



The Windmill's Breeze



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Windmill Fourth Day Group

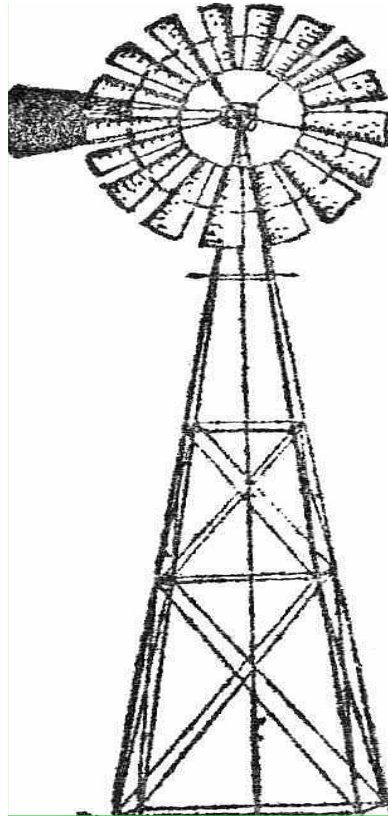
September 2023

**Susan (Doc)
Warner**

**Community
Lay Director**



The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit. John 3:8



GATHERING SCHEDULE

Board Meeting 6:00 P.M.
Fellowship 6:30 P.M.
Worship 7:30 P.M.

**Sep 21st – George West
Methodist Church**

**Oct 19th – Beeville
First United Methodist
Church**

**Nov 16th – Tilden
Tilden Baptist Church
(Lion's Club Arena)**

December – No Gathering

**Adrienne
Zermeno**

**Community
Spiritual
Director**



Grace and peace in the name of Jesus Christ!
Dear Windmill Emmaus Community,
I want to thank you for the time we have spent together with me as Windmill Emmaus Community Spiritual Director. As of this month, I am resigning from the board. I will still serve on Walk 75, and be around for gatherings and such. As to why I am leaving, I can only say that I heard the voice of God say, "It's time." Go with grace, and may you always hear God's voice speaking in your life.
De Colores!
Pastor Adrienne

I'm Here, I'm Listening
By Amena Brown

She said, "How do you know when you are hearing from God?"
I didn't know how to explain ...
My words never felt so small, so useless, so incapable
I wanted to say
Put your hand in the middle of your chest
Feel the rhythm there
I wanted to say you will find the holy text in so many places
On crinkly pages of scripture
In dusty hymnals
In the creases of a grandmother's smile
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Greetings Brothers and Sisters:

When I sat down at my computer to write/ type I had no idea what I was going to share with you all this month. I usually have a verse or a thought that comes to mind and then I just expound upon it, but not today! The year that God has placed me in this leadership role of being the Community Lay Director is quickly coming to an end. That makes me sad because I have thoroughly enjoyed serving in this position and getting the opportunity to share God's Word, my heart, and my love for Emmaus with you all by writing articles for the monthly Breeze. This is my third year of having this opportunity! I wrote articles the two years I was Lay Director through Covid 2020 and 2021 and now in this role in 2023.

One of my strongest desires as your leader was to increase our attendance at each Gathering. I really do not know why members miss these awesome opportunities to see the friends we have made, to share in worship through song and the Word, to share a meal, to partake of the Lord's supper together, to participate and to support our Walk Leadership teams, and to

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Pastor Adrienne continued...

God's ears are here for the babies
For the immigrant, for the refugee
For the depressed, for the lonely
For the dreamers
The widow, the orphan
The oppressed and the helpless
Those about to make a mess or caught in the middle of cleaning one up
Dirt don't scare God's ears
God is a gardener
God knows things can't grow without sun, rain, and soil ...
I want to tell her God is always waiting
Lingering after the doors close
And the phone doesn't ring
And we are finally alone
God is always saying
I love you
I am here
Don't go, stay
Please
I try to explain how God is pleading with us
To trust
To love
To listen
That God's voice is melody and bass lines and whisper and thunder and grace
Sometimes when I pray, I think of her
How the voice of God was lingering in her very question
How so many of us just like her
Just like me
Just like you
Are still searching
Still questioning, still doubting
I know I don't have all the answers
I know I never will
That sometimes the best thing we can do is put our hands in the middle of our chest
Feel the rhythm there
Turn down the noise in our minds, in our lives
And whisper,
God
Whatever you want to say
I'm here
I'm listening

Amena Brown, "She said, 'How do you know when you are hearing from God?'," in *A Rhythm of Prayer: A Collection of Meditations for Renewal*, ed. Sarah Bessey (New York: Convergent Books, 2020).

Blessings and peace,
Pastor Adrienne

Susan Warner continued...

support our new pilgrims! Attending most monthly Gatherings (I think I have missed 3 or 4 in the last twelve years because of work, being ill, or one of my cats needing extra care) makes my heart so joyful. I truly love all my Emmaus Friends. I love worshipping together. I love hearing the Word and partaking of the Lord's supper together. I will have to say that I do enjoy the meals and the fellowship. I love to be involved in a big or small way in all of the Walks. I love attending Candlelight and Closing at the end of each Walk. I love getting to meet new people who become friends.

I really believe in my heart that Emmaus is and should be an extension of our individual churches and that we should treat it as such. Once again, I am encouraging your attendance. I am encouraging you to invite and bring an Emmaus friend to the Gatherings. We all need to look around and see if the pilgrims that we once sponsored are in attendance. Windmill Emmaus had had 73 Walks since our founding and first Walk in Oct. 1992 which means that we have had 73 Walk Lay Directors. I know that some of these Lay Directors' have gone to be with the Lord now and some have moved too far away to travel to a Gathering on a Thursday night. I have been very involved in Emmaus for the last twelve years and I have never met some of the persons listed as Lay Director on some walks. I challenge and encourage all past Lay Directors to look around and see if the pilgrims from the Walk God called you to lead are in attendance. What about your Team members? Are they in attendance? If you personally know a past Lay Director and he or she is not in attendance, please contact them and try to encourage them to join us again. If you calculate 73 Walks multiplied by an average number of 30 pilgrims you get 2190 plus or minus people. I know that we send the Breeze out to over 500 people each month. Where are the other 1, 690 people? Many Emmaus members have slipped away for one reason or another. I think we need to get together and find out why that are not active. During the Closing Ceremony after each Walk, pilgrims stand up and share how the Walk has made a huge impact on and in their specific lives. Where are they now?

The author of the Book of Hebrews refers to encouragement and meeting together in the following verses: "19 Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching". Hebrews 10: 19-25

In closing, I encourage you all to encourage others to come to the Gatherings. At the last Gathering in Taft in August 2023, we had 73 people in attendance. If all 73 people invite and bring one person, we would have 156 people in attendance! Who will you invite and bring with you to George West in Sept.? This Gathering will be Team Consecration for the Women's Walk # 75. We need you there!

De Colores, my friends!

Susan "Doc" Warner

Community Lay Director 2023

Leanne Fox

**Lay Director
Walk # 75**

Oct 5-8, 2023



Hello September! I am so ready for Fall and cooler temperatures and THE BEST WALK EVER! The team of Walk #75 meet on August 19, 2023. We previewed 4 talks that I know God has prepared for the pilgrims and they will be blessed. We will have team consecration on September 21, 2023, at the George West Methodist Church. I ask that you come and join in the consecration of the team. The last team meeting will be September 23, 2023. As of the writing of this article we have 28 pilgrims!

We feel your prayers and ask that you continue to pray for the team and the pilgrims that God has picked. I am reminded of Proverbs 16:3, "Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established." I'm clinging to this verse as final preparations are being made. I pray that the Lord blesses each of you!

De Colores,

Leanne Fox
Lay Director for Walk #75

**Frank
Schulenburg**

**Lay Director
Walk # 76**

Apr 25-28, 2024



Dear Emmaus Community,
Summer is still upon us with the hot and dry weather. Teachers and kids are back in school, so be praying for our teachers and students. Also, be alert of the school zones.

I am waiting for two team applications to come in and that will give me enough to go to team selection. Team selection will be September 10 or September 24, 2023. Be praying for the team selection committee and the team for Walk #76.

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path."

Psalms 119:105

In a world filled with countless voices and distractions, we often find ourselves seeking guidance and direction. We long for a reliable compass that can lead us on the path of righteousness, helping us navigate through the complexities of life. Fortunately, God has provided us with such a compass in His Word.

The psalmist declares, "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path" (Psalm 119:105). God's Word serves as our guiding light, illuminating the way before us and showing us the way we should walk. It provides us with timeless wisdom, divine principles, and moral truths that align with God's perfect will.

Just as a lamp dispels darkness, God's Word shines a light on our journey. It reveals the dangers, pitfalls, and snares that can lead us astray. Through its teachings, we gain clarity and discernment, enabling us to make wise choices and avoid the destructive paths the world offers.

God's Word also serves as our moral compass, pointing us towards righteousness and godliness. It teaches us about God's character, His love, His grace, and His desire for us to live holy lives. As we study and meditate on His Word, our minds and hearts are transformed, aligning us with His divine purposes.

May God's Word be your compass, leading you on the path of righteousness and guiding you through life's journey. Let it illuminate your way, bringing clarity, wisdom, and divine direction. As you rely on the Scriptures, you can walk confidently in God's will, knowing that His Word is a reliable and unwavering guide for your life.

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What To Know About Sponsoring A Pilgrim

SPONSORSHIP

Without sponsors, there will be no pilgrims! So thank you for taking on the responsibility to sponsor a pilgrim for a walk.

A sponsor should commit to recruiting strong church leaders in order to strengthen the local church, and hopefully to become leaders of our Emmaus Community.

Being a sponsor has a lot of responsibilities...the first is to spend **LOTS OF TIME IN PRAYER!** God has already revealed the name of the pilgrim HE has chosen for you to sponsor, and pray for that pilgrim before, during and after their Walk.

After you've talked to your prospective pilgrim, give them an application to complete.

LETTERS: Begin getting addresses for their agape letters.

Stay in touch with your pilgrim, and make sure they know you're there to support them. Remind them of the things they need to pack.

AGAPE: You as a sponsor should take your pilgrims favorite drink and some sort of food agape and/or other agape.

Day of the Walk: Pick up your pilgrim with plenty of time to take them to eat and then on to the Walk site and help them get settled in.

After the Lay Director calls the pilgrims together, you will soon go to the Chapel for sponsors hour. It's important that you attend this time of worship. It is there that you will pray with your pilgrims lanyard and hang it on the cross that will be presented to them at the end of their walk.

CANDLELIGHT: You are to attend the Candlelight Service on Saturday night. Bring any late letters you may get for your pilgrims. Here once again you may have the opportunity to pray with your pilgrims cross. Candlelight is one of the most moving events of the Walk.

CLOSING: You are to come to closing and your pilgrim's spouse is invited to come as well. We know how excited you are to hear ALL about it.

But remember your responsibilities do not end at the closing...it is your responsibility to get your new pilgrim to gatherings and try to help them find a reunion group.

Encourage them to make agape for future walks, or even sign up to work a team or help where ever needed.

Your final responsibility is to **TEACH THEM TO BE A GOOD SPONSOR**, by helping them understand the responsibilities of what a good sponsor does. The best way to do this is by example.

4th Day Talk Guidelines

Please accept the sincere thanks of the Windmill Emmaus community for agreeing to give the 4th Day Talk!

We believe God will bless you as you prepare for your talk and the community will be blessed by the words you are led to share. The guidelines that follow are intended to assist in your preparation.

Your talk should be no longer than 10 minutes in length. It should cover one experience or idea and not a long list of experiences. It is a talk about Your 4th Day (your post-Emmaus journey with the Lord). Your talk should be a personal story, stated honestly, at your normal talking speed, and presented in a “down to earth” manner. • Your talk might tell how the Walk changed the way you serve God in your church or community. • It might tell how the way you see God or have experienced His love and power in your own life has changed after the Walk. • It might tell a specific way in which you have tried to help someone know God’s love. • It might talk about a recent experience and how you have seen and felt God’s presence. • It might tell how you have seen God’s presence in another person and what that means to you. • It might tell how your 4th Day Reunion group helped you keep God at the center of your life.

Remember, you have 10 minutes, choose one or two topics wisely, speak naturally, avoid speaking fast to make your talk fit the limit. And most importantly, go to the Lord in prayer seeking His guidance in choosing your topic.

The 4th Day Talk should not be a sermon, instruction on Christianity or a Bible teaching, and should not try to justify a specific doctrinal position. Try to avoid talking about the specific details of an Emmaus weekend – we often have visitors at Gatherings who have not attended a Walk.

You can use the following self-test to confirm that your talk is on track; you should be able to answer “**Yes**” to all of these questions.

- Does this talk show that Jesus Christ is in my life?
- Will it show how much I want to follow Jesus?
- Does Jesus himself hold the most important place in the talk?
- Will my talk stimulate people to think of things they might plan to do to transform their home, work, church, recreation or environment for Christ?

Before the Gathering, have a friend or group of friends agree to be your prayer partner(s). Meet with them before your talk and have them pray for God’s presence while you are talking.

We believe that God has blessed your life and that He will be present with you as you prepare and present your 4th Day Talk.

Windmill Emmaus Community
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Windmill Emmaus Financial Report

General Operating Fund \$ 43,809.21
Scholarship Fund \$ 3,681.50
Total Funds Available \$ 40,127.71
Gathering attendance 73

If you are unable to attend monthly gatherings but would like to contribute to the financial needs of your Windmill Emmaus Community, donations can be sent to
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