



## The Greater Austin Emmaus Community Newsletter



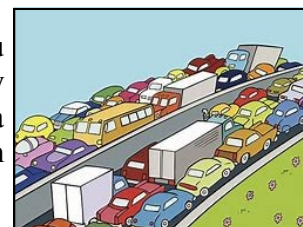
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### TRAFFIC, TRAFFIC, AND MORE TRAFFIC

You're probably wondering about this title. Well, if you spend any time in your car you can understand. Getting around Austin has turned into a logistical nightmare, especially trying to attend our monthly Gatherings. Over the last several years we have seen a steady decline in the members of our community attending our Gatherings. The main complaint is...you guessed it, THE TRAFFIC.



I'll admit, it's difficult to attend a Gathering when it's at a church on the other side of town. I think that's why we typically see a strong turnout from the host church and those of you who continue to make the effort to attend.

But what about those who have to work all day, grab a quick dinner, if at all, and then drive to where the Gathering is being held? The Board has recognized the challenges for our community and we have discussed alternatives. One of our new members came to us from Houston and they had experienced similar issues. If you have spent any time in Houston and tried to drive across that town, you know the time commitment that will take. So what did the Houston Emmaus community do? They now have Gatherings every other month and meet on a Saturday evening with a potluck dinner. This has allowed the members of the community to plan ahead, gives them the luxury of time to drive to the Gathering without feeling rushed, and time to prepare something to share at the potluck. They also schedule events and training classes prior to the potluck. The result has been a larger attendance at the Gatherings, greater fellowship, and full walks.

We will be advertising these changes at our April Gathering on Thursday April 5<sup>th</sup> at First Pflugerville UMC. We will also have the team commissioning for Walk #144 at that Gathering.

So, beginning with the May Gathering at Northwest Hills UMC, we will meet on Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM. We will also utilize the time to have the Welcome Back for Walk #144. That way the community will be able to extend a large welcome to the pilgrims into the Greater Austin Emmaus Community.

This brings me to a request. We need pilgrims for Men's Walk #144. So, I'm asking each of you and also each of your reunion groups to be in prayer for the pilgrims to answer His call to attend the Walk and experience the best Walk ever.

Remember, Christ is Counting on You.

**De Colores!**  
**LeeLeen Sundbeck**  
**Lay Director**



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## Financial Statement as of 3/20/18

**Bank Balance**  
**\$22,324.08**

**Scholarship Fund**  
**\$1,629.50**

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Emmaus Community  
Website at

<http://www.austinemmaus.org>

## 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 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)

The March 1<sup>st</sup> Gathering was at Manor UMC, with 33 in attendance, and Kim Newman gave an inspiring 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 2018 Austin Community Sponsored Emmaus Walks

### Men's Walk #144

Coe Grace, Lay Director

Stella Burkhalter, Spiritual Director

Gene McConnell, Board Rep.

Roxie Greenway, ST Coord.

Agape and Prayer Vigil Sign ups

April 19 — 22, 2018

Contact: [Coe@austinemmaus.org](mailto:Coe@austinemmaus.org)

Contact: [Gene@austinemmaus.org](mailto:Gene@austinemmaus.org)

Contact: [Roxie@austinemmaus.org](mailto:Roxie@austinemmaus.org)

<http://austinemmaus.org/Walks.php>

Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley

### Women's Walk #143

Chris McKemie, Lay Director

Tom Deviney, Spiritual Director

Gina Franklin, Board Rep.

Myles McKemie, ST Coord.

November 15 — 18, 2018

Contact: [Chris@austinemmaus.org](mailto:Chris@austinemmaus.org)

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Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley



### Database Help Needed!

We are looking for people to help rebuild our database and to add to our social media footprint. If you have skills in these areas, we would like to hear your input. We need your help to make this project a success. If interested, please send an email to

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

if you would like to help. The first meeting date, time, and place will be emailed back to you and also printed in the *WalkTalk*.

**DeColores!**

**Mel Chambers**

**Upper Room Support**

### Need Pilgrims for Men's Walk #144!

De Colores everyone,

I am writing to implore members of the Greater Austin Emmaus Community to make a push to sign up pilgrims for Men's Walk to Emmaus #144 that is occurring April 19-22, 2018 at Camp Young Judaea. The Lay Director for this walk is Coe Groce, the Spiritual Director is Rev. Stella Burkhalter, and Gene McConnell is the Board Rep. It is sure to be an awesome weekend!

The deadline for us to have 20 pilgrims signed up for this Walk is April 5, 2018, just right after Easter. That means NOW is the time to get them signed up.

Please prayerfully consider the men and families in your churches and in your social network, and reach out to men who might benefit from the Walk to Emmaus experience. Explain how the Walk to Emmaus has made a difference in your spiritual journey. The team is working hard to be ready to make it an extraordinary weekend, with God's help, and YOUR support whether it be via sponsorship, agape, or prayers.

Let's continue to pray for this to be the Best Walk Ever!

**In Christ,  
Rob Turk**

### Walk Fee Increase

Registration fees for 2018 Walks have increased by \$12.00 to cover the \$12.00 increase in cost charged by Camp Young Judaea. The registration fee to attend a Walk to Emmaus is now \$210.00. If needed, partial scholarships are available. Go to the website to download the form.



**Upcoming Walk!**  
**Men's Walk #144**  
**April 19-22, 2018**  
**Camp Young Judaea**

**Please keep these team members in your prayers  
as they prepare for THE BEST WALK EVER!**

**Conference Room Team**

Craig Adams  
Paul Arismendez  
Scott Broberg  
Stella Burkhalter – *Spiritual Director*  
Tina Carter  
Dave Corna  
Brett Crouch  
Spencer Day  
Daniel Dietz  
Paul Draper  
Ebin Files  
Don Greenway  
Coe Groce – *Lay Director*  
Don Inbody  
Dan Jean  
Charles Koenig III  
Jim Lindsey  
Wade Lindstrom  
Tim Martin  
Gene McConnell – *Board Rep.*  
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Jon Nelson  
Joel Roehling  
Steven Scott  
Arnie Waden

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Patty Bizzell  
Jack Foreman  
Tom Green  
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Pam Groce  
Pat Hall  
Cissy Lux  
Chris McKemie  
Colleen Meyer  
Bob Miles  
Linda Miles – *Co-Coordinator*  
Michael Pavlu  
Erin Priddy  
Jeanne Randall  
David Scott

**TEAM**  
**AWESOME**

Do you have 4th Day experiences you would like to share? Perhaps a reflection on your spiritual journey, or sharing your answers to the two questions asked at Closing: What has this weekend meant to you? What are you going to do with it? Send your reflections to [WalkTalkEditor@austinemmaus.org](mailto:WalkTalkEditor@austinemmaus.org). We will all be blessed by your sharing!



**Greater Austin Emmaus  
Reunion Groups**

Looking for a reunion group?  
Want to add a new group?  
Need to update info on an existing group?

Go to the link below to do all of this.  
Help us keep our Reunion Group list accurate!

[http://austinemmaus.org/reunion\\_groups.php](http://austinemmaus.org/reunion_groups.php)

*He is Risen!*



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## **Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

### **March 1, 2018, Manor UMC**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m., by LD Leeleen Sundbeck, who opened and presided over the meeting. The following directors were present: LeeLeen Sundbeck, Lay Director; Rob Turk, Assistant Lay Director; Jeanne Randall, Secretary; Patti Bizzell, Treasurer; Mel Chambers, Upper Room Rep.; Tisha Christopher, Member Services Coor.; Steven Scott, Gathering Support Coor.; Harold Sundbeck, Walk Support Coor. and Past Lay Director; Rev. Sylvester Chase, Spiritual Director; Coe Grace, Lay Director Men's Walk #144 (*non-voting*); Chris McKemie, Lay Director Women's Walk #143 (*non-voting*). **QUOREM:** It was determined that 9 Directors were present, which did constitute a quorum. Our guests were Myles McKemie, Tisha Christopher, Kim Newman and Bradley Bizzell.

**MINUTES:** The Board of Directors Meeting Minutes were sent by email for the previous meeting held on February 1, 2018. The minutes were approved by email and the emails are filed with the Minutes.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Patti moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented by email. Rob seconded the motion and the motion passed. A copy of the report is filed with the minutes; Patti confirmed that the IRS 990N report has been filed and that the Directors and Officers Liability Insurance was paid; There is no credit card at this time. Additional information has been sent to the company and Patti is waiting for a response.

**UPPER ROOM REPORT** –The Covenant with the Upper Room was signed at the March meeting. Mel reported that CYJ has not sent the contract for Walk #144, so the check has not been sent because we don't have the contract. Also, the 2019 dates have not been confirmed by CYJ. He will be ordering Director (Coordinator?) manuals for each Board member. The manuals will be set up so that they can be passed on to the next person taking the Board position. He will also be ordering Team Manuals.

**GATHERING SUPPORT** – Steven Scott is willing to become the new Gathering Support Director. Rob moved that Steven be appointed to the position; it was seconded by Kristin and passed. After much discussion, Steve made the motion that the Gatherings be moved to Saturdays of odd-numbered months, with two churches sharing the responsibility for the preparation, hosting, and cleanup afterwards. Steve will work closely with the churches currently scheduled to host. Leeleen seconded the motion and it passed. This will begin with the May "Welcome Back" Gathering following Walk #144.

**WALK SUPPORT** – The Agape and Prayer Vigil sign-ups are active on the GAEC website; Jeanne also brought them to the Gathering. The trailer is scheduled to be worked on, straightened, and inventoried on March 4<sup>th</sup>.

**MEMBER SUPPORT** – Kristin has asked Tisha to use her expertise to make the communication system better for the Community.

**ASSISTANT LAY DIRECTOR REPORT** – Rob emailed suggestions for the opening Board positions based on the current Bylaws. He is recommending Kristin Hampsten for ALD, Steven Scott for Gathering Support, and Tish Christopher for the position of Member Support Coordinator.

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR** – Rev. Chase asked if there were Guidelines for the 4<sup>th</sup> Talk. We confirmed that there were guidelines, but that Talk Guidelines are just suggestions to follow and cannot be enforced.

**OLD BUSINESS** – A committee will be formed to establish a data management process (DMP) that meets the needs of the GAEC that preserves the confidentiality and privacy of members, pilgrims, sponsors, vendors, etc. Leeleen suggested hiring an outside person to rebuild the database. Tisha has a contact for the rebuilding of the database. It was recommended that Mel be the person to meet with the person as he is most familiar with the database and the information that it must contain; Everyone's "job descriptions" have been put into Dropbox for review. These need to go into a policies and procedures manual, so that when new people join the Board they are aware of the duties, time lines of commitments etc.; Because of traffic and time constraints, we are going to explore the idea of having the Board meetings on the Sunday before the Gatherings. The only concern would be the issue that Board Meetings must be open to the GAEC Community.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Rob moved and Kristin seconded the motion to approve the Team Selection list for Walk #143, and the motion passed; Leeleen is going to do a site visit at the Twin Lakes Retreat facility for the possible move for future Walks.

**WALK #143 REPORT** – Chris reported that everything is going smoothly towards Walk #143. Rev Tom Deviney has the Spiritual Team in place, LaMonica Lewis is leading the Music Team, and Chris can begin recruiting the rest of her team.

**WALK #144 REPORT** – Coe has six pilgrims. Team Meetings are progressing and the Team Consecration will be at the April 5<sup>th</sup> Gathering.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Reminder of the trailer work day at Chris & Myles' home on March 4<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 7:00 p.m. a motion was made that the meeting be adjourned, and it adjourned at 7:02 p.m.



# Upcoming Greater Austin Emmaus Gatherings

Music at 7:00, Worship at 7:30, followed by agape feast

## **April 5, 2018**

Thursday, April 5, 2018  
First UMC Pflugerville  
500 E. Pecan St., Pflugerville, 78691  
Worship at 7:30, followed by agape feast  
4th Day Speaker TBD

## **May 3, 2018**

Thursday, May 3, 2018  
Northwest Hills UMC  
7050 Village Center, Dr., Austin, 78731  
Worship at 7:30, followed by agape feast  
4th Day Speaker TBD

## **June 7, 2018**

Thursday, June 7, 2018  
Cedar Creek UMC  
5630 FM 535, Cedar Creek, 78612  
Worship at 7:30, followed by agape feast  
4th Day Speaker TBD

## **July 5, 2018**

Thursday, July 5, 2018  
Westlake UMC  
1460 Redbud Trail, Austin, 78746  
Worship at 7:30, followed by agape feast  
4th Day Speaker TBD

## **August 2, 2018**

Thursday, August 2, 2018  
Location TBD  
Address  
Worship at 7:30, followed by agape feast  
4th Day Speaker TBD

## **September 6, 2018**

Thursday, September 6, 2018  
Covenant UMC  
4410 Duval Road, Austin, 78727  
Worship at 7:30, followed by agape feast  
4th Day Speaker TBD

## **October 4, 2018**

Thursday, October 4, 2018  
Location TBD  
Address  
Worship at 7:30, followed by agape feast  
4th Day Speaker TBD

## **November 1, 2018**

Thursday, November 1, 2018  
Lake Travis UMC  
1502 North RM 620, Austin, 78734  
Worship at 7:30, followed by agape feast  
4th Day Speaker TBD

## **December 6, 2018**

Thursday, December 6, 2018  
Bethany UMC  
10010 Anderson Mill Rd., Austin, 78750  
Worship at 7:30, followed by agape feast  
4th Day Speaker TBD

