

Fourth Day

December 2009

FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR

God came to be with us!

John 1:14

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The writer of the gospel of John paints a unique picture of Christ not found in the synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark & Luke). Rather than beginning with His birth, John begins by describing the pre-existent Christ, who took part in the creation of the earth. John the Baptist, a man sent from God, was Christ's promoter. Then, Christ himself became flesh and blood, living among us.

Christmas Day offers an excellent opportunity to explore the Gospel of John's unique approach to the conception, and live birth of Jesus Christ. John avoided many of the human stories that provokes our interest in the gospels of Matthew and Luke in favor of drawing the lines of a larger picture and telling us who Christ was and is. God came to be with us. Every one of us. The best of us. The worst of us. Old and young. Fat and skinny. Black, white, and brown. Muslim. Methodist. Buddhist. Baptist. He came to all of us.

Just in case you got lost in all the details about shepherds and angels and babies, hear this:

God came to be with us!

What does it mean to you to have God with us?

DeColores,
Gordon



DECEMBER
GATHERING
****NO GATHERING
FOR DECEMBER****

JANUARY
GATHERING
THURSDAY, 1/21
7PM @
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FROM THE ASSISTANT LAY DIRECTOR

ANTICIPATION!

The season of Advent is traditionally the beginning of the Christian Year, and, thus, is a time of anticipation, of looking forward with hope, of preparing to celebrate the birth of our Savior. Unfortunately, this season often gets lost in the more secular aspects of Christmas. Even in the twelfth century, Abbot Bernard of Clairvaux wished that our celebrations were "inspired by his birth!" However, he also takes a positive attitude when he prays "that the intense longing of those men of old, their heartfelt expectation, may be enkindled in me." As we come closer to Christmas itself, we can enkindle those fires of expectation and longing for Christ in ourselves through spiritual disciplines, such as meditating on scripture, both the prophets of the Old Testament and the Gospels; worship, turning our hearts and thoughts toward God and his presence in this season; and compassion, refocusing on the values of God's kingdom and our desire to live more fully in it.

May each of you be truly blessed with the expectation of Advent and the joy of Christmas. Come, Lord Jesus, come!

De Colores,
Barb



REUNION GROUPS

Reunion Groups are a very important part of the [Emmaus](#) & [Chrysalis](#) experience. The importance of involvement in a reunion group cannot be overemphasized. Reunion groups provide a natural launching pad for mission in the community. Reunion groups are also a support base for acts of agape for [Emmaus](#) and [Chrysalis](#) weekends. Shared engagement in service to others deepens friendships and opens up avenues for Christian action.

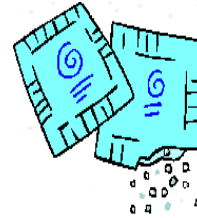
Two men's groups meet in Round Rock on Thursday evening.
Contact rr4thdaygroup@gmail.com for more information.

If your reunion group is not listed, or if the information here is incorrect please Contact: rr4thdaygroup@gmail.com

AGAPE...AGAPE...AGAPE...

Agape Project

No LOVE on earth can Equal (packet of Equal sweetener)
God's LOVE for YOU! (Draw hearts in place of 'Love'.)



Agape News

Walk 351 is coming up in February. Diane Leeks is working on getting agape projects ready for people to assemble between Christmas and New Year's.



WHAT'S NEW

OUR NEW RR EMMAUS E-MAIL IS: RR4THDAYGROUP "AT" [GMAIL.COM](mailto:RR4THDAYGROUP@GMAIL.COM)

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER AT: [HTTP://TWITTER.COM/RR4THDAYGROUP](http://TWITTER.COM/RR4THDAYGROUP)



TREASURER REPORT

Round Rock Emmaus Community Checking Account:
Balance as of 11/16/2009 is: \$1,256.04 .

Respectfully submitted by
Michael & Regina Bohmfalk
Treasurers

UPCOMING WALKS JANUARY 2010 –OCTOBER 2010

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348	Jan 7-10	Women	Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center, Glen Rose
349	Jan 21-24	Men	Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat Center, Brownwood
350	Feb 4-7	Women	Latham Springs Baptist Camp, Aquilla
351	Feb 18-21	Men	Latham Springs Baptist Camp, Aquilla
352	Feb 25-28	Women	Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center, Glen Rose
353	Apr 15-18	Women	Latham Springs Baptist Camp, Aquilla
354	May 6-9	Men	Glen Lake Camp & Retreat center, Glen Rose
355	Jul 14-17	Women	Polytechnic United Methodist Church, Fort Worth
	Wed – Sat		
356	Jul 21-24	Men	Polytechnic United Methodist Church, Fort Worth
	Wed – Sat		
357	Sep 9-12	Women	Latham Springs Baptist Camp, Aquilla
358	Sep 23-26	Men	Latham Springs Baptist Camp, Aquilla
359	Oct 7-10	Men	Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center, Glen Rose
360	Oct 21-24	Women	Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center, Glen Rose



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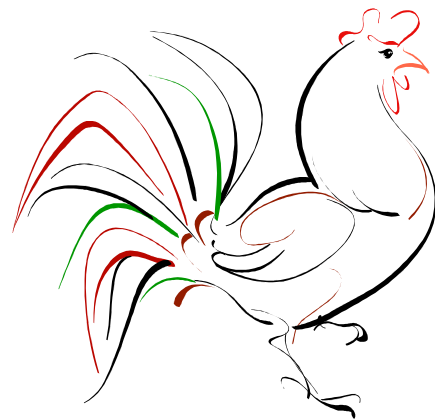
THIS IS OUR PRAYER

Our military
Peace in our world

Any prayer concerns or changes to this list can be emailed to chilitamaria@yahoo.com.

Names will appear on this list for 1 month and then will be removed.

Please resubmit if prayers are still needed.
Only first names will be used for privacy reasons.





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<http://www.gbgn-umc.org/ctcwtc/>

Emmaus Central Conference Web Site

<http://www.roundrockemmaus.org>

Round Rock Community Web Site

EMMAUS 2010 GATHERING DATES

Gathering Date	Gathering Location
January 21	First UMC-RR
February 18	First UMC-RR
March 19	First UMC-RR
April 15	First UMC-RR
May 20	First UMC-RR
June 17	St. Philips UMC – RR
July 15	St. Philips UMC – RR
August 19	St. Philips UMC – RR
September 16	St. Philips UMC – RR
October 21	St. Philips UMC – RR
November 18	St. Philips UMC – RR
December 16	First UMC-RR

We will meet on the **third Thursday of the month.**
Worship begins at 7:00.

TRUSTED SERVANTS

Lay Director: Gordon Leeks

Assistant Lay Director: Barb Hunsberger

Music Director: Ingrid Durfee

Newsletter Editor: Sheila Wacker

Spiritual Director: Dr. Dale Schultz

Treasurers: Michael & Regina Bohmfalk

Agape Coordinator: Diane Leeks

GREETINGS FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITORS:

Happy Fourth Day to All Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

Thank you to everyone for their contributions to this newsletter. Any submissions to the newsletter (articles, announcements, etc) are always welcome. The newsletter submission deadline for January will be Saturday, January 16th. Please feel free to email any submissions, questions, suggestions, or comments you may have.

The newsletter is posted on the www.roundrockemmaus.org website (no password required). We'll still be maintaining the email archive in the private area, since the messages contain individual email addresses. You can always login and check for any emails that have been sent out.

May God's grace and peace be with you in the coming month.

De Colores,

Sheila Wacker

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