



The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Newsletter



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Adieu

The past 12 months as your Lay Director have been full of challenges and rewards. The challenges have largely been to figure out how to reignite the flame of our Walks to Emmaus and increase participation at Gatherings and in sponsorships. The rewards have been many, from working with a truly fine team on the Board to seeing four Walks conclude. However, we cannot rest on our laurels, and there is still much work to be done. I look forward to the day when, as it was when I applied to attend my pilgrim Walk, we will fill the walks quickly and have waiting lists for them.

Please join me in praying for our 4th Day Group and the servants on the Board who will lead us. Please pray for God's help in finding pilgrims to attend our future Walks.

I bid you all "adieu," which literally means, "to God," shortened from the prayer, "I commend you to God."

De Colores!

Anne Rioux

Lay Director, Greater Austin Emmaus



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***BOD and Volunteers
effective June 1, 2014***



Financial Statement as of 4/30/14

Bank Balance

\$2,057.50

(unencumbered funds)

Scholarship Fund

\$1,691.73

Visit the Greater Austin Emmaus
4th Day Group Website:
<http://www.austinemmaus.org>



**The *WalkTalk* Deadline is
the 20th of each month.**

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

Kellye@austinemmaus.org

**There were 87 attending the May Gathering
at First UMC, with Teresa Edwards
giving an amazing 4th Day talk !**

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

2014 Austin Sponsored Emmaus Walks

Men's Walk #1758 **August 21 — 24, 2014** **Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley**
David Graham, Lay Director contact: David@austinemmaus.org
Jim Austin, Spiritual Director
Mel Chambers, Board Rep. contact: Mel@austinemmaus.org
Bob Duplantis, ST Coordinator contact: Bob@austinemmaus.org

Welcome Back, August 26, 2014, 6:30, Westlake UMC, 1460 Redbud Trail, Austin, 512-327-1335
<http://www.mysignup.com/walk1758agape>

Women's Walk #1775 **November 13 — 16, 2014** **Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley**
Ronee Gilbert, Lay Director contact: Ronee@austinemmaus.org
Sue Abold, Spiritual Director
Lynn Magee, Board Rep. contact: Lynn@austinemmaus.org
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Welcome Back, Nov. 18, 2014, 6:30, Hill Country Bible Church, 11880 Old 2243 West, Leander, 512-259-1900
<http://www.mysignup.com/walk1775agape>



The following signups are up
and linked to the Walks web page:

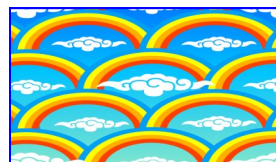
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<http://www.mysignup.com/walk1775agape>



If you would like to be considered for the
Conference Room Team for any Walk,
please submit a Team Application. You
can download one by going to this link
below.

http://www.austinemmaus.org/team_app.php



Chrysalis News



Boys Chrysalis Flight 381, which was to begin July 17th at Covenant UMC, has been cancelled due to several unexpected events in the lives of many of the adult and youth team members. We will continue to rebuild Chrysalis for boys in the Austin area over the coming year, so please keep us in your prayers. In the meantime, if you have potential butterflies, please refer them to one of these flights that are scheduled in our Conference this summer:

Flight 383, July 17, 2014 at Christ the King Center, San Angelo, cost \$240.00

Flight 384, July 23, 2014 at Coker UMC, San Antonio, cost \$50.00

Flight 385, July 24, 2014, First UMC, Uvalde, cost \$100.00

Flight 387, August 7, 2014, Cathedral Oaks, Weimer, cost \$190

Girls Chrysalis Flight 382 is NOT cancelled! It begins July 17th at Bethany UMC. Preparations are going strong and we expect to have a good response. Wendy Boatright has put together a great team, and we want as many youth to experience the message of grace that God is preparing to share through the witness and passion of these women.

Contact Tim Deschner, Chrysalis Rep., at 512-934-8077 or tdeschner@att.net for more info.



Requested 2015 GAE4DG Walks

Men's Walk	February 19 — 22	Camp Young Judaea
Women's Walk	April 23 — 26	Camp Young Judaea
Men's Walk	September 10 — 13	Camp Young Judaea
Women's Walk	November 12 — 15	Camp Young Judaea

De Colores!

**Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group
Board of Directors' Monthly Meeting
Berkeley UMC, Austin
Thursday, April 3, 2014**

Opening: The regular meeting of the GAE4DG Board was called and held on April 3rd at Berkeley UMC. The meeting was called to order by Anne Rioux. Present were: Anne Rioux, Lay Director; Mel Chambers, Assistant Lay Director; Gary Johnson, Immediate Past Lay Director; Tom Rioux, Board Representative to SWTC; Debby Duplantis, Treasurer; Bobby Callison, Board Member for Walk Support; Jim Burgess, Board Member for Member Services; David Graham, Lay Director for Men's Walk 1758; Susan Curtis, Lay Director for Women's Walk 1749; Diane Merwarth, Board Representative for Women's Walk 1749. The opening prayer was given by Anne Rioux.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved with corrections by email.

Treasurer's Report: Debby Duplantis' treasurer's report informed us that there was no change in our financial status. The board approved the report.

SWTC Board Representative Report: There is a Team Selection meeting for Walk 1775 at St. Mark's UMC on April 30th. People to be considered for Walk Lay Director need to be into SWTC's office by June 19th.

Gathering Support Report: No updates to file from LeeLeen Sundbeck.

Walk Support Report: Bobby Callison reported that SWTC has approved three young ladies for child care.

Members Services Report: Jim Burgess did some work on our email list. He is still working on getting the email address for all churches point of contacts.

Immediate Past Lay Director Report: Gary Johnson told us he was getting some help from a church member to make sure the paper work for the 501 (c) 3 is filled out properly.

Spiritual Director Report: No report filed from Rev. Cheryl Broome.

Chrysalis Representative Report: No report on file from Tim Deschner.

Walks 1749 and 1758 Reports: Susan Curtis has 21 pilgrims confirmed for Walk 1749 and did not have any special requests for the Board. David Graham informed the Board that he has a full team for Walk 1758 and that Jon Nelson will be music team leader. The first team meeting will be at Oak Hill UMC on April 26th. The Board reminded the upcoming lay directors not to delete pilgrim's Saturday night projects to try to make the candlelight service on time.

Old Business: The Nomination Committee nominated Carl Fisher for Walk Support Coordinator and Chris McKemie for Assistant Lay Director of GAE4DG.

New/Other Business: Bobby Callison and Gary Johnson volunteered to take care of the Silent Auction, Child Care, Cupcake Walk, and to supply greeters/ushers for Rev. Tina Carter at the June 7th Gathering. Anne Rioux will take care of the Sponsorship role playing seminar.

The Board voted to play a claim of \$175.00 to repair a golf cart damaged on Walk 1674. We need to have an accident report for our own protection in the future.

Toiletries for future Walks will be added to the agape list.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m. by Anne Rioux. The next general meeting is 6:00 p.m., May 5th at First UMC.

Minutes submitted by Mel Chambers, Assistant Lay Director

Welcome New Pilgrims of Walk 1749!

Women's Walk #1749 took place April 24-27, 2014 at Camp Young Judaea, with Susan Curtis as Lay Director, Jeannie Whitehurst as Spiritual Director, and Diane Merwarth as Board Rep. The next time you see these new pilgrims, welcome them to the GAE4DG community!

Adrienne Zermeno
Aggie Barabin
Amber Parr
Asenath Saldana
Cynthia Parnell
Diana Everett
Doralea Jones
Elaine Bargsley
Gay Gambert
Janet Crozier
Janice Davis
Kathryn Fakoya
Kay Wolking-Bratton
Yong-Shil (Kim) Etheridge
LaMonica Lewis
Leanne Carl
Lucretia Roohms
Margaret Pazik
Martha Pearce
Margaret Butler
Pamela Owens
Patricia Highland
Rachel Tovar
Veronica Logue
Simone Silveira
Susan Watson
Teresa Smith
Patricia Tallman
Zinovia Yakis



The Resurrection of Our Lord

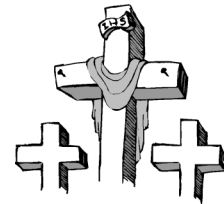
God planned a perfect Paradise – no pain and no death. But sin of disobedience ruined it and tore us away from God. We were all doomed. Only a sinless existence would save us, but being by nature sinful made that impossible. We condemn ourselves over and over.

We had no hope until in God's merciful kindness, He sent Christ to pay the supreme price for each of us. With His death, He suffered in our place. At His resurrection, He sealed our futures. Through God's grace and love, He allowed His Son to endure terrible pain for each of us, and then on this special day gave us the assurance of our own resurrection from death. We no longer need to fear death. Let's share this great joyful news with everyone!

Is death the winner? No! We know death will come. But because of this special day, Christ's resurrection from the dead, we are the final victors. We will live with Him forever.

God, we praise and thank You for this special day
and the gift of life with You forever
through our Savior. Amen.

De Colores!
Gerard Kern



Walk Reunions!

The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group is sponsoring a reunion for the following Walks at the June 7th Gathering at Northwest Hills UMC:

Women's Walk #141, 2/8/90, Mt. Wesley
(LD Judy Bettes)

Women's Walk #676, 9/17/98, Mt. Wesley
(LD Terri Sloan)

Women's Walk #1355, 3/8/07, Highland Lakes
(LD Susan Wilcox)

If you were a pilgrim or team member on one of these Walks, we hope to see you at Northwest Hills UMC on Saturday, June 7th!

Save the Date!!!!

JUNE FAMILY GATHERING

Saturday, June 7, 2014

5:00 – 8:00 PM

(replaces the Thursday, June 5th Gathering)

**Northwest Hills United Methodist Church
7050 Village Center Drive, Austin, TX 78731**

Our 2013 Survey showed that a lot of Emmaus members cannot attend our Thursday evening Gatherings due to work and children's schedules. We hope this will give many of you a chance to reunite with your Emmaus friends in a family-friendly setting.

Our activities include:

- 5:00 PM – How to Sponsor Effectively—Role Playing the “Do’s” and “Don’t’s”
- 5:30 PM – The Wealth of Poverty – A Special Presentation by Rev. Tina Carter, Parker Lane UMC
- 6:00-7:00 PM – Potluck Supper with:
 - Silent Auction of Cakes and Pies benefitting the GAE4DG Scholarship Fund
(Be sure to bring CASH or CHECKS to pay for your winning items.)
 - Free Cookie/Cupcake Walk for the kids
 - Very brief Business Meeting
- 7:00-8:00 PM – Worship and Holy Communion

NOTE: Childcare will be provided from 5-8 PM so you may decide when it's time to bring the kids into the events.

We need donations of cakes and/or pies for the Silent Auction. If you can help, please sign up at http://www.mysignup.com/gae4dg_gathering_silent_auction. BE SURE TO DELIVER YOUR DONATION TO THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER BY 5:30 PM.

We need donations of cookies or cupcakes for the Free Cookie/Cupcake Walk for Kids. If you can help, please sign up at http://www.mysignup.com/gae4dg_gathering_cookie_cupcake_walk, BE SURE TO DELIVER YOUR DONATION TO THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER BY 5:30 PM.

Please RSVP via http://www.mysignup.com/gae4dg_gathering_attending if you plan to attend, and if you need childcare tell us how children and their ages so we can staff accordingly.



Upcoming Greater Austin Emmaus Gatherings

Singing at 7:00 p.m., Worship at 7:30 p.m., Agape Feast Following

2014 Gatherings

June 7, 2014

Saturday, June 7, 2014
5:00 – 8:00p.m.
Northwest Hills UMC
7050 Village Center Dr., Austin, 78731
4th Day Speaker Connie Ellis
Reunion for Walks #141, #676, #1355

July 10, 2014

Thursday, July 10, 2014
Westlake UMC
1460 Redbud Trail., Austin, 78746
4th Day Speaker TBA
Walk #1758 team commissioning
Reunion for Walks #149, #666

August 7, 2014

Thursday, August 7, 2014
First UMC Pflugerville
500 E. Pecan Street
Pflugerville, 78660
4th Day Speaker Hillarie Smith
Reunion for Walks #165, #700, #1409, #1425

September 4, 2014

Thursday, September 4, 2014
Covenant UMC
4410 Duval Rd., Austin, 78727
4th Day Speaker TBA
Reunion for Walks #170, #704, #1435

October 2, 2014

Thursday, October 2, 2014
Hill Country Bible Church
11880 Old 2243 West, Leander, 78641
4th Day Speaker TBA
Walk #1775 team commissioning
Reunion for Walks #182A, #721, #1451

November 6, 2014

Thursday, November 6, 2014
Wesley UMC
1164 Bernard Street, Austin, 78702
4th Day Speaker TBA
Reunion for Walks #184, #738, #1456

December 4, 2014

Thursday, December 4, 2014
Oak Hill UMC
7815 Hwy 290 West, Austin, 78736
4th Day Speaker TBA
Reunion for Walks #193, #750, #1485

Childcare available at all Gatherings!

Contact:

Board Member for Gathering Support
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Reminder!
June Gathering
SATURDAY, June 7th.

July Gathering
2nd Thursday (July 10th)