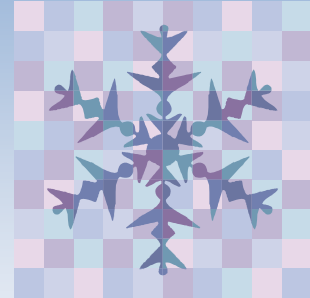


Round Rock Emmaus Community Newsletter

January 2012

JANUARY GATHERING, THURSDAY, 1/19, 7 PM @ FUMC
February Gathering, Thursday, 2/23, 7pm @ FUMC



From the Lay Director

Happy New Year!

Hoping you all had a very Blessed Christmas and that 2012 will be a year of much peace, joy, and blessings for you and your families. As most of you know, I've been diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (a form of cancer) and have been undergoing chemotherapy for the past 3 months. While undergoing tests for diagnosis and since starting the treatment, it has been like going to a new country and having to learn a whole new language and culture!. Different, for sure. But what I want to share most is what my wife and I have been most sure of throughout this journey thus far—and that is the absolute assurance of God's presence with us.

The deadline for Walk 378 is this coming Friday, 1/20. Please lift this walk up in prayer that we will get the pilgrims to make it a "go". God's will, though, and God's Walk.

Last, but certainly not least, please read the article from our Assistant Lay Director on the next page—it certainly brings into focus some excellent goals and habits to put in place for this new year!

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"

2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV

DeColores!

Paul Guerard

From the Assistant Lay Director

Pressing on Toward the Goal (Philippians 3:12-14)

"12Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. 13Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

Happy New Year!

Bet you've heard that just a few times in the last several weeks. As all the Christmas decorations come down and are packed away for yet another season, as we begin to get back to our "normal" after the busy holiday season, as we forget 2011, it is time to look 2012 squarely in the face.

This is a time that I do a reflection of the past year and attempt to put a plan together for the New Year.....must be the Project Manager in me.....Another Year....Another Project to Manage. As a Project Manager, you set goals for each project, and so I set goals for my New Year. I set goals each January in the following areas: Spiritual, Family, Professional, Financial and finally, Personal. (The Personal area is the place where I set the goal of "lose 20 pounds"....no wonder it never happens, it's last!) I try to set three or four in each area and re-visit them in June or July to see how I'm doing and make adjustments to remove road blocks that are in the way.

If you missed the last Gathering back in November, Paul shared with us part of his talk on Priorities and Steve prayed during the closing prayer that we would all be able to follow the priorities we learned on our Walks: God first, Family second.....and then Everything Else. Everything Else, you know all that stuff we call life. All the busyness that somehow takes priority and pushes God and Family down the list. You know, all that stuff that the World thinks is important.....how does it keep getting ahead of God and Family?

As I approach managing my project called 2012 and I open my heart to God's will for my 2012, I ask myself several questions that I would hope you might ask yourselves. Under the area of "God first", where does Emmaus fit in? What does our Heavenly Father want you to do this year with Emmaus? How does He want you to continue reaching others and bringing them to Him? How are you being the "hands and feet" of Jesus through Emmaus? What are you doing well and what does God want you to do better?

When was the last time you attended a Gathering? Are you a member of a Reunion Group? How about attending Candlelights? Or serving on a team?

I totally understand how during our 4th Days, we spread out our Ministries and Service to others outside of Emmaus and it is good and right that we do so. We go back to our local churches and serve and lead. But at the very least, put God first this next year and give Him an hour or two once a month at a Gathering near you. Shut out the world for just a few hours and go back to that place where you remember your wonderful Walk experience. How precious and Spirit filled it was. How you felt the love of the Holy Spirit and you came back home all warm and cozy. Tell the World, "NO!" for just 120 minutes a month. Tell the World to be quiet so you can be with your Lord. Come share in the music, the fellowship, the prayers, the worship or the most special time of Holy Communion with the Lord. Become renewed once again to go out and bring others to Christ.

Right now, before the World tells you otherwise, scroll down and transfer all the Gathering dates onto your calendar for 2012. Keep scrolling down and write all the Walk dates on your calendar for 2012. Now close everything except you heart and ask God how you and Emmaus are going to work together this year for His good.

Jeremiah 29:11-13 NIV

"11For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. 12Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. 13You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

DeColores, Tina Huffman

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

An Agape update will be provided at the Gathering on Thursday, January 19.

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

Upcoming Walks in 2012

2012 WALKS

376	Jan 26-29	Men	Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat Center, Brownwood
377	Feb 2-5	Women	Latham Springs Baptist Camp, Aquilla
378	Feb 16-19	Men	Greene Family Camp, Bruceville
379	Mar 22-2	Women	Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat Center, Brownwood
380	Apr 19-22	Women	Latham Springs Baptist Camp, Aquilla
381	May 3-6	Women	Greene Family Camp, Bruceville
382	May 17-20	Men	Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center, Glen Rose
383	Sep 6-9	Women	Greene Family Camp, Bruceville
384	Sep 20-23	Men	Latham Springs Baptist Camp, Aquilla
385	Oct 4-7	Women	Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center, Glen Rose
386	Oct 18-21	Women	Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center, Glen Rose

TREASURER REPORT

The Treasurer Report will be provided at the *Gathering* on Thursday, January 19.

This is Our Prayer

Walks 376, 377 & 378

Family of Jewell

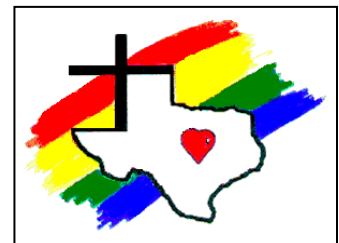
Paul

Our Service Families

Peace in the world

Any prayer concerns or changes to this list can be emailed to jguerd@austin.rr.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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Emmaus Central Conference Web Site

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Round Rock Community Web Site

Emmaus 2012 Gathering Dates

Gathering Date	Gathering Location
January 19	First UMC-RR
February 23	First UMC-RR
March 15	First UMC-RR
April 19	First UMC-RR
May 17	First UMC-RR
June 21	St. Philips UMC
July 19	St. Philips UMC
August 16	St. Philips UMC
September 20	St. Philips UMC
October 18	St. Philips UMC
November 15	St. Philips UMC
December	No Meeting Planned

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

Trusted Servants

Lay Director: Paul Guerard

Lay Director in Training: Tina Huffman Lacagnina

Music Director: Ingrid Durfee

Newsletter Editor: Lou Mar Guerard

Spiritual Director: Rev. Lee Trigg & Rev. Steve Buchele

Treasurers: Jim & Sally Schuermann

Agape Coordinator: Diane Leeks

GREETINGS FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

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 February will be **Saturday, February 11th**. 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,

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