



The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Newsletter



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Welcome New Butterflies

**Girl's Flight #335
July 8-10, 2010
Marble Falls UMC**

- Kim Akano
- KK Butler
- Dayna Coppedge
- Leandra Elpers
- Kellie Hearn
- Ashley Johnson
- Karlie Junot
- Courtney Kuehner
- Ashley Kulmann
- Lindsey Mayfield
- Jessica Palmiter
- Kaitlin Pennington
- Jessie Petermann
- Jessica Rogers
- Jessica Skelton
- Keeton Summerlin
- Sarah Torok
- Kendall Walker
- Amanda Weaver
- Maryssa Williams
- Theresa Woehner
- Alex Wolf



GAE4DG Lay Director Message:

This past month of July the Austin Chrysalis Community sponsored Girls Chrysalis Flight #335 at Marble Falls. The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group would like to welcome all 22 new Butterflies to our community and we hope you join us at the next Gathering on August 5th at Covenant United Methodist Church.

We will continue to highlight one of the Board Positions and committee roles each month. The position this month will be **Assistant Lay Director**. The Assistant Lay Director is a voting member of the 4th Day Group board and is responsible for recording the minutes of each board meeting. The Assistant Lay Director will step in and lead board meetings and Gatherings in the absence of the Lay Director. Also, the Assistant Lay Director is chairperson of the Nominations Committee and is responsible for recruiting members to serve on the Nominations Committee and lead all Nomination Committee meetings. The Nominations Committee is responsible for developing nominations for open board positions each year. The Assistant Lay Director will become the next Lay Director of the GAE4DG. The current Assistant Lay Director is Sandy Brooks.

Board Positions and corresponding committees/roles under that position:

Lay Director

-GAE4DG Board

Assistant Lay Director

-Nominations Committee

Gathering Support

-Communion Steward

-Host Church Coordinator

-Music Leader Coordinator

Walk Support

-Conference Room Agape Letter Coordinator

-Walk Food/Agape Coordinator

-Prayer Vigil Coordinator

-Welcome Back/Weekend Follow-up Coordinator

Member Services

-Electronic Communications

-Membership Secretary

-WalkTalk Editor

-Reunion Group Coordinator

Treasurer

-Accountant/Bookkeeper

Board Representative to SWTXC

-Team Selection Committee

-Registration

Chrysalis Representative

Immediate Past Lay Director

Spiritual Director



Grace and Peace,

Gene McConnell <><
GAE4DG Lay Director

Suggestion Volunteers!!

Do you have a suggestion or idea for YOUR Emmaus 4th day group? Let any of the board members know your suggestions or ideas to help support your Emmaus community. All board member contacts can be found on page 2 or on the website at www.austinemmaus.com

Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group

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



The Walk Talk Deadline for September 2010 is August 25th!

Please send your articles, 4th Day Stories, Group appreciation and reflections to
Gina Franklin 12905 Irongate Ave., Austin, TX 78727;
or email to franklingdom@gmail.com

Were You There?

Have you been going to the monthly Gathering?
Why not?!?!?!?

They are normally on the first Thursday of each month. Childcare is available at all Gatherings! Check out the schedule on page 6!

We'll be looking for you!

GAE4DG Spiritual Director Message:



"Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go Lord. If you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart." (By Daniel Schutte) During the last Greater Austin Emmaus gathering held at University United Methodist the faithful gathered to praise God with songs and prayers. We heard a wonderful and uplifting 4th day message. We shared Holy Communion. That night we sang a rousing version of "Here I am Lord" and it was awesome! Just to be among so many Christians who actually lifted their hands up to the Lord was amazing. What a glorious experience to gather in worship as the body of Christ. That night could not have been any better...Except... Well... The truth of the matter is that the crowd was pretty light. We missed so many of our Emmaus/Chrysalis/Kairos brothers and sisters that night!

According to the Upper Room, the Fourth Day is a symbol of the days of Christian pilgrimage that follow the three-day Emmaus experience. During the Walk to Emmaus we had the unique opportunity to reflect on our faith journey and make a deeper commitment to Christ. In fact, "the whole reason for The Walk to Emmaus is to make you a more faithful disciple and active member in your church." (Bob Wood, [Day Four](#)) Thus, the Fourth Day is central to the Emmaus experience, as it extends each individual's experience beyond the weekend and into life in the world.

In living our Fourth Days, we are all encouraged to continue to grow in relationship with Christ and live as faithful disciples in all of life. An important and necessary foundation for faithful Christian living is a vital connection to the Christian community for support, guidance, and challenge. This is most available through local church communities, reunion groups, and the Emmaus/Chrysalis Celebrations. (<http://www.upperroom.org/emmaus/fourthday/>)

You are part of the Greater Austin Emmaus 4th day community and we hold our celebration gathering the first Thursday of every month. We have child care available. We meet at various churches in the Austin area. Please check our website for news and information about our gatherings: <http://www.austinemmaus.org/>

Emmaus lifts up a way for our grace-filled life to be lived and shared with others. The Greater Austin Emmaus gathering is one way to support one another in faithful living as we journey our fourth days together. Hope to see you at the next gathering!

DeColores! Fly With Christ! Pastor Cheryl



2010 Austin Sponsored Walks

Men's Walk #1580	October 7-10	Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley
Gary Johnson, Lay Director		contact: gary.johnson360@yahoo.com
Monte Marshall, Spiritual Director		
Jack Foreman, Board Rep.		contact: jcforeman@sbcglobal.net
Sherry Wilkison, ST Coordinator		contact: rwilkison@austin.rr.com
Women's Walk #1593	November 18-21	Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley
Diane Merwarth, Lay Director		contact: dianemerwarth@att.net
Veda White, Spiritual Director		
Cortney Smith, Board Rep.		contact: cortneymeister@gmail.com
Bud Broeker, ST Coordinator		contact: bbroeker@austin.rr.com



Agape Signup Online

The signup for Men's Walk to Emmaus #1580 is: www.mysignup.com/walk1580agape

The general format at the web site is a list of instructions at the top of the page, followed by a grid of 6 columns with many rows for the items needed. The list of items is in alphabetical order. If you want to search for a particular item, you can enter <Control-F>, enter the name in the Find box, and press the Next button.

Approximately one week prior to the beginning of a Walk, a reminder e-mail will be sent to you for each item that you have promised to bring. The drop-off locations will be listed in the reminder e-mail.

LOCAL LAY DIRECTOR ORIENTATION (LLDO)

August 28, 2010

8:30a-12:30p

First United Methodist Church, Pflugerville

If you are scheduled to serve on a GAE4DG Walk leadership team in 2010/2011; if you are interested in serving as a Walk LD at some time in the future; or if you are just really curious about what it takes for an Emmaus Walk to happen, please plan to attend the upcoming Local Lay Director Orientation (LLDO) scheduled for Aug. 28, 2010. The LLDO focuses on local (GAE) Walk details and issues, site specifics, and local Board support. Although the LLDO is not mandatory, your GAE4DG Board strongly urges that upcoming Walk LDs, BdReps, ALDs and SD's (if possible) attend - you'll get a wealth of helpful information, and many of your questions will be answered. It would also be helpful for the Servant Team Coordinators to attend as they need to be cognizant of some recent policy changes and unique "quirks" at local Walk sites.

Note: This training does NOT replace the Walk/Flight Leadership Training (W/FLT) which is conducted by the Southwest Texas Conference Emmaus Community and is mandatory for Walk Lay Directors, Board Reps, and Spiritual Directors. The W/FLT focuses on the UR and SWTC manuals and guidelines; the LLDO focuses on local procedures and site issues.

Mark your calendars now, and pre-register with Kathy Shaw at kathyshaw@swbell.net (subject line LLDO) for the August 28 event. so she'll know how many attendees to plan for. If you have any questions, please call her at 989-3866.

Upcoming 2011 Austin Sponsored Walks

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| Women's Walk #1597 | February 10-13 | Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley |
| Lori Foster, Lay Director | | contact: lfoster@austinnetworking.com |
| Colleen Haley, Spiritual Director | | |
| Men's Walk #1607 | March 24-27 | Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley |
| Rocky Wilcox, Lay Director | | contact: rwilcox44@austin.rr.com |
| Tina Carter, Spiritual Director | | |
| Women's Walk | Sept. 22-25 | Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley |
| Gina Franklin, Lay Director | | contact: franklingdom@gmail.com |
| Men's Walk | October 20-23 | Camp Young Judaea, Wimberley |
| Jack Foreman, Lay Director | | contact: jcforeman@sbcglobal.net |

A Prayer for Christian Education

Gracious and Merciful Father, who in wisdom created the world and all that lives, enlighten the hearts and minds of your faithful people to continually call on You for divine guidance in all that is said and done in your Name.

Fill your faithful people with the desire and passion to reach out to those who still do not call upon You in the Name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Open the hearts of those who rejoice in the salvation won through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, Your Son, to support the teaching of your Word at all Christian colleges.

Look with favor on those who teach and those who learn. Give both teachers and students patience to receive your special gifts of wisdom, knowledge and understanding as they live out their life's journey. Lead your people to respond to the great need to teach what we believe and confess in your Name so that multitudes may come to know You as the Lord of Life.

Revitalize our hearts, create in us a thankful spirit and open our hands to generously share your bounty. Strengthen our faith to trust in your mercy and your promise of life and salvation, now and forever. Amen.

De Colores!

Gerard Kern

Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group - Board of Directors Meeting

The Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Group Board of Directors met on Thursday, July 1, 2010 at University United Methodist Church. In attendance were: Gene McConnell – Lay Director; Bob Duplantis – Member Support; Myles McKemie – Gathering Support; Diane Merwarth – Walk Support; Bud Broeker – Board Rep; Pastor Cheryl Broome – Spiritual Director; Roxie Greenway – Treasurer; Sandy Brooks – Assistant Lay Director; Jim Anthony and Gary Johnson.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Gene McConnell, with an opening prayer by Diane Merwarth. The minutes of the previous Board Meeting were approved as read by a motion by Diane Merwarth, seconded by Bud Broeker.

The finance report was presented and was approved unanimously upon a motion by Bud Broeker with a second from Diane Merwarth.

Ending balance as of 6/31/10: \$5,078.21.

Gene McConnell reported that an election would be held by written ballot at the gathering to elect a new Board Rep. The candidates included Jim Anthony and Tom Rioux. Gene also announced that Walk/Flight Leadership Training would take place on July 31 at Kerrville, Texas and that participants could car pool from Lake Travis UMC. Team selection for the February and March walks will be scheduled for August by the newly elected Board Rep. There will be Local Lay Director Training on August 28.

Roxie Greenway provided a hand out outlining the various board positions and their responsibilities and committee positions. The Board agreed that each board position would begin to fill their committee positions.

Gene McConnell will write the Lay Directors article for the August Walk Talk and announced that the Board will rotate writing this article.

Myles McKemie reported that the schedule for the 2010 gatherings was set, except for December. The August gathering will be at Covenant UMC, the September gathering will be at North West Hills UMC and the October gathering will be at Wesley UMC.

Diane Merwarth reported that the agape lists for the upcoming walks are available. She will also provide scholarship applications and pilgrim applications at the table at the gatherings.

Bob Duplantis will be contacting the Upper Room for the non-profit designation certificate.

The Board discussed the SW Conference request to present “The Gift” at welcome back gatherings. The Board voted to have Jack Foreman and Gene McConnell draft a letter in response to this request.

Myles McKemie agreed to obtain bids for recruiting signs for each church in the Greater Austin Emmaus 4th Day Community.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 to attend the gathering. The closing prayer was given by Pastor Cheryl Broome.

Community News:

Many Blessings!

Paul David Dubois, a former member of Manchaca UMC and a Pilgrim on Walk to Emmaus #1247 sponsored by the GAE4DG, was commissioned as a Provisional Elder at the Annual Conference of the Southwest Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church in June in Corpus Christi and was appointed to First UMC Weimer in the Victoria District.

SWTX Walk/Flight Leadership Training Sessions

To register for an Emmaus Leadership Training Event please go to www.swtxumc.org/emmaus or contact Emmaus Register at Emmaus@umcswtx.org

Date: August 14, 2010, First UMC, San Angelo TX

Date: October 2, 2010, First UMC, Corpus Christi TX

Date: November 13, 2010, Coker UMC, San Antonio TX

Upcoming Greater Austin Emmaus Gatherings

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

August 2010

Thursday, August 5, 2010
Covenant UMC
4410 Duval Road

September 2010

Thursday, September 2, 2010
Northwest Hills UMC
7050 Village Center

October 2010

Thursday, October 7, 2010
Wesley UMC
1160 San Bernard

November 2010

Thursday, November 4, 2010
Oak Hill UMC
7815 W. Hwy 290

December 2010

Thursday, December 2, 2010
The Rock
1901 W. New Hope
Cedar Park



Reminder: Childcare Services are available at all Gatherings.

Contact:

Board Member for Gathering Support

Myles McKemie

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