



The Greater Austin Emmaus Community Newsletter



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Women's Walk #143 is FULL!

De Colores!

I hope this letter finds you all happy and cooler now that it is October and we start to move into the Fall months here in Austin, Texas!

Praise The LORD, Women's Walk #143 is full! This Walk now has a Waiting List. I have been involved in Emmaus in Austin since 2006 and I cannot remember any of the Walks in that time having a Waiting List. There may have been a few during those 12+ years, but I'm unaware of any. I'm prayerfully hoping that this is a sign of a revitalization of Walk to Emmaus in Austin.

PLEASE continue to talk to your pastor(s), your lay leader(s), your church Points of Contact, and your friends about Walk to Emmaus and what it means to you!

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, and thank you to the sponsors, pilgrims, and team members who are getting ready to put on The Best Walk Ever!! Way to go, team of Walk #143, and way to go, Greater Austin Emmaus Community!

The November Gathering will include the Consecration of this team, as representatives of our Community, to conduct this Walk with love, grace, fun, and every other good thing.

This Walk cannot begin without sufficient Agape support and Prayer Vigil coverage for the entire weekend. Please go to the links below to sign up:

Sign Up for Agape:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f4ea9a92fa0ff2-walk>

Sign Up for the Prayer Vigil:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4fabae29a0ff2-prayer>

For our churches and Points of Contact (POCs), please consider conducting a SEND OFF on Thursday afternoon, where sponsors and pilgrims meet at your local church for a brief celebration of the beginning of the weekend. Punch and cookies can set the mood, and praying over the pilgrims and sponsors by the Community makes the pilgrims initially start to realize that there are people praying for them to have a wonderful experience.

Final reminder — the Send Off's, Candlelight, Closing, and Welcome Back (December 1st at Northwest Hills UMC at 4:00 p.m.) activities are OPEN TO THE GAEC Community. These activities are an opportunity for people in the Community to be present and show support for our new pilgrims. Please consider yourself invited to support these activities, the sponsors and pilgrims, and especially be in prayer for everyone involved.

De Colores!

Rob Turk
GAEC Lay Director



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Financial Statement as of 9/20/18

Bank Balance
\$29,724.91

Scholarships are available by request for participation on a Walk. Applications can be found on the GAEC website, below:

GAEC Website

<http://www.austinemmaus.org>

GAEC Facebook page

www.facebook.com/groups/GreaterAustinEmmaus/

Emmaus Sunday! Don't forget!

The first Sunday of each month is Emmaus Sunday. Wear your cross and lanyard to worship. This is a great opportunity to help bring awareness to the Walk to Emmaus at your church!



The *WalkTalk* deadline is the 20th of each month.
Info received after that will be printed
only if space is available.

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

WalkTalkEditor@austinemmaus.org

Join us for the November Gathering at Lake Travis UMC on November 3rd! Serving on a Team and Board Positions training at 4:00, Potluck Dinner at 5:30, Music and Worship at 6:30, AND.....
Walk #143 Team Commissioning!

Check out the Gathering schedule on the last page so you don't miss the next one!

2018 Austin Community Sponsored Emmaus Walk

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

CYJ, Wimberley

Contact: Gina@austinemmaus.org

Contact: Myles@austinemmaus.org

Agape sign-up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f4ea9a92fa0ff2-walk>

Prayer Vigil sign-up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4fabae29a0ff2-prayer>

Looking ahead to 2019...

Men's Walk #145

Arnie Waden, Lay Director

April 11 – 14, 2019

Contact: Arnie@austinemmaus.org

CYJ, Wimberley

Women's Walk #146

Lay Director TBD

November 14 – 17, 2019

CYJ, Wimberely



2019 GAEC Community Sponsored Walks

Look! Up above! Is it a plane? Is it a star?

No, it's the 2019 Walk schedule!

It's not too early to get those pilgrim applications in! Be in prayer about who you think is ready to go on their Walk, and offer to sponsor them!



Commissioning of Women's Walk #143

The November 3rd Gathering at Lake Travis UMC will feature the commissioning of the awesome, all-star team of Women's Walk #143. Let's have a huge turn-out to show our love and appreciation for them!



Women's Walk #143 is FULL!

Yes, Women's Walk #143, November 12-15, with Lay Director Chris McKemie, is FULL!

BUT, if you know of someone who would be able to attend on short notice, there is a waiting list if a pilgrim has to drop off. So go ahead and send that application in!

Go to the GAEC website and click on Downloads. You will find all of the forms needed!

<http://www.austinemmaus.org>



Very Important Note From Your Editor

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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

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

De Colores!
Mel Chambers
Upper Room Support

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
- ⇒ 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.



Music Coordinator Still Needed!

Do you love singing music at Gatherings? Do you enjoy coordinating with host churches and Emmaus points-of-contact to ensure that there is singing at each Gathering?

If so, we still need a Music Coordinator for the Greater Austin Emmaus Community! If you are feeling called to serve our community in this way, please contact Rob Turk at BM4MemberServices@austinemmaus.org for more information.



Walk #143 Needs Agape and Prayers!

Many have already signed up on the Prayer Vigil and Agape list for Women's Walk #143. But there are still openings!

Remember how much fun it was when you received agape on your pilgrim Walk? That first pillow agape was a great surprise! Then it happened again at breakfast the next morning, and *again* when you sat at your tables! You couldn't wait to see what the next one was! And when you realized that people you didn't even know had been working lovingly on these special little gifts for months, you felt so loved. Well, now it's time for you to give those gifts of love to others! Sign up here!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f4ea9a92fa0ff2-walk>

Also, remember that a Walk cannot take place until the Prayer Vigil is complete. Sign up here!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4fabac29a0ff2-prayer>

The pilgrims will be overwhelmed that they have been covered in prayer the entire 72 hours of their Walk!



Fourth Day Corner

(This is a new section of our newsletter where we invite the community to share a 4th Day story or experience.)

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

We will all be blessed by your sharing!



The *WalkTalk* is looking for dates of upcoming Kairos and Chrysalis events, including contact info for those who wish to serve on these weekends. Please send this info to:

WalkTalkEditor@austinemmaus.org

Clergy Corner

Community clergy, would you like to write an article to share with the Greater Austin Emmaus Community? It can be as long or as short as you would like, and on any topic of your choice. Just send your musings to:

WalkTalkEditor@austinemmaus.org

We will all be blessed by your words of wisdom!



WalkTalk Deadline

Please remember that the deadline to submit articles and information to the *WalkTalk* is the 20th of each month. This is a firm deadline. Articles and info received after the 20th will be printed only if space is available. Thank you for helping ensure that the *WalkTalk* is produced in a timely manner!

Kellye Noret
WalkTalk Editor



**Women's Walk #143
November 15 – 18, 2018
Camp Young Judaea**

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

Conference Room Team

Anne Rioux
Blanca Montez
Brenda Hightower
Christine McKemie – *Lay Director*
Connie Fannon
Debby Spurlock
Diana Everett
Dot Files
Gina Franklin – *Board Rep.*
Jan Horton
Jeannine Inbody
June Murphy
LaMonica Lewis
Laurie Strawbridge
Leah Krenek
Michelle Manning
Paula Scott
Sandy Farnham
Teresa Engdahl
Terri Sloan
Rev. Audrey Spencer
Rev. Cheri Tummelson
Rev. Cindy Layton
Rev. Kim Etheridge
Rev. Tom Deviney – *Spiritual Director*

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Bob Miles
David Scott
Debby Duplantis
Diane Merwarth
Don Greenway
Don Kuckendohl
George Robison
Janice McNutt
Joanne Robison
Kristin Hampstead
Linda Miles
Myles McKemie – *Coordinator*
Nelda White
Pat Hall
Patti Bizzell
Paula Bryant
Scotty Holman
Sherry Wilkerson
Tom Rioux

**TEAM
AWESOME**

**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.

http://austinemmaus.org/reunion_groups.php



**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/>



Next Gathering!

Saturday, November 3, 2018
Lake Travis UMC
1502 North FM 620
Austin, 78734

Serving on a Team and
Board Positions Training at 4:00
Potluck at 5:30
Worship at 6:30



Kairos Outside

Kairos Outside is a ministry of support and encouragement for women who are “doing time” along with their incarcerated relatives or friends. The women are cared for, and cared about, by a community of Christian volunteers dedicating their resources to empower these underserved members of God’s kingdom. The Kairos Outside Guests are welcomed by team members, and a community is built through the sharing of common painful experiences. Forgiveness is an essential part of the Kairos Outside Weekend, and the Guests are offered freedom through the love of Jesus Christ.

Our Sister community of Kairos Outside is preparing their Weekend #10 at Highland Lakes. We need women from the 4th day community to support us by working on our team, especially with Agape and Table Servers. You will be a full participant in team formation and see the transformative love of Christ from the inside. Team meetings are on the following Saturdays: September 8th and 22nd, October 6th and 20th, and November 3rd. Please contact KOCenTex@gmail.com for more info.

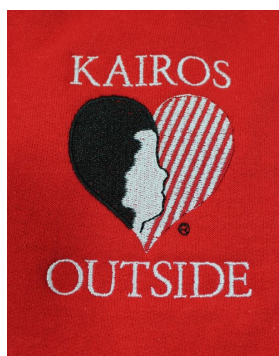
All Guests come to a Kairos Weekend for no cost. WE NEED YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT to pay for our Guests and Team on this Weekend with Christ. Donations may be made through the Donations link on our website:

<https://www.kairosoutsidencentraltexas.org/>
(be sure to designate for Central Texas)

or by check to:

KOCT, P.O B 1993
Cedar Park, Texas 78630

Christ is Counting on You!



Epiphany

Epiphany Ministry is a short three-day course in Christianity that brings to incarcerated juveniles the message of God’s love, grace and forgiveness. It is an ecumenical Christian ministry modeled after similar weekend ministries such as Cursillo, Walk to Emmaus, Tres Dias, Chrysalis, and Kairos.

What Is Our Mission?

The mission of Epiphany Prison Ministry is to offer incarcerated youth an opportunity to change their lives and value systems by introducing them to Jesus Christ. Epiphany seeks to meet the basic need of the “Stars” to feel loved. Epiphany teaches that their lives are worthwhile because of God’s endless love for them.

What Is Our Goal?

The purpose of Epiphany strives to manifest God’s love to these young people, known as ‘Stars.’ Epiphany is currently ministering at eight facilities throughout the state of Texas. Our goal is to expand the program to minister in all facilities for incarcerated youth within the state.

If you would like more information about Epiphany, go to the website below, or contact Pat Doughty.

<http://texasepiphany.com/>

Patriciadoughty@yahoo.com
512-797-0623



Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes September 5, 2018, Bethany UMC

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by Lay Director Rob Turk. Pastor Sylvester Chase opened with a prayer. Rob Turk presided over the meeting.

The following directors were present: Lay Director, Rob Turk; Assistant Lay Director, Kristin Hampsten; Secretary, Harold Sundbeck; Treasurer, Patti Bizzell; Upper Room Representative, Mel Chambers (C); Member Services Coord., Tisha Christopher; Gathering Support Coord., Steven Scott; Walk Support Coordinator, Jeanne Randall; Spiritual Director, Rev. Sylvester E. Chase, Jr.; and Immediate Past Lay Director, LeeLeen Sundbeck. (C = Present by Call-in.) **QUORUM:** It was determined that 9 Directors were present with 1 by Call-in, which did constitute a quorum.

MINUTES – The Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes were sent by email for the previous meeting held on August 2, 2018. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved by email.

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:

TREASURER'S REPORT – Patti presented the financial statement, but requested to hold approving the financial report until final reconciliation due to a \$20 discrepancy between bank statement and checkbook. (Subsequent to meeting, financial report was approved by email.) Deposit of \$3,100 was sent to CYJ for Women's Walk #143. Patti reported the current checking account balance of the General Fund is \$31,039.79. Patti reported 36 pilgrims for Walk #143

UPPER ROOM REPORT – Mel Chambers reported Team Selection for Men's Walk #145 will be September 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Wesley UMC. Tisha and Mel have met with the community development group and provided them a copy of the Walk master database. Another meeting will take place in the near future.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR – Pastor Chase asked the Board how we can gauge the spirituality of the community. Discussion followed about possibly by size of attendance at Gatherings; by lifting up those in need of prayer; and by increasing the number of pilgrims on Walks. We need to spread the word about Emmaus to our churches to let the congregations know Emmaus is active. Discussion of providing a sign-up list at Gatherings for those needing to be lifted in prayer.

WALK SUPPORT – Jeanne Randall reported the trailer was ready for the next Walk. She reminded us that the next Gathering will be an Agape Party at Covenant UMC. Jeanne, Harold, and Steven will bring craft items. Will also make another request for a truck and a driver for the trailer. Rob suggested renting a truck to pull the trailer if we don't get a volunteer.

GATHERING SUPPORT – Agape party at the next Gathering. Nancy Bertalino will be the 4th Day speaker. Need a church for the January Gathering. The March Gathering will be at Bethany UMC.

ASSISTANT LAY DIRECTOR REPORT – Need recommendations for future ALD Board members.

MEMBER SUPPORT – Tisha Christopher reported the community Facebook group is now up and open for the community to join. We also need to add moderators for this group. Possibly revamping *WalkTalk* through use of Mailchimp. Possibly add pictures from past Walks to *WalkTalk*. We need to find a way to reach out to members who went on Walks in years past but are not currently engaged with the community. Church POC's need to let their church members have access to printed copies of the *WalkTalk*.

NEW BUSINESS – Steven brought up that Eagles Wings is another Emmaus community here in Austin that have Walks that match our weekends. Eagles Wings is primarily Presbyterian churches. Steven asked for permission to meet with their Board with the possibility of merging our communities.

OLD BUSINESS – By-laws follow-up. We will meet on October 21st for updating the by-laws. Time to be determined.

WOMEN'S WALK #143 REPORT – 36 Pilgrims

MEN'S WALK #145 REPORT – Team Selection on September 20th at 7:00 p.m. at Wesley UMC.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Ideas for future articles to be submitted to the *WalkTalk* about duties of the various Board members. We will meet on October 21st for updating the by-laws. Time to be determined.

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes taken and respectively submitted by Harold Sundbeck.



Upcoming Greater Austin Emmaus Gatherings

Training Workshops at 4:00

Potluck dinner at 5:30

Music and Worship at 6:30

November 3, 2018

Saturday, November 3, 2018

Lake Travis UMC

1502 North RM 620, Austin, 78734

Serving on a Team and

Board Positions Training at 4:00

Potluck Dinner at 5:30

Music and Worship at 6:30

Commissioning of Women's Walk #143

4th Day Speaker TBD

January 12, 2019

Saturday, January 12, 2019

Location TBD

Potluck Dinner at 5:30

Music and Worship at 6:30

4th Day Speaker TBD

March 9, 2019

Saturday, March 9, 2019

Bethany UMC

10010 Anderson Mill Road, Austin, 78750

Agape Making Party at 4:00

Potluck Dinner at 5:30

Music and Worship at 6:30

4th Day Speaker TBD

May 4, 2019

Saturday, May 4, 2019

Pflugerville UMC

1502 North RM 620, Austin, 78734

Walk #144 Welcome Back at 4:00

Potluck Dinner at 5:30

Music and Worship at 6:30

4th Day Speaker TBD

July 13, 2019

Saturday, July 13, 2019

Location TBD

Potluck Dinner at 5:30

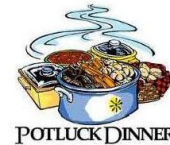
Music and Worship at 6:30

4th Day Speaker TBD



Don't forget to bring a dish or
some snacks to share for the
potluck before each Gathering!

Yum!



Next GAEC Board Meeting

Thursday, October 4th @ 7:00 p.m.

Pflugerville FUMC

500 East Pecan Street

Pflugerville, 78660

Room 104 in the Administrative Building

The community is welcome to attend, you
do not have to be a member of the Board!



GAEC Facebook page!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/GreaterAustinEmmaus/>

