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"Then their eyes were opened" - Luke 24:31



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Goodbye August

Hello September



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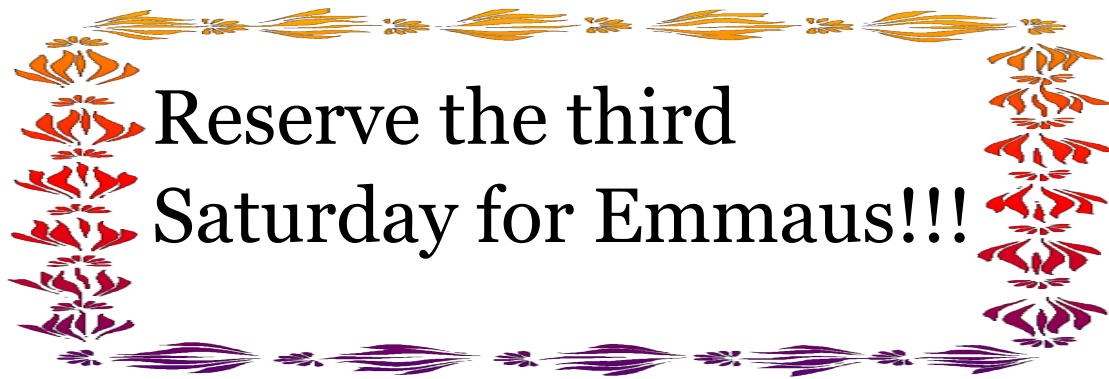
We are sad we had to cancel the August Gathering, but look forward to a September Gathering. Details in this newsletter

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UPCOMING DATES ***

- September Gathering, 6:30 PM, Saturday, Sept 18, at St. Matthews in Midwest City OK
- October Gathering, to be determined.
- Men's Walk March 17–20, 2022. New Covenant UMC.
- Women's Walk March 31–April 3, 2022. New Covenant UMC.



I know, I know, I promised an in person meeting in August, but this time I really mean it!! Yes! It's true! We are having an actual in-person Emmaus Gathering.

Reserve the date, 6:30 PM on September 18, 2021, at St. Matthew UMC.



Gathering will be held on September 18, 2021 at St. Matthews UMC, 300 North Air Depot, Midwest City, OK 73110.

We will not have our usual pitch-in type meal but your Pioneer Country Board Members will purchase snacks for y'all. And we will provide those AFTER the praise and worship service, instead of our usual practice of eating something before service.

The social time and the worship time are both open attendance. You do not need to have already attended a Walk to Emmaus to be able to come join us. Please, members, contact your friends and family members and invite them to come enjoy this time with us. There's no better way to get to know folks than to come and eat and then worship with Holy Communion together. Potential candidates for upcoming walks would certainly enjoy the chance to socialize and get a feel for what our Emmaus Community is like.

St. Matthew United Methodist Church, 300 North Air De-pot, Midwest City OK, 73110.

Our Pioneer Country Emmaus Gathering for September 2021 will be held at St Matthew UMC, 300 North Air Depot, Midwest City, OK .

From Stillwater, about 1 hour and 7 min (64.6 mi) via OK-33 W and I-35 S . Follow I35 South . Keep left at the fork to stay on I-35 S, follow signs for Okla. City/Dallas . Take exit 129 toward N.E 10th St . Merge onto NE Grand Blvd . Turn left onto NE 10th St . Turn right onto N Air Depot Blvd . Turn left at N Meadow Ln . Destination will be on the left , 300 N Air Depot, Midwest City, OK.

From Enid, about 1 hour and 35 min (100.7 mi) via US 412 E and I35 South. Take 412 East . Take the exit onto I-35 S/US-64 E toward Perry/Okla. City. Keep left at the fork to stay on I-35 S, follow signs for Okla. City/Dallas . Take exit 129 toward N.E 10th St . Merge onto NE Grand Blvd . Turn left on- to NE 10th St . Turn right onto N Air Depot Blvd . Turn left at N Meadow Ln . Destina- tion will be on the left , 300 N Air Depot, Midwest City, OK.

From Moore, about 20 min (15 mi) via I-35 N . Take I-35 N/I-40 E/US-62 E toward Wichita/Ft Smith. Keep left at the fork to continue on I-40 E/US-270 E, follow signs for Fort Smith. Take exit 155A toward Sunny Lane Rd/ Del City. Merge onto I- 40 Srv Rd/Tinker Diagonal St. Turn left onto S Sunnylan Rd. Turn right onto Reno Ave. Turn left after Precision Tune Auto Care (on the right). Turn right. Destination will be on the right. 300 N Air Depot Blvd, Midwest City, OK 73110.

From Piedmont, about 40 min (34 mi) via I40 East. From Piedmont Rd North, turn left onto Northwest Expressway. Turn right onto N Morgan Rd. Merge onto John Kilpatrick Turnpike .Take the exit onto I-40 E Keep left at the fork to continue on I-40 E/US-270 E, follow signs for Fort Smith. Take exit 155A toward Sunny Lane Rd/Del City. Merge onto I- 40 Srv Rd/Tinker Diagonal St. Turn left onto S Sunnylan Rd. Turn right onto Reno Ave. Turn left after Precision Tune Auto Care (on the right). Turn right. Destination will be on the right. 300 N Air Depot Blvd, Midwest City, OK 73110.



Ok, who is ready for some really good music??

Who remembers our G3 band that has played and sang for us so many times over the years?

They had planned to be with us in August , and **luckily for us, they have agreed to rearrange their schedules in order to be with us at the September Gathering.** We are so blessed!



Words of Reflection.

Read these words from Psalm 57 (NLT) in a meditative spirit:

My heart is confident in you, O God;

My heart is confident.

No wonder I can sing your praises!

Wake up, my heart!

Wake up, O lyre and harp!

I will wake the dawn with my song.

Using your journal, recall an instance in which God drew near to you in the midst of stress or distress.

Who around you needs God's strength, wisdom, and support today? How can you pray for them? How can you be God's hands and feet to them in the coming days?

From the Upper Room eNews, August 2021

Let's Meet Jeff Bull

As I started to type this article for the Newsletter, I realize that unless we worked on a walk together, there was a good chance that you might not know me. With that in mind, here goes.

I was born and raised outside of Erie PA, on the shores of Lake Erie in Fairview. I was very active in learning and serving at St. Stephens Episcopal Church. And yes, serving was the primary activity as a child and all through my teen years. Why you might ask...well I grew up in my father's image and YES he was VERY active in the church. My activity dropped to almost zero during college undergrad and graduate school. Oh, almost forgot, my wife and I were married on the day we both graduated from Iowa State University with bachelor's degrees. Note! I don't recommend that to anyone, unless of course if both families live back East in PA and MA and you want to celebrate your wedding vows with your fraternity/sorority family.

The lack of activity continued during my first job in Nashville, TN. Then we moved to Edmond OK in 1984 and became members at First United Methodist in Edmond, where my wife's uncle's family attended. And yes, I was back to actively serving for 15 years, youth leader, choir, administrative council, capital campaign leader, children's moment during service. Unfortunately not much growing going on.

In 1996, we changed churches and joined New Covenant UMC in Edmond as we were looking for a more contemporary worship experience. That is when things started to change. In particular, thru Promise Keepers, I met Mark Bruno and I loved the way he prayed. I also picked up on a phrase he would ask and encourage folks to enter into a "personal relationship with Jesus Christ". Of course, thru my active years of serving the church.. I HAD NOT. And so, it started, pursuing a personal relationship with Jesus Christ while still serving as a youth leader.

Along my journey, I had the opportunity to meet Bill Junk while he was working at First UMC Edmond, and Bill and I have been walking thru life together ever since, as he also had moved to NCUMC. Did I tell you that Adrian Cole was the Sr. Pastor at NCUMC? Also did you know that Adrian was responsible for introducing Emmaus to OK and both Bill and Mark had participated in some of the very first walks in OK. Yep, you know where this is headed. Finally, after a couple of ducks and dodges, I went on Walk #59. Between Bill and Mark, with some assistance from Adrian and Robert Wheelis (Youth Pastor at NCUMC) I started to lean into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Even today, I find myself continuing to grow in my relationship with Jesus Christ, a little more today than yesterday, and a little more tomorrow. Hmm... I learned on Walk # 59 that they call that Sanctification or Sanctifying Grace.

Fast forward to today, after working in the conference room on 12 Walks and 2 Chrysalis Flights, I find myself on the Board of Pioneer Country Emmaus. I am currently the Asst. Community Lay Dir/Secretary. Am I still serving? YES... But the difference is thru Sanctifying Grace of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit that occupies my Heart. I am not just working my way to heaven. I am also answering the call on my life to be a conduit of Grace reaching others encouraging them to enter into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

By the way, I learned that every Follower of Jesus Christ has been called to be a Conduit of Grace. My challenge for all who read this is to ask.. Are you faithfully answering God's Call???

Humbly His, Jeff Bull

CLD Ramblings

Unfortunately, Covid did not cooperate, and we were not able to have our in-person Gathering at Oak Park in August. We will try again on September 18 at St. Matthew UMC in Midwest City. We will not have a meal, but the Board will purchase snacks to share after the Praise and Worship service. We will be blessed with the music of 3G.

Please be in prayer for all of those that have Covid. Also pray for all the doctors and nurses that care for them. Most of them are near being burned out. As of this writing there are no hospital beds available for Covid patients in the Oklahoma City area. Ask God, to please get rid of Covid soon.

I ask, no, I implore you to get vaccinated if you haven't already.

If you are eligible, get the third or booster shot too.

Next month is our Board of Directors election. Please consider offering your talents and gifts to Pioneer Country Emmaus by being on the board. If you have any ideas to make Pioneer country Emmaus better, please discuss them with any board member or contact me,

Blessings and DeColores,

Marvin Scheele, Pioneer Country Community Lay Dir.



Who remembers sleeping on foam mattresses? How would you like cots instead? Your Emmaus Board is working on getting enough cots to replace the current foam mattresses. If you would like to help sponsor this project, please reach out to a board member.

<http://pioneercountryemmaus.org.dnnmax.com/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=rjFU70qTtdQ%3d&tabid=62&mid=382>

We are sorely in need of volunteers to serve our Pioneer Country Emmaus Community by joining the Board. The current Board is staffed with volunteers pulling double and even triple duty. This has gone on for quite some time now, and several of us really need a break. Please print out the questionnaire found on this next page, or go to the link above and print out the form there, fill in the blanks, and mail it in to our post office box address, or give personally to one of the current board members at the August Gathering in Perkins.

PIONEER COUNTRY EMMAUS BOARD QUESTIONNAIRE

THANK YOU FOR MAKING THE DECISION TO RUN FOR THE PIONEER COUNTRY EMMAUS BOARD. PLEASE COMPLETE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AND RETURN TO A CURRENT BOARD MEMBER:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE # _____

WALK # _____ COMMUNITY _____

NAME OF REUNION GROUP _____

CHURCH _____

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & LEADERSHIP

WHY DO YOU WANT TO SERVE ON THE PCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS?



Yes, it is happening !!!
Walks are coming soon!!



- **Men's Walk March 17—
20, 2022. New Covenant
UMC.**
- **Women's Walk March
31—April 3, 2022. New
Covenant UMC.**



Spanish Speaking Community

Details coming soon. We are hoping to have a Spanish Speaking Emmaus Community in the Oklahoma City area. Our Pioneer Country Emmaus Community will be primarily the Support group, Outside Team, Agape, etc. More details as we get them. Stay tuned... we expect it will be a couple or three years in the making, but eventually we will have a Spanish speaking Emmaus Community in our area. If you have questions, or can help in any way to facilitate this, please contact our Community Lay Director.

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Your Pioneer Country Emmaus Board members are utilizing ZOOM for gatherings, so here are some instructions for getting zoom on your laptop or mobile device...

HOW TO GET STARTED WITH ZOOM

1. For Desktop

Step 1: To get started with Zoom, head to [their website](#), and click on the “SIGN UP” button that’s at the top-right corner of the screen.

Step 2: You have two options when it comes to creating a Zoom account.

You can either: 1. Create a new account using your email address. Or 2. Sign in using SSO (Single Sign-On) or your Google or Facebook account.

If you’re using Zoom for work purpose, it’s best to sign up using your work email address.

Step 3: Zoom will now send you an email with a confirmation link.

Click on that link to go to Zoom’s Sign Up Assistant and sign in using your credentials.

Step 4: Download the desktop app/ Zoom client from the Zoom website for easy access.

2. For Mobile options—phone or ipad etc

Step 1: Download the Zoom iOS or Android app from the App Store/Play Store.

Step 2: Sign up or sign in to Zoom by following the on-screen instructions that are similar to the desktop process.



Your Pioneer Country Emmaus Board has continued to conduct business, in a safe Socially Distant way. We have been meeting in various electronic ways, via emails, texts, phone calls, and zoom meetings. We are still a working board, and we are striving to meet the needs of our community, in spite of the difficulties presented by the Covid lockdown/ slowdown situation.

Sure hope to see all you lovely roosters and cluck hens real soon!!!

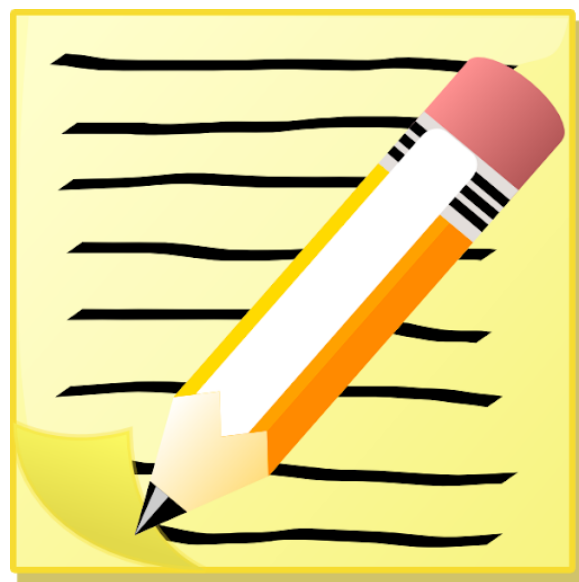


Plea for submissions:

And now a note from your Pioneer Country Emmaus Newsletter Representative..... As the editor of our newsletter, Roostertales, it is pretty much up to me to fill these pages each month. Some months that is an easy task, and then there are months that are not quite as easy. It would make life a lot easier for me if I had a few others submitting a story here and there.

You can hand write your note and give it to me. I will gladly type it up and get it into the newsletter for you.

We all have a story to tell. Will you please tell yours? It doesn't have to be a long one. You don't need to be an expert writer—I will promise to proofread your submission. And let us be honest here, I'm no professional, and haven't had any complaints yet.... We Emmaus folks are kind and loving folks, not critical of others, right?



You can type your story on your own computer and send it to me. I can use it no matter if it's in a Word document, Docx format, or a PDF file. You can even just simply type it straight into an email if that's easier. Just get it done!

Thanks for listening, Linda Edmondson, Newsletter Editor

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