship Booklet \(Kindle\)](#)



Very Important Note From Your Editor

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Thank you!

WalkTalk Deadline

Remember, the deadline for the *WalkTalk* is always the 20th of each month!

DON'T MISS
THE DEADLINE!

Emmaus Sunday!

Don't forget! The first Sunday of each month is Emmaus Sunday. Wear your cross and lanyard to worship. This is a wonderful opportunity to bring awareness to the Walk to Emmaus!



The *WalkTalk* Needs YOU!

The *WalkTalk* needs your help to keep it informative, interesting and enjoyable to read. Please send your . . .

- ⇒ Emmaus information
- ⇒ Chrysalis information
- ⇒ Kairos information
- ⇒ any upcoming events
- ⇒ articles
- ⇒ personal reflections
- ⇒ 4th Day experiences
- ⇒ GAEC service opportunities/needs
- ⇒ Walk info
- ⇒ team info
- ⇒ Gathering info

. . . you get the idea! Anything you think the community needs to know, would be helpful to know, or would enjoy reading.

Send your news to

WalkTalkEditor@austinemmaus.org

Upper Room Emmaus Ministries

If you would like to receive email from The Upper Room Emmaus Ministries, please go to this link.

<https://app.e2ma.net/app2/audience/signup/1728792/1367415/>



Upcoming Greater Austin Emmaus Gatherings

Potluck at 6:00 p.m. Worship at 7:15 p.m.

2017 Gatherings

August 3, 2017

Thursday, August 3, 2017
Potluck Dinner at 6p, worship at 7:15p
Northwest Hills UMC
7050 Village Center Drive, Austin, 78731
4th Day Speaker TBD

To reserve childcare,
send an email to:

BM4GatheringSupport@austinemmaus.org

September 7, 2017

Thursday, September 7, 2017
Potluck Dinner at 6p, worship at 7:15p
Manor UMC
510 Burnet St. North, Manor, 78653
4th Day Speaker TBD

October 5, 2017

Thursday, October 5, 2017
Potluck Dinner at 6p, worship at 7:15p
Covenant UMC
4410 Duval Road, Austin, 78727
4th Day Speaker TBD

November 2, 2017

Thursday, November 2, 2017
Potluck Dinner at 6p, worship at 7:15p
Lake Travis UMC
1502 North RM 620, Austin 78734
4th Day Speaker TBD

December 7, 2017

Thursday, December 7, 2017
Potluck Dinner at 6p, worship at 7:15p
Location TBD
4th Day Speaker TBD



Emmaus Gatherings