



## The Greater Austin Emmaus Community Newsletter



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### “Closest to Christ”

At what moment this past week, month, or year did you feel closest to Christ?

A couple of weeks ago while on vacation in Costa Rico, I had the pleasure of meeting a lady named Angelina who worked at the hotel restaurant where we had our morning meals. Right when we met she and I connected going back and forth joking with each other. I did not give too much thought to how easy it was to converse and joke with her. As the week went on we shared a little about our lives. On the last day she told me she had made something for me but she was rushed leaving the house and forgot it. Then she asked me if I knew Christ. I then showed her my fishermen bracelet and told her “yes”. I then shared a little about Emmaus and how the bracelet was a reminder that we are called to be fishers-of-men for Christ. She then told me that she could tell in my eyes that I was a Christian. This is when I felt Closest to Christ! How great it feels for someone to tell you they can see Christ in your eyes!

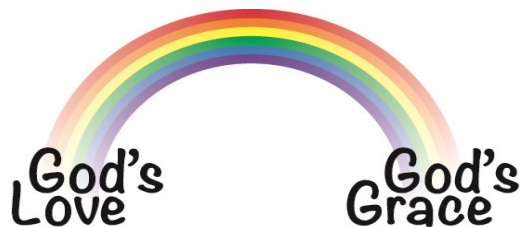
What has been your Closest to Christ moment, and when have you been Called to Discipleship, or when have you Denied Christ? What is your plan for spirituality, study, and action for the weeks, months, or rest of the year to come?

My plan is to be as involved as much as possible in making Women’s Walk #142 the Best Walk Ever, and I would like for you to join me in doing this.

Some ways you can be involved: be a sponsor, make agape, pray, show up at Candlelight, offer to drive someone to Candlelight that is not able to drive themselves, offer to do the Agape Feast the night of Candlelight, sign up to work the outside team, sign up on the Prayer Vigil and encourage a friend to do the same, reach out to the Lay Director, Kristin Hampsten, and ask, “what can I do for you”?

There are so many ways to get involved in the Walks if you are willing. These are all “Call to Action” so Christ will be better known and loved. He Is Counting On You – have you been Counting on Him? When was the last time you thought about the mountain top experience you had on your pilgrim walk and wanted to give the same experience to someone else? Now is your opportunity to do just that by sponsoring a pilgrim on their Walk. What a wonderful gift to give!

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



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## Financial Statement as of 8/23/17

**Bank Balance**  
**\$16,769.70**

**Scholarship Fund**  
**\$2,400.00**

Visit the Greater Austin  
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)

Approximately 50 attended the August 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Gathering at Northwest Hills UMC, and Linda  
Miles 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

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Dick West, Spiritual Director

LeeLeen Sundbeck, Board Rep.

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[Walk #142 Agape Sign Up](#)

[Walk #142 Prayer Vigil Sign Up](#)

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

Friends, there is still room on Women's Walk #142, October 12-15 at Camp Young Judaea. Be in prayer for who you think God is calling you to sponsor, approach them, if they say yes, download the [forms](#). Scholarships are available if that is a need from Greater Austin Emmaus for 1/3 the cost. We already have 11 ladies signed up, so get those applications in! We still have these needs:

- Servant team members. Contact Jeanne Randall at [limevlass@gmail.com](mailto:limevlass@gmail.com) or Harold Sundbeck at [hsundbeck@gmail.com](mailto:hsundbeck@gmail.com) if you would like to serve in this capacity.
- Someone to provide the Agape Feast at Candlelight on October 14<sup>th</sup>. If you can help, contact the Lay Director, Kristin Hampsten, at [khampsten@gmail.com](mailto:khampsten@gmail.com)
- The agape list is now live, so sign up [here](#).



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**Greater Austin Emmaus Community  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Northwest Hills UMC, August 3, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m., by Rob Turk, who opened the meeting with prayer and presided over the meeting. LeeLeen Sundbeck, Lay Director; Rob Turk, Assistant Lay Director; Jeanne Randall, Secretary; Patti Bizzell, Treasurer; Mel Chambers, Upper Room Representative; Kristin Hampsten, Member Services Coor.; Denise Noseworthy, Gathering Support Coor.; Harold Sundbeck, Walk Support Coor.; Rev. Sylvester E. Chase, Jr., Spiritual Director; Harold Sundbeck, Past Lay Director (non-voting). The following additional persons were also present: Chris and Myles McKemie, Bob Duplantis, Kim Newman, and Leeleen and Harold's granddaughter, Cameron. It was determined that 9 Directors were present, which did constitute a quorum.

**MINUTES** –The Board of Directors Meeting Minutes were sent by email for the previous meeting held on July 6, 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.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Patti provided a detailed report of the new bookkeeping system. Discussed was the Chart of Account, setting up line items for Scholarship entries, clarifying Walk Expense stipends for the Lay Director, Servant Team Coordinator, and other details of the Expense Items, where they are/should be in reference to Walk Expenses.

It was decided that for the monthly financial report, it was not necessary for the report to include an itemized list of deposits and checks written, just the totals, unless more details are necessary.

Credit cards will no longer be taken. The monthly expense is not justified, as only one card was taken in the past year.

There was a discussion of a line item vs. a separate account for Scholarship deposit/payments. Currently the Scholarship funds are in a separate account that is/are funded by the General funds, as necessary. The consensus was that Scholarships should be maintained as a separate fund.

Patti was unable to locate documentation of a tax filing 990-N for 2016. LeeLeen will follow up with Craig to take care of this as the “paper trail” is important for the records.

A move to accept the financial report for July 2017 was made and passed. Cash balance in the Frost Bank is \$21,704.39.

**UPPER ROOM REPORT** – The insurance for the upcoming Walks has been taken care of. Mel requested that Patti check to see if a check to the Upper Room was sent in January for supplies. His records do not indicate that it was sent. Patti verified that a check to Upper Room had not been written.

Mel requested that separate checks for \$1,000 be sent to CYJ to secure the two Walk dates for 2018. Kristin moved to approve the request, LeeLeen seconded, and the motion was approved.

**WALK SUPPORT** – It is critical that the information and software, currently with Tom Rioux, get put on the laptop so that the Registrar has access to all the information.

**MEMBER SUPPORT** – Kristen has concerns about the complicated method of getting to important information on the website. Getting to the Yahoo group seems cumbersome, making it difficult to get information out to the Community.

**OLD BUSINESS** – There are several “loose ends” that need to be dealt with. These can't be done effectively with a shortened meeting. We will have a second meeting in August – the date to be determined.

**NEW BUSINESS – WALK # 142 REPORT** – Kristin let us know that there are 9 confirmed Pilgrims for the Walk. She is in need of an Assistant Table Leader (ATL), as one of her people has had to decline.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 6:00 p.m. a motion was made that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

*Minutes recorded by Jeanne Randall, Secretary*



## Women's Walk #142

We are gearing up for Women's Walk #142, October 12-15 at Camp Young Judea. We already have 11 pilgrims registered, and we expect this to be a full walk, so sign your pilgrims up **NOW!**

We have a full conference room team, but we still need some servant team members. Please contact Jeanne Randall at [limeylass@gmail.com](mailto:limeylass@gmail.com) or Harold Sundbeck at [hsundbeck@gmail.com](mailto:hsundbeck@gmail.com) if you are able to serve in this capacity.

We also still need a group to volunteer for the Agape Feast after Candlelight on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Kristin Hampsten, Walk #142 Lay Director, at [khampsten@gmail.com](mailto:khampsten@gmail.com) if you are able to help.

Another way you can help is by providing agape. Go to this link to sign up for what you are able to provide!

[Walk #142 Agape Sign Up](#)



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)

## Upcoming Walk!

**Women's Walk #142**  
**October 12 – 15, 2017**  
**Camp Young Judea**

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

Beverly Grimshaw  
Brenda Hightower  
Debby Duplantis  
Debby Krueger  
Denise Noseworthy  
Diane Merwarth  
Dick West – Spiritual Director  
Dot Files  
Harold Sundbeck & Jeanne Randall – STC's  
Kit Tomlinson – Assistant Spiritual Director  
Kristin Hampsten – Lay Director  
Leeleen Sundbeck – Board Rep.  
Leslie Tomlinson – Assistant Spiritual Director  
Linda Elliott  
Linda Holmes-Thomas  
Marjorie Richesin  
Merlene West  
Morgan Sher-Kaiser  
Pat Hall  
Patti Breaux  
Paula Hui  
Ruth Murphy  
Stella Burkhalter – Assistant Spiritual Director  
Susan Dubois  
Tina Carter – Assistant Spiritual Director  
Vicki Hutchison





## Upcoming Greater Austin Emmaus Gatherings

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

### 2017/2018 Gatherings

#### 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

#### January 5, 2018

Thursday, January 5, 2018  
Potluck Dinner at 6p, worship at 7:15p  
Location TBD  
4th Day Speaker TBD

#### February 1, 2018

Thursday, February 1, 2018  
Potluck Dinner at 6p, worship at 7:15p  
Location TBD  
4th Day Speaker TBD

#### March 1, 2018

Thursday, March 1, 2018  
Potluck Dinner at 6p, worship at 7:15p  
Location TBD  
4th Day Speaker TBD

#### April 5, 2018

Thursday, April 5, 2018  
Potluck Dinner at 6p, worship at 7:15p  
Location TBD  
4th Day Speaker TBD

To reserve childcare,  
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