



The Greater Austin Emmaus Community Newsletter



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SHOW ME THE MONEY!!!

Now that I have your attention, let's talk about our Scholarship Fund. It is the Board's position that the cost of attending a Walk should NEVER be a factor in not attending, and we have been fortunate that we have had funds designated for scholarships. But the need continues. Have you requested a scholarship for a pilgrim or been a recipient of a scholarship? Then you know how appreciative it was to be able to attend your Walk without the worry of wondering if you would be able to attend due to the cost.

Now it's time to pay it forward. Our last three Walks had more than our normal requests for scholarships. We were glad to be able to help. However, honoring all the requests made a serious dent in our reserves. So, with that in mind, with our upcoming Gatherings there will be a basket at the entrance of the worship areas to receive donations strictly for future scholarships. Please be in prayer about how much of a donation you can afford. Any amount will be a blessing to the future pilgrim or team member that will be receiving this gift of Agape.



On Sunday, July 21st, we will have Emmaus Sunday where we will set up tables with Emmaus information, including sponsor and pilgrim applications. We need your help to show support for the Emmaus community. Wear your lanyard and help promote Emmaus on this Sunday and on the first Sunday of every month.

If anyone has any ideas on how to grow Emmaus, we would love to hear from you. The Board meets at Northwest Hills United Methodist Church on the first Thursday of every month, except July when we will meet the second Thursday. This is an open meeting for anyone to attend.

Also, we need to be in prayer as to who will lead us into 2020. This is the time to bring forth nominations for Lay Director for 2020. December 2019 will be my last month as Acting Lay Director and I am excited to see who God will call to lead this Emmaus community into 2020.

De Colores!
LeeLeen Sundbeck
Acting Lay Director



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Financial Statement as of 6/22/19



Bank Balance
\$22,558.45

Scholarship Balance
\$427.50

Please consider making a contribution to the Scholarship Fund so that those in need can experience their Walk to Emmaus. Scholarship Forms are available by request and can be found on the GAEC website.

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

Upcoming Gathering! Don't miss it!

Join us at Round Rock Presbyterian Church on July 13th for the combined GAEC/Diakonia Eagles Wings Community Gathering. Agape Making Party at 4:00, Potluck Dinner at 5:00, Music and Worship at 6:00.

Childcare available with advance notice to

ssarch@verizon.net

Joint GAEC and Diakonia Emmaus Eagles Wings Community Walk

Women's Walk EW 142
Sept. 26 – 29, 2019
Eagle's Wings Retreat Center, Burnet, TX

Nelda Carpenter, Lay Director
neldac78628@yahoo.com
Spiritual Director TBD
Paulette Widmer, Board Rep.
Candlelight – Sept. 28, 7:30 PM
Closing – Sept. 29, 3:30 PM
Welcome Back TBD



Want to Serve on a Team?

The GAEC is planning two Walks for 2020. Please consider serving on one of these teams, *especially* if it will be your first team to serve on. It's not too soon to turn in a Team Application Form now!

If you are interested in serving on one of these Walks, please go to <http://www.austinemmaus.org> and click on "Team Application" and complete the online form, then click "Submit Application." You will be a blessing to the pilgrims and to the other team members, and *you* will be blessed by the experience as well!



GAEC Facebook page!

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Next GAEC Board Meeting

Thursday, July 11, 2019, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Northwest Hills UMC, Room 109
7050 Village Center Drive
Austin, TX 78731

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



Special Called GAEC Board Meeting

There will be a special called meeting of the GAEC Board Meeting on July 18th at Northwest Hills UMC to discuss the 3-Day Schedule and how to adjust it for the Eagle's Wings Retreat Center.



Next Gathering!

Joint GAEC & Diakonia Emmaus Eagles Wings
Community Gathering
Saturday, July 13, 2019
Round Rock Presbyterian Church
4010 Sam Bass Road, Round Rock, 78681

Agape Making Party at 4:00 p.m.
Potluck Dinner at 5:00 p.m.
Music and Worship at 6:00 p.m.
4th Day speaker Heather Donahue



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/>

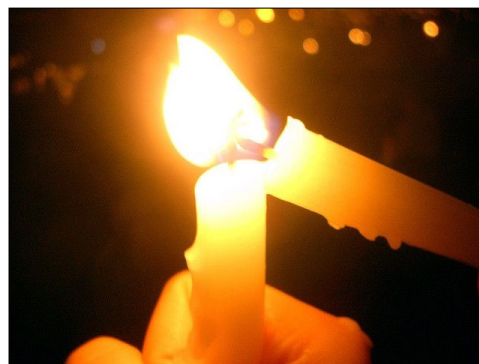
Oh, What a Feeling

I recently served on the Conference Room team for Men's Walk #145. It had been several years since I had served on the inside. What a sense of renewal and appreciation to be able to experience all those emotions again...My New Best Friend on Thursday night, the talks that touch your heart, Dying Moments, and Candlelight, just to name a few. Walk #145 was an exhilarating experience, and the Eagles Wing's Retreat Center was incredible, especially the food. As a reminder, we are now setting dates for our next Men's and Women's Walks for 2020, so please be in prayer about serving on one of these teams.

Speaking of Candlelight, do you remember the sense of awe and delight when you entered the room and saw all those candles, and the faces of friends and strangers singing the Jesus Song? When we entered the building for Candlelight, it was filled to capacity. Talking with the pilgrims at the Agape Feast afterwards, they were stunned by the size of the crowd. I learned later that the Servant Team kept having to set up more chairs as members of the communities kept arriving.

If you haven't attended Candlelight in a while, I would like to encourage each of you to attend our next one which will be for Women's Walk EW 142, our joint GAEC and Diakonia Emmaus Eagles Wings Community Walk which will be September 26 – 29, 2019 at Eagle's Wings Retreat Center in Burnet. Candlelight will be September 28th beginning at 7:30. As members of the Emmaus community, we need to show the pilgrims that we support them in their continuing spiritual journey, and Candlelight is a wonderful opportunity to do this and demonstrate our love for them. Let's fill the room to capacity again! Remember, Christ is counting on you!

DeColores!
Harold Sundbeck





Greater Austin Emmaus Community

**Joint GAEC & Diakonia Emmaus Eagles Wings
Community Gathering
July 13, 2019**

Round Rock Presbyterian Church
4010 Sam Bass Road
Round Rock, 78681

4:00pm – Agape Making Party for Walk EW 142 in Room F5

5:00pm – Potluck Dinner in the Fellowship Hall

6:00pm – Music and Worship in the Sanctuary

Commissioning of Joint Women's Walk EW 142 Team

BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS

4TH Day Please Bring First Letter of Last Name:

A – F: Appetizers, Salads, Side Dishes

G – M: Main Dishes

N – Z: Desserts

Childcare is available for ages 5 and under with
reservations by 2:00pm Wednesday, July 10th.

Please contact Steven Scott @ 281-460-5567

ssarch@verizon.net

GAEC Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes June 6, 2019, Northwest Hills UMC

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 by LeeLeen Sundbeck, who opened with a prayer and presided over the meeting. The following Directors were present: LeeLeen Sundbeck, Acting Lay Director; Harold Sundbeck, Secretary; Patti Bizzell, Treasurer; Mel Chambers, Upper Room Support (C); Steven Scott, Gathering Support Coordinator; and Jeanne Randall, Walk Support Coordinator (C). C = Present by Call-in. Arnie Waden, Lay Director of Men's Walk #145 and Nelda Carpenter, Lay Director of Women's Walk EW 142 were also present. **QUORUM:** Four Board members were present with Mel Chambers and Jeanne Randall present by call-in.

MINUTES: The minutes of the previous meeting of May 9, 2019 were sent by email and were approved, with corrections, 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. The following items were discussed:

TREASURER'S REPORT – Patti had sent out the financial report by email. The Frost Bank balance reconciles with the Aplos balance of \$22,558.53. Patti made a motion to approve the report, Jeanne seconded the motion. All approved.

Patti reported issues with a credit card charge for Walk #145 that had been denied. Discussion followed that Patti will keep charge receipts until the end of the year for all credit card charges. Steven Scott made a motion to add a service fee of \$7.50 to cover the card company fees by the payer. Harold seconded. All approved.

Patti spent \$191.95 for fresh food for Walk #145 since no one signed up for food agape. She reported it was easier for her to do the shopping for the fresh food than wait until the day of the Walk.

Steven suggested placing a basket for scholarship donations at the Gatherings and making an announcement that we need donations.

UPPER ROOM REPORT – Prior to the BOD's meeting, Mel requested funds to purchase new team and Lay Director Manuals to be in compliance with the Upper Room. He reported that we have plenty of purple books and 4th day books. He also reported that we are still on the Upper Room list for integration into the database but no date as to when we will be added. No current status on Dropbox. Steven suggested using Google Drive for shared access for file storage.

WALK SUPPORT – Jeanne reported that she has the office supply box, batteries, table boxes, the St. Elsewhere supplies box and several boxes of votive candle holders at her house. She will contact the Eagles Wings Agape Coordinator to set up the sign-up lists.

Steven reported that he hasn't heard if there is an opening at the RV storage facility between Bertram and Burnet. When he gets information that a space is available, we will schedule a time to inventory the trailer.

GATHERING SUPPORT – Steven will prepare an announcement for the July 13th Gathering at Round Rock Presbyterian Church. July 21st will be Emmaus Sunday.

WALK #145 REPORT – Arnie delivered his report on Walk #145. It covered the Eagle's Wings Retreat facility and how wonderful it was for everyone. He especially liked how close all the buildings were, making it easy to move from the dining hall to the conference room and chapel. He had some suggestions for keeping the noise level down when using the west end of the dining hall for chapel.

WALK EW 142 REPORT – Nelda reported Walk EW 142 needs a Spiritual Director since the current SD had to step down due to health issues. They will also coordinate with Jeanne for use of trailer items so they can keep their special Walk items separate from ours. Nelda will suggest to the Eagles Wings Board to re-evaluate their fee structure for Walks to possibly match our current fee structure for scholarships for clergy.

OLD BUSINESS – Steven will speak with the Eagles Wings treasurer to discuss performing a financial review of our accounts for 2018.

NEW BUSINESS – Steven made a motion for the Eagles Wings community to handle all the financial activity for Women's Walk EW 142, and on completion of the Walk we will split the expenses or profits. LeeLeen seconded, and the motion passed.

Steven will talk with Eagle's Wings Retreat Center for possible Walk dates for 2020, possibly May or September.

Mel will check on the Upper Room training sessions for the Board.

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LeeLeen brought up discussion about articles for the *WalkTalk*. She will write the Lay Director article, and Harold will write an article.

Steven closed with prayer and the meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Minutes taken and respectfully submitted by Harold Sundbeck.



2019 Emmaus Community Gatherings

Training Workshops at 4:00 PM

Potluck Dinner at 5:30 PM

Music and Worship at 6:30 PM

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4th Day Speaker Heather Donahue

Commissioning of Joint Women's Walk EW 142 Team

Saturday, September 14, 2019

Cedar Creek UMC

5630 FM 535, Cedar Creek, 78612

The Joy of Sponsoring a Pilgrim Training at 4:00 p.m.

Potluck Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Music and Worship at 6:30 p.m.

4th Day Speaker TBD

Don't forget to bring a dish or other goodies to share for the potluck before each Gathering! See the flyer on page 5 that asks you what to bring according to the first letter of your last name.



POTLUCK DINNER

