



The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Newsletter



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Jesus is Calling Us

Dear Blessed Emmaus Community,

I met an Emmaus member from the ABC Community, which is now a blessing to our Emmaus family, and he told me he was raised in the word of God and lived his entire life in the word of God, but it was not until his Walk to Emmaus that he knew the love of God. He said he will be forever grateful for Emmaus and will always support Emmaus. For me, the Emmaus Walk is where I met our true God and became immersed in God's love, God's grace, and God's blessings. I, too, will always be grateful for The Walk to Emmaus and will always support Emmaus. I thank God every day for this vibrant community of disciples that are filled with faith, love, strength, servanthood, and perseverance.

Our Lord is leading Emmaus on a new journey, showing us the way and lighting the path. It fills me with a new fire to be His disciple on this journey, His servant, and to walk the path He is preparing for us. Jesus is calling all of us, so let us all show up with joy, love, and faith. In Hebrews 11:1, we learn "Now faith is what we hope for and assurance for what we do not see." We have with our Lord the hope, the light and the assurance!!

The hope, light, and assurance God is giving to our community are the members of our Board of Directors of the Greater Austin Emmaus Community. They are:

Rev. Sylvester Chase, Spiritual Director
Harold Sundbeck, Lay Director
LeeLeen Sundbeck, Assistant Lay Director
Nickie Carstarphen, Treasurer
Jeannie Randall, Secretary
Mel Chambers, Upper Room Support
Carl Fisher, Walk Support
Rob Turk, Member Services
Sylvia Villarreal-Rocco, Gathering Support
Chris McKemie, Immediate Past Lay Director

Each has said "Yes" to be our Lord's servants and to guide the Greater Austin Emmaus Community.

I would like to thank each one of you for allowing me to be your servant this year as your Lay Director. Each one of you have blessed me, for I have witnessed the love, the joy, and the faith on your faces and felt it fill the room as we came together at a Gathering and worshipped together.

Our Lord always showers blessing upon us!

Chris McKemie
Immediate Past Lay Director



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Financial Statement as of 4/30/16

Bank Balance
\$6,983.88

Unencumbered funds
\$ 668.42

Scholarship Fund
\$3,546.69



Visit the Greater Austin Emmaus
4th Day Group Website:

<http://www.austinemmaus.org>



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

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

WalkTalkEditor@austinemmaus.org

**Approximately 109 attended the May Gathering
at Northwest Hills UMC on May 12th,
and Ivan Dominguez gave a great 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.

2016 Austin Community Sponsored Emmaus Walk

Men's Walk #1847

Rob Turk, Lay Director

Audrey Spencer, Spiritual Director

Melvin Chambers, Board Rep.

Gene McConnell, ST Coordinator

August 25 — 28, 2016 Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley

Contact: Rob@austinemmaus.org

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To help provide agape, please go to <http://www.mysignup.com/walk1847agape>

Also, the fee for this Walk has been reduced to \$210.00.



There are NEW downloadable forms on the GAEC website, including:

Pilgrim Application Form Instructions

Pilgrim Application Form — Pilgrim

Pilgrim Application Form — Sponsor

Pilgrim Application Form — Church

Scholarship Application Form

Sponsor Packet

Team Application Form

Please go to <http://austinemmaus.org/reg.php> to access these new forms,
and discard any old forms you may have.



Walk Reunions

The GAEC sponsors Walk reunions at each Gathering. At the June 2nd Gathering at First UMC, Pflugerville, the following Walks will be recognized:

Women's Walk #376, 9/22/1994, Mt. Wesley
(Lay Director, Donde Ashmos-Plowman)
Men's Walk #381, 10/6/1994, Mt. Wesley
(Lay Director, Ed Engleking)
Men's Walk #1008, 8/22/2002, Highland Lakes
(Lay Director, Charlie Lancaster)
Women's Walk #1749, 4/24/2014, Highland Lakes
(Lay Director, Susan Curtis)

Below are the original pilgrim/team photos of these Walks. See anyone you recognize? If you were a pilgrim or team member on one of these Walks, come to the June 2nd Gathering at First UMC, Pflugerville to be reunited!



Women's Walk #376
September 22, 1994
Mt. Wesley

LD, Donde Ashmos-Plowman
SD, Karen Vannoy
BR, Anna P. Jones



Men's Walk #381
October 6, 1994
Mt. Wesley

LD, Ed Engleking
SD, Larry Altman
BR, Dave Burrell



Men's Walk #1008
August 22, 2002
Highland Lakes



LD, Charlie Lancaster
SD, Phil Steinbach
BR, Cliff Dunn



Walk to Emmaus #1749

Women's Walk #1749
April 24, 2014
Highland Lakes



LD, Susan Curtis
SD, Jeannie Whitehurst
BR, Diane Merwarth



Fellowship! Friendship! Worship! Pot Luck Gathering!



Where: First UMC Pflugerville

When: June 2, 2016

Time: 6:30 dinner ~ 7:30 worship

Mark your calendars, bring a favorite dish to share,
a friend to worship with, and a heart filled with love and joy!

For more info, contact Chris McKemie at LayDirector@austinemmaus.org

See you there! DeColores!



Welcome New Pilgrims!

These ladies just returned from Walk #1839, held May 5 – 8 at Camp Young Judaea. I'm sure if you ask them, they will say it was **THE BEST WALK EVER!**

Sandra Banfield
Patti Breaux
Melanie Carstarphen
Amy Castillo
Imani Christopher
Marjon Christopher
Sandra Collins
Sonja Corbin
Charlene Cummings
Rose Ann Denny
Fawn Escalante
DeeDee Fontenot
Jeannette Francois
Kristina Hayes
Michaelanne Hurst
Susan Johnson
Annye Jones
Cicely Jones
Niya Jones
Judi Keiss
Sarah Kitten
Mina LaGrange

Lakisha Lofton
Linda Malone
Linda Pace
Sandra Ritchie
Linda Robertson
Christin Smith
Juanita Stephens
Tana Taylor
Cheryl Thomas
Kathryn Thompson
Alice Traylor
Judy Wadsworth
Chris Williams
Tanya Woynarowsky



**Greater Austin Emmaus Community
Board of Directors Meeting
Northwest Hills UMC, Austin
Thursday, May 12, 2016**

The regular meeting of the GAEC Board was held on May 12th at Northwest Hills UMC commencing at 6:09 PM. The meeting was called to order by Chris McKemie and the opening prayer was given by Mel Chambers. Present were: Chris McKemie, LD; Harold Sundbeck, ALD; Mel Chambers, Rio Texas BR and Immediate Past LD; Sam Johnson, Treasurer; Rev. Sylvester Chase, SD; LeeLeen Sundbeck, Board Member for Gathering Support; Rob Turk, LD for Men's Walk #1847; Nickie Carstarphen, Silvia Villareal-Rocco, Jeanne Randall, Craig Adams and Myles McKemie.

Lay Director's Opening Remarks: Chris McKemie welcomed everyone.

Minutes: The Board approved the April 2016 minutes supplied by Harold Sundbeck by email and they were submitted to Kellye Noret for publication in the *WalkTalk*.

Treasurer's Report: Sam Johnson presented the Treasurer's Report. The ending balance as of April 30, 2016 was \$6,983.88. Other assets of \$984.48 for Walk #182 and -\$3,753.55 for Walk #1839 were entered for total assets of \$4,214.81. The total unencumbered balance is \$668.42 after outstanding liabilities of \$3,546.39. There is \$3,546.39 available for Walk Scholarships. Rev. Chase made motion to accept the report, Chris McKemie seconded, and report was voted and approved. Sam also reported he had 36 purple books for Walk #1847.

Rio Texas Board Representative's Report: Mel Chambers presented a chart indicating the various FDG's in the Rio Texas Conference and where each stood and what was needed during this transfer out from the Rio Texas umbrella. Mel reported the GAEC was prepared for the transition. A reimbursement check of \$1,000 for Walk #1847 was sent to the RTCECC. Close out for Walk #1839 will take place tonight.

Mel discussed upcoming Walks for 2017 with having only one Men's Walk and one Women's Walk, and then going to four Walks in 2018. Mel asked Jeanne about the number of potential qualified LD candidates from ABC. She reported possibly 3 women and 3 men who met the qualifications.

Additional discussions as to getting pastors more involved in Emmaus. After discussion, Chris and Harold plan to set a time to meet with the DS to discuss the Emmaus Community.

Mel suggested nominating Jeanne Randall to serve as Secretary for the Board. Mel made a motion and Sylvester seconded. All approved. The new Board members will need to sign the 2016 Covenant tonight.

Gathering Support: LeeLeen reported open dates in November and December, and is working on securing churches south for those dates.

Walk Support: Chris reported she could continue assisting Carl, and Willie will also continue to help. Carl will continue in his position.

Assistant Lay Director: The slate for the BOD will be Harold Sundbeck – LD; LeeLeen Sundbeck – ALD; Jeanne Randall – Secretary; Nickie Carstarphen – Treasurer; Rob Turk – Walk Support; and Silvia Villareal-Rocco – Gathering Support.

New Business: The All Bastrop County (ABC) Emmaus Community communicated with GAEC about merging with the GAEC. The Board voted by email to approve the merging with the ABC group.

Craig Adams discussed the current work on the 501c3. He will prepare the application for incorporation and present to the Board at the June 2nd meeting. We will need to make minor changes to our original By-Laws to conform to the new incorporation.

A Servant team member on Walk #1839 strongly objected to men's birth year being printed in the roster, since this is not printed for the women's. It was agreed this should also be done for the men. Chris made the motion that men's birth year be removed from the roster, Rev. Chase seconded, and the motion passed.

Tom Rioux will send a letter to the community about the changes in our Emmaus community with the dissolution of RTEEC. The BOD passed a motion for this letter to be presented to the BOD for approval before being mailed. Rev. Chase made the motion, Sam Johnson seconded, and the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m. by Chris McKemie. Rev. Chase gave the closing prayer.

Minutes submitted by Harold Sundbeck, Lay Director



Upcoming Greater Austin Emmaus Gatherings

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

2016 Gatherings

June 2, 2016

Thursday, June 2, 2016
First UMC Pflugerville
500 E. Pecan St., Pflugerville, 78691
4th Day Speaker Tricia Lutfak
Reunion for Walks #376, #381, #1008, #1749

July 7, 2016

Thursday, July 7, 2016
Westlake UMC
1460 Red Bull Trail, Austin, 78746
4th Day Speaker TBD
Reunion for Walks #1035, #1775

August 4, 2016

Thursday, August 4, 2016
Covenant UMC
4410 Duval Road, Austin, 78727
4th Day Speaker TBD
*Reunion for Walks #397, #1042, #1778
Commissioning for Walk #1847*

September 1, 2016

Thursday, September 1, 2016
Cedar Park UMC
600 W. Park St., Cedar Park, 78613
4th Day Speaker TBD
Reunion for Walks #408, #1057, #1789

** October 13, 2016 **

Thursday, October 13, 2016
Lake Travis UMC
1502 RR 620 North, Austin, 78734
4th Day Speaker TBD

November 3, 2016

Thursday, November 3, 2016
Location TBD
4th Day Speaker TBD

December 1, 2016

Thursday, December 1, 2016
Location TBD
4th Day Speaker TBD

*** Gatherings are on the 1st Thursday
of the month unless otherwise noted.***

Childcare provided.

Contact Sylvia Villarreal-Rocco

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