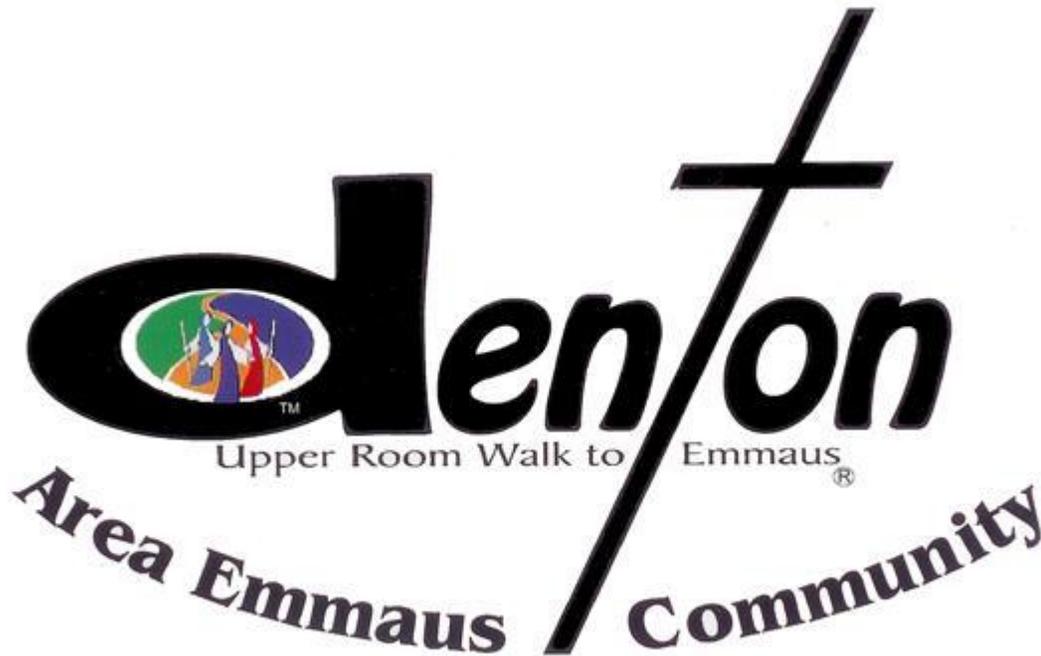
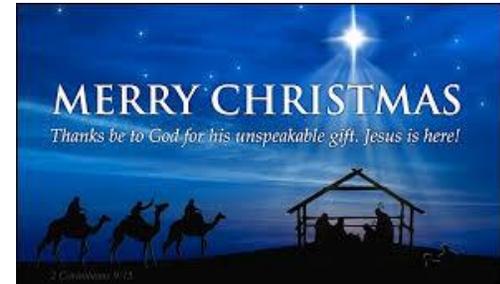


December 2018



## A word from our Community Lay Director

As announced at the 11/10 DAEC Community Gathering, the following four members have been elected by the community to serve on the board for a 3-year term starting 01/01/2019:

- Terri Henson
- Chris McGowan
- William "Rog" Rogers

- **Gaylene Turner**

**Welcome and thank you for serving!**

**As we move into 2019, I ask your help in not only continuing the Emmaus movement, but growing it. We need you! We need your prayers, your servanthood and your sponsorship. Sponsorship is the #1 job in all of Emmaus. Join with us as we seek to help others in their walks with our Lord.**

**May this Christmas draw you closer to Him. God bless you!**

**De Colores!**

**William Whitaker**

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## **A word from our Community Spiritual Director**

**As we continue being thankful and now move into Christmas, I have been reflecting, as I am sure many of you have, on what it is that I am thankful for. I am certainly blessed by family, friends, church, and pretty good health. But one of the things I keep returning to, is the Emmaus community and what it has meant to me, others, and our churches.**

**I went on my Walk in 1991 on Dallas Men's Walk #14. At the time I was getting ready to begin my final year of seminary, and I still had some concerns about my future as a pastor. The Walk to Emmaus completely eliminated all of those concerns and confirmed for me that I was on the path God wanted me to be on. Since that time, I have served on approximately 50 teams, and that feeling is reinforced each and every Walk that I am blessed to serve on.**

**One of the things we say about Emmaus is that it is intended to strengthen leadership in the local church. I have witnessed this over and over again, both in laity and clergy. I can't begin to count the number of pilgrims who have spoken to me about their call to ministry, either being confirmed while on their Walk or being heard while on the Walk. Our churches are filled with clergy who probably wouldn't be there if they had not attended a Walk to Emmaus. But there are many, many others who attend the Walk and are not called to ordained ministry, but are given tools and strengthened for their roles as laity in local congregations. That clarity of purpose is something I give thanks for every day.**

**I also give thanks for the Denton Area Emmaus Community for persisting in presenting the Walk several times each year. It is not always easy, but the love of Christ and the dedication of countless volunteers make this all possible.**

**The Walk to Emmaus does strengthen the local church. It does so through clergy and laity. I had the joy of introducing the Emmaus movement to several churches I pastored. And, in each case, the leadership of the church and the church's spiritual footprint grew and flourished.**

So, in this season of giving, I give thanks to the Walk to Emmaus and especially the Denton Area Emmaus Community. May we continue serving the Kingdom of God as we glorify the Risen Christ.

De Colores,  
Rev. Mel Caraway  
Spiritual Director, Denton Area Emmaus Community

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## Upcoming Events

**Sat. Jan. 12, 2019**

**Gathering @**

**Rhome UMC**

**6pm - Potluck**

**7pm - Worship**

[www.rhomeunitedmethodistchurch.org](http://www.rhomeunitedmethodistchurch.org)

**It's never too soon**

**to sponsor!**

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## **2019 Walk Schedule:**

**Women's 82, Feb. 21 - 24**

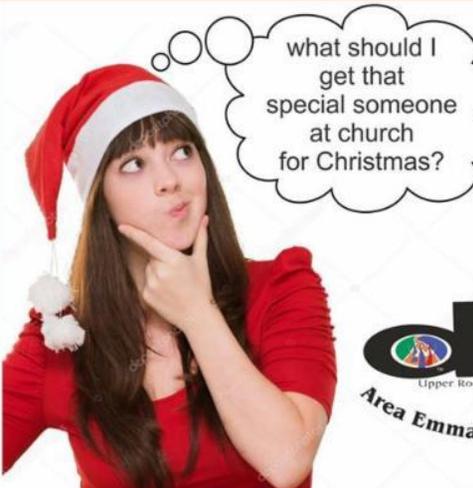
**Men's 83, Feb. 28 - March 3**

**Women's 84, Oct. 3-6**

**Men's 85, Oct. 10 - 13**

**All Walks held at Briarwood Retreat Center.** [www.briarwoodretreat.org](http://www.briarwoodretreat.org)

**Followup will be the Tuesday after each Walk.**



what should I get that special someone at church for Christmas?

**SPONSOR**  
them on a  
**WALK TO EMMAUS**

**denton**  
Upper Room Walk to Emmaus  
Area Emmaus Community

**WOMEN'S WALK**  
Feb 21-24

**MEN'S WALK**  
Feb 28-Mar3

[http://www.dentonemmaus.org/walks\\_2019.php](http://www.dentonemmaus.org/walks_2019.php)

Did you know that in team meetings, we practice the roles and responsibilities God calls us to serve on a Walk? Also team members cannot sponsor while serving. Their focus is on serving. However, they can help in both prayer and physical support as their spouse or reunion group sponsors someone.



Travel agape can be awesome! Try traveling to a gathering or a candlelight out of your known area.  
**Blessings just may abound.**

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