

Fourth Day



March 2010

FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR

CELEBRATING EASTER

Palm Sunday is upon us, and then we enter into Holy Week, much of which is somber and thought-provoking. However, Easter itself is the most important and inspirational CELEBRATION of the Christian year. Paul writes to the church in Corinth: "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile, and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied." (I Corinthians 15:19). Without the resurrection, our faith is worthless, but because Christ has been raised from the dead, our existence has been redefined. We are an Easter people!

Easter's significance is immense, calling us to immense celebration and festivity. We no longer have to live in fear of death and what it entails. Because Easter is so special and essential to our faith, perhaps we need to celebrate the season in a prolonged and continuous way as we do Christmas—full of the hope and the joy of the resurrection.

Let us celebrate openly and festively—not just in our churches and homes, but visibly to our friends and neighbors—praising God and thanking him for all that he has given us, especially the sacrifice of his Son. When we pray, remember to include gratitude, as well as that "laundry list" of needs, wants and desires. Let's also not lose sight of the fact that all that we are and all that we have are gifts of grace. Instead of pushing ourselves to achieve, to succeed, to be important, even in our churches, we must remember to take time for Jesus and time for each other, keeping in mind that his purposes for us are all good.

Christ's resurrection is everything—without it we are lost forever, death wins and we are without hope. So CELEBRATE Easter—boldly, loudly and passionately!



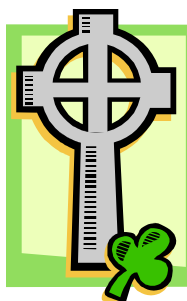
**MARCH
GATHERING
THURSDAY, 3/25
7PM @ FUMC**

****Note Date Change****

**APRIL
GATHERING
THURSDAY, 4/15
7PM @ FUMC**

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FROM THE ASSISTANT LAY DIRECTOR

I'd like you to take just a minute to think back to your pilgrim Walk. Think of the person you were before your Walk, and compare that to the person you are today. If you're like me, the Walk changed you; made you a new and better person. If this description of the Walk experience doesn't sound familiar, you can stop reading.

For those of you who are still reading I'll ask you to remember something else: How did you get to the walk? The answer, of course, is your sponsor got you there. Your sponsor physically took you to the Walk, but more importantly, he or she got you ready to go on the Walk; explaining what the Walk is and gently (or not so gently) nudging and prodding until you agreed to go.

Just imagine what your life would be like had that person not taken the interest, the time and the effort to get you to your Walk. And to take it another step, think how much poorer your family, friends, neighbors, church family and larger community would be if your sponsor had decided simply not to bother.

The fact is, by sponsoring you, that person made a big difference in your life, and in the lives of a lot of other people.

Now, I'd like you to think about what your church would look like if you did the same thing for the person sitting next to or in front of you in church. And what if they did the same thing for the person next to them, and the person next to them, and so on?

On a purely practical level, folks who have been on a walk typically become more active in their churches, helping to ease the burden on those who are already active. And folks who are more active are more likely to give, helping to ease our churches' budget issues. Much more importantly, by bringing someone on a walk, we have the opportunity to share what we have been given; the person we invite to a walk no longer has to miss out on the "eternal life" in the here-and-now that is offered by a fuller understanding and acceptance of God's grace.

I believe that we who have received this gift are obligated to do our best to see that others get it as well. God (and our sponsors) loved us enough to get us to our Walks and thereby into a fuller relationship with Him. Our only appropriate response as grateful recipients of that love is to find and make pilgrims for Christ. We can do that in many ways, from facilitating Disciple classes to participating in Andrew ministry. But, for those of us who have been changed by our Emmaus experience, we recognize that one of the most sure-fire ways to bring disciples to Christ is to sponsor a pilgrim.

So . . . Make a friend, be a friend, and bring a friend to Christ.

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Tommy Prud'homme

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

AGAPE PROJECT - JELLY BEAN PRAYER

Red is for the blood he shed
Green is for the grass he made
Yellow is for the Son so bright
Orange is for the edge of night
Black is for our sins so grave
White is for the grace he gave
Purple is for His hour of sorrow
Pink is for our new tomorrow.

A bag full of jelly beans colorful and sweet, is a promise, is a prayer, is anyone's treat.
 (Put one jelly bean of each color mentioned in a ziplock bag, along with this verse.)



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 APRIL 2010–OCTOBER 2010

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 Wed – Sat	Women	Polytechnic United Methodist Church, Fort Worth
356	Jul 21-24 Wed – Sat	Men	Polytechnic United Methodist Church, Fort Worth
FL 73	Jul 22-24	Boys	First United Methodist Midlothian
FL 74	Jul 29-31	Girls	First United Methodist Midlothian
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

WHAT'S NEW

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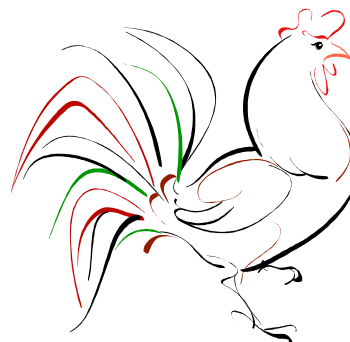
THIS IS OUR PRAYER

Walk 353	Ray and family
Marion	Joe and family
Rose	Brett and family
Diane	Chris
Our military and their families	
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.gbmg-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 25	First UMC-RR
March 25**	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.

**The March gathering has been changed to meet
at FUMC on March 25

TRUSTED SERVANTS

Lay Director: Barb Hunsberger

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Newsletter Editor: Sheila Wacker

Spiritual Director: Dr. Dale Schultz

Treasurers: Jim & Sally Schuermann

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 April will be Saturday, April 10th. 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.

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