

KOINONIA COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



March 2020



Upcoming EMMAUS Gathering:
March 13, 2020 (6:30 p.m.)
Medina Valley UMC
Castroville, Texas
(see map later in newsletter)

Today's Truth *Yahweh Shalom*

We can learn an important truth from a man named Gideon in the Bible. He discovered that we don't create peace; we receive it from God. While peace is a pervasive topic in Scripture, the name *Yahweh Shalom* which means "The Lord is Peace" appears only once. God revealed Himself as peace to Gideon during the time of the judges. When the nation of Israel had been oppressed by the Midianites for 7 years, the Lord appeared to Gideon and called him a mighty warrior and told him to defeat the enemy. This stressed poor Gideon out. He said he was from the least family of the smallest clan and expressed his inability to complete the task the Lord gave Him. He tested God but eventually realized that God wanted to use him to turn the people of Israel back to Yahweh. The Lord said this calm to Gideon's fears, "Peace to you, do not fear; you shall not die" (Judges 6:23, ESV). The New Living Translation puts it this way, "It is all right." God reminded Gideon that not only was He *with* Gideon, He was *for* him. *Yahweh Shalom* wants us to know that as well. He is not just *with* us. He *is* for us. Shalom isn't something we create. We receive it by faith when we believe that God says it will be all right.

We need to define what it means for "peace to be with us" or that "it will be all right."

God didn't say –

- You will never be scared again. (Gideon showed fear just a few verses down in 6:27.)
- You will never need more confirmation (Gideon asked for another sign.)
- Everything will make sense. (Yahweh asked Gideon to cut his army down from 32,000 to 300.)
- You won't have battles. (Gideon later fought the Midianites.)

Peace isn't tied to circumstances. Gideon faced personal, family, and national distress. He encountered *Yahweh Shalom* in the middle of his stressors. He declared that God was peace before he experienced relief from the oppression of his enemies.

We can't engineer peace through work, play, or even rest. Instead we receive it by trusting God and choosing to focus our thoughts on Him. (Isaiah 26:3) True peace can only be found through a relationship with God.

Koinonia 2020 Gathering Calendar

April 17	Lytle UMC
May 8	Devine UMC
June 19	New Fountain UMC
July 10	Lytle UMC
August 14	Western Heritage Cowboy Church
September 11	St. Paul Lutheran
October 9	Lakehills UMC
October 15-18	Men's Walk #8
October 22 nd	Welcome Home @ Lakehills UMC
November 13	New Fountain UMC



2020 Walk to Emmaus Schedule
Later in Newsletter





Dale and Dawn Gallia are the reps for Koinonia Chrysalis.

They are currently looking for anyone (adult or teen) who might be qualified and interested in attending or working with Chrysalis.

If you have attended the Walk to Emmaus or a Chrysalis Flight (ages 15-18) you are qualified to serve.

If interested, contact either:

Dale Gallia (210-430-9630) dalegallia@gmail.com

Or

Dawn Gallia (830-741-0034)
mcguired9699@gmail.com

Luke 11:9

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

We can move into a God fashioned life (renewed from the inside as God fashions our lives). God doesn't force this on us. He wants us to ask and listen and learn.

In Christ,

Don Krumrey
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Hondo, Texas

Men's Walk #8 October 15 – 18, 2020

At the last Koinonia Gathering an announcement was made that we want to share with the whole community. The board has reviewed the upcoming walks and schedules and voted to go from two walks a year to one walk a year. The Men's Walk in May has been moved to October 15-18 and the Women's Walk has moved to 2021.

There are still team slots available and we are currently taking apps. As well, it's not too early to start talking to pilgrims.

If you weren't able to be on team in May but would be available in October call or email Scott Maderer at 2108623978 or csmaderer@gmail.com.

The team meetings for the Men's Walk will be at Lakehills UMC and are set for July 25th, August 29th and September 26th.

Applications are also being accepted for the outside team and should go to Debbie Pruett at debbiepruett07@yahoo.com

Team Fees are \$250.00 for both the Inside Team and the Outside Team

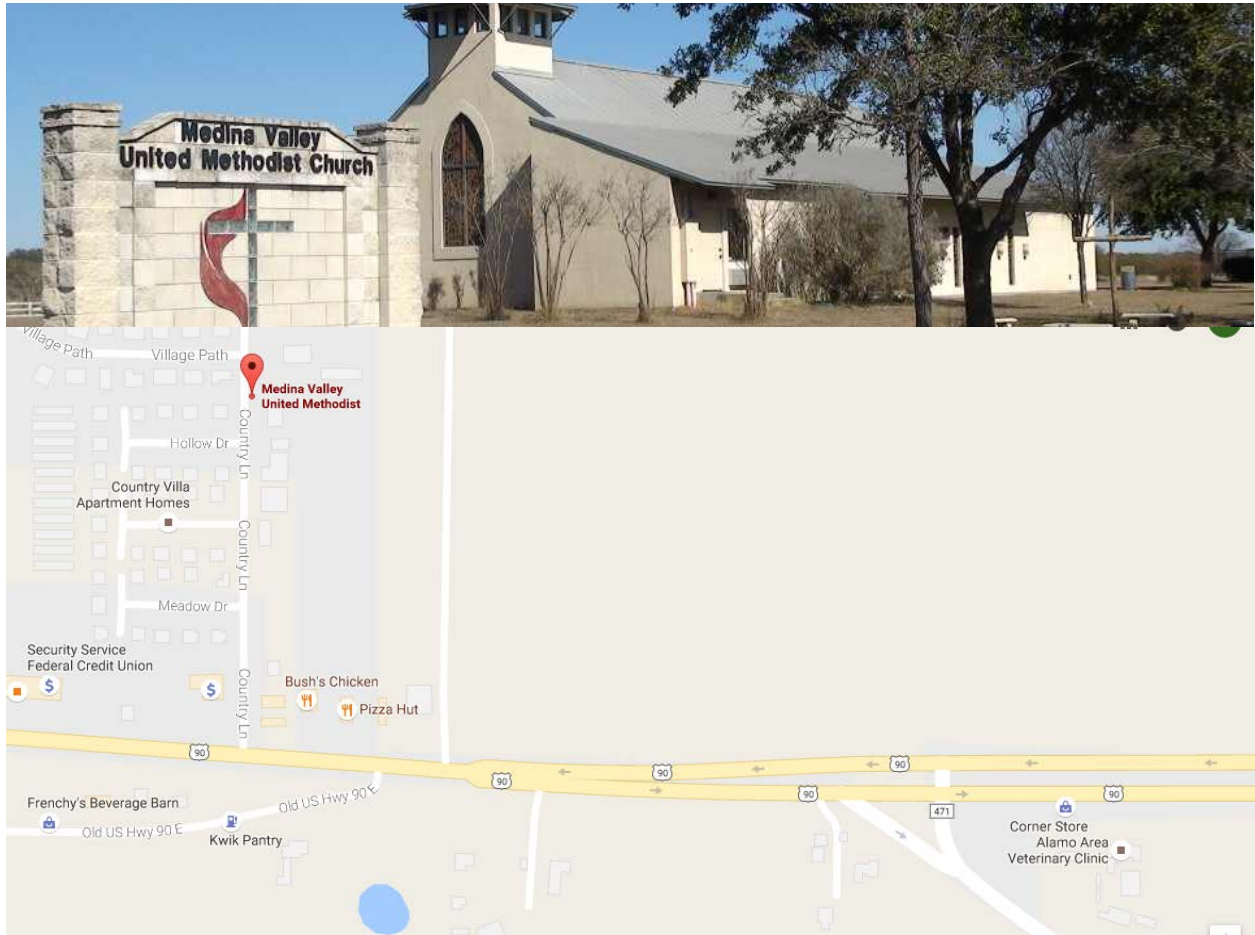
Applications can be found at our website... swtxkoinonia.org



MAP

Medina Valley United Methodist Church

1108 Country Lane
Castroville Texas 78009
(830) 931-3533



In Castroville turn north off Highway 90 (between Community National Bank and the Chevron at the East end of town) onto Country Lane. Medina Valley UMC is near the end of Country Lane on the right.

**Everybody loves a good challenge, right?
Well, without intent the challenge is on!!!**

This is the cake prepared for the Emmaus Gathering held at Somerset UMC.



Medina Valley UMC has decided to try to out do that with the following image.



**Check the Gathering Calendar and get ready to prepare your cake... or cookies... or pie!
Best of Luck to all!!!**

UPCOMING WALKS TO EMMAUS



2020 Walk Schedule

2020	M/F	Community	Walk#	Location	Cost	Walk LD	Email Address	Registrar	Registrar Email
30-Jan	M	Hays Praise	2201	Well Spring Center		Sean Claes	seanclaes@seanclaes.com	Tricia Schneider	pschneider@austin.rr.com
19-Mar	W	NWSA	7	Camp Capers	\$236	Mitzie Katerdahl	mitziekat@gmail.com	Chris Bunch	chris@casabunch.com
26-Mar	M	Concho Country	2197	Christ the King Retreat Center	\$285	Michael Block	mmblockfarms@zionnet.us	Jennifer Juarez	jennifer@omweldinosupply.com
26-Mar	W	Hays Praise	2202	Well Spring Center	\$180	Lisa Doherty	preciousastros@gmail.com	Tricia Schneider	pschneider@austin.rr.com
26-Mar	M	Uvalde Emmaus/Chrysalis		Alto Frio Baptist Encampment	\$213	Carey Paul	bavrat@hctc.net	Jaime Gonzales	dvslexic_bulldog@yahoo.com
16-Apr	M	Care Bexar	123	Mount Wesley	\$215	Patrick Kelly	outdoormedia@gvtc.com	Randy Loveless	r1928rpl@gmail.com
23-Apr	M	Boerne Emmaus		Omega Center		Steve Stricklin	sstricklin@me.com	Terri Politi	tpoliti@gvtc.com
23-Apr	M	Hill Country	67	Mount Wesley	\$225	James Reasoner	jonshotjames@yahoo.com	Rosalie Reast	reast1422@yahoo.com
23-Apr	M	Valley Emmaus	110	V B Retreat	\$170	Jerry Sires	jsires2624@aol.com	Lisa McCallum	harlingenhomeslisa@gmail.com
14-May	M	NWSA	8	Mount Wesley	\$236	Richard Evans	REvans75@sabx.rr.com	Chris Bunch	chris@casabunch.com
28-May	W	New Life	2707	Well Spring Center	\$141	Carla Waldschmidt	waldcar@sbcglobal.net	Chivi Dagg	NLECRRegistrar@gmail.com
28-May	M	SWTX Koinonia	8	Mount Wesley	\$250	Scott Maderer	scmaderer@gmail.com	Debbie Pruett	debbiepruett07@yahoo.com
25-Jun	W	Coastal Bend	2009	Queen of Peace	\$210	Debbie Bjella	debbiebjella@gmail.com	Jim Cooper	jimcooper48@yahoo.com
25-Jun	G	Uvalde Emmaus/Chrysalis	Flight 7	Uvalde FUMC	\$75	Jennifeer Snow	snowfamily77@gmail.com	Joy Jechow	spesprek3@yahoo.com
23-Jul	W	Concho Country	2198	Christ the King Retreat Center	\$285	Karen Davis	kdavisvwid@suddenlink.net	Jennifer Juarez	jennifer@omweldinosupply.com
23-Jul	B	Uvalde Emmaus/Chrysalis	Flight 8	Uvalde FUMC	\$75	Rory Stewart	offroadbuilds@lilserenneti.com	Joy Jechow	spesprek3@yahoo.com
13-Aug	M	Concho Country	2199	Christ the King Retreat Center	\$285	Kelly Sawyer	demsawyers.ks@gmail.com	Jennifer Juarez	jennifer@omweldinosupply.com
13-Aug	M	Hays Praise	2203	Well Spring Center	\$180	Steve Benesh	steve.benesh@bracewell.com	Tricia Schneider	pschneider@austin.rr.com
24-Sep	W	Boerne Emmaus		Omega Center		Nikki Decker	nikki_decker@hotmail.com	Terri Politi	tpoliti@gvtc.com
24-Sep	W	Care Bexar	124	Mount Wesley	\$215	Gloria Dear	dearsino@bellsouth.net	Valerie Slade	yslade@ahumc.org
24-Sep	M	Coastal Bend	2010	Queen of Peace	\$210	Al Cavalier	al.cavalier@sbcglobal.net	Jim Cooper	jimcooper48@yahoo.com
15-Oct	W	Concho Country	2200	Christ the King Retreat Center	\$285	Stephanie McElroy	djicann@suddenlink.net	Jennifer Juarez	jennifer@omweldinosupply.com
22-Oct	W	Hill Country	68	Mount Wesley	\$225	Renee Bolton	rbolton@gmail.com	Rosalie Reast	reast1422@yahoo.com
5-Nov	W	Hays Praise	2204	Well Spring Center	\$180	Amanda Comstock	amandadee12@gmail.com	Tricia Schneider	pschneider@austin.rr.com
12-Nov	W	Uvalde Emmaus/Chrysalis	Walk 8	Alto Frio Baptist Encampment	\$213	Amber Oberkrom	amberfaith84@gmail.com	Jaime Gonzales	dvslexic_bulldog@yahoo.com
12-Nov	W	Valley Emmaus	111	V B Retreat	\$170	Jane Price	jus1iane@aol.com	Lisa McCallum	harlingenhomeslisa@gmail.com



Reunion Group Opportunity

Koinonia Reunion Groups (MEN)

Lytle UMC Wednesday Mornings	6:30 AM	Scott Martin (830) 772-3395
Lytle UMC Living Dust Mondays	6 PM	Scott Martin (830) 772-3395
St. Paul, Hondo Early Birds Mondays	6:30 AM	Don Krumrey (830) 741-9991
St. Paul, Hondo Night Owls Wednesdays	7 PM	Pat Cleary (210) 913-1160
Yancey UMC If interested please contact:		Sam Dubberly (210) 241-7719
Lytle UMC O dark 30 boys Wednesdays	6:00 AM	Kyle Jackson (210) 414-3471
Currey Creek Boerne, TX Tuesdays	5:30 PM	Steve Balthrop (210) 827-7112
Medina Valley UMC If interested please contact:		Jim Rhoades (210) 326-2737
Lakehills UMC	7:00 AM	Sam Martin (210) 884-9767

Reunion Group Opportunity

Koinonia Reunion Groups (WOMEN)

@Naomi Diner's Lytle Morning Doves Thursdays	6:30 AM	Connie Norton (210) 422-6329 Michelle Keith (210) 394-5386
@Linda Bahlmann's Lytle Dusk Angels Thursdays	5:00 PM	Linda Bahlmann (830) 709-5848
The Town Criers Quihi (varies) Thursdays	7:30 AM	Tara Lewis (210) 601-0130
Lytle Friday	Mid-mornings	Debbie Pruett (210) 416-6370
St. Paul, Hondo BOA's for Christ 2/4 Mondays	5:30 PM	Deb Cleary (210) 542-7563
St. Paul, Hondo Hearts for Him Wednesdays	12 PM	Johnette Dixon (830) 931-4238
Medina Valley United Methodist Church If interested please contact		Shirley Hodges (210) 219-1549
Lake Hills UMC Tuesdays Wednesdays Thursdays	10:30 AM 7 AM 7 AM	Jackie Blakemore (830) 510-4042 Sandy Trenkelbach (830) 510-4697 Rise Martin (210) 215-9630
Devine First UMC Thursdays – Emmaus Room	4:00 PM	Lisa Garner (830) 663-3185
Somerset Sojourners Mondays – Sommerset UMC	4:00 PM	Sharon Young (210) 537-4777

Please submit any corrections to the above listed reunion groups to your newsletter coordinator at lbogert@gmail.com

The Purpose of Emmaus

The purpose of Emmaus is the renewal of the Church as the body of the risen Christ in the world through the renewal of church members as faithful and committed disciples of Jesus Christ. Emmaus expands participants' spiritual lives, deepens their discipleship, and rekindles their gifts as Christian leaders in their churches and communities.



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for those folks who do not
have e-mail.**

**Thanks,
De Colores!**

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